



A LEVY AND A BEVY

A BEVY OF 1867 LASSES, Mrs. Jackie Kent, Mrs. Dorothy Harkness, Mrs. Nancy Ellis, and Mrs. Mona Milne pose with Georgetown Kinsman Harry Levy at the annual Kintennial Ball held Friday at the Riviera, Norval.

Every Home Should Have Escape Plan If Fire Suddenly Comes

Does your family have a "home fire escape plan?"

Every family should have a pre-arranged plan of action in case of fire, Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau points out. If you haven't one in your home, perhaps now is the time to consider it.

Having a good, workable fire escape plan could save your life. What would you do, for instance, if fire broke out in your basement or kitchen while you slept tonight? Would your family know how to leave the house safely? If the stairwell caught fire, would they have an alternate route of escape?

This time of year, when the storm windows are coming off and the weather is more suited for a drill, would be a good time for you to have a full rehearsal at your home.

First, you should know what to do in case of fire. The Bureau suggests you should first shout "FIRE" to arouse your household and the neighbors then get everyone out quickly, then summons the fire department.

Why don't you sit down right now and work out a fire escape plan for every member of your

family. Instruct each one on his or her part in case of fire. Give them all two routes of escape in case one is blocked.

If your home is a one-storey design, escape will be easy through any window. But remember, people can be easily injured by broken glass; and extra storm windows or screens may hamper a speedy exit. Teach everyone to grab a chair to break the glass, and warn them to make sure all the jagged pieces of glass around the sill are removed before they climb through.

A two-storey home requires more planning because the stairs may be blocked off by fire, smoke, or hot deadly gases. Be prepared to use the upstairs windows — either using a ladder procured by the first out of the house, or via a rope with knots every two feet which can be anchored to the inside of the window.

Warn your family to close their bedroom doors before retreating. A closed door could save a life by keeping out smoke and gases. Tell everyone to keep low if there is smoke in the room, because the heat rises and the floor will be cooler.

Children can be easily lost in

the confusion, so assign them a meeting place or have older brothers and sisters in charge of the young. Each room of the house should have its own fire escape route.

Remember, don't open a window before the door is closed behind you, or the draft could help spread the fire. Everyone in the family should memorize the fire department's emergency number, or know the location of the nearest alarm box.

And finally, put the plan down on paper and practice it as often as possible. One firefighter with the local fire department, who has an excellent fire escape plan at his home, makes the whole family practice the routine each spring and fall when the storm windows are being installed or removed.

If you are in doubt about some part of your plan, or require more information, contact your local fire chief for literature on home escape plans. He will be glad to check it over with you.

Keep it in mind, in spite of all your precautions and even

the greatest fire prevention measures — you may some day have a fire in your home. If you prepare to escape from it, you can live through it.

Speech Problems Drop if Therapist Is Employed

"After a therapist has worked in the area for a short time the number of speech problems is cut down drastically," O. G. McDowell, inspector of public schools in this area told the Georgetown Public School board at their April meeting.

Mr. McDowell made his comment during discussion on the value of a speech therapist and the possibility of joining with Esquesing in sharing the cost of a full time therapist.

Esquesing Public School Area board proposed the cost sharing idea in a letter to the Georgetown Board.

Surveys have been conducted in both Georgetown and Esquesing revealing well over a hundred pupils who would benefit from speech therapy.

Boost Spring Clean-up as Personal Centennial Project

For those who don't have a 1967 Centennial project underway right now, Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau had an idea:

"Make a Spring clean-up your own personal centennial project for 1967," the Bureau suggests on 10,000 clean-up posters its member fire departments are presently distributing.

The new posters going out to home and business places in Oakville, Milton, Acton, Georgetown and the North Halton townships of Esquesing and Nasagaweya should prompt homeowners to dig into the project with gusto, the Bureau hopes. Artwork on the posters include a picture of a firefighter point-

ing to the heading: "Carelessness Costs Dollars" and a large replica of Canada's centennial symbol.

"Check your home — prevent fires," the posters urge. "Remember, every fire call is an expense to your community."

