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WINNING SCRAPBOOK
Halon Fire Prevention Bureau was honoured Saturday at the annual Mutual Aid dinner in Milton, for its 1968 success in the National Fire Protection Association competition. George Alexander, Chief of the Fire Services Division of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, presented a certificate of 'special recognition' to the county bureau. Georgetown Mayor Wheldon Emmerson and Bureau Chairman Chief Jack Cunningham of Georgetown Fire Dept. look over the Bureau's scrapbook while Mr. Alexander looks on from behind.

Says Nursery School Great Benefit for Pre-Schoolers

Mrs. Phyllis Warnock opened her home for the monthly meeting of Maple Nursery School Auxiliary on Tuesday, April 8. A June bus trip for the children to Riverdale Zoo, planned by Mrs. Voss, was mentioned, after which several matters regarding next year were discussed. The list included such things as transportation, new play equipment, toys, and storage space for the gymnasium. The decision to hold the May meeting in the form of an Open House was also made.

Mrs. Warnock introduced the speaker, Mrs. Jill Blair, a kindergarten teacher at Harrison public school.

The question in everyone's mind, of course, was whether or not a year in nursery school benefits the pre-schooler. Mrs. Blair delighted the parents by answering a very definite "yes". She felt that children with nursery school experience show their benefits widely, and seldom have problems. They fit well into routines in September, and can cope with such things as scissors and paint brushes.

Her kindergarten program is a complete activity program with individual progress stressed, into which nursery school children fit extremely well. Mrs. Blair made the point however, that "They may not adjust as well to a more formal program, and it might be an idea to check into this."

Although she was reluctant to do so, Mrs. Blair divided children into three categories. The child with problems, such as shyness, exuberance, immaturity has a longer attention span, and better large and small muscle co-ordination with nursery school background.

The average child sometimes prefers to have another year at home with mother. If this type of child would rather not attend nursery school, then it is better not to "push" him, but let him decide for himself.

Classroom experience before kindergarten is an advantage to the brighter child. "These children need special consideration too," said Mrs. Blair, and mustn't be stifled. With nursery school, this child can continue his progress. He needn't be held back, can accept things at his own pace, and can busy himself "A vast imagination can be put to good use when the

skills are developed" she added.

During a question period, Mrs. Blair said she felt that most children should be able to cope with their shoe laces, buttons and zippers when they begin kindergarten. When asked about such subjects as Phonics and arithmetic, she said these were introduced informally as the individual child is ready.

"On the whole, nursery school is good for children, especially those with birthdays in December, January and February, as these are the youngest children in the kindergarten class," concluded Mrs. Blair, who also pointed out that the birthdate for children attending kindergarten this year has been extended from December 31, 1969 to February 28, 1970.

After a brief discussion, refreshments were served by the hostess, and the meeting was adjourned.

Missioner Speaks Gets Cheque to Aid

Guests from nine area churches were welcomed by president Mrs. Florence Baker to the April meeting of St. Andrew's U.C.W. — their annual Thank-offering.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Joanne Schewyer and Mrs. Peggy Shannon.

Mrs. Alberta Maines introduced the guest speaker, Father Jim Ryan of the Scarborough Foreign Mission. Father Ryan was raised in Windsor and received his education there. He furthered his studies at St. Peter's College at University of Western Ontario taking a BA in Philosophy.

Father Ryan completed his theology course at St. Augustine's Seminary, Scarborough, and left that same year for Brazil where he worked for three years in the Amazon region.

Mrs. Connie Johnston thanked Father Ryan and presented him with a cheque to help in his work.

Mrs. Margaret Chilman, of Burlington Ont., is cured of cancer, that's why she supports the slogan of the 1969 campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society "Cancer Can be Beaten."

Return Wallet, Honest Teens are Rewarded

Two Acton teenagers are each \$10 richer and a Georgetown farmer thankful for their honesty this week.

Fourteen year old Robin Salt and Bob Howson, both of Longfield Road, Acton, found a wallet containing \$200 in bills on Churchill Road in Acton last Thursday. Inside, along with the money, was an invoice showing the wallet belonged to J. Kiteley, of R. R. 3, Georgetown.

