

Fire poster winners honored

Five young faces lit up with happy smiles at Milton Fire Hall on Tuesday evening of last week when the 1970 winners in Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's 14th annual fire prevention poster contest received their awards at a banquet in their honor.

Frank Pecora of Oakville and Janine Prouse of Georgetown were presented with personal engraved desk pen sets and certificates for emerging as the top boy and girl in the county-wide poster contest. Principals M. Cybulsky of St. James Separate School in Oakville and W. Kinread of Howard Wrigglesworth Public School in Georgetown, where the winners are enrolled as grade five students, accepted the Halwell Insurance trophies which their schools will retain for a year.

Honorable mentions
Others honored during the evening were runners-up Kelly Pollock of Eastview Public School, Oakville; John Summerfield of Brookville Public School, Nassagaweya Township; and John Schouten of Holy Rosary Separate School, Milton. Each received an honorable mention certificate and a silver dollar. A fourth runner-up, Karen McDowell of Robert Little Public School in Acton, was unable to be present for the awards banquet. Her prizes will be presented later.

The Bureau conducted its poster drawing contest in the grade five classrooms of Halton schools. The theme was "Fire Prevention in the Home" and over 1,000 entries were received. Local winners were selected by judges from the participating fire departments, then the top posters from each municipality went on to the county judging where the top boy and girl and four honorable mentions were named. Frank's and Janine's posters will next enter a provincial competition.

FMO speaker
Guest speaker at this year's banquet was Martin S. Hurst, Fire Marshal of Ontario. In a

brief talk he praised the students' winning posters as "an excellent demonstration of fire prevention ideas and artistic achievement". Mr. Hurst commended the Bureau for sponsoring such a competition and reviewed how Halton has scored many "firsts" in firefighting and fire prevention that it is looked on as a model county by fire officials from near and far.

While he praised the efforts of Ontario's fire service in the past, he warned there is still much more work to be done. With 169 killed and nearly 900 injured and a \$128,000,000 property loss in over 22,000 fires in Ontario last year, the task of preventing fires must be improved, he said. The Fire Marshal suggested all of Ontario's 20,000 firefighters should be "fully committed to the task of preventing fire on a day to day basis" — not just the 400 who serve as fire prevention officers.

Officials speak
Others who spoke briefly included James Arnott of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, George Alexander of the Fire Marshal's Office, Chief Arnold Quillman and chief fire prevention officer Len Cross of Guelph Fire Department who had judged the Halton County posters, Halton East MPP Jim Snow, Halton Mutual Aid co-ordinator Chief Douglas Wilson of Oakville and Deputy co-ordinator Chief A. E. Clement of Milton. Acton Fire Chief M. Holmes, 1970 chairman of the Bureau, chaired the banquet and program.

Local municipal officials in attendance included Milton Reeve Ron Harris representing Halton County Mayors Brian Best of Milton and Les Duby of Acton, Reeves Mrs. A. MacArthur of Nassagaweya Township and George Currie of Esquesing Township, Deputy Reeve Art Speight of Georgetown, Councillors Geoff Drew-Brook of Oakville and Mrs. E. Foote of Burlington.

Georgetown firefighter William Hyde was the recipient of a surprise presentation at the end of the program. One of the



PROUD YOUNG WINNERS of Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's 1970 poster contest were Frank Pecora of Oakville and Janine Prouse of Georgetown, pictured here with Bureau chairman Chief M. Holmes of Acton Fire Department. The Bureau held a banquet in their honor in Milton last week and their parents, teachers and principals were among the guests. Janine McDowell of Acton was a runner-up.—(Staff Photo)

original members of the Bureau when it was formed in 1957. Mr. Hyde is retiring from the fire service at the end of this year and was presented with an honorary membership in Halton Fire Prevention Bureau.

"Dedicated"
Chief Clement of Milton, who was chairman when the Bureau was organized, made the presentation and called him "a very dedicated firefighter." Mr. Hyde is a former lieutenant, captain, deputy chief and chief of the Georgetown brigade and has also served as president of the Fire Prevention Bureau and Halton Mutual Aid.

