

# Bureau honors fire poster winners

Two bright young North Halton students were honored by the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau and visiting dignitaries Tuesday evening at the bureau's annual banquet. Guests of honor were two 10-year-olds, Debbie Hunter of Norval public school and Keith Porty of Speyside school (both in Esqueving Twp.), who were the winners of the bureau's 11th annual county-wide fire prevention poster contest.

Keith and Debbie each received a personal trophy, an engraved desk pen set donated by the bureau, plus a certificate of merit. The trophies were presented by Halton County Warden Reeve H. H. Hinton of Acton and Martin S. Hurst, fire marshal of Ontario.

Their schools received large trophies presented by the Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which they will retain for one year. Speyside principal Gary Dawkins and Norval principal Jack Reed accepted these trophies from Norman Cantelon and Robert Shortill representing the insurance company.

The two winners were named after judges from the Kitchener Fire Prevention Bureau assessed the merits of area winners' posters submitted by the bureau's member fire departments in Milton, Oakville, Georgetown and Acton. Both posters will be entered in an all-Ontario competition sponsored by the Ontario Fire Chiefs' Association, which offers two \$100 bonds as prizes.

The bureau dinner also paid tribute to four other winners—Susan Capel of Oakville, Dean Marchmont of Glen Williams, and Frank Merkle and Nancy Sales of Milton, who were awarded "honorable mention" prizes in the contest. Certificates and a silver dollar apiece were presented to their fire chiefs, Douglas Wilson of Oakville, Erv Lewis of Georgetown and A. E. Clement of Milton, by James Arno, executive director of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, who was another distinguished guest at the dinner.

Thomas A. Hutchinson, O.C., a retired Milton lawyer, was

guest speaker at the banquet and he congratulated all the winners for their efforts. Mr. Hutchinson suggested the bureau should list itself as a seventh winner in the contest, for the competition had caused many more children in Halton to be more conscious of fire safety and "has increased the number of fire preventers in Halton."

He praised the firefighters in the county for their diligent fire prevention programs and scored the growing public apathy toward fire. The guest speaker suggested every adult has an obligation and a moral duty to make sure his family is safe from the ravages of fire, and hoped that the fire department home inspection programs could be broadened and continued to acquaint more citizens about hazards.

Warden Hinton told the gathering the bureau's programs to make children more aware of fire hazards "is really a great cause". Fire marshal Hurst also commended the bureau's year-round program and praised the members' interest in youth. Mr. Arnot noted the Ontario-wide contest was patterned after Halton's and congratulated Halton bureau members for the interest they take in the Ontario and Canadian associations.

Other guests included the children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Porty of R.R. 4, Acton, and Mr. and Mrs. C. William Hunter of Norval; their principals, Gary Dawkins and Jack Reed; the contest judges from Kitchener Fire Prevention Bureau; teachers Mrs. Vivian Smith of Speyside and Mrs. Cascadden of Norval; Firefighters' Association of Ontario president deputy chief George Bundy of Milton; Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs' publicity chairman Jack Newton of Toronto; and wives of several of the dignitaries.

Bureau chairman captain Harold Coulson of Milton chaired the banquet. Milton Fire Department ladies' auxiliary served the roast beef dinner to 70 guests.



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**THE TWO FIRST PRIZE WINNERS** in the 1966 fire prevention poster contest sponsored by Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau came from Esqueving Township schools — Keith Porty of Speyside and Debbie Hunter of Norval. They

were honored Tuesday evening of last week at a Bureau banquet in Milton Fire Hall. Ontario Fire Marshal Martin S. Hurst, a special guest at the dinner, is shown admiring the two winners' trophies.

## O.P.P. report five accidents in week November 20 to 26

During the week Nov. 20-26 inclusive, the 26 personnel of Milton O.P.P. worked a total of 906 hours and patrolled 8,334 miles on all highways. As a result of highway patrol, 58 traffic charges were laid and 65 traffic warnings issued. Traffic charges and warnings consisted of various types of infractions of the Highway Traffic Act.

Traffic accidents for the week totalled five — consisting of three property damage accidents and two injury accidents in which four persons were injured. Contributing factors were inattentive driving, defective equipment, following too close, visibility hazard, and momentary physical impairment.

There were 30 occurrences reported during the week, including theft of a chain saw from the Howden Garage at Hornby, 22 minor occurrences, two requests for assistance and one prisoner escort. Two stolen vehicles were recovered for other police departments, and two liquor seizures were made. One

criminal charge, two liquor charges and one Game and Fish Act charge were preferred. There were 52 convictions recorded.

In the interest of highway safety, police requested vehicle operators to drive carefully and keep equipment in good condition.

## Truck loses wheel rolls; driver unhurt

A Georgetown district man, Frank Ruddle of R.R. 3, narrowly escaped injury last week when a wheel dropped off the truck he was driving and the vehicle plunged into a ditch, rolling over.

Milton O.P.P. report the truck was travelling south on the Sixth Line north of the Base Line when the front left wheel fell off. The truck entered the west ditch and rolled over, causing \$300 damage. The driver was unhurt.

