

This recycling program is very comprehensive

by PETER SPOHN
In some communities with recycling programs, residents have developed novel ways to recycle more than just paper, cans and glass.

Beatrice Quesnelle of Penetanguishene returned recently from Hornby Island, a Pacific Island off Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and noted that island residents

figure they save approximately \$100,000 per year through their comprehensive recycling program.

She said she was interested in the island program after spending

several months in western Canada because she noted after arriving home that North Simcoe is about to embark on its own recycling program due to start operation early

in October.

On the island, a recycling depot operates on a budget of \$12,500 per year. The program also includes operation of a "free store," stocked with clothing, footwear, books and household articles brought to the store by residents who have no further use for them. Store visitors can take away anything they can use, for free.

Incinerators at the island's recycling depot burn paper and cardboard. (In North Simcoe, paper will be sorted at the North Simcoe Waste Management Association's Penetanguishene depot for shipment to firms buying waste paper products.)

On the island, cans are collected in 45 gallon drums and are compacted into 30 lb. blocks. When 10 tons have been collected in blocks, the cans are shipped to scrap metal dealers who pay about \$45 per ton. The same is done with aluminum. About \$900 per ton is netted for aluminum. Residents

are even encouraged to separate clean, discarded aluminum foil from the rest of their garbage.

Island residents are asked to separate their garbage into three categories: foil, aluminum and tin cans, bottles and jars, and anything that will not burn such as batteries, light bulb and metal buckets; burnables and plastics; kitchen wares and disposable diapers. Items can be sorted at home, or can be sorted at the recycling depot.

Hornby Island residents save themselves \$100,000 a year in garbage trucking costs, a cost which is high because all garbage must be trucked, via ferry, to the mainland. There, the pay-off is in tax dollars saved and less tossed garbage littering the countryside. In North Simcoe, the pay-off is in reducing landfilling requirements.

In both communities, the price of successful recycling programs is community cooperation.

Dump report expected soon

The North Simcoe Waste Management Association has approved a draft copy of an environmental assessment report prepared by the association's lawyers.

It is the forerunner of a final environmental report, due out in the next week or so, which will guide the association's next major moves in establishing a new landfill site for North Simcoe.

The final environmental assessment report is to be presented at the next association meeting, Oct. 10, and to the Township of Tiny's ad hoc committee on waste management the same day. It is to be presented at a public meeting Oct. 18.

Association secretary Yvon Gagne described the draft as a review of what the association, with its consulting and hydrogeological

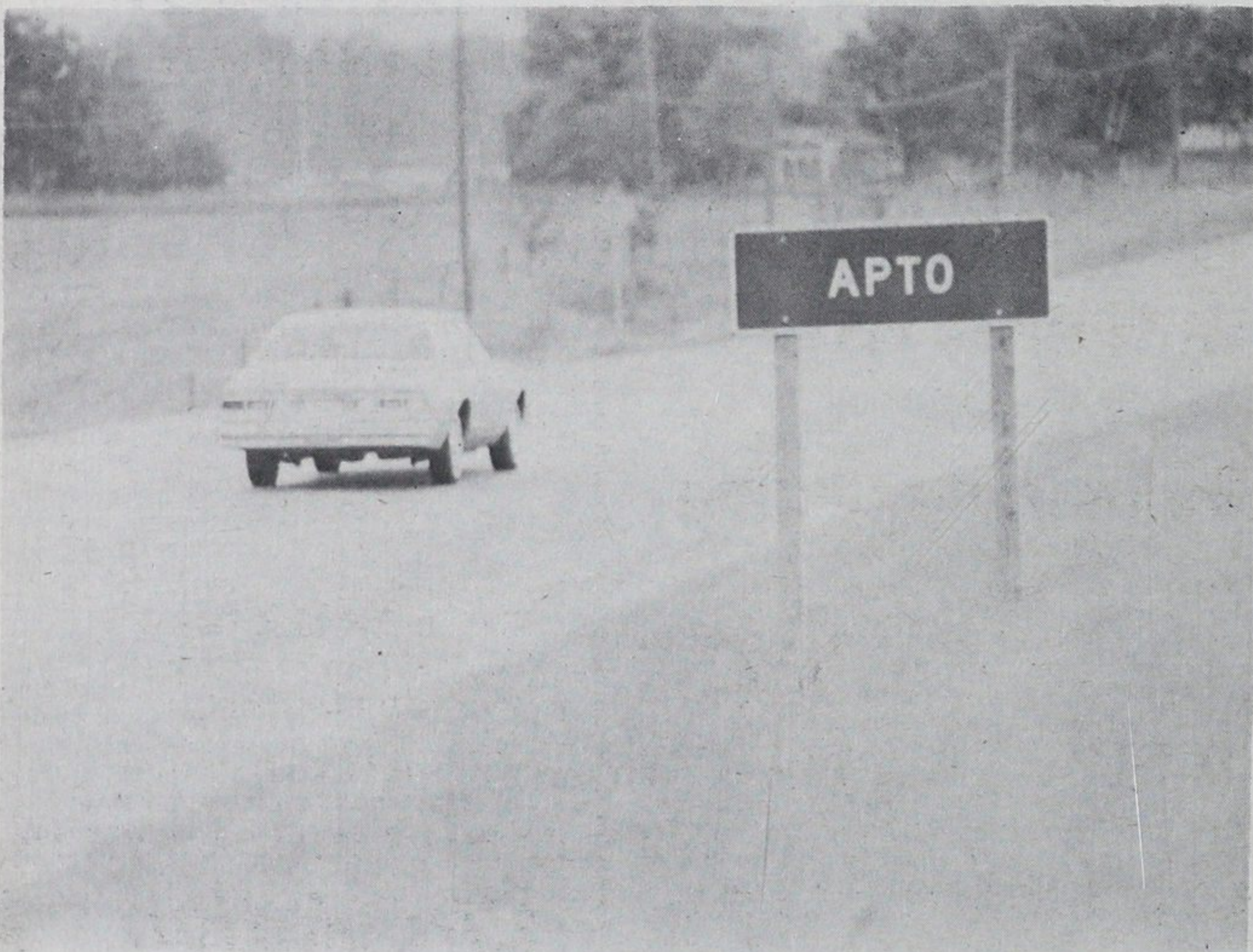
engineers, has done to date to prepare for a new landfill site. The Pauze site is due to be closed in October, 1987.

