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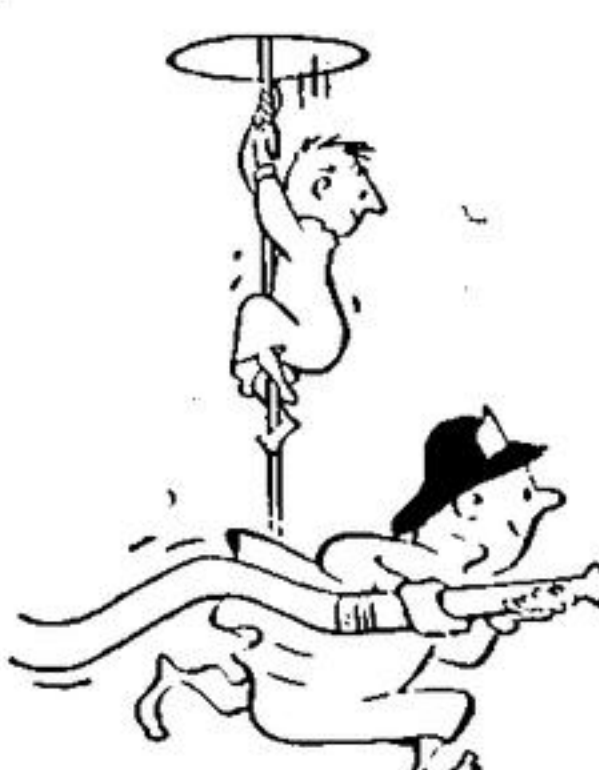
We invite you to use our Lay-Away Plan MILL ST. ACTON

Silver-Wood W.I. Learns of Industry

The Silver-Wood Women's Institute members on Thursday, September 9, were entertained at the Georgetown Herald Office and printing establishment. Walter Blehn made the visitors welcome and explained the setting up of the newspaper, the working of the various machines and the complications of the printing industry. Personalized favors were presented to each lady. Mrs. Corbett, the president, expressed the thanks of the institute to Mr. Blehn for his talk and demonstration for the Canadian Industries meeting. Cars took the ladies to the home of Mrs. Don Lindsay where the regular meeting was held. Current events were given by Mrs. George Burt and the flower of the month, the aster, given by Mrs. E. Batkin. The Georgetown fair exhibits were discussed and a pleasant social hour was held; hostesses with Mrs. Lindsay were Mrs. D. Williamson and Mr. Ann Lindauer.



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"Nightgowns" for FIRE-FIGHTERS

WIDE-AWAKE Fire departments may soon be turned out in a new heat-resisting suit built on the general lines of the old-fashioned nightgown. Made of reflective aluminum foil, this outfit gives the hook-and-ladder lads a lot more protection from extreme heat.

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Halton's Pages of the Past

Trace History of Dakota, Now Cedar Springs From Powder Mill, Through Tragedy to Camp

by GWEN CLARKE

DAKOTA was CEDAR SPRINGS. 'Cum' in the above title is used as denoting this story as being the history of not one but two related communities.

On the surface there seems little connection between a powder mill, a terrible tragedy and a beautiful summer camp. Yet we find an historical combination of all three at Cedar Springs near the village of Kilbride, in Nelson Township.

Look at an early map of Halton County and you will not find Cedar Springs mentioned at all. But you will find a small village by the name of Dakota. Here, among the winding hills and dales, was once a large grist mill on the Twelve Mile Creek. This later became a flour and saw-mill. There was also a few settlers at Dakota, the first of whom was Thomas Simpson, an Englishman, who served as a cavalryman in the Napoleonic Wars and received three medals for distinguished service.

