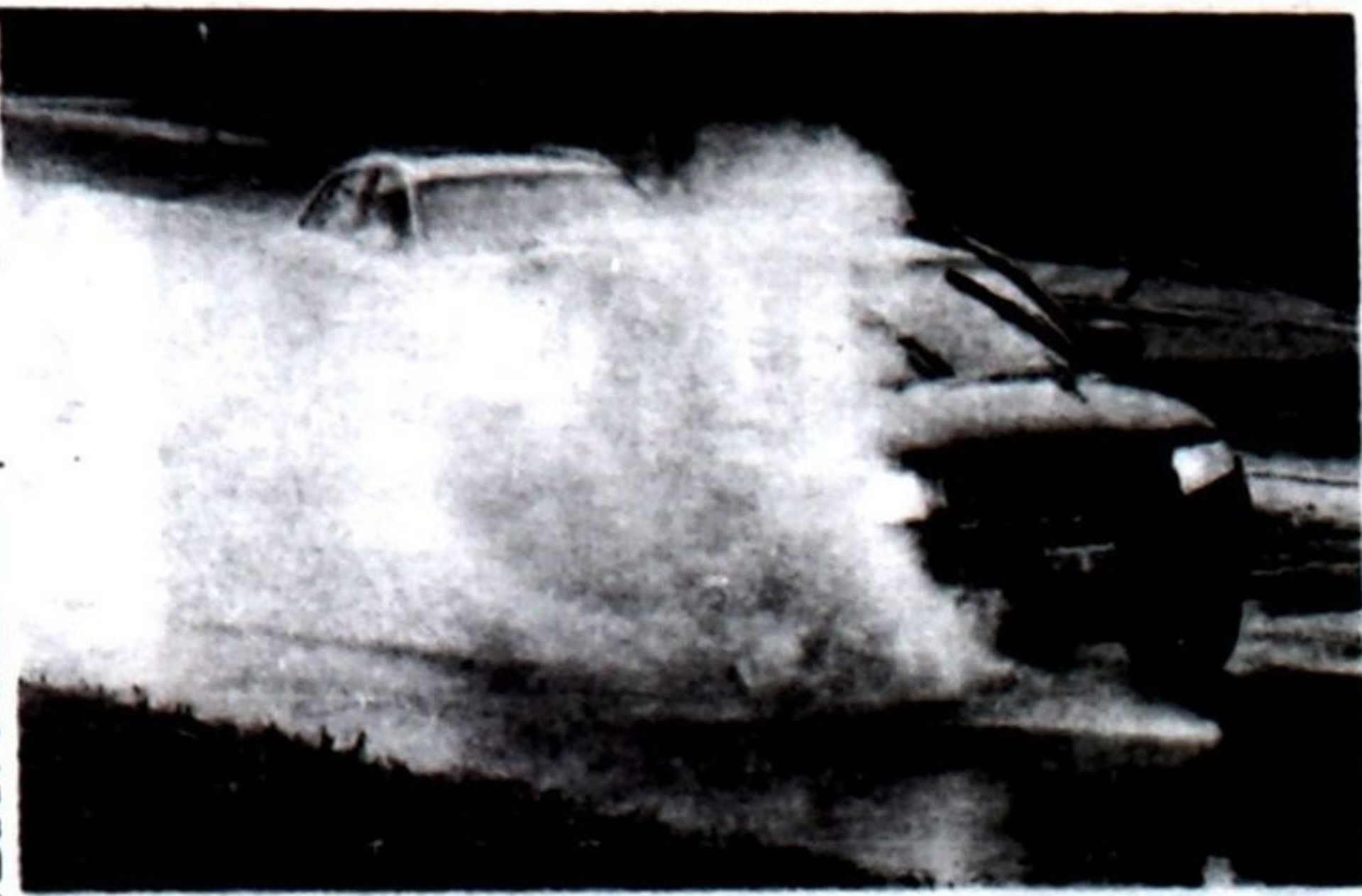


Conservation Halton strives to protect against flooding



Heavy rainfall last week prompted Conservation Halton to issue a flood watch. The May 5 watch was cancelled Monday. *Graham Paine / Metroland West Media Group*

Flooding is the leading cause of public emergency in Ontario. But fear not, Conservation Halton (CH) continuously monitors weather and flood conditions in the watershed in order to assess risk and issue flood warnings.

Monitoring weather and flood conditions is a shared responsibility of conservation authorities, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and Environment Canada.

This week is Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week across Canada and the theme is Plan. Prepare. Be Aware.

