

## Expanded cable service depends on pole rates

Halton Cable Systems hopes to be able to wire the remaining non-serviced sections of Milton within two to three months, but the service is dependent on an agreement being reached at the federal level.

Representatives from the government, the cable television industry and the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission are meeting with Bell Canada in Ottawa soon to try and reach an agreement which would allow cable companies to use Bell's poles for their television lines.

In Milton, certain parts of the older section of town are

not serviced by Halton Cable, because the cable company is not willing to pay what it considers to be exorbitant rates to rent Bell poles.

"Bell has always been reluctant to let cable onto their poles," said Halton Cable spokesman John Ollivier.

"We've had no problem where the poles were owned by public utilities or hydro, they've found it a source of revenue," he explained. "Bell works the other way. They became contractors and now install cable, then rent the equipment to you for a 10-year period. They still own it however, and after 10 years the rates become negotiable."

This was the case in Dorset Park. When Dorset Park was being planned, Halton Cable wanted to install underground television lines during construction. The CRTC however, did not license the company to serve Milton until most of Dorset Park was completed, and many residents had already erected antennas.

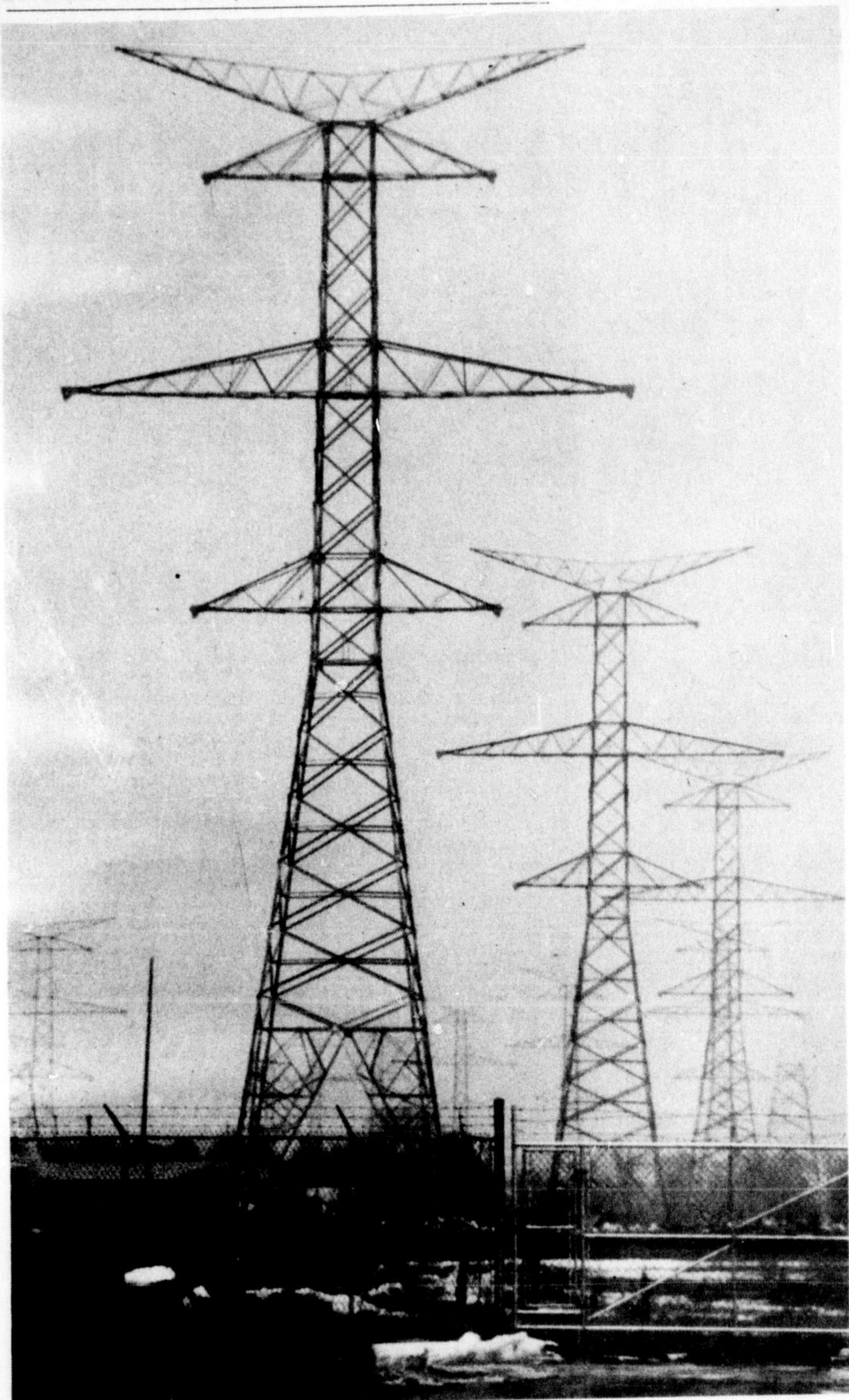
Bell Canada installed cable lines along with its underground phone lines and then tried to rent them to Halton Cable. The cable company decided the risks were too great, because there would be no control over prices in the future, however, and laid its own cable at a later date. Bell's television cables are still in the ground, unused.