## Licences go on sale Thurs.

Ontario's 1967 licence plates and vehicle permits will be available from Thursday, December 1, for passenger cars and station wagons, Transport Minister Irwin Haskett announced today. Motorcycle plates will be available by December 19.

The plates and permits will be on sale at all licence issuing offices throughout the province. The 1967 plates have been specially designed to mark the ob-

## Condemn quarry blasting

Quarry blasting, which has been under the fire of Nassagaweya Township Council this year, is now gaining attention in Esqueving. Wilf Fortowsky, who lives on 25 Highway just south of Speyside, started a campaign on Friday which will eventually lead to a petition condemning blasts of the magnitude that shake the floors of homes.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Mr. Fortowsky visited more than 125 homes on the fringe areas of Esqueving Township, telling of his plan. In a leaflet left at each home, it was stated, "In the near future a petition will be circulated demanding an investigation into the blasting". So far, he said, only one woman seemed to be against his proposals. Many offered to help him and he said a meeting would be called very soon to decide to whom the petition would be sent.

He described the Esqueving Township Council as being "negligent in this matter". They have never undertaken to determine what possible damage will result from continued blasting or what the future holds, he said. "Can we look forward to being shaken by blasts several times a week or perhaps even several times a day?" he continued.

"They (council) have never bothered to undertake a township investigation to protect the home owners. They have in the past taken the word of the quarry companies that all is well. Certainly we can expect these companies to present a picture advantageous to themselves. Another question to which the council has no answer is, how long the Escarpment can stand the continued bombardment of the Dufferin Quarry blasts before crumbling into an unsight-

ly heap of rubble. The protection of this natural beauty is another responsibility that has been neglected," he said.

During his tour of the township Mr. Fortowsky learned that the speed of trucks along Five Sideroad. "They definitely believe there should be a 30 mile speed limit, rather than the present 50 mile limit. The trucks are a real menace" he continued.

He is determined that something will be accomplished along this line. "I don't mind spend-

ing a couple of years on this thing. People want something done and it certainly looks like they're going to help me," he concluded.

On Sunday, Mr. Fortowsky visited with Esqueving residents who live in the Acton area and learned their homes were affected by blasts from a limestone quarry. He was told a petition had been taken up several years ago, Acton council had acted on it and did succeed in having the blasts reduced in size. "At least Acton council worked on it," he said.

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**PROUD PARENTS** Mr. and Mrs. Walter Porty of R.R. 4 Acton help their 10-year-old son Keith, a student at Speyside Public School, display the awards he received last week as the top boy winner in the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's annual poster contest. The large trophy will be retained by his school for one year, and was donated by Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Co. The engraved desk pen set and certificate were awarded by the Bureau.

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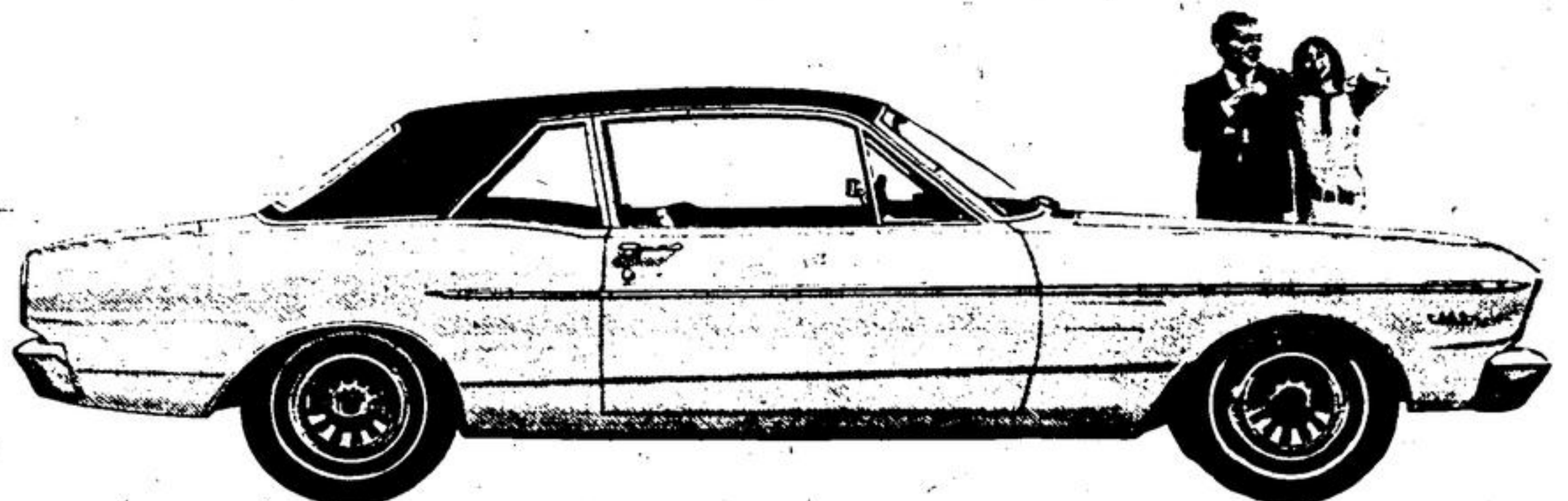
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