The boys got Robin's mother, Mrs. Alan Salt, to phone the owner and he identified the wallet as belonging to him. He gave each of the boys a \$10

bill as a reward for their honesty. Mr. Kiteley had put the wallet in his pocket on his way home from Thompson Motors where he had his tractor repaired. He thinks the wallet must have slipped out of his pocket as a result of the wind whipping his coat, and the bouncing of the tractor on Churchill Road.

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LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

Here is another interesting hand that occurred at the Spring Nationals held recently in Cleveland. I was playing with Bill Burns of Oakville when this one came up.

West dealt with East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
S—Void
H—A K 6 5
D—6 5 3
C—10 7 6 5 3 2

WEST **EAST**
S—Q 10 6 S—K J 9 8 5
H—2 H—4 3
D—A K Q 9 7 4 D—J 10 8 2
C—A Q J C—K 4

SOUTH
S—A 7 4 3 2
H—Q J 10 9 8 7
D—2
C—9

The bidding:
WEST **NORTH** **EAST** **SOUTH**
1 D Pass 1 S Pass
4 D 5 H Pass Pass
Dble. All Pass

There is a much to the bidding as there is to the play on this deal. West's opening bid is natural as is North's pass and East's bid of one spade. Most duplicate players would overcall two hearts with South's hand.

West has a very strong hand and must show it with a jump bid. What should North do? His hand has enough strength and distribution to support hearts? Should he settle for 4

hearts? The opponents would surely go on. How about six hearts? This would put the opponent to a guess at the slam level.

However, North settled for five hearts. This proved to be just right. East West can make five diamonds but not six and they cannot make five spades.

The five heart bid was meant as a sacrifice. That is, North did not really expect to make five hearts. A small set would be better than an East-West game.

West led the diamond king which won and followed this with the club ace. Now he tried the diamond ace but the defence was through. South spread his hand and claimed the balance of the tricks.

Every heart that declarer has is higher than those held by East or West. After cashing his spade ace, declarer can cross ruff the hand out and make 10 trump tricks.

Even if the defence leads trump, declarer can set up the club suit in dummy for discards. Five hearts doubled was an excellent result for North South.

Monday's results at Acton Bridge Club: 1st, Frank Mullin and Mrs. Bill Coats; 2nd, Mrs. Ern Hyde, Cam Sinclair; 3rd, Bill Coats and Jack Coats; 4th, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hampshire; 5th, Ivan Harris Kay Coats.

ASHGROVE

Elect Mrs. Charles Austin To Head Women's Institute

The annual WI meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon, April 15 at the home of Mrs. John McNabb with 27 ladies present. The president Mrs. John Ruddle opened the meeting with a word and creed. Roll call was made and fees also "told a job" which caused much merriment as one answered with their names.

Mrs. Chas. Austin was appointed to present a trophy at the music festival. The bazaar and tea at Halton Manor was announced, also an invitation read from St. Lawrence Starch Co. to visit their test kitchen. Mrs. James Carney reported on the District Director's meeting and the district annual is on May 21 with an afternoon and evening session, delegates to be the president, 1st vice, secretary and the district director.

Mrs. Cliff Hunter reported on the dance held recently and the flower committee for the sick who had been remembered. Mrs. Bruce McClure had the motto "Man progresses by his abilities not his disabilities." Current events were by Mrs. Frank Barnes, Mrs. Fred Nurse gave a very full secretary's report and also the standing committees presented theirs which all showed it had been a busy and profitable year.

The two competitions, one for a date and nut loaf and the other for maple cream candy were judged by Mrs. J.M. Wickson and Mrs. C.B. Dick and the winners were Mrs. Chas. Austin for the loaf and Mrs. Gordon Wingfield for the candy.

Following this Mrs. Wilbert Cleave gave the nominating report and the officers for 1969-70 are — past president, Mrs.

John Ruddle; president, Mrs. Charles Austin; 1st vice, Mrs. Percy Cox; 2nd vice, Mrs. Clifford Hunter; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Fred Nurse; assistant, Mrs. Jas. McPhail; district director, Mrs. John Ruddle; alternate, Mrs. Robert Cunningham; directors, Mrs. Bruce McClure, Mrs. Vern Pickett Mrs. John McNabb and Mrs. Frank Ruddle; pianist, Mrs. Lloyd Davison; assistant Mrs. F.W. Wilson; flower committee, Mrs. G. Wingfield; Mrs. W. Bird, Mrs. Milton Bird; courtesy Mrs. Harvey Nurse; Mrs. T.J. Brownridge and Mrs. J.M. Wickson; auditors, Mrs. Francis Thompson and Mrs. John Bird; agriculture and Canadian industry, Mrs. Bob Alexander and Mrs. Ford Wickson; home economics and health, Mrs. W. Cleave, Mrs. Hector Bird; citizenship and education, Mrs. Jas. Carney, Mrs. Cecil Wilson; historical research and current events, Mrs. Ralph Cunningham, Mrs. Wellington Stringer; public relations, Mrs. J.H. Hunter; curator, Mrs. C.B. Dick.