Though final recommendations will come only after testing results are in, the draft report identifies two proposed sites in the south end of Tiny Township as candidates for further testing for suitability as landfill sites. As last Tuesday's association meeting, Tiny Township's

representative, Peter Brasher, strongly opposed acceptance of the report until all testing data are in on the south end sites.

Association members agreed to include in the draft report's summary that the sites in the south end of Tiny are not specifically targeted as the only sites under consideration.

After the meeting, Dr. Brasher criticized the report for, he said, zeroing in on the Tiny Township sites.



Welcome to Apto

Apto is so small it has gone for years without a road sign at the edge of the hamlet, until recently. Signs were installed in the last couple of weeks by

the Ministry of Transportation and Communications. Apto is on Highway 27 between Elmvale and Barrie.

This Week in Canada

On Oct. 1, in 1764, military rule in Canada came to an end, and in 1853, the Toronto Globe was issued as a daily

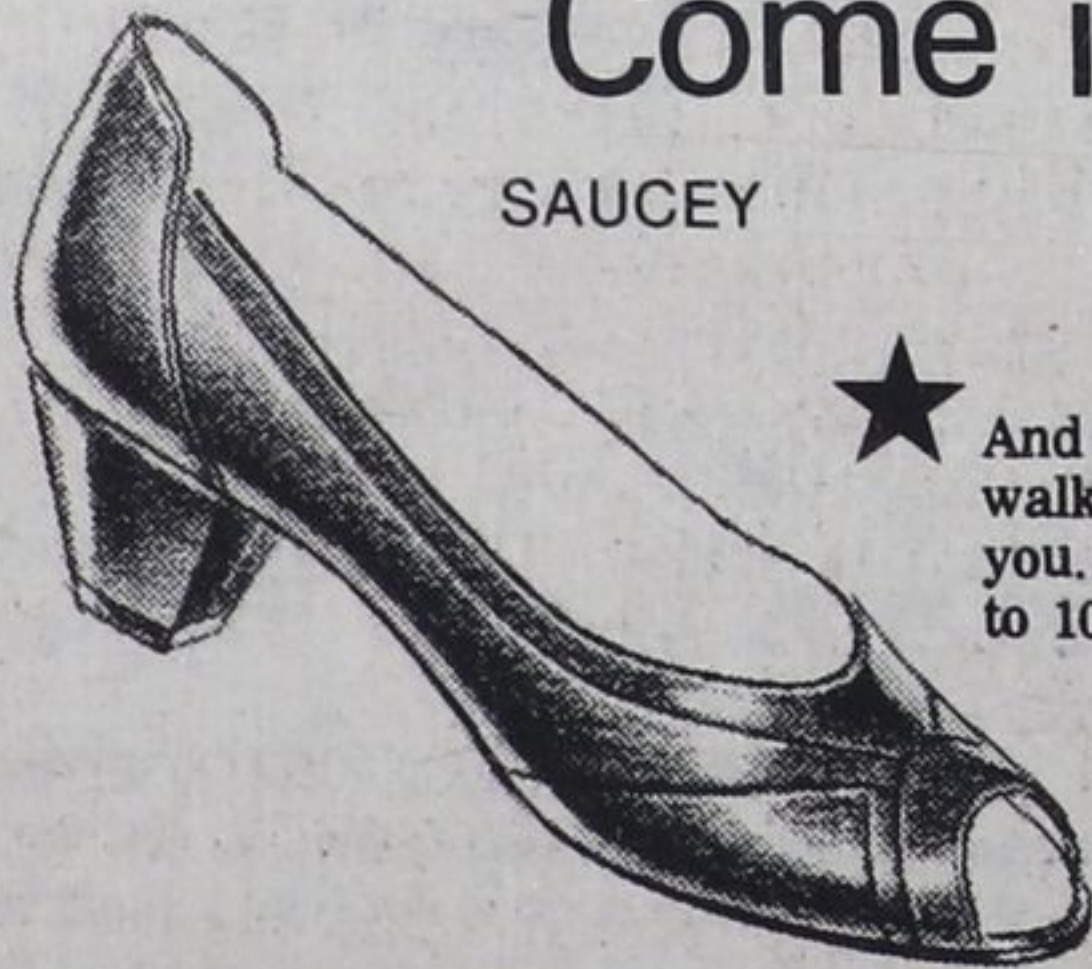
newspaper. On Oct. 2, in 1535, Cartier landed at Hochelaga, the site of Montreal, and in 1895,

the Mackenzie, Yukon, Ungava and Franklin districts were formed.

On Oct. 3, in 1914, Canada's first convoy of

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