

# Halton Hills auto racers head for big-time tracks

Not everyone can pick up a car in a wrecking yard and turn it into a \$12,000 automobile but that is just what three Halton Hills residents have finished doing. The three men, Roger Little, Norval, Hugh Eckerich, Acton and Howie Hamilton, Georgetown, put the finishing touches on their new racing car recently. Now they're ready to challenge some of the toughest tracks in Ontario.

Over a year ago, the three race buffs plucked the remains of a 1972 Camaro from a scrap heap and began turning the ugly duckling into a fast, sleek, stock car. "When we got it the front end was all smashed in but we took the body and were able to put it on a hand made stock car chassis. All three of us worked on it and most of the parts and material were hand made. We built it all by ourselves," Little explains. After moulding the ruined body into a more than presentable shape, the three dropped a 350 cubic-inch,

eight cylinder, Z-28 Chev engine into the car and it was in readiness for a summer of racing. Little noted the car will put out 550 horsepower and will "easily do 150 miles per hour in a short distance." "Car racing is a very expensive sport. This car has cost us \$12,000 to build, but then it is a late model super stock type car and they cost a lot," Little stated. Little, a sponsor and co-owner of the car, the mechanic Hamilton and Eckerich,

the driver, have been racing for seven years now at tracks around Ontario.

"The engine we have in this car is a fully modified racing motor and it is used strictly

for racing. You couldn't use it very well out on the street," Little pointed out.

He noted that while the sport is expensive it can pay handsome dividends, too. "When you win a race you can take home anywhere between \$1,000 and \$3,000. At the same time where you place in each race can bring you money at the end of the season. A lot of these stock car races are run on a point system. You get so many points for each spot you finish in each race. At the end of a year you can win something like \$10,000 without ever winning a race but just doing consistently well," he explained.

During his seven year racing career he and his friends have often come out of the season a "few grand" up on their coats. They are hoping for a better year this season than they had last summer. They ended up \$4,000 in the hole last year.

Little said the biggest problems, "were the time and effort that goes into building a stock car. Each year we learn from our mistakes and grow in experience at racing. The biggest thing in racing is having basic automotive experience."



ROGER LITTLE tinkers with the 350 cubic inch Chevy engine he and two friends, Hugh Eckerich and Howie Hamilton, have put into their new racing car.



THIS RACE car was built by three Halton Hills men, Hugh Eckerich, Acton; Roger Little, Norval and Howie Hamilton, Georgetown. They are going to race the car at major tracks throughout the province and it cost about \$12,000 to build.



ROGER LITTLE inspects the explosion proof gas tank at the rear of his newest racing car. He said the tank is constructed so there can never be an explosion or fire in the area of the gas tank.



TOPPERS WON the playoff championship of the Beardmore bowling league. On the championship team are Arlie White, Iris Vryenhoek, Jack VanDerKooy, Rose Fountain and Cec Stuckless. Missing when photo was taken were Joe Richard and Dan McGilloway.

### Plans for juvenile team

Halton Hills Rams are combining with the Acton Rotary minor league committee to form a juvenile team. Don Fendley of Georgetown is manager of the team, which will begin tryouts at Georgetown Memorial Arena, Wednesday, June 4 at 8 p.m. The team plans to play exhibition games all season and accept a bye into the OMLA playoffs.

**Acton Tennis Association**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
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### PROCLAMATION

The Council of the Corporation of the TOWN OF HALTON HILLS at a meeting held TUESDAY, MAY 6th, 1975 resolved that June 15 to 21, 1975 shall be observed as "SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEK" in The Town of Halton Hills

In compliance with the aforesaid resolution, I hereby proclaim JUNE 15 to 21, 1975 as "SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEK" in THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

THOMAS J. HILL  
Mayor

### Villagers strong

Campbellville Senior baseball team will open the 1975 season in Leaside Thursday night and planning the first league home opener against Oakville at the Campbellville diamond at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Campbellville bested Brampton in a pre-season game last week and slammed Cambridge 19-3 in Campbellville Sunday afternoon. The opening matches with Leaside and Oakville will be tough for Campbellville after those two teams finished one-two in league standings last year but manager Elmer Dredge is confident that if the club's pitching holds up, he will have a strong contender for league honors. Mitchell pitching Garnet Mitchell will again head the mound squad as