The district president Mrs. John Bird then installed the new officers after which the new president Mrs. Chas. Austin took the chair and asked for the support of all and spoke of the splendid job the past president had done. A gift of an institute cup and saucer was presented to Mrs. John Ruddle who expressed her thanks. Mrs. T.J. Brownridge thanked the hostess and all who had taken part and the meeting closed by singing O Canada and the Institute Grace. A social hour followed.

Special greetings to a dear lady Mrs. George Nurse celebrating a birthday on April 26.

Newspaper Reporter Tells of Barbados

Zeta-Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Dorothy McCarthy, 87 Joycelyn Cres. Last week with the finalizing of plans for a Founder's Day banquet, April 30 the major item of business. The banquet will be held at Terra Cotta Inn.

Following the business a program entitled, The Printed Word and Your Life, was presented. Mrs. Edith McIntyre and Mrs. Terry Richards introduced Miss Diane Grell of the Brampton Daily Times who spoke on her work on a Barbados newspaper. She showed slides on Barbados and the Island of Dominique.

The last regular meeting will be May 6 at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Currie, 34 Joycelyn Crescent.

Under Age, Youth Pays \$150 Fine

A Georgetown youth who claimed ownership of a case of beer although it wasn't his was fined \$150 for having liquor under age, Wednesday in county court.

The youth told the court when the beer was found in a car he was a passenger in he had told the police it was his, although it belonged to another passenger.

Judge Black, in fining the accused said, "presumably you know what you are doing although the court doubts it."

Archie Reid of Agincourt, Ont., knows cancer can be beaten because he beat it. A contribution to the Canadian Cancer Society will make it possible for others to do likewise.

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BELL LINES
by Arnold Blachford
your telephone manager

As I sat down to plan my column this month, I couldn't help but think of an incident last year that had at least one Bell Canada tester wondering about his sanity. On two different occasions, two different repairmen sent him the same report about telephone difficulties near Chippawa, Ontario. Both reports stated: "drop wire chewed by llama." While one might be inclined to write the whole thing off as a publicity stunt to boost the Niagara peninsula as Canada's banana belt, the reports turned out to be legitimate. Llamas are kept at the Marine Wonderland and Game Farm at Chippawa and one of them decided to test his teeth on our drop wires.

