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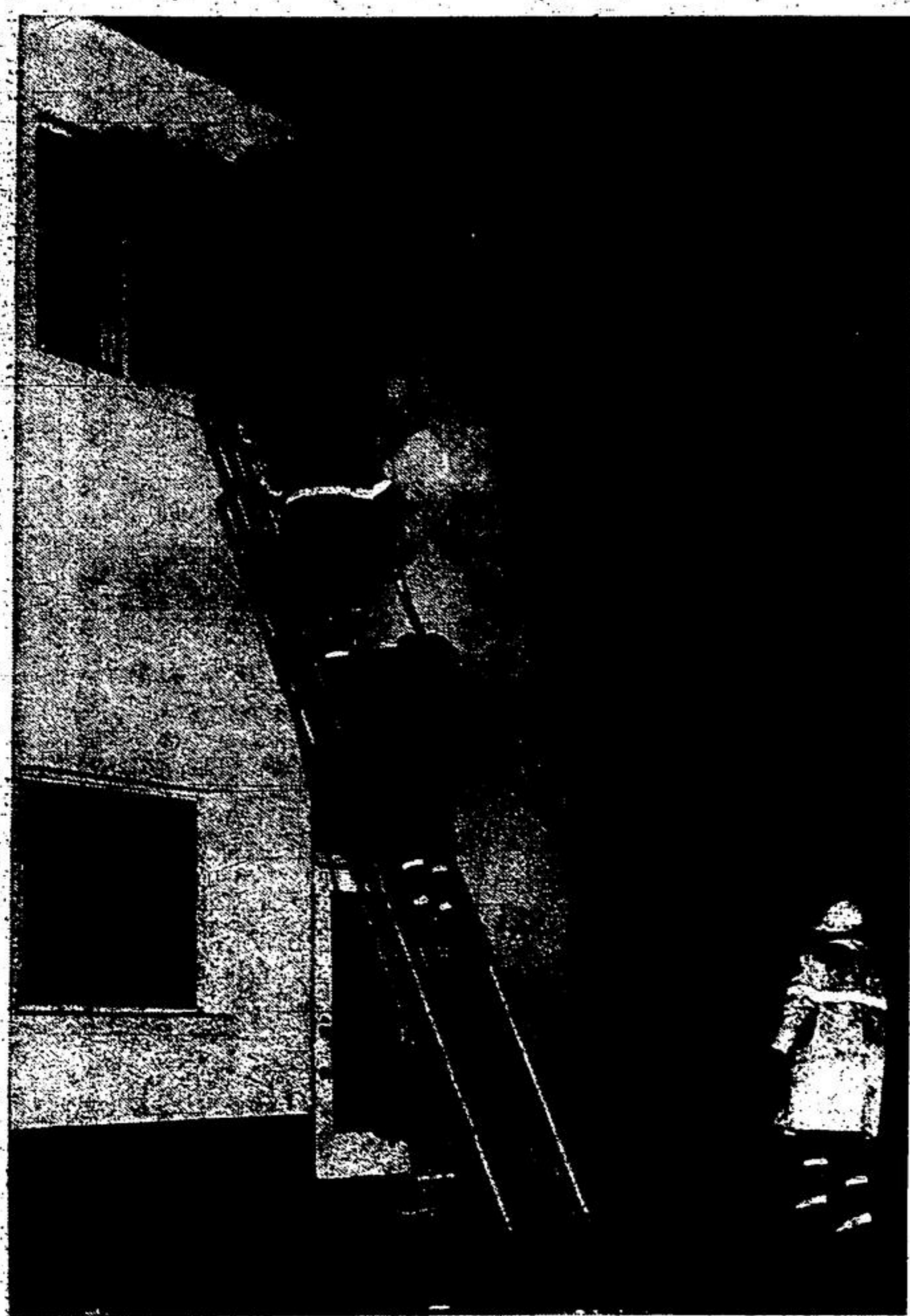
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FIGHTING INFERNO — Georgetown firefighters wage a losing battle against flames and smoke as the former Lincoln Motors building at the corner of Guelph and Mountainview is reduced to a charred shell. The Monday night blaze burned out three businesses, C & V Motors, Wally's Auto Body and Tandem Tire and an apartment on the second floor.

Three Businesses - Two Families Burned Out

Elevate Turnbull To Principal Post

Georgetown District High School vice principal, Neil Turnbull, was one of three vice principals of secondary schools in the county appointed principals by the Halton County Board of Education, it was announced this week.

The appointees will fill positions left vacant by current principals recently made assistant superintendents of education.

Placement of the new appointees will not, however, be in any of the schools losing their principals to assistant superintendents' offices.

The other vice principals stepping up are W. F. Burns, vice principal of Burlington Central High School, and R.A. Sharratt, vice principal of North Park Collegiate.

The appointments were approved after a committee of the whole held to clarify for board trustees the recommendations of the selection committee.

