



Follows his father

In January 1978, Halton Regional Police Constable Harry Beckman, Badge No. 5, a veteran of 20 years' service, succumbed after a long illness. At that time Badge No. 5 was retired from service. On Feb. 2, 1981, Harry's son Police Constable Daniel Beckman, recently appointed to the Halton Regional Force, was presented with his father's Badge No. 5. The presentation was made by Chief of Police W. I. James Harding (left) at Police H.Q. in Oakville. He had previously served as a Police Cadet in Georgetown, Milton, Oakville and at headquarters.

Rare, heritage trees should be indexed now

Regional Planning Committee has reluctantly recommended that "heritage trees" be included in Halton's proposed tree conservation bylaw.

Mckay, outgoing chairman of the Halton Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee, told Planning Committee members he has put nearly one year into setting out the location and numbers of heritage trees and the job is nowhere near completed.

The object is to officially designate trees of outstanding size, appearance, and rarity in Halton Region and hopefully set them aside to be covered by law so they cannot be destroyed.

To this end, residents could have such trees on their lots officially designated by the region along with an official plaque.

Also, it would stop heritage trees being cut down or destroyed.

But such a move would, according to Councillor Brad Clements, bring the Region onto private property and stop a person cutting down an old "heritage tree" which might be old and could fall on a house or barn. In such a case, he argued, the landowner

should be allowed to remove the tree if it is a menace.

Mr. McKay suggested the designation of famous trees coincide with Heritage Day in Canada.

He also noted it would be wise to employ summer students this year to go into Milton and Halton Hills to find and map heritage trees, as these two municipalities have barely been surveyed.

Obituary

Dorothy Prentice

Dorothy Olive Prentice died on Jan. 18, a lifelong resident of the Milton area.

She was the last of the family of the late John and Maria Featherstone. Her husband Andrew predeceased her 20 years ago.

Mrs. Prentice was a member of the United Church, Milton. She had

lived at Halton Manor for the last five years.

Funeral service was held Jan. 20 from the Manor chapel and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. Pallbearers were Cecil Featherstone, Emerson Featherstone, Jim Featherstone, Stewart Ralph, John Richardson and Reg Twiss.

Citizen dinner is this Saturday

Marg Burgess, manager of Milton Chamber of Commerce, reports tickets are selling well for this coming Saturday's Citizen of the Year dinner. Milton's 1980 Citizen, Judy Hunter will be honored that evening at the Optimist

Centre. To date over 150 tickets have been sold. Deadline for buying a ticket is tomorrow (Thursday) at noon and tickets are available at The Champion office and the Chamber office, Unity Park.

Keep families together Connell tells committee

Regional Council will be asked to withdraw an appeal over a land severance after a disgruntled councillor said Halton is trying to deny families staying together over a technicality.

Burlington Councillor Vern Connell told other members of the Regional Planning Committee that to oppose the wish of a Milton farmer to set aside a lot for his daughter was a "restriction of people's basic rights."

Edward and Lucy Tor had been given a severance by the Land Division Committee to

divide 99.8 acres of land into a retirement lot for Mr. Tor and a non-agricultural lot for his daughter. Mr. Tor is a retiring farmer.

While Planning Department staff did not quarrel about Mr. Tor they objected to land being severed for a non-farm use and thus had asked to be allowed to appeal the ruling of the Land Division Committee.