Another special guest at the dinner was Mrs. Carol McGugan (nee Marchmont) of Georgetown. Back in 1957 she was honored as the first girl to win the Bureau's poster competition. Chief Clement presented her with a bouquet of red roses. The first boy winner Richard Perry, also from Georgetown, was working in Ottawa and unable to attend. Milton Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary served the 90 guests a delicious roast beef dinner.

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Ontario's 1971 licence plates for passenger cars, dual purpose vehicles and motorcycles go on sale Tuesday, December 1, 1970.

Registration fees are unchanged. For passenger cars and dual purpose vehicles having eight cylinders, the registration fee is \$35; six cylinders \$27.50; four cylinders \$20; motorcycles \$10.

The plates will be white on blue, the reverse of this year's colors. Deadline date for having new plates will be Saturday, Feb. 27, when 1970 plates will expire. There will be no extension.

In cases where the ownership of a used motor vehicle is being

transferred at the time of registration, a certificate of mechanical fitness is required before new plates can be issued. No certificate is needed to renew an existing registration with no transfer involved. Used motor vehicles licensed previously in another province also require a certificate of mechanical fitness before they can be registered in Ontario and new plates issued.

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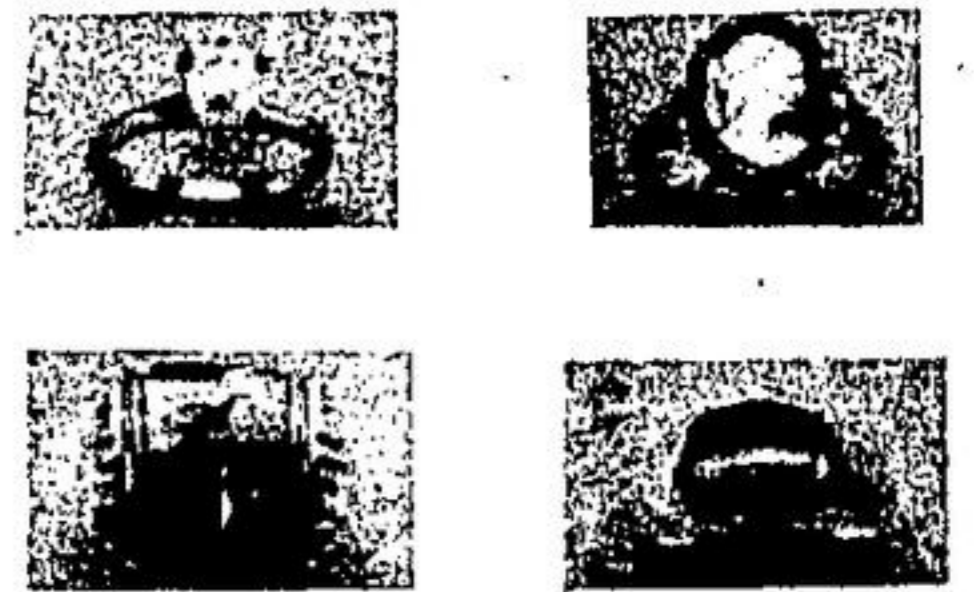
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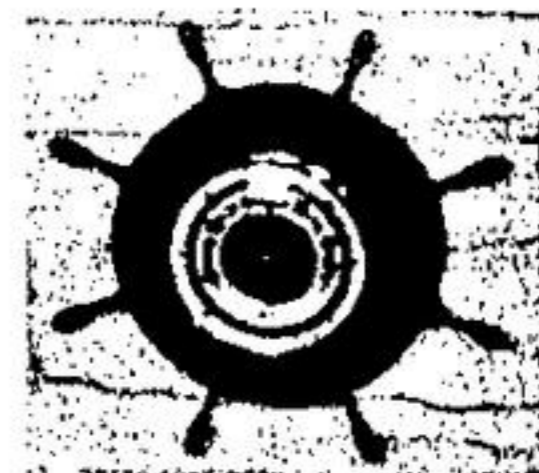
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