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Milton outside workers strike looming

Only an eleventh-hour settlement can prevent the first municipal strike in Milton's history. Provincial Labor Minister Robert Elgie has accepted a conciliator's report which indicates the negotiations between the town and its public works employees have failed to produce an agreement. Oct. 25 is the date when the men can legally go on strike. The potential walkout would involve the 26 outside workers in the public works department, and would mean there will be no garbage collection, snow

clearing, road repairing, or any of the other functions the men do. Milton treasurer Don Lougheed said there were "two or three" main issues still separating the two parties, and those issues are "mainly financial in nature." A conciliation meeting has been set for Oct. 24, according to Larry Cox, a representative of Local 636 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the union representing the workers. "Hopefully, we can wrap it up then," said Mr. Cox.

"I have every hope this thing can be settled amicably. "It's our first contract, so when you have nothing in the past to go on, it's tougher. The negotiations have gone well. I think both sides have acted in a reasonable manner, but there are a few matters that have yet to be resolved." Mr. Lougheed agreed. "There is no antagonism between the two parties. We've discussed the issues openly and there's just an honest difference of opinion.

"We've had a good relationship with our employees and I'm sure it will carry on." Mr. Lougheed said the two sides were "not too close and not too far apart" on the outstanding issues. He said he was confident a strike could be averted. Milton Council met in camera Monday night to discuss the matter. After the meeting, a councillor said he was confident the union would not exercise its right to strike, but would continue negotiations. He said he knew of a case in private enterprise, similar to this, in which the striking workers were

laid off and the work was contracted out to another firm. He didn't say this would happen in Milton's case if there was a strike, but he didn't say it wouldn't happen. He said he didn't think there would be a strike unless the two sides fail to reach an agreement. A similar strike was averted days ago in Burlington. There, 52 inside workers voted 81 per cent to accept a contract providing a 13 per cent increase in salary over two years.

Valve plant opens

Canada Valve Ltd. the largest manufacturer of fire hydrants and valves in Canada, officially opened its new national headquarters in Milton Thursday.

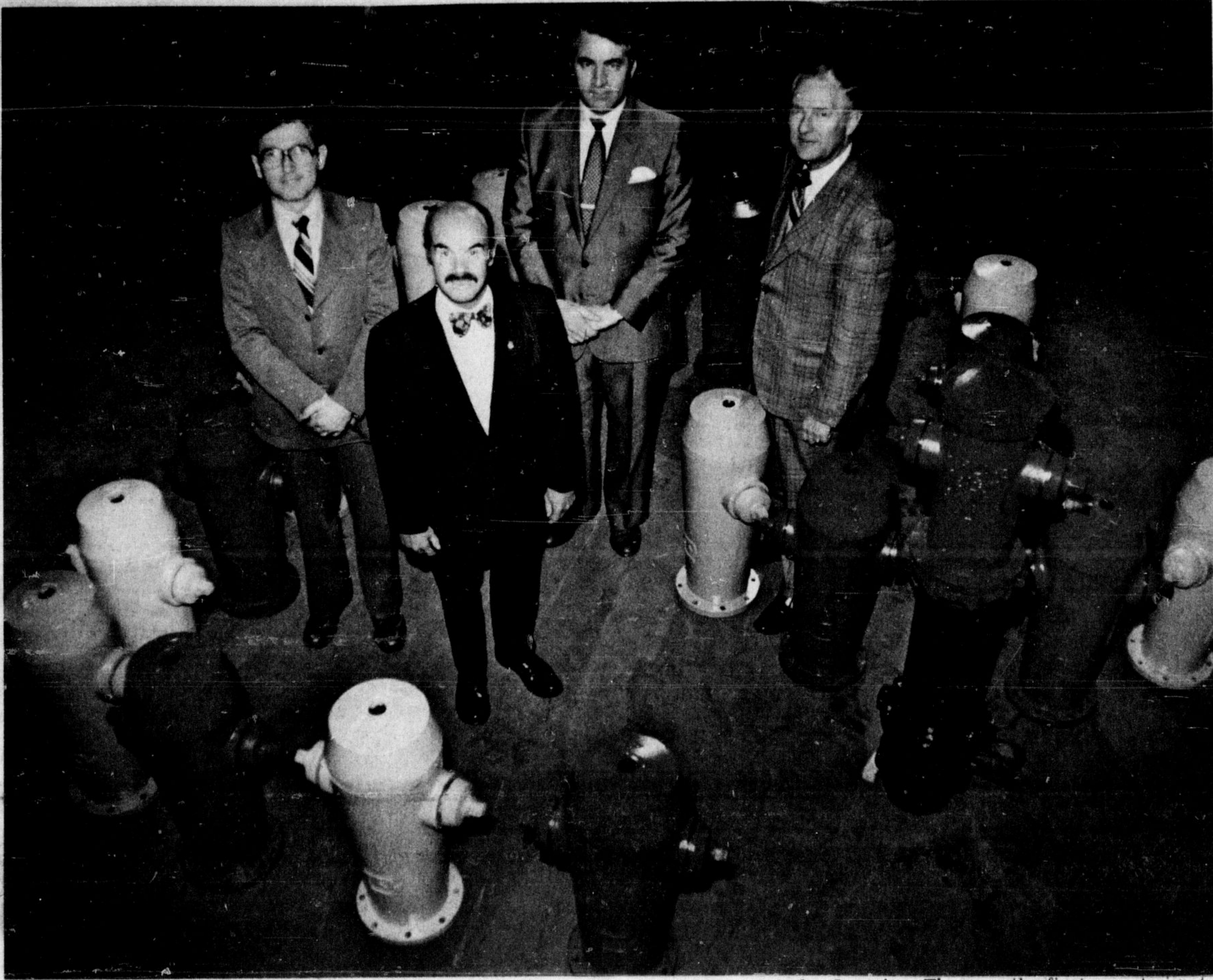
The plant is located in northwestern Milton on Market Dr. It has 8,000 square feet of office space with 57,000 square feet of manufacturing space.