This national event, May 7 to 13, is coordinated by Public Safety Canada, in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and other emergency management partners.

Alerts and bulletins

When flooding is possible or about to occur, CH issues flood warning messages to municipal emergency management officials and the media, as was the case last week when a flood watch message was issued.

The municipal officials would then take action to warn local residents.

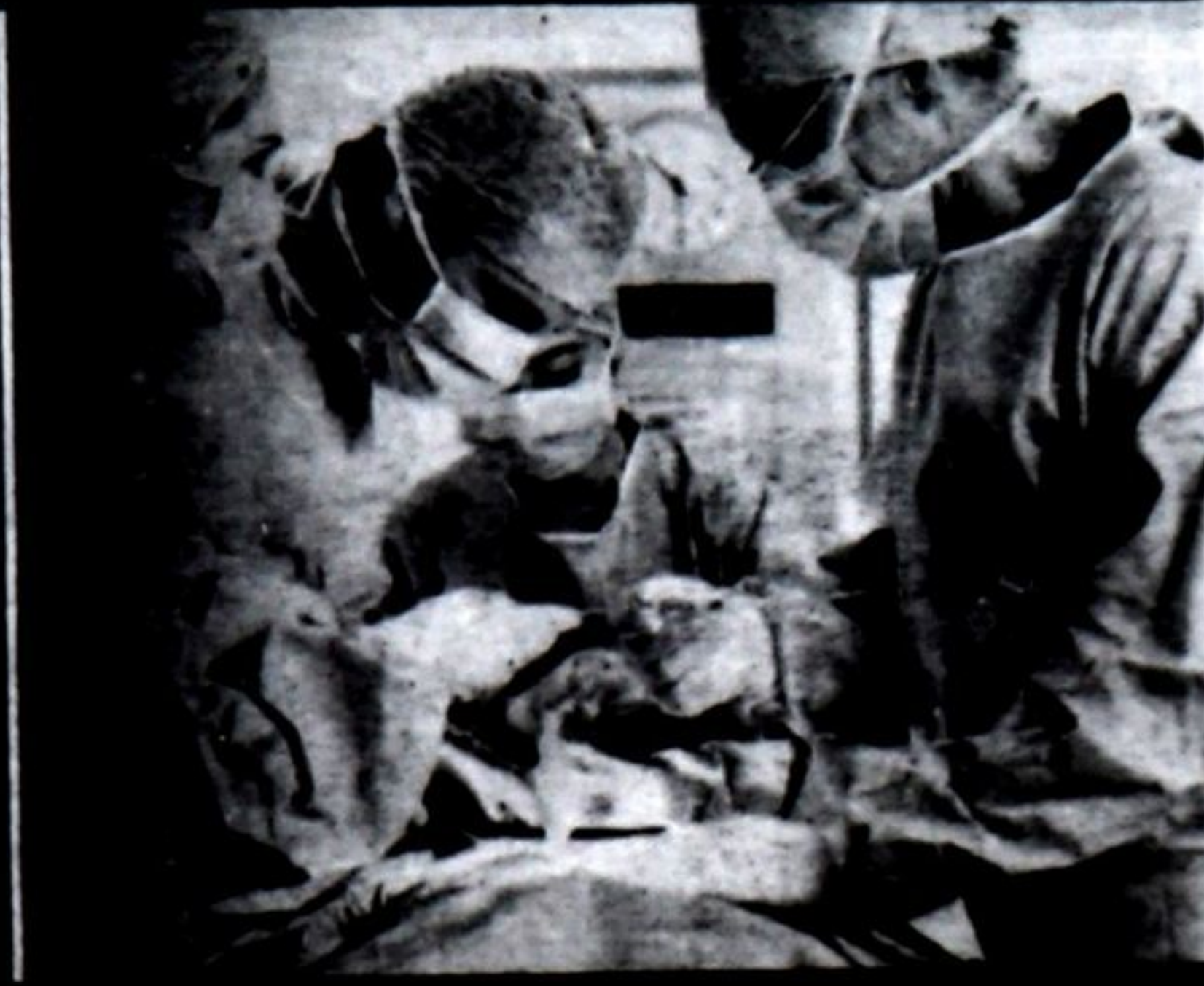
CH, like all of the 36 conservation authorities in Ontario, shares responsibility for flood management within its watershed as part of its mandate. For CH, this relates to surface flooding from creeks and rivers and the prevention of loss of life and property due to flooding through three main services: prevention, protection and emergency response.

As part of the Flood Forecasting and Warning program, CH also maintains and ¹⁶

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