Highway Building Guttled In Monday Night Blaze

Two families lost all their possessions and three business places were wiped out in a fire that destroyed C & V Motors, Wally's Auto Body, and Tandem Tire, at the corner of Guelph and Mountainview Road, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hancock, and seven month daughter Diane, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hancock, tenants of the two apartments, fled the fire with nothing but the clothes they were wearing, even one of the women's purses went up in the flames.

C & V Motors who had just recently moved there and were operating two businesses, one on the opposite corner of Mountainview Road and Guelph, lost all their equipment, machinery, two brand new cars and a customer's car.

Their books were saved by firemen playing hoses continuously on the corner where they were told the books were stored. V. Rasmussen, of C & V Motors has nothing but praise for the firemen.

Wally's Auto Body, owned by Wally Zuber, was burned out completely, but Mr. Zuber managed to get three cars out of his shop.

Tandem Tire owned by a Mr. Shannon, lost a stock of tires, but saved many that were piled outside.

The building is owned by George Flannigan.

Both Hancock families are staying with families in town and provided with food, clothing and bedding by the local Red Cross.

The flames, discovered by Mr. Zuber who was working in his part of the building, spread rapidly creating such a spectacular blaze that motorists on Highway 7 slowing to take a look created a temporary traffic snarl.

Tom McGlashen, R.R. 1, Georgetown, and another passerby used a tow truck on the lot to pull a number of cars away from the garage before firemen arrived.

Hyde, Morrow Press for School Separate Tax Bill

Two separate tax bills, one setting out the taxes for education alone, and another for general taxation, were again advocated by Crs. Ern Hyde and Ric Morrow, Monday night.

The discussion was sparked by a letter from the Halton County Board of Education asking an extension of the deadline for the submission of budgets until March 15. They pointed out that the provincial grants are still unknown, making it impossible for them to strike a budget, or allocate costs to each municipality.

Cr. Hyde urged the town to strike their budget regardless of the Board of Education, and send out their own bill, without the Board of Education costs on it.

Reeve W. Hunter claimed it would create too much work and expense for the treasurer's department.

Cr. William Smith opposed the two bill plan, claiming council is responsible to the people and should try to cut back on various items, if the Education budget comes in higher than expected.

"If we put out two tax bills, and we can hold the line," maintained Cr. Ric Morrow, "people are going to realize council is trying to do a fair job."

Persisting in his idea, Cr. Ern Hyde termed the Halton County Board of Education "Davis' big monster". "We always end up cutting for education, and it is usually the roads," he remarked.

The discussion ended by deciding to ask the treasurer Mrs. Bell to give her opinion on the two tax bill system.

Town House Plan Will Add 96 Norval Homes

Emil Zuber who operates the Club Riviera at Norval has submitted written application to Esquing Township council for approval to build 14 single family dwellings in the form of town houses on land adjoining the Riviera property.

Monday, Feb. 17 council approved his application pending approval from Halton County Health Unit and the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

Mr. Zuber told The Herald afterwards that the 14 town houses constitute the first phase of a project that will add 96 dwellings to the village, in town houses and apartments.

They will be situated on a piece of wooded ravine property which affords a view of the Credit River, and some of the most picturesque scenery in this part of the province. The development will have its own sewage treatment plant.

"We've been working on this for the past three years," Mr. Zuber told The Herald. "Construction will be spread over at least a five year period with the initial phase being built this summer."

The project is being developed as a prestige development with planning and engineering by two renowned architectural

firms, Venchiarutti and Venchiarutti, and the firm of John Ma, who designed the Club Riviera and has won many National and North American awards for his originality.

Mr. Sullio Venchiarutti is a Georgetown High School graduate of the "thirties" and a former Silvercreek resident.

"I want to emphasize that this property is not being planned as a mass residential development. Because of its unique location on the heavily wooded slope on the west side of the Credit River, it is being engineered to utilize the natural setting and view to the fullest," Mr. Zuber said.

The access road will meet Adamson Street a few hundred feet south of Norval's main intersection.

At the same meeting Esquing council:

● Withdrew opposition to Chinguacousy council's proposal to close an unused portion of the Town Line north of Terra Cotta. When Chinguacousy first sought to close the road two months ago, Esquing registered objection, however, since that time councillors have inspected the allowance and changed their minds. The road is

Snow Suggests Study Super Sports Stadium

The Ontario government was urged last week to study the feasibility of constructing a multi-million dollar professional sports palace on a site in central Halton that would put this province on the sporting map of North America.

The 'super sports complex would be designed to accommodate major league baseball, football, hockey, basketball, track and field events, grand prix racing and Olympic competitions.

The sports complex is proposed for a site that is south of Hwy. 401, and north of the proposed Hwy. 403, & east of Hwy. 25 — probably in the area of Omagh, a hamlet which during 1967 was being considered as the site for a municipal airport project that has since been turned down by public opposition.