Don Buchanan, president of Canada Valve, said the majority of the 70 employees were hired locally and he is pleased with the quality of the work force. Many of the machine operators are women.

The company was formed at the turn of the century and then was located for many years in the Kitchener area. Currently Canada Valve has 45 per cent of the market in Canada.

Mr. Buchanan said the reasonably priced industrial land and Milton's location on main transportation routes was a deciding factor in Canada Valve's decision to locate in Milton.

He said encouragement on the part of Milton council and Mayor Don Gordon had been instrumental in the final decision to move to Milton.



CANADA VALVE LIMITED officially opened its new manufacturing facility in Milton Thursday. The company produces fire hydrants and water valves and is the largest manufacturer in Canada. In this photo some of the hydrants from the company logo. The large red and black hydrant at the right is the

first of 256 made for Jamaica. They are the first new design to come off the production line. From left clockwise from centre are Don Gordon, Milton Mayor; Claude Lazenby, plant manager; Don Buchanan, president; and Bev Woods, vice-president of marketing.

Golf course is proposed

Plans for another golf course in Milton will be heard by the Land Division Committee, Oct. 30.

The course, slated for the southwest corner of Main St. (14 Sideroad) and Tremaine Rd., is projected to have 18 holes, par 66 just over 5,000 yards.

Islington Investments Ltd. of Toronto, owner of the land, has been planning the course for the past 18 months, according to one of the firm's two partners, George Lorimer.

Mr. Lorimer estimated the course would cost roughly \$1 million dollars to build.

Some of that cost would

be offset by severing four two-acre parcels from their 125-acre lot. The severed lands would be sold as residential properties, if the Land Division Committee approves.

Mr. Lorimer said he has also applied to the Niagara Escarpment Commission for a development permit. He said his initial contact with the NEC leads him to believe the application would be approved. "I think NEC is in favor of a golf course at that site. It's open space and recreational land use, and that's what it (the NEC) is trying to promote," said Mr. Lorimer.

The cost of building the course, he said, is broken down as follows: \$450,000 for course construction (\$25,000 per hole times 18 holes); and \$200,000 for the piping and irrigation system for the course. The rest would be spent on the club house, water hazards (which house the irrigation water, estimated at four million gallons), and soil tests, which have already been conducted.

Mr. Lorimer emphasized these were only estimates. He said he had conducted feasibility tests to see how much revenue would be gained from the course, to see if it would

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New shopping centre prompts OMB hearing

An Ontario Municipal Board hearing will be held Thursday, Oct. 25 into a proposed shopping development on Ontario St.

The site of the proposed development is the southeast corner of Ontario St. and Laurier Ave. The land is owned by Howard Quennell.

Objecting to the proposed mall is Morris Rosenberg of Risenberg Developments. That firm owns land on the northwest corner of Ontario St. and Derry Rd. and has planned a commercial development for that site.

