



## Family feline saved Jordan man from tragedy in fire

**60 YEARS AGO**  
January 1940

War news dominated the local weekly newspapers across Canada in 1940. The Smithville Review reported that Warsaw, Poland, was "a city in shambles" and that the Germans said they would not pay to rebuild the city. The paper reported that three-quarters of the city had been destroyed by bombing in September and that the Germans had chosen Krakaw as the country's new capital.

**45 YEARS AGO**  
January 1955

There was considerable discussion regarding the use of Victoria Hall by the ratepayers association meeting at the Rittenhouse

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School. The hall is used very little in recent years and the funds for upkeep are quite limited.

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Some curious history of early Canadian banking practices is recalled by the discovery of a century-old dollar bill at Wellandport. Bank authorities said the bill apparently is part of \$453,000 in notes issued by the Zimmerman Bank of Elgin, Ont., which now is part of the City of Niagara Falls. The bill found at Wellandport is considered a collector's item worth much more than its face value, though it is not

legal tender.

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James Montgomery, Jordan, narrowly escaped with his life when his cat pawed his face and wakened him in time to flee from his burning home at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. The two-storey frame home on the farm of Wray Honsberger, 15th St., Louth, was completely destroyed. Mr. Montgomery said his home was full of flames when his pet cat leaped on the bed and roused him by pawing his face. He leaped out of bed and ran out the front door, the cat running

out with him. He ran to the home of a neighbour, Merle Staff, to phone the Louth Fire Department.

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Just what will happen to the county roads system and in what township it will be next extended may well remain a mystery until some settlement regarding the amalgamation of St. Catharines and Grantham Township has been made. If Grantham, through amalgamation with the city, should withdraw from Lincoln County, the county would not only lose some 25 per cent of its usual road levy but would

face a complete reshaping of its road system.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
January 1980

The drive by Grimsby council to construct new administrative offices took a major step last week when council gave architect Trevor Garwood-Jones the green light to draft construction drawings and prepare to call tenders.

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Grimsby council proposed no change in the ward system and no change in the size of council. What is proposed is a salary hike of \$300 per year for aldermen plus another five per cent increase Dec. 1, and additional \$600 per year for the Mayor.