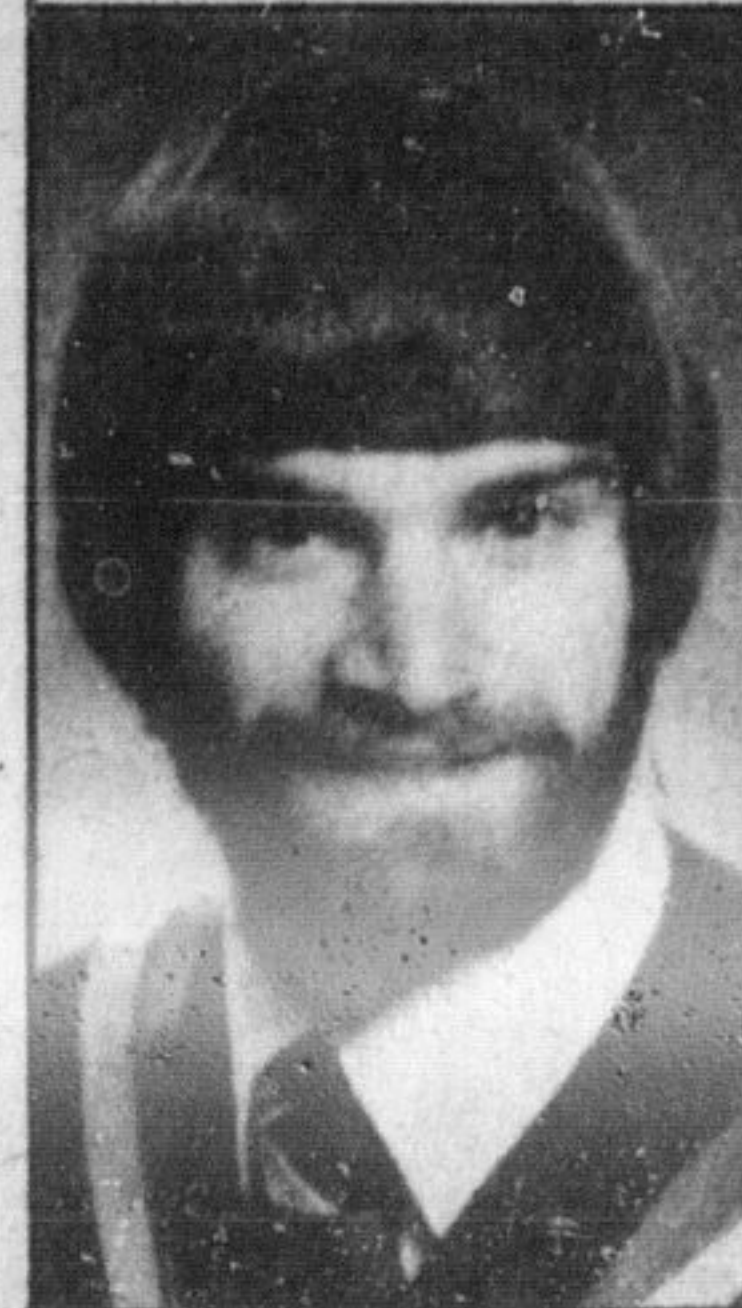
"Surely you have the right to retain ownership of your own land," Mr. Connell said.

"The idea of planning

is not that you cancel the right to leave land to the children."

"Keep the children on the farm. It's better than making them go off to the city where all the problems are."

Mr. Connell, who made many interjections during discussion of the Tor severance, finally was able to swing a majority of other councillors over to his way of thinking and the committee has recommended the appeal by the Planning Department be withdrawn.



BIOLOGIST

J. Mark Dills received his Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology during convocation at the University of Guelph. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills, Milton.

Post reward for coins

A disgruntled Milton homeowner has posted a reward for information that would help him get back \$200 worth of silver dollars and some other money stolen from his home during daylight hours, Feb. 10.

Thieves, likely children, broke into the house

and removed the silver collection, about \$40 to \$50 worth of coins from children's banks, and a lid from a jewellery box, in which four coins were imbedded, he said.

The box lid has great sentimental value, he said.