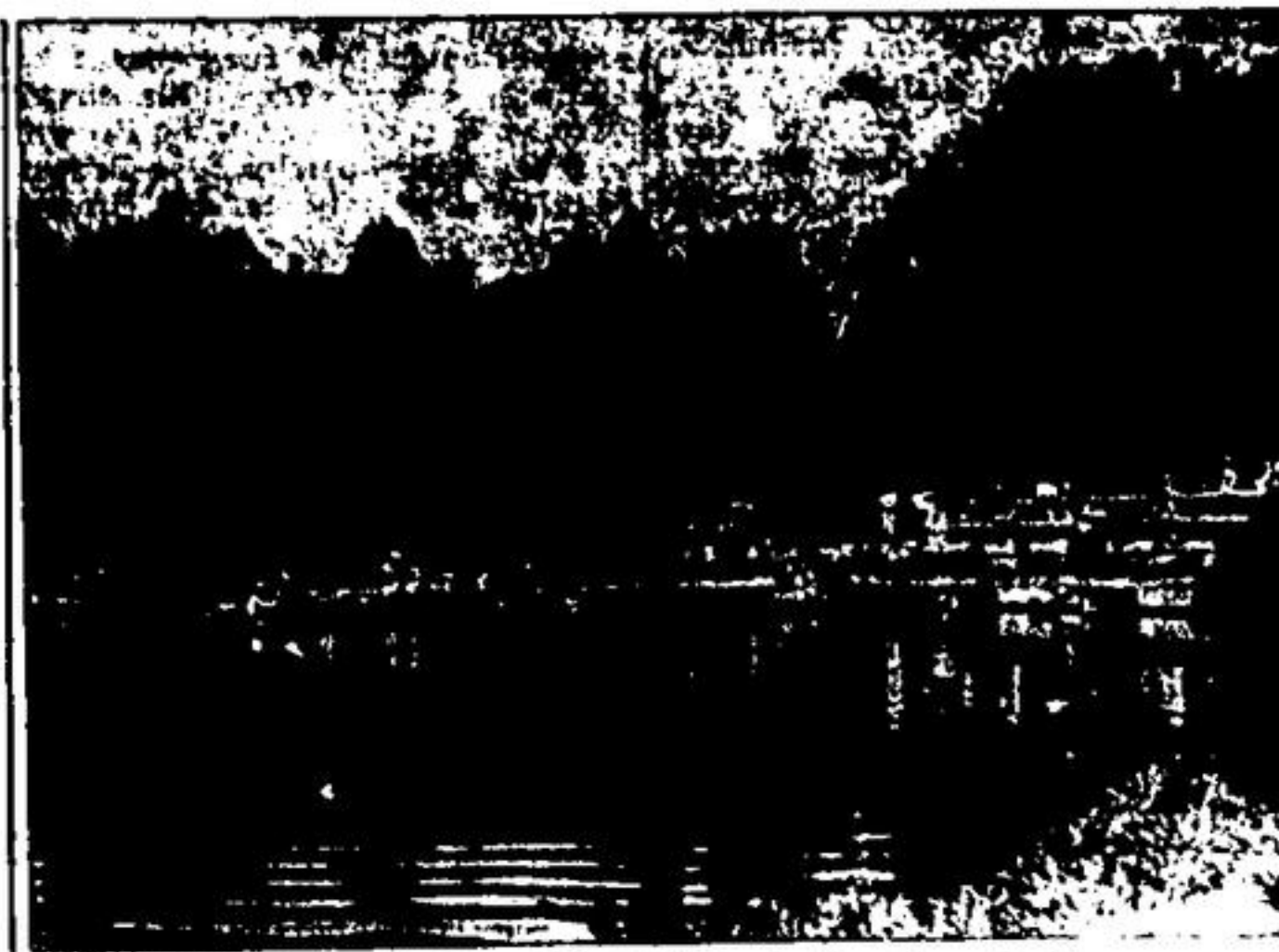
Owner of First Horse. In 1814 he was awarded 100 acres of land for loyalty to the Crown and proved himself as good a settler as he had been a soldier. He was a man of many parts and could knit, weave and sew as well as fell trees and clear the land. Mrs. Simpson was equally resourceful and was one of the first women to sell produce on the Hamilton market even though her only way of transporting the goods she had for sale was on horseback. Incidentally Mr. Simpson was the first man in the district to own a horse, at a time when all his neighbors were using oxen.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson were also responsible for organizing "working bees" for the erection of the first kirk in the settlement, built on the site of where St. Paul's Presbyterian church now stands on the Dundas Highway. In the nearby churchyard, Thomas Simpson and his wife lie at rest, secure in the faith of their fathers which they had helped to maintain despite the rigours of pioneer life in a new country.

