

## Woodlot levelled despite protest

About 70 persons turned out Sunday to protest the destruction of a woodlot at the corner of the Credit Woodlands and Dundas Street.

All but six trees on the corner are being removed for an eight-storey condominium high-rise being built by Elias Construction Limited.

The building will mean the destruction of a number of silver birch trees as well as large pine trees which have stood for several decades. Sue McAllister appeared before council Monday to ask that as many trees as possible be saved. She was told that only six trees would remain. By Monday night the woodlot had virtually disappeared.

"Not one councillor opened his mouth to say anything," Mrs. McAllister said. "They aren't watching what's going on."

The land in question was zoned for apartments back in 1965 when few residents were in the area to protest.

"People in the area just loved those trees," says Mrs. McAllister. "There aren't many left in the area. If people didn't have their trees at least there were those at the entrance. They looked good when you entered."

The protestors carried signs Sunday asking "Will these apartments make fresh air?" and "Where will all the squirrels go?"

One paraphrased the national anthem as "Oh, Canada — our home and paved land."

Mrs. McAllister characterized the whole affair as "rather frustrating."



Ronnie O'Hearn, 3, was one of a number of people Sunday afternoon who had questions about the destruction of a woodlot at the corner of the Credit Woodlands and Dundas Street. The demonstration failed to impress builders who took out the woodlot Monday.

## Fires damage 2 homes

A five-month old home at 2093 Carrera Lane in Clarkson was heavily damaged by smoke last Wednesday when a housewife went out to pick up her husband and forgot she had left a deep fryer for potato chips on the stove.

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Guest returned to find firemen had already extinguished the blaze in the kitchen of their home. There was extensive smoke damage throughout the house.

Mrs. Guest had taken her children with her to pick up her husband, who had been playing soccer. Dr. Guest is an atomic scientist employed by Ontario Hydro at

the Sheridan Research Centre.

Workmen have already begun refinishing the kitchen. The adjuster has yet to make a final estimate but it is expected damage will run into the thousands of dollars.

In another fire Wednesday afternoon a house at 6997 Airport Road was heavily damaged. The blaze apparently started in the kitchen and spread into a bedroom. The house is now uninhabitable, according to firemen.

An investigation has failed to determine the cause of the fire. The house is owned by Mrs. Herb Mashinter.

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## CURE FOR EPIDEMIC?

# Homebuilder controls unveiled

BY FRANK TOUBY

Town building director Ernie Bodnar has presented council with wide-ranging recommendations to control residential builders.

Last year Mississauga home-buyers suffered an epidemic of shoddy construction and shabby business practices at the hands of a number of residential builders. Major building deficiencies and bare-faced contract violations punctuated the problem and brought an unprecedented number of complaints to the town building department staff which is handicapped by too few personnel and too little power.

Bodnar's recommendations include establishing a

certificate of occupancy requirement, changes in sales contracts to make them fairer to buyers, full-time construction supervisors and licensing of builders.

"The greatest number of complaints do not relate to infractions of the building-by-law, but rather to the quality of workmanship in the final finishing of the homes," Bodnar said in his report.

Bodnar suggests requiring builders to return to new homes within three months, and again within a year, to rectify minor defects. "In order to ensure (the builder's) performance in this respect, the purchaser should be entitled to retain a monetary holdback which

would be released after these compulsory visits had been satisfactorily completed," Bodnar said.

A major source of complaints has been premature occupancy: when a builder allows a buyer to move in before construction is completed. Often the builder takes his time about finishing the work, if he finishes it at all.

Bodnar's suggestion of a certificate of occupancy would establish town controls over premature occupancies. The certificates would not be issued until final inspections are completed.

Tied into avoiding premature occupancies is Bodnar's suggestion that completion dates be

guaranteed by \$25-a-day penalty clauses.

"The standard purchase and sale agreement is heavily weighted in favour of the builder, and it is suggested that the provincial government be petitioned for legislation to produce a number of standard clauses (effective province-wide)," said Bodnar.