He said the plans have been in the works for several years, but have never materialized.

Although both parcels of land are zoned commercial, Milton Planner Bob Zsadanyi said they are different types of commercial zoning.

Rosenberg's property is zoned C-1, which is a general commercial zoning. The downtown

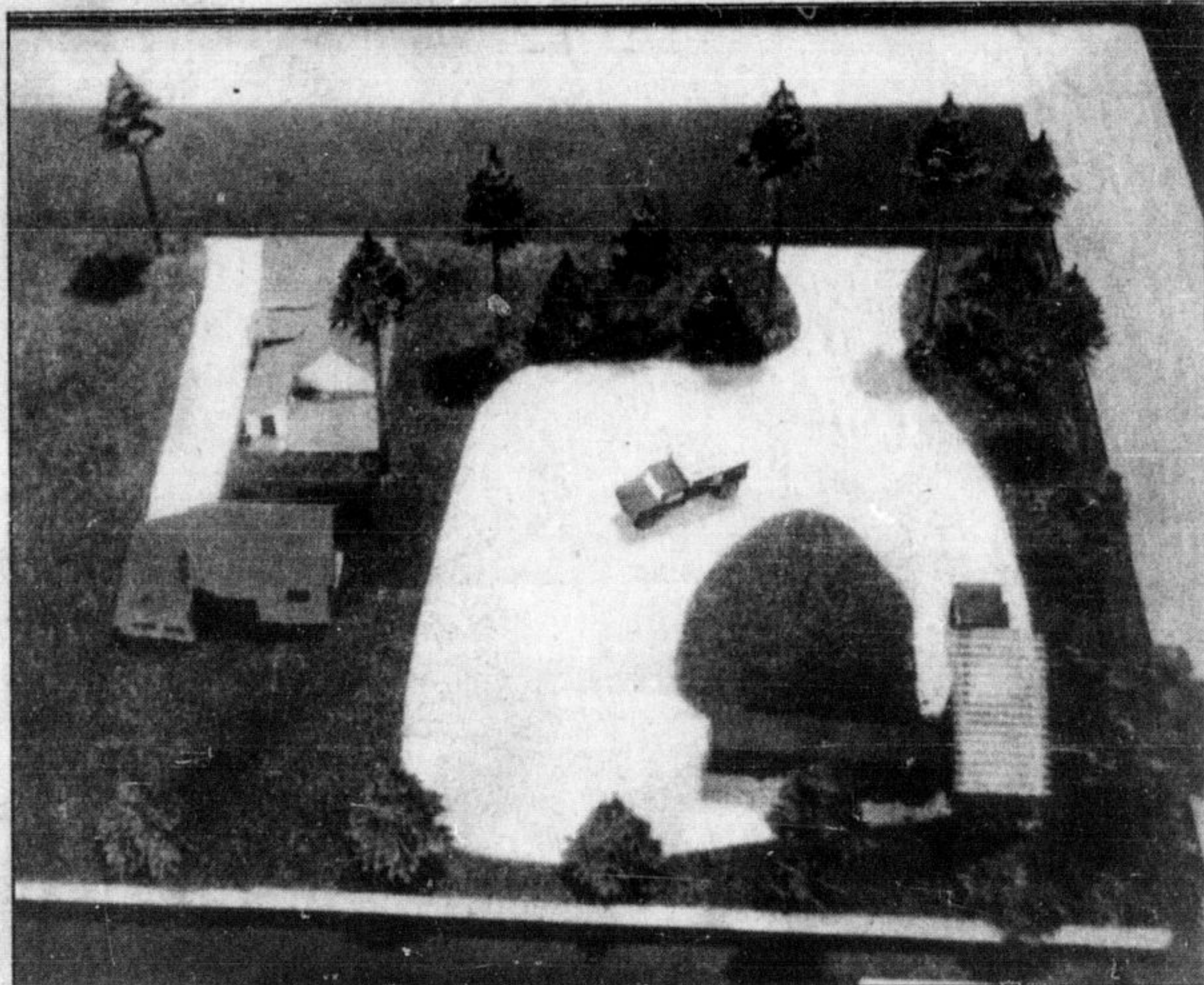
area is zoned C-1. Quennell's property is presently zoned C-3, which is highway commercial but council passed a by-law changing

it to C-2, which is a shopping mall." Mr. Zsadanyi said Mr. Rosenberg's objection to the zoning change forced the OMB hearing.