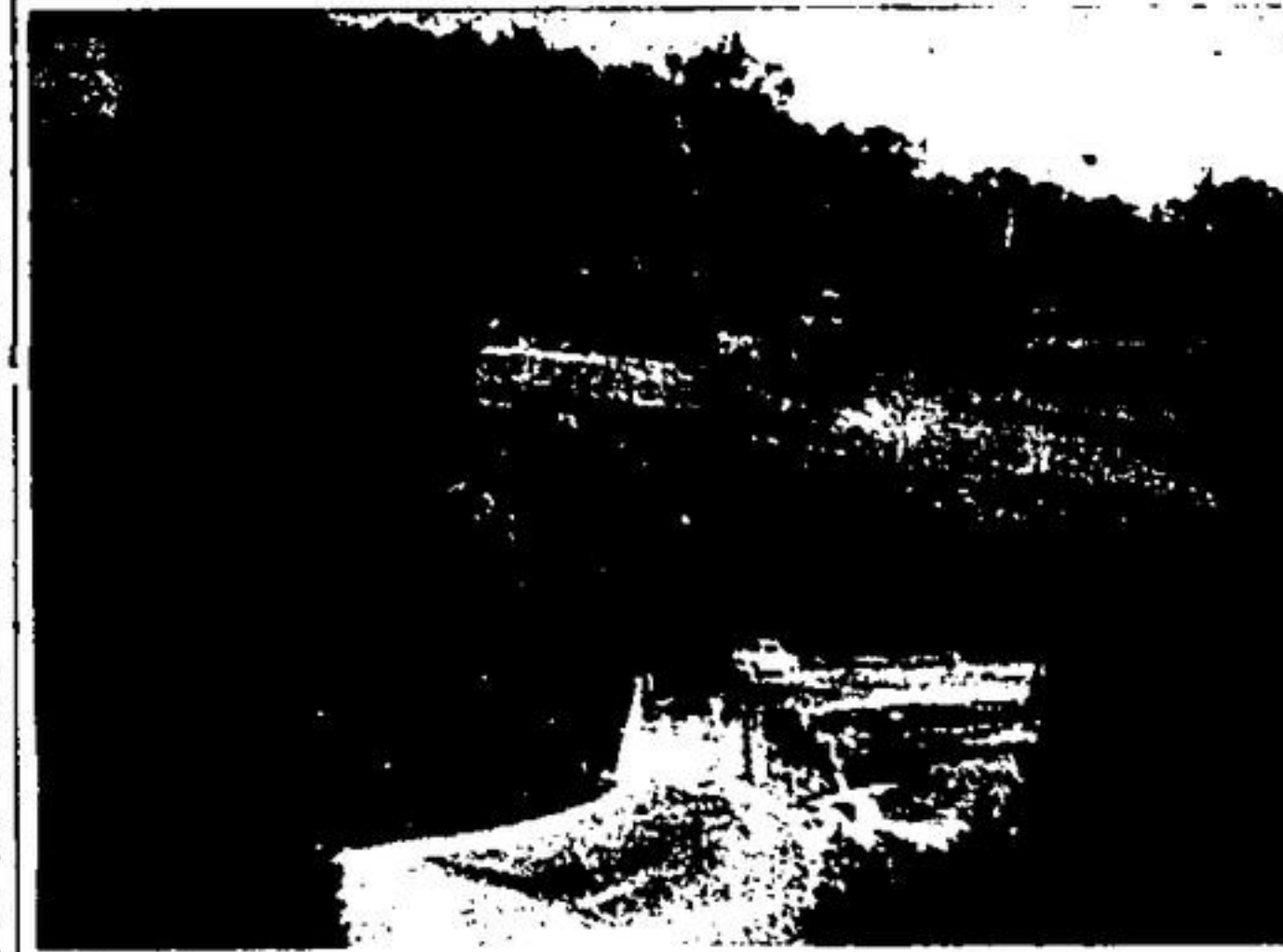
In 1857 a Powder Mill was set up in Dakota by the Canadian Powder Company. How the necessary heavy equipment reached Dakota is a story in itself. The Powder Press came by boat to Hamilton Beach; was moved by greased timbers to Wellington Square (Burlington) and then taken on a specially built sleigh, drawn by 13 yoke of oxen over the hills and valleys of Nelson township to the village of Dakota where it was re-assembled.

Once it was in operation the Powder Mill employed some 200 men and women and was always busy. This plant supplied much of the powder that was used to blast a local story, standing some distance from the explosion, had his false teeth blown out of his mouth. They were recovered a year later two miles away.