In sections of Milton where cable cannot be laid underground, where there are ditches but no curbs along the side of the road, cable lines must be strung above ground, using existing poles that are owned by Bell.

Mr. Ollivier said Halton Cable has not reached an agreement with Bell on the rental because "the price is exorbitant, to say the least."

He said the company is very interested in expanding its Milton service as soon as possible, but high pole-rental rates would have to be passed on to the consumer, so the company is looking at a number of possible alternatives first.

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LIKE MODERN DAY MONOLITHS these hydro towers along the new Hydro corridor east of Milton stand ready for wiring so they can transmit electrical power.

## So Spring is here!

Local streams suffered heavy flooding on the weekend after driving rain combined with melting snow for the first real spring flooding of the year.

Works crews were out with

front end loaders and backhoes, cleaning huge blocks of ice which were forming jam-ups at bridges and causing creeks to overflow. Worst trouble spot in town was Ontario St. at Childs Dr. where crews hauled out blocks of ice up to three feet thick.

Discussing the problem Monday evening, members of Milton Council praised the works crews for "an excellent job" and thanks was also expressed to Halton Region Conservation Authority for its assistance.

Councillor Art Melanson said some homes in the Mountainview Dr. area suffered sewer back-ups on the weekend and are seeking float valves to prevent further back-ups and damage. Sewers are a regional responsibility so the complaints were turned over to that level of government.

## Car damaged hit and run

A Milton man's car received about \$800 in damage according to the Milton OPP, when it was involved in a hit and run accident on Highway 25, just south of 25 Sideroad Saturday night.

William Pletch, of 415 Ontario St. was southbound on Highway 25 at 9:40 p.m. when an unidentified vehicle swerved from the northbound lane and struck the left rear fender of Mr. Pletch's 1975 Meteor. The other vehicle continued north on the highway.

Mr. Pletch escaped serious injury in the accident.

—Most of the snow is gone but the ditches are still full of blocks of ice.

## Projects could hike Acton water rates

Water rates in Acton could jump by at least 30 per cent and by as much as 50 per cent, according to a report tabled before regional council Wednesday.

Regional Treasurer Don Farmer said the budget for water services in Acton would have to be increased by about 30 per cent to cover costs already incurred. He explained that the town would have to cover costs for a \$182,720 debenture for a new pump-house and water service from a site near Fairy Lake.

He forecast rate increases of approximately 50 per cent if that work goes ahead. The annual repayment for the project would cost \$23,341 but the entire water budget in 1976 for the Acton area was \$99,792.

Halton Hills Treasurer Ray King said there are no funds available to pay for the pump house. "If it is decided to proceed, financing by means of debenturing would appear the only feasible method."

Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis told reporters that the report wasn't a push for equalized assessment. "We saw a big bill coming and wanted to know where the bucks were coming from. That's all."

Raftis has predicted on a number of occasions that Acton would be the first area

to be unable to meet its financial commitments and Milton would be second.

He advocates all Halton communities share the cost of water and sewer projects over the entire region. He claims that would benefit smaller communities but the small communities have resisted any temptation to follow his lead.

In the past few years, lung cancer has changed from an uncommon disease into one which today kills more than 6,500 people a year in Canada. As the Canadian Cancer Society advises—if you don't smoke, don't start; if you do smoke, kick the habit.

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God's son established one church. "There is one body" Ephesians 4:4, and one head (Christ) of the one body, Colossians 1:18.

When the 3000 repented and were baptized for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38, God added them to the church, Acts 2:41. Which church? There was only one. What was the church called? Read the answer in your Bible, Romans 16:16.

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## Council Briefs

### St. John wants room

During a regular meeting Monday night, Milton Council:

—Learned the town cannot impose a bond on Union Gas when a new agreement covering natural gas service is ratified.

—Turned down placing an ad in an Oakville newspaper saluting 150 years of history in Oakville. Ad costs ranged from \$40 to \$450.

—Learned the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs has refused an application by Charles F. Martin, Highway 25 S., to remove lands from the provincial parkway belt draft plan.

—Received a request from Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough asking council to

restrain spending this year, and warning that the Ontario Municipal Board will be taking a hard line on all capital expenditures in 1977.