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Transfer site for Georgetown



THIS MODEL ILLUSTRATES the Leferink Disposals plan for a solid waste transfer station when the Georgetown dump closes Oct. 31. The garbage compactor shown bottom right (on Leferink land on Trafalgar Rd.) can also be set up at the dump site to handle garbage brought to the dump by private residents. Regional council has ordered that some type of transfer facility be in place Oct. 31.

The Georgetown dump may have a transfer station on site when it closes Oct. 31 and it may be augmented by a special compacting machine.

A proposal to handle waste for the northern Halton area was presented to the regional solid waste management committee last Friday. Approval could be granted today Oct. 17 at regional council.

Richard Howett of Leferink Disposals Limited said the offer to run the transfer station came as much by good timing as a serious need on the part of the region to transport waste when the dump closes.

Mr. Howett told the committee his firm had been investigating a large compactor for use on its site on Trafalgar Rd., opposite the Halton Hills public works yard.

On hearing the region is moving towards the Oct. 31 deadline, Mr. Howett said the firm decided it could, with regional

approval, set up the compactor at the Georgetown dump and keep it there until the region set up its own transfer facilities or decided to let Leferink continue.

"I think we can be of some help on a temporary basis in the region and Halton Hills as well," he said.

The firm now operates a fleet of small stake trucks and picks up garbage from residents on a contract basis.

Calling it a "very personal service", Mr. Howett said the small trucks must make a number of trips each day. This has led to a review of operating the service more economically.

In addition to newer, larger trucks, the growing population got Leferink thinking in terms of an expansion.

At its last meeting regional council voted to set up a transfer station at the Georgetown dump. Mr. Howett said his firm would be prepared to supervise it or act in

concert with regional desires.

He said it would take six to eight weeks for a compactor of sufficient size to be ordered and assembled.

Mr. Howett said the size of compactor envisaged, would be able to handle all of northern Halton's waste with ease. The idea would be for residents to bring waste to the dump site and put it in hoppers to be supplied by the region or on a lease basis from Leferink.

The garbage would be out in the compactor where it would be shipped by Leferink to the Oakville or Burlington dumps.

If the region wanted to put its own compactor on the site in the future, Leferink would disassemble its machine and take it to its Trafalgar Rd. site where it would continue to be used to service their own customers.

If Georgetown was used, Leferink would want to bring its collection there to be

compact along with the rest of the garbage brought in by residents.

Alex Griffen of the Ministry of the Environment said his department would want to ensure complete supervision. A number of governmental regulations would have to be satisfied.

He said a simple

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Cop walks beat: response is favorable

By Linda Kirby Milton residents and merchants can look forward to meeting members of their local police force more often.

The local precinct of Halton Regional Police is making an effort to have a man walking the downtown beat on every police shift, according to Staff Sergeant Paul Chapman, head of the Milton station.

"To me it is something that is needed. The people of Milton seem to feel they have lost their police department. They haven't. We are still here to serve them."

The primary purpose of walking the beat is to prevent crime he said, but the practice is also aimed at familiarizing the public with the local force. Police officers spend

approximately two hours of each shift walking the streets.

"Basically, we will have a man on the streets as often as we can," said Staff Sgt. Chapman, adding the schedule will depend upon the manpower available.

"Our one concern is that it is putting a burden on the men. It is one more job they are required to do," he said.

But he added he is pleased with the positive reaction from the officers. Many enjoy the opportunity to become better acquainted with local merchants and individuals and have volunteered for the beat.

Malicious attacks of vandalism on local shops and property last year prompted citizens to demand more policing of the Main St. area, with a

specific request for a police officer to walk the street.

Meetings were held between members of the Downtown Business Improvement Group, Mayor Don Gordon and the police force.

All were convinced a foot patrol was necessary, but citizens were told insufficient manpower prevented the precinct from putting a

man on the street.

The arrival of an officer walking the beat is already drawing an enthusiastic response from shopowners and shoppers who have met the beat officers, according to police.

"I am very pleased with it," said Mayor Don Gordon, adding the practice will prove a big asset to both the town and the police force.



THOSE BRIGHT, SHINY APPLES the Scouts and Cubs sold around town on Saturday weren't so bright and shiny until Thursday night, when a horde of 70 Beavers turned up at the Scout Hall to

polish them up for the Saturday Apple Day sale. One of the participants was Chris Baillie, shown getting a real glow on one of his apples.