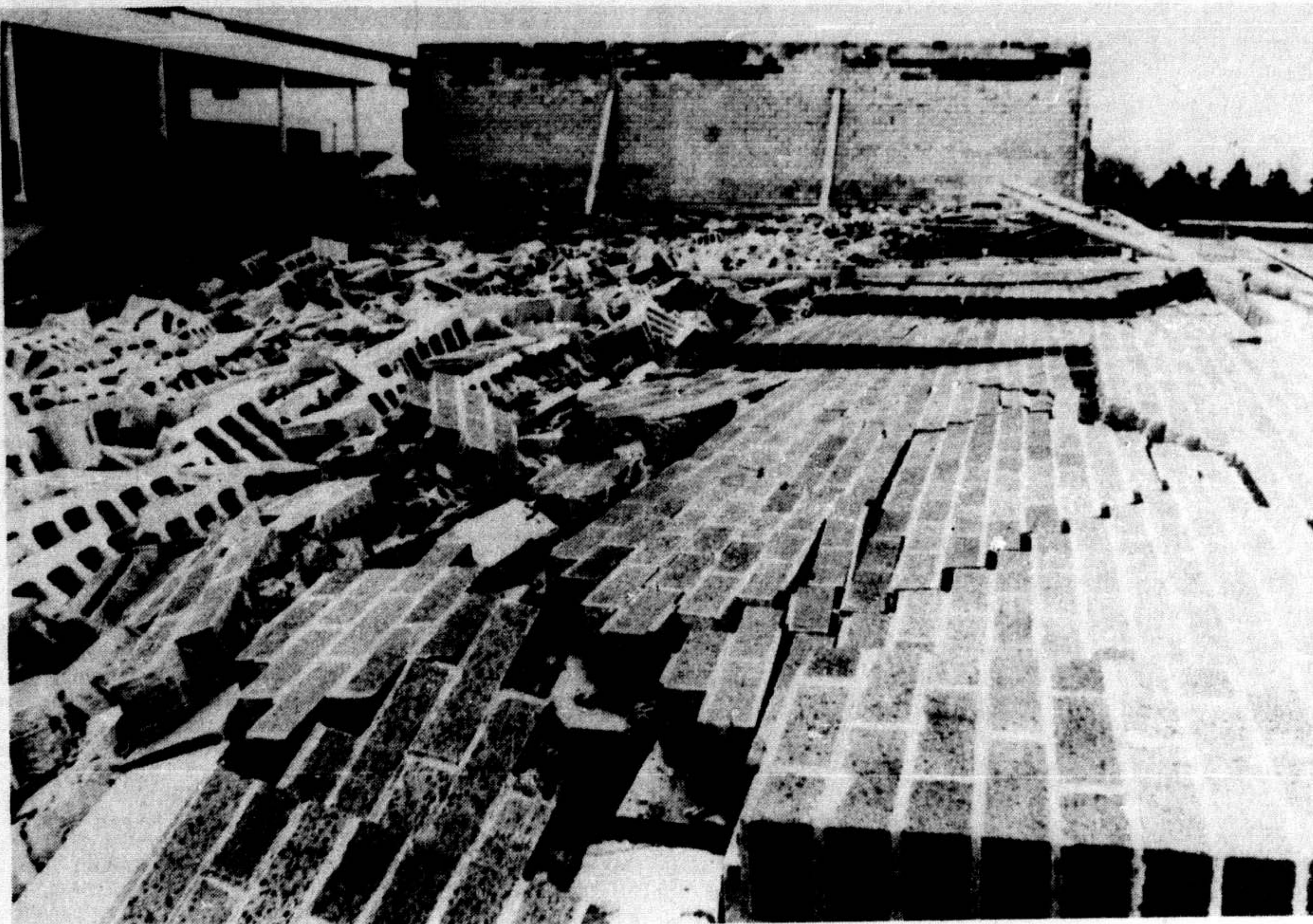


GOING UP. Workmen recently launched the expansion to Milton Plaza, Ontario St. and on Friday afternoon this workman was busy building concrete block walls near the south end of the Plaza complex, a source of pride to any mason. But high winds that hit Milton Friday night put the damper on his work because soon the wall was...