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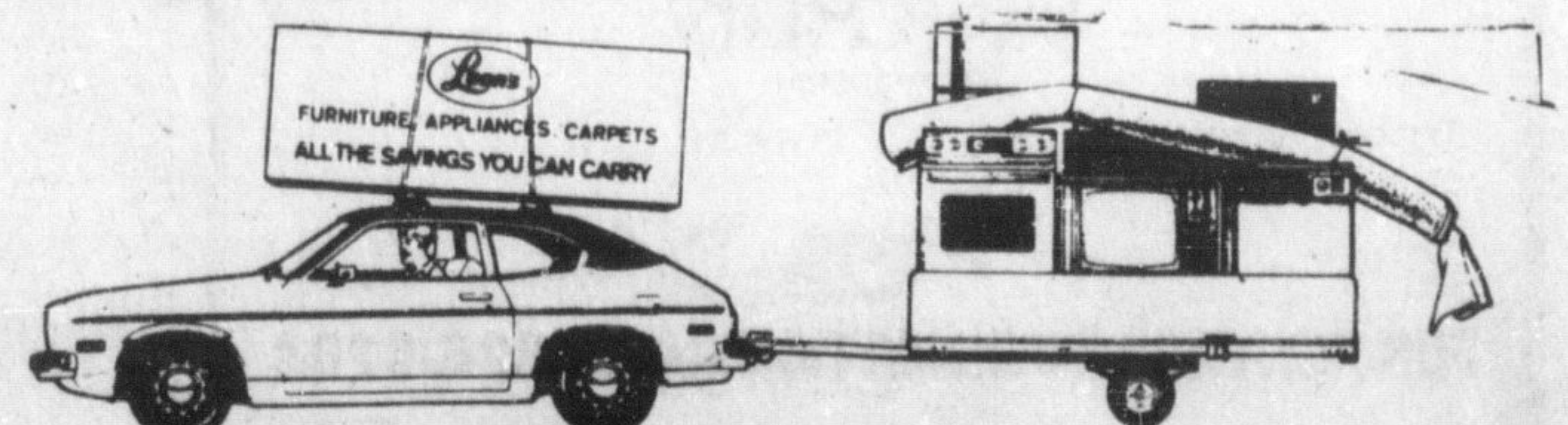
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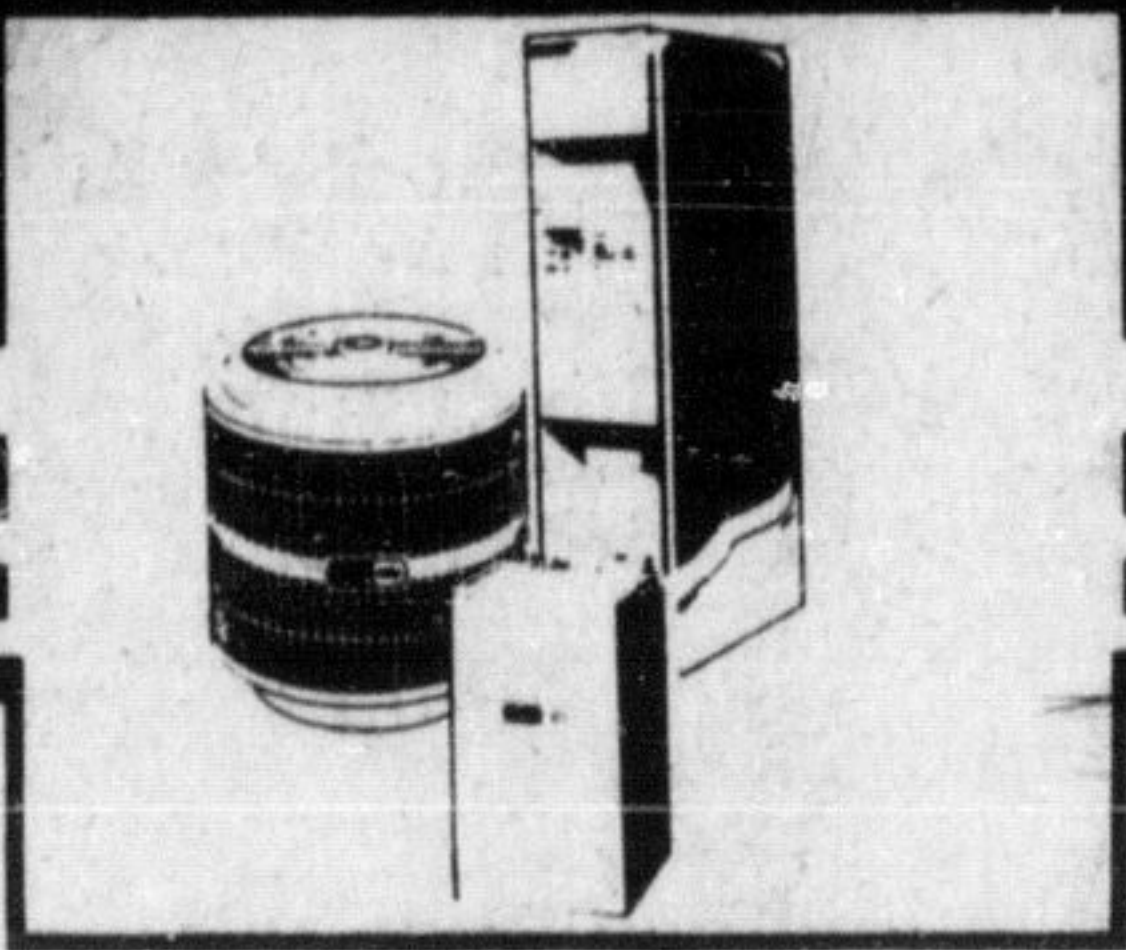
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