What's the value of a Spring clean-up at your home? The Bureau points out that many homes are filled with fire hazards every spring, following the winter's accumulation of rubbish. Go through your home from attic to basement (don't forget the garage) and get rid of anything you no longer need. Make your home more fire safe with a Spring clean-up, members said, and there is a good chance your home will still be around when Canada celebrates her second centennial.



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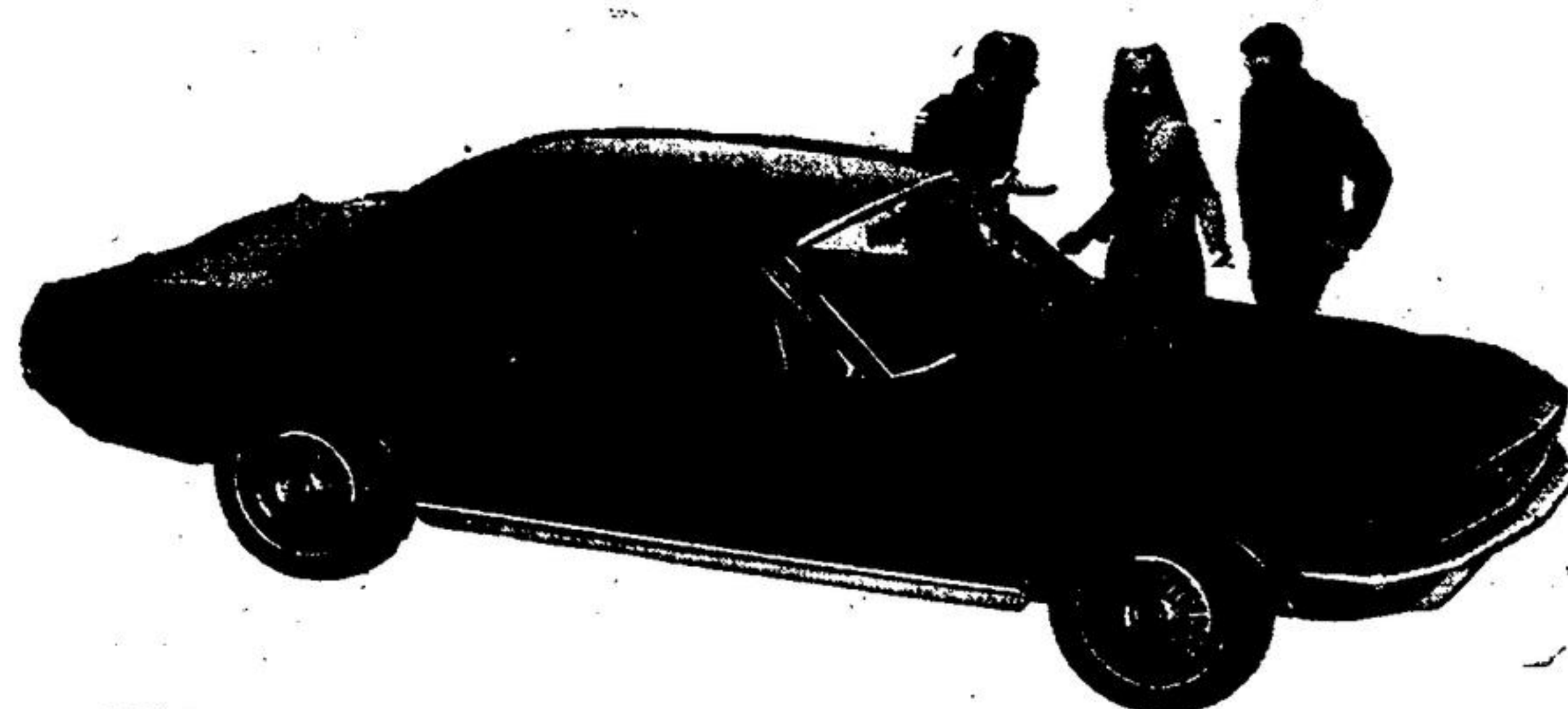
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EVERY HOME should have a pre-arranged fire escape plan, in case fire strikes. Here a local firefighter instructs his children in the easiest escape route — from a second storey window — he does this twice a year on the days he installs or removes his storm windows. Be sure your children are confident about climbing out a window and down a ladder, for fear could cost their lives if a fire spreads through your home.