... GOING DOWN! Yes, the winds buffeted the freshly-built wall and the wet mortar wasn't strong enough to withstand the onslaught. Saturday morning shoppers were attracted to this sea of rubble, all that remained of the westerly wall of the plaza's long-awaited expansion. Reconstruction is underway this week.

Siren sounders

Two Barrie youths have each been given one year suspended sentences on charges of wilful destruction of property and mischief arising from an incident which triggered air raid warning sirens to sound across Ontario last December. The sirens also sounded in Milton. The youths will pay \$20 each to Canadian National Railways and \$250 for damages to Ontario Hydro. The charges were laid in connection with gunshot damage to hydro towers and communication cables.

The Halton Board of Education

Notice of Public Meeting

Purpose: To discuss the 1975 Report of the Student Services Council
Topics: 1. Facilitating Referrals by Schools to Community Agencies.
 2. Group Guidance Materials for Grades 6, 7, and 8.
Place: Lord Elgin High School
Date: Wednesday, May 7, 1975
Time: 7:30 p.m.

A summary report may be obtained by calling 877-6993, Ext. 285.

Mrs. J. Alexander Chairman J. W. Singleton Director

Will appeal CAS budget

Halton Regional Council will lodge an official appeal against the budget being proposed by Halton Children's Aid Society. The budget proposal reflects an increase of 38 per cent.

Council passed a resolution to that effect but agreed the appeal would be withdrawn at a later date if a new budget, reflecting cuts, could be presented.

The Society had planned a board meeting to go over the entire budget and consider possible areas of reductions. CAS Director Gordon Askwith had met with treasurer Don Farmer and Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid to peruse the CAS budget.

Question staff
 Reporting on that meeting, Councillor David Coons said the CAS had miscalculated possible revenue. He noted the addition of two and a half staff people was also questioned.

The resolution passed made no reference to how much should be cut or what degree of increase would be acceptable. In an interview following the meeting Dr. Askwith said the greatest degree of increase was in direct care for children.

Dr. Askwith noted the underestimated revenue could amount to several thousands of dollars. That revenue comes to the Society as a result of the Society handling cases from other areas.

Dr. Askwith pointed out the additional staff required would be necessary to handle the extra workload. If the extra work wasn't incurred, the additional revenue wouldn't be realized.