"This department at the present time has no workable method of weeding technical incompetents out of the building field, and there have been suggestions that licensing of builders be instituted in the town."

"Licensing of builders would be a major undertaking in establishing examining boards disciplinary boards, etc.

## Riding shuffle delayed: Blenkarn

Redistribution of federal electoral ridings that would give Mississauga three representatives has been stalled and could take as long as three years to enact, Peel South MP Don Blenkarn said this week.

"The word is that the government will postpone the legislation until after the next election which could be two or three years away," he said.

With 105,000 eligible voters in the last election Peel South was the nation's second most populous riding. Blenkarn estimates that in two years there will be about 135,000 eligible voters here.

The riding has more voters than Prince Edward Island's four ridings.

Blenkarn said the commission proposing redistribution has run into opposition all across the country for "butcher jobs".

He admitted that several members in his own Progressive Conservative Party are against the changes as the party's strength lies in rural areas and urban areas stand to gain by the redistribution.

Under the plan the present Peel South riding would be split into two full constituencies and form a part of the Oakville riding.

Mississauga north would roughly comprise the area north-east of a diagonal line drawn from the town's northwest boundary to the eastern limit of Port Credit. Mississauga South would form the lands remaining south of Highway 5.

Streetsville and the Erin Mills portion of Mississauga would be lumped in with Oakville and Milton.

Blenkarn has criticized the proposals, claiming they ignored the character of the town.

## Bribery charge laid

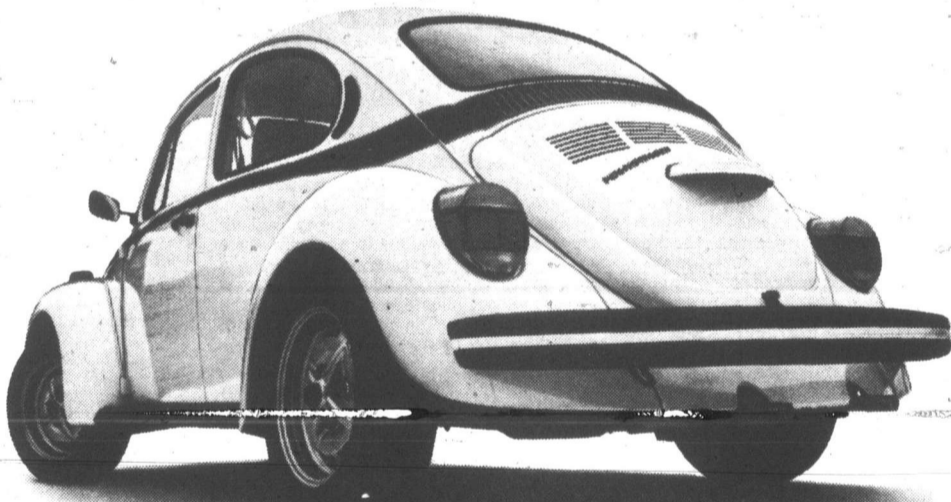
The owner of a Bramalea pizza outlet has been charged with bribing a government official who lives in Mississauga.

Police say the official, income tax investigator, whom they declined to identify, was investigating a case of failure to pay back-taxes.

During the investigation the sum of \$1,000 was left at his Mississauga home. He did not have an opportunity to reject the money.

Charged is Paul Orefice, 26 of Durie Street in Toronto. He is the owner of Venezia Pizza, located at 40 Avondale Blvd. in Bramalea.

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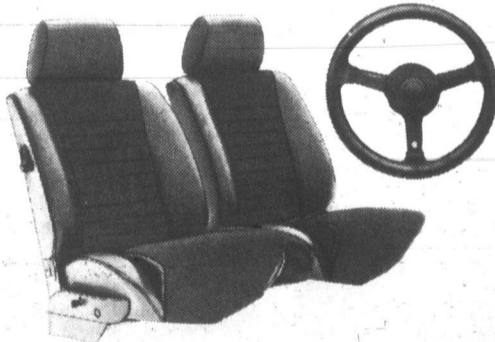
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