The massive sporting centre would be financed by the province and would serve the region that includes Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo and Metro Toronto.

When presenting his proposal for the sports palace to the provincial legislature Halton East MP James Snow said there is a serious need in Ontario for such a facility, and he said it should not be constructed within the boundaries of Metro Toronto.

He called on the government to reconsider plans for a new recreational complex on the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto in favor of putting its planning and resources behind the Halton sports complex.

Snow told the legislature during a two hour address: "It is my firm belief that we should embark on a study of the competitive sports situation in Ontario — a study which would guide us as to specific needs and requirements. It has always been my firm belief that our

Follows Chairman, Cedarvale Secretary Submits Resignation

Last week's letter of resignation from E. G. Richardson, chairman of the Cedarvale Community Centre Board, was followed by a similar letter from William Graham, secretary of the board to council on Monday.

The letter stated "due to the lack of consideration by council for members of the Cedarvale Board, I find it necessary to tender my resignation as secretary." He went on to wish the new board members success in their endeavours.

Mayor "Steamer" Emmerson outlined the system of appoint-

ments during the last two years. "Names have been put forward in committee, and everyone had a chance to vote in a secret ballot." He contended the change had been made in an effort to avoid discussing personalities in open council. "It really is quite fair," he concluded.

Cr. Ern Hyde agreed the system was democratic, but wondered if council had unwittingly done an injustice to the people who had been serving on boards. He suggested the method of appointments could stand revision.

Cr. Donna Denison heartily endorsed Cr. Hyde's views, and reminded council of a belated motion of thanks to retiring board members passed a few weeks ago. At that time the clerk was authorized to send letters of thanks to all members whose terms had expired.

"We apologized both by motion and letter, and sent our thanks, even if it was late" challenged Cr. Ric Morrow. "If these people aren't big enough to accept our apology, when we admit we made a mistake, I think it's pretty small," he commented.

Council accepted both resignations by motion, and instructed the clerk "that the usual courtesy be paid to them."

North Halton O.P.P. officers patrolled 13,200 miles of roads last week.

Spring's Here, and Bill's Seeking Baseball Grant

"It's a sure sign of spring when I come to council," said Bill Richmond, Georgetown Baseball president, Monday night, as he presented the Association's report and budget for the year.

He reminded council that the Baseball Association had received a grant of \$750 from the town last year, for which they were most grateful. "At the end of the year we ended up \$600 in the red," he stated. "This makes a total loss of over a thousand dollars in the time we have been operating," said the baseball president.

He advocated the hiring of a town Athletics director to han-

dle minor sports as he considered the financial and manpower problem to be serious.

An additional team, the Georgetown Georgettes, was added last year, and are hoping for some financial support, he went on. He pointed out that this is the only adult team asking for aid, since the intermediate men's is self sustaining.

A total of 280 boys played in the various leagues last year, he reported, including Tyke, PeeWee, Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Junior clubs.

In summing up, he forecast a deficit of \$1,206, if there should be no town grant.



OFF IN CLOUD OF STEAM — Georgetown's Mayor Wheldon "Steamer" Emmerson gives a wave before roaring off in a cloud of snow, or steam, in a practice for the North Bay Snow Derby which is open to the mayors and Reeves of Ontario. Mayor Emmerson leaves tomorrow for weekend snowmobile races in response to a challenge issued by North Bay Mayor Murray Anderson.

Just A Gag Snowmobile

"Much Ado About a Skidoo," could well be the title to the series of complaints received by the mayor and council about the mayor's snowmobile in the Great Snowmobile Race.

No Virginia, the town did not buy the mayor a snowmobile and yes, Virginia, there would be a Santa Claus the day you can buy one for the magnificent sum of two dollars and twenty-five cents.

Evidently some citizens did not realize that the whole snowmobile-by-law was a joke, and thought this time council had really flipped and bought the mayor a snowmobile.

"Say it isn't so," pleaded Cr. Hyde to The Herald, "I'm tired of explaining."

Well, it isn't so, in fact the mayor will be borrowing not only a snowmobile, but a suit to wear in the race.

Mayor Murray Dickenson of North Bay phoned Mayor Emmerson telling him he was on the front page of the North Bay paper, "The Nugget" with the by-law reproduced in full.

A letter from Park School pupils wishing him success in the race, will help speed Mayor Emmerson across the frozen wastes of Lake Nipissing.

Two Skating Trophies For Debbie Lounds

Debbie Lounds, 13, a member of Georgetown and Oakville Figure Skating Clubs took two trophies in the pre-novice ladies division of competitions at the Oakville club, Feb. 16.

She was first in figures, and first in free style. Six other figure skating clubs took part in competitions.

Debbie has been skating as a club member for just three years.

BUZZARD?

Stan Norton of Acton says the mystery bird blamed for the loss of pets in the Georgetown area may be a turkey buzzard.

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