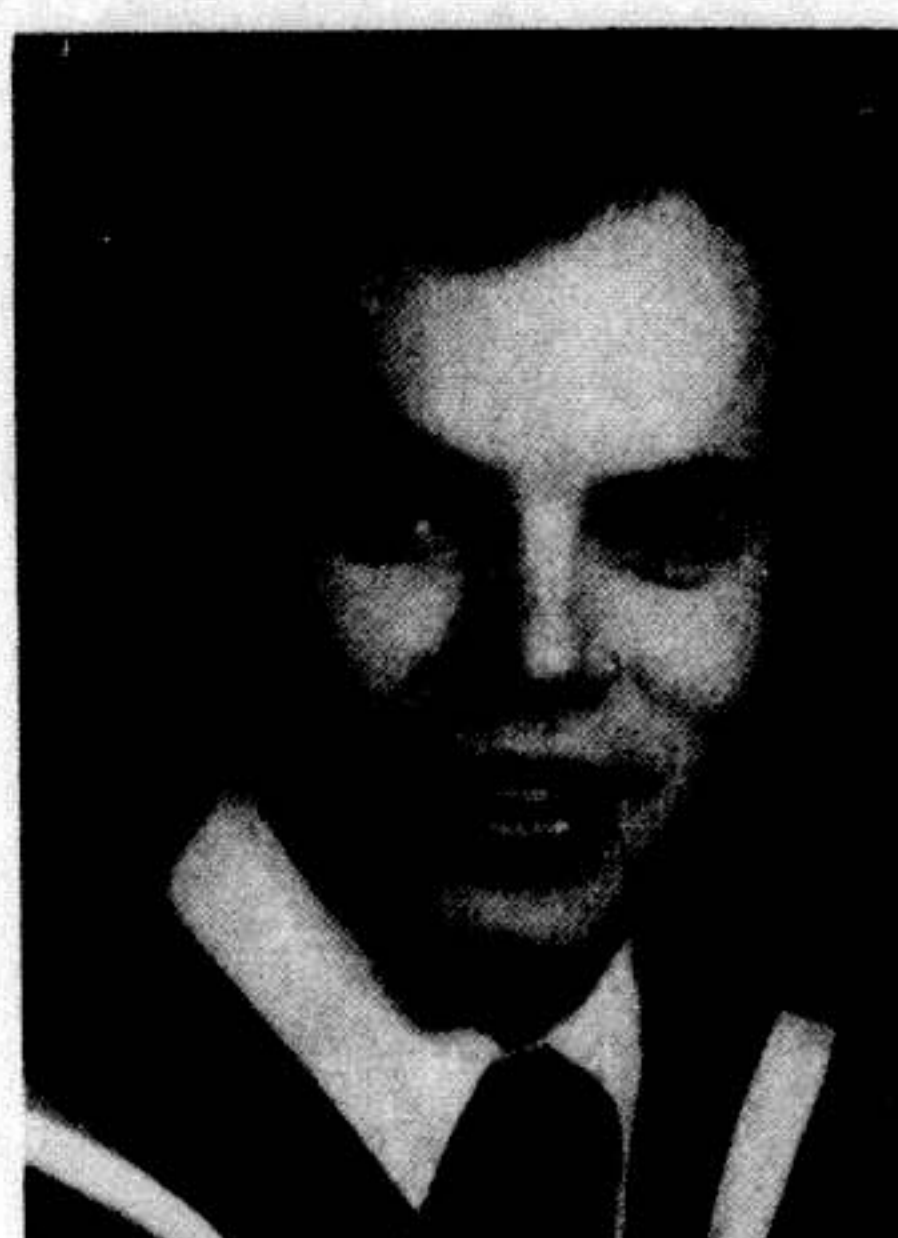
Care for 150
 Last year the Society budgeted for 117 children in care but at its peak had 150 in care. Dr. Askwith said there were currently 148 children in the Society's care.

"The big increase is in the area of foster parents and group homes. More adolescents need more care. It costs less to have them in our own homes than to send them to outside agencies," he said.

"It is difficult to see where substantial cuts can be made without a reduction in service. So many of our costs for foster parents or group homes."

CAS treasurer Bill DeVries said the total 1974 budget was \$810,462 and the 1975 budget is \$834,589. He said the region pays a share of about approximately 20 per cent. Until this year the region share worked out closer to 33 per cent.

He echoed Dr. Askwith's statement earlier when he said the bulk of the increase was for direct care for children.



B. A. DEGREE

Douglas A. Foster graduated recently from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Honours Geography. He is currently working on his Master of Science degree in regional recreational planning with the Centre of Resources Development at Guelph. Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Foster, 254 Woodward St., Milton.

Virginia White butterflies

Last colony found here

By Ann Hauprich-Nielsen
 What is believed to be the last remaining colony of "The Virginia White" butterfly has been located in an area of two square miles in the Halton County Forest near Campbellville. This area species appears in April and May and lives for only one month.

"They're one of the first things that come out in the Spring along with the flowers," said Dr. Gordon Edmonds, President of the Toronto Entomological Association on a CBC radio interview, April 8.

Dr. Edmonds is concerned that the habitat of the butterfly is being destroyed for commercial reasons, but added that the Ministry of Natural Resources is looking into the situation of preserving the habitat.

"Hopefully there will be no power lines, roads, lodgings, etc. allowed in that area," he said. "That little white species used to be found between Etobicoke and London and in Quebec, but they were wiped out by urbanization."

Dr. Edmonds explained that the larva of the Virginia White can live on only one species of plants, and when swamp

land is drained for housing or farming the butterflies cannot survive. He added that the temperature plays an important role as well.

"Ontario has an endangered species list," he said, "and legally you can't catch the butterflies named there." He said he didn't know what the penalty is, but said, "I imagine it would be very severe."

According to Dr. Edmonds the real danger to the butterfly is not the collector; it is urbanization.

"By the time you've collected the female she would already have bred and laid her eggs."

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