—Reviewed Milton Fire Department's report on February activities which noted 10 fires, four special calls, one fire under investigation and 83 man-hours spent on training firefighters.

—Heard an appeal by Donald F. Clements against a Halton Land Division Committee decision which dismissed his application for a land severance of 2.3 acres, has been dismissed by the OMB.

—Filed a notice of hearings of the Royal Commission on Electric Power Planning, despite a caution from Councillor Brian Penman

that council should keep an eye on the Commission's proceedings and perhaps have some input. "If you look the other way during input sessions, you may be sorry later," he said.

—Approved the new Milton and District Pipe Band's request to use the town coat of arms on the bass drum, and referred a request for financial assistance to future budget sessions.

—Received a request from the Milton St. John Ambulance for a first aid room and facility for the Brigade at the proposed new arena. A request for parking facilities in the proposed new fire hall was held for further study.

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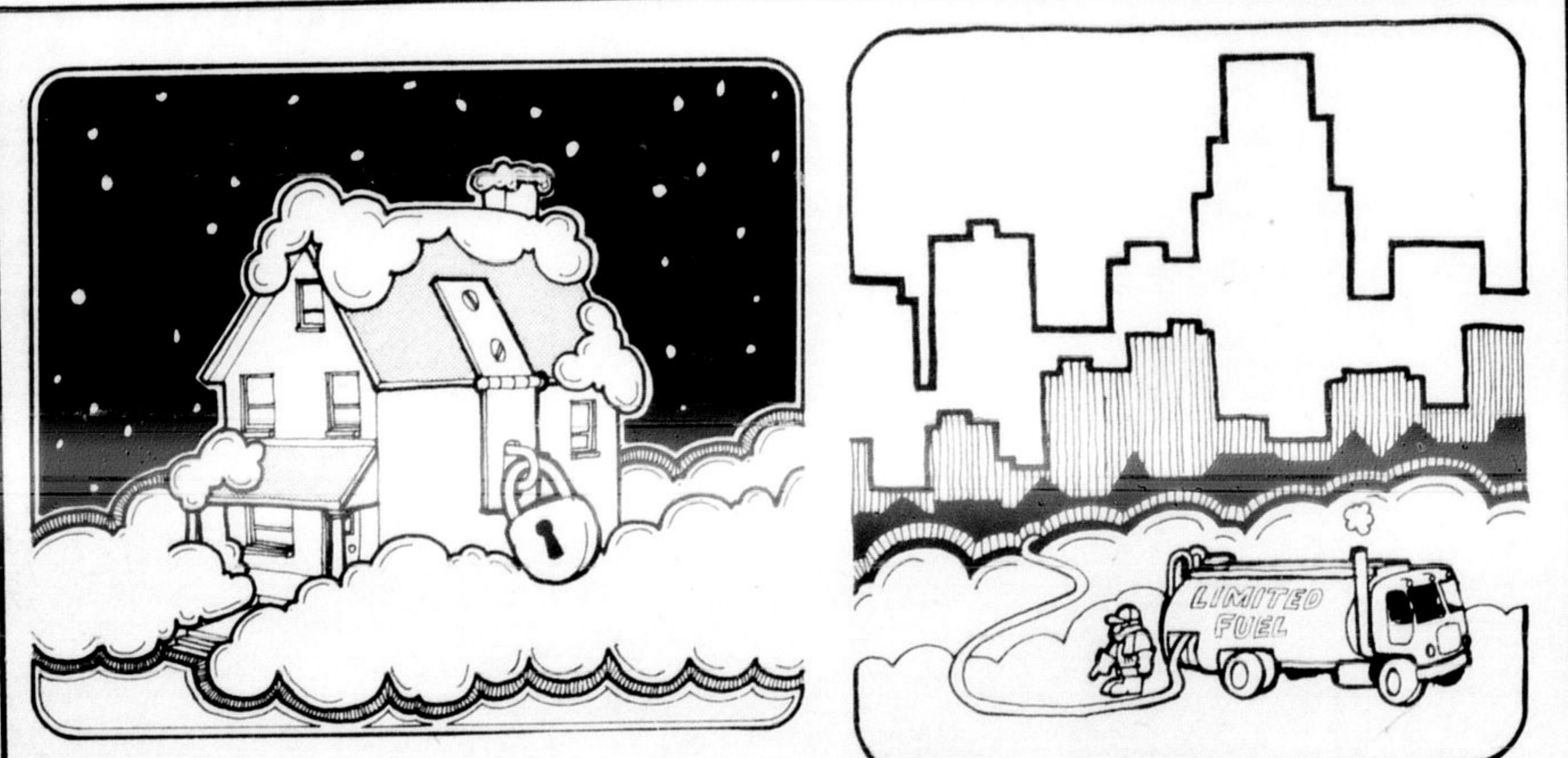
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