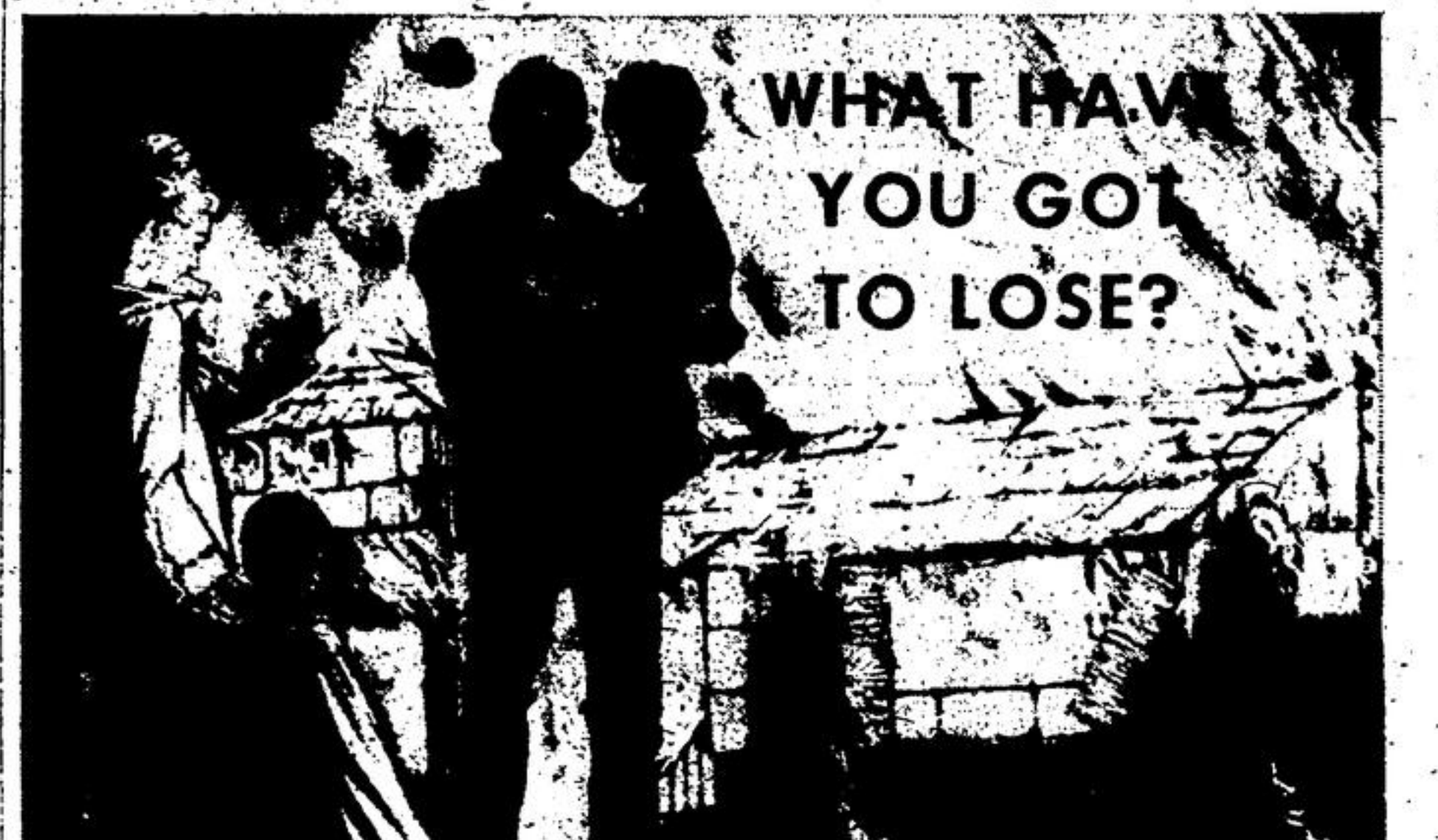
While this was the first time we've had to contend with llamas, we have had problems keeping our cable out of the way of squirrels, lightning and bad weather. We've been burying more and more of it; it looks better and also protects the cable from the natural hazards I've mentioned. However, it also means that cable could be buried on your property and could be damaged if you're planning to excavate — whether to plant trees or shrubs, put up a fence, build a patio or a barbecue pit. One healthy thrust of a shovel, if it's directly above our cable and telephone service in hundreds of homes and businesses could be disrupted.

So if you're planning any major digging, could you give us a call at 611 first. We can quickly tell you if there is cable buried on your property. If there is, we'll come over and show you where, free of charge. That way, you can avoid disrupting telephone service both for yourself and your neighbourhood.

Here are a few tips for long distance callers. Jot down the important points you want to cover before you place your call and keep a scratch pad and pencil handy in case you want to write something down during your conversation. Check your telephone directory for Area Codes and Long Distance Rates. Don't forget that rates get lower as the hour gets later.

If you leave a babysitter in charge when you go out, don't forget to leave her a number where you can be reached. She should know where emergency numbers are such as Fire, Police and Doctor are located too. Your phone book provides you with a special space for these numbers — right on the inside front cover. If you haven't already filled in these numbers, why not do it now. Your babysitter may never have to use them, but you'll feel more secure knowing she has them handy.

Arnold Blachford



WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE?

Given an inch of a glowing cigarette or burning matchstick dropped carelessly, fire will take a square mile (and more) of forest. Given a few cubic inches of old oil and rags in a corner, fire will take a whole acre of factory.

or injured, and property worth more than \$150 million is destroyed by fire.

By any of these criteria, the cost of fire-causing carelessness is great. But the most terrible toll is in young lives. A third of those who die by fire are children.

