

# Residents told to put up with industrial neighbour

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Everybody around Robert Heard's small manufacturing company in urban Milton seems to have an idea about what should be done with his land.

The problem is, some of those ideas aren't the same as his.

Mr. Heard runs Phoenix Manufacturing, a company that currently makes coatings for steel, out of a plant on the south end of Fulton

Street. The business is surrounded by homes, and also borders Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Heard, who is nearing retirement age, doesn't have the proper municipal zoning for industry, even though the plant has been operating for decades. Apparently as the community grew around him, the zoning was changed to residential status, to reflect the character of the majority of the neighbourhood.

The business owner wants to ensure the viability of Phoenix, or whatever follows it if

he sells, by having his property rezoned for industrial use.

Town council went along with that Monday night, but not before some area residents made it known they had concerns.

Paul Colbourne, for example, told council he would prefer to see houses built on the site. He added that when he bought his home, it was with the understanding that there would be no significant expansion of business activity in the area because Phoenix is on a flood plain, an area deemed to be in danger of flood-

ing during heavy storms.

But the Halton Region Conservation Authority, in a letter to council, said the fact that Phoenix Manufacturing is on a flood plain means the HRCA would never consent to building houses in the area, but would support light industrial use.

Roy Downs, the secretary-treasurer of Evergreen Cemetery, told council cemetery officials hoped to acquire some of the Phoenix land in the future, when a cemetery expansion

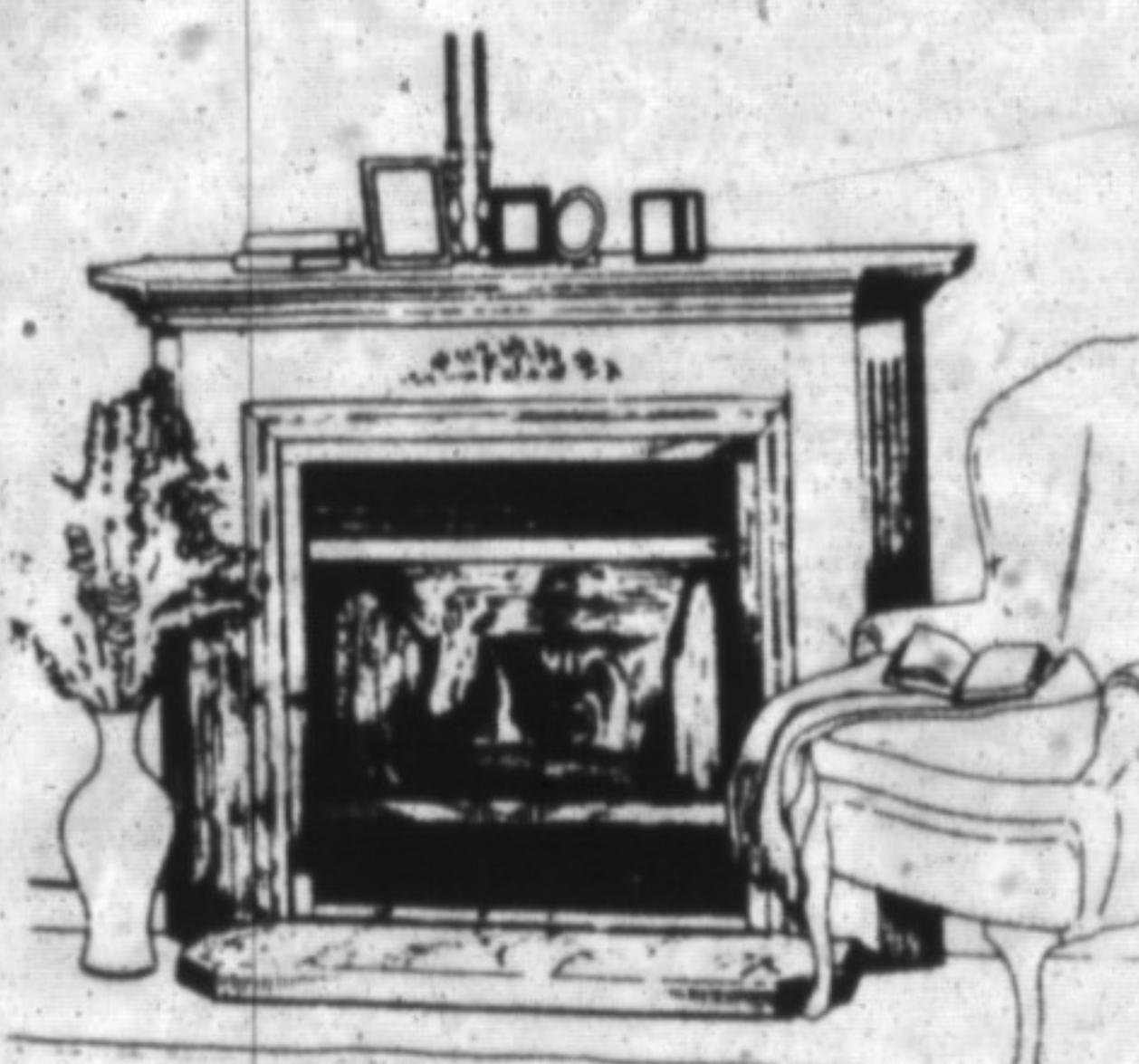
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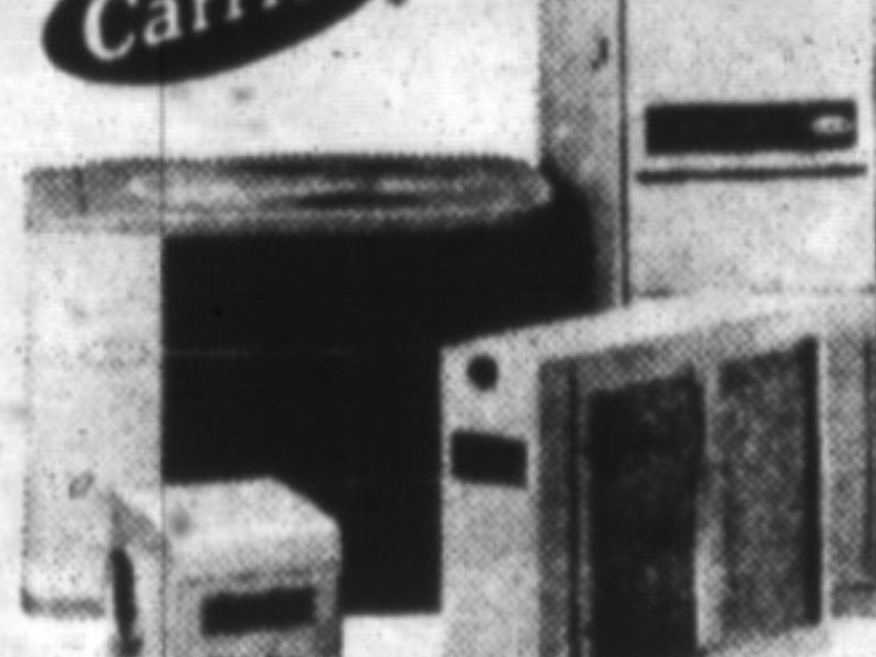
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