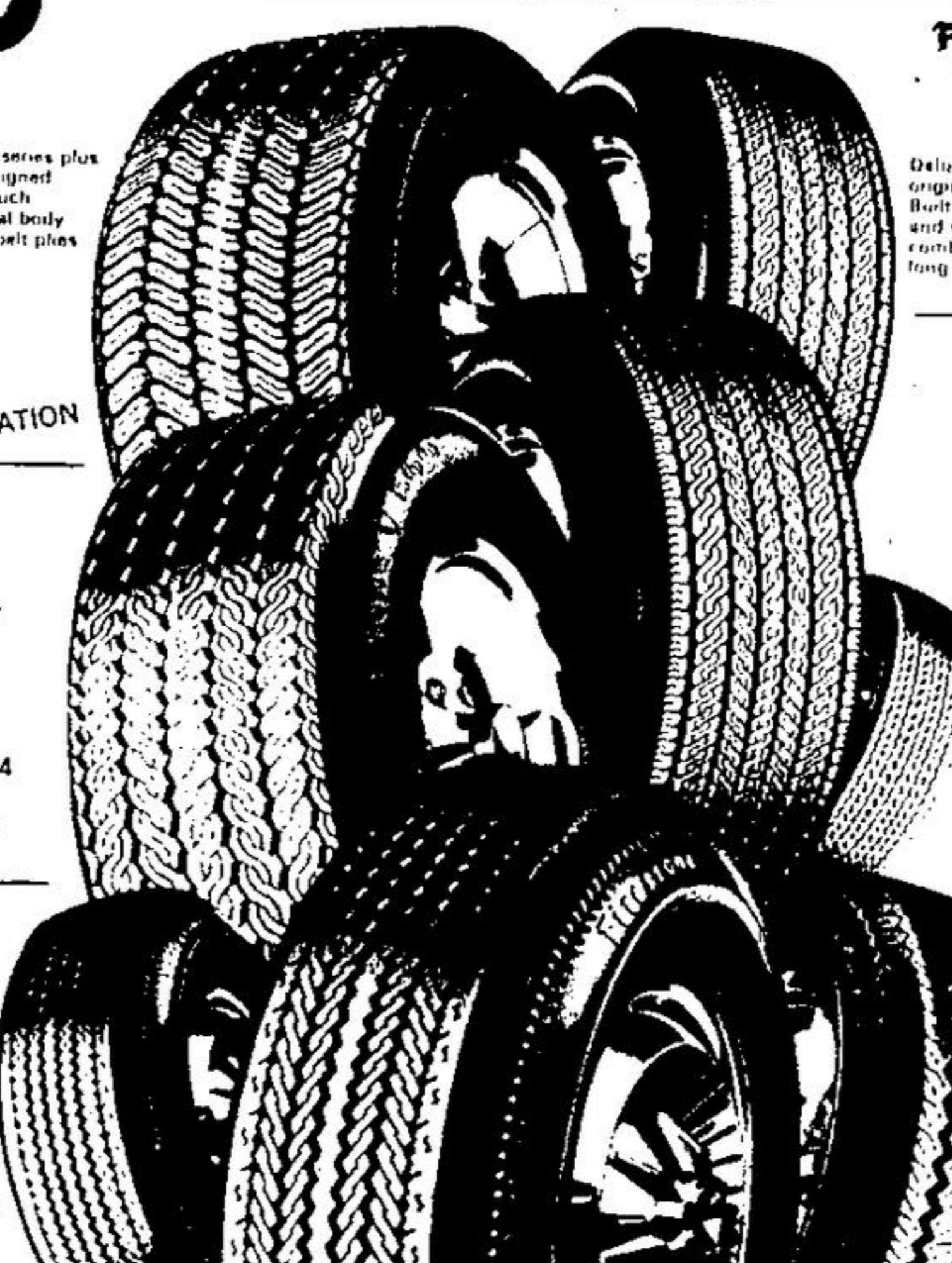
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