Given an inch or so . . . of frayed extension cord, or curtains too close to a stove, or a fireplace screen too narrow . . . fire will take your home and the lives which are in it.

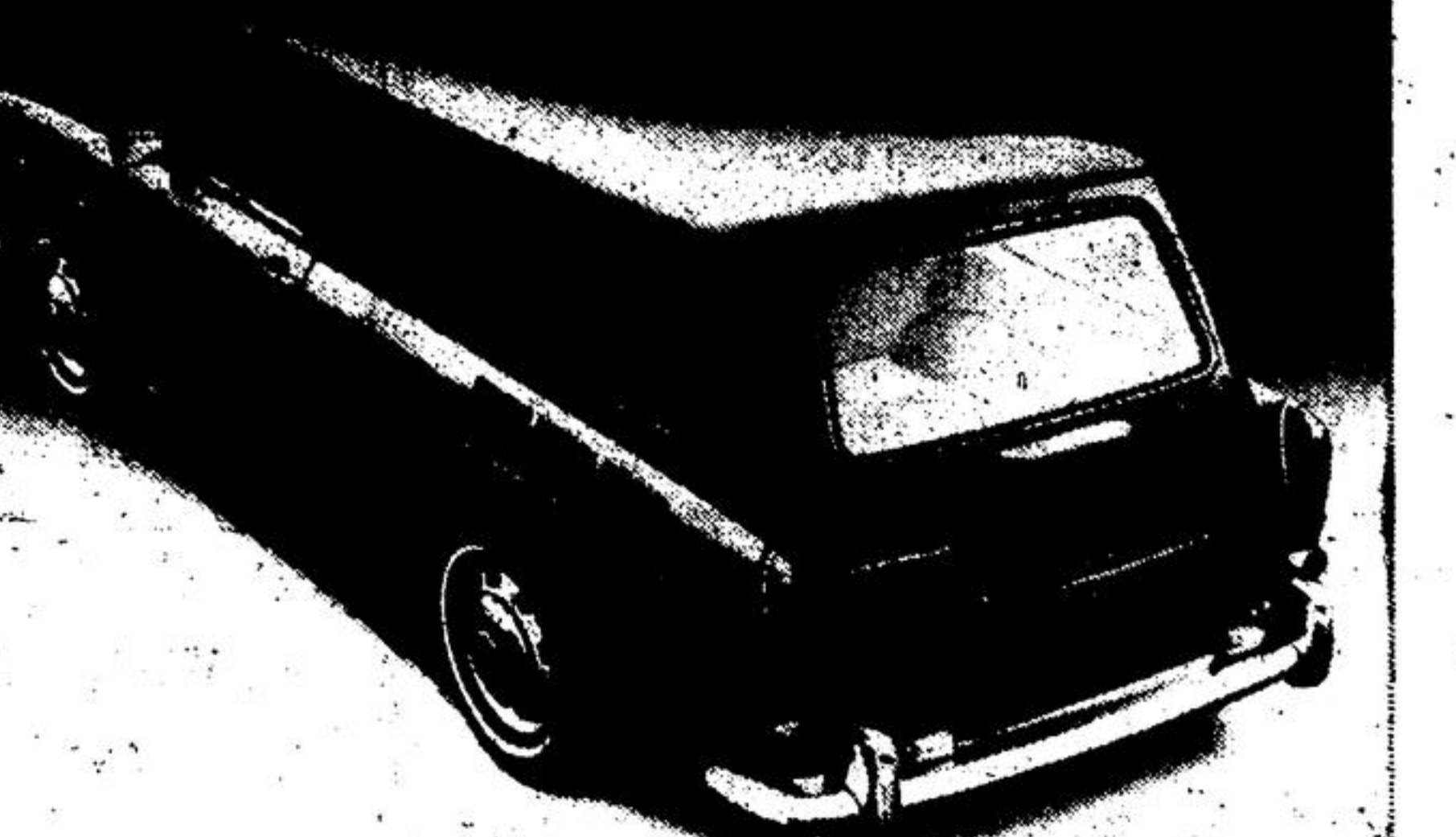
Some of these children die because they are left alone, some die because they play with matches. There are other reasons too—but virtually all the deaths are preventable. Children die in fires through the ignorance or the carelessness of their parents or other adults.

Year after year, fire takes an average of 600 lives in Canada. Five times as many Canadians are disfigured

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