The mill was never rebuilt and 200 men were left without employment. It was a fatality, not only to the men who died, but to the industry of Dakota and the neighboring village of Cumminsville. Families moved away to any district where the men could find work. Eventually the villages were practically deserted.



Cedar Springs Community Swimming Pool



Bird's Eye View of Some of the Cabins

Builds Rustic Cabins. But Mr. Corlett stayed on. He

bought the land from the Hamilton Company where the Powder Mill had stood and here he planted a large apple orchard and in time built up a good export business in apples to overseas markets.

In 1885 W. D. Flatt purchased a large tract of virgin pine at the north end of the powder plant site and soon found a ready market for fine timber. But it was Mr. Flatt's nature to build rather than destroy. The unspoiled beauty of the place, with its wooded hills and rippling creek possessed him. Gradually an idea took form. Here was a natural setting for ideal community life. First, he realized, there must be cabins in which people might live; recreational facilities which all might enjoy; improved roadways and more cleared land.

So in 1924 Mr. Flatt purchased land adjacent to his present property, including the apple orchards, and after two years of endless work and intensive planning, the first rustic cabins were ready for occupancy and were offered for sale. That was just the beginning. By 1932 78 cabins had been built and sold to families in Ontario, New York and Pennsylvania. There are now 80 cabins— which number is considered the desirable maximum.

Eventually Mr. Flatt relinquished his personal control and the project became known as the Cedar Springs Community Club.

Quiet Restfulness

Each cabin owner is responsible for the upkeep of his own property. Receipts and expenditures are shared as the club is entirely a non-profit organization. In summer the camp is an ideal spot where city folk may relax and enjoy the quiet restfulness of country life at its best. There is an excellent golf course, bowling green, swimming pool and community hall. The hall was originally a barn built on the site of the powder mill. It is used during the week for dinner parties, card parties and concerts. And on Sunday for religious services.

In winter the golf course becomes a ski trail, complete with a motor-operated tow-line and an 8 foot ski jump. At a safe distance there are also toboggan slides providing fun and exercise for the youngsters.

Mr. George Brenholtz, who, with his family, lives at the camp, the year round, is the genial and efficient managing-director and secretary of the Community Club. Mr. Brenholtz is also Reeve of Nelson Township and chairman of the County Conservation and Reforestation Committee. At Cedar Springs Mr. Brenholtz puts into practice his theories regarding reforestation as year by year more young trees are planted within the community grounds.

Following the death of Mr. W. D. Flatt, very fine entrance gates to Cedar Springs were erected as a fitting memorial to Mr. Flatt's courage and foresight. Foresight which restored to the County of Halton a district of surpassing beauty, covering the scars of what had once been the scene of a terrible disaster. (Next feature—'Early Fall Fairs')

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Halton Aid System Model For Ontario

Halton county is one of only three Southern Ontario counties which have put into actual operation their Mutual Fire Aid plans. The provincial fire marshal's office has announced that the integrated fire fighting techniques of Halton will soon be adopted over a wide section of the province.

The office is preparing to expand the highly successful system of integrated fire defense begun in a trial capacity two years ago in Halton County and in the counties of Waterloo and Lincoln. Under the system all equipment is pooled for mutual use in an emergency.

In Halton County the system has involved the co-operation of the fire departments of Acton, Milton, Oakville, Burlington, Burlington Beach, Nelson, Trafalgar One and Trafalgar Two and Georgetown.

All nine fire stations are linked by telephone and each station has a running card of the equipment on hand at its counterparts. When a fire is reported, equipment closest to it is brought up. Then outlying stations move up more equipment to cover the area left unprotected.

Two serious fires have already been handled in the Halton district in this way.

So far 12 counties in Southern Ontario have adopted the integrated defense plan. The Marshall's office reported. But only Halton, Waterloo and Lincoln have put it into operation. The office adds that the system will be improved later by radio links between fire stations.

The efficiency and economy in fighting fire in the three lone counties has served to underline the general lack of co-ordination and equipment elsewhere in Ontario.

Many Toronto suburbs are constantly having to summon assistance from the city's fire departments and they pay heavily for the privilege of doing so. The charge is \$250 per vehicle per hour. Yet Toronto has twice as many firemen for its 34 square miles as have the 240 square miles of suburbs.

The suburbs have only 42 mobile units and 18 fire stations compared to Toronto's 50 units and 28 stations. As a result, a big suburb fire usually burns an extra hour before city aid arrives.

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