

FIRE AT Bower Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Braida started in upstairs bedroom. Burned material was thrown out of upstairs window by firefighters last Wednesday.

# \$7000 damages in Braida fire

Mr. Braida was asleep in an chief Mick Holmes. upstairs bedroom when his son reported the fire to his furniture on the first floor the house, the smoke spread

Volunteer Firefighters. Damage was quite extensive to the one bedroom

3 caused \$7,000 damage to a from the heat. The down-Bower Ave, house occupied stairs received water received severe smoke by Paul Braida and family. damage, according to Fire damage.

mother, who called the Acton was saved, as they were easily to the other half. covered with tarps.

A smoke injector (fan) had building.

A fire on Wednesday, Sept. with the other rooms burned to be used on the other side of the house, and the contents

Mr. Holmes explained that Mr. Holmes said all the due to the old construction of

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# Halton Hills good idea but region wasn't needed

Hills was a good idea but the province to go to the extent town's chief building inspec- they did in starting the regtor Doug Sargent thinks ion Queen's Park went a little too

Doug Sargent says

for six years, served George- warden. town as building inspector for Hills since its inception.

was a good idea since Hills. Georgetown, Esquesing and The town's building inspec-Acton always had a lot in tor said the North Halton Ura recent interview.

respect for the old county sys- mon problems. tem of government and "We even hired an engineer

could have been changed. I us," he explained. don't think there was any Sargent noted the North need to create an entire new Halton Urban Board tried for system. The county only some time to persuade Esneeded a bit of revision, quesing to join the organiza-

Sargent was first elected to far when they set up Halton Georgetown council in 1951 and served on council for the Sargent is in a unique posi- next 11 years. In addition to is tion to assess regional being a councillor he also sergovernment and amalgama- ved terms as deputy-reeve, tion since he sat on George- reeve and mayor. Sargent town council for 11 years, was was on county council for six a member of county council years and served one term as

He described a loosely orthree years and has worked in ganized group made up of the same capacity for Halton Georgetown, Milton and Acton and known as the North "As-far as the formation of Halton Urban Board as being Halton Hills is concerned it the forerunner of Halton

common but I don't think we ban Board didn't have any needed the region," he said in real authority but the representatives of the three towns Sargent said he had a lot of did sit down and discuss com-

thought it was regrettable the to work for us. In those days entire system was scrapped, engineers were a luxury "Sure the county system small comunities couldn't afneeded some updating but the ford but the three municipalskeleton was there and it ities could afford one among

The formation of Halton There was no need for the tion but the township always tion, politician and adminibalked at the idea. strator, he sald knowing how Having been part of both the town operates and the sides of municipal organiza- problems of both groups in



**DOUG SARGENT** 

running a municipality gives. Georgetown he said he liked him valuable insight.

"Both sides of running a town are difficult and both Surgent said his years in politics gives him an appreciation of councillors' problems which some municipal employees might not have.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the time all councillors are just trying to do the best job for the people they can. Having been there I know the kind of garbage they sometimes have to put up with from people and I think it tempers my ludgment in this job." He compared his years on

council, with his years in the armed services. "Something I wouldn't want to have missed but at the same lime something I'm not too sure I'd want to try again."

The 52-year-old Charles Street resident of Georgetown said the growth and development in Georgetown over the past decade has been gradual and warned the small town flavor which is already showing signs of disappearing could be gone forever if the town experiences much more growth.

the town when it was very

small and still likes it today. "I think the greatest are rewarding," he observed. change occurred during the 1050s when the town grew from 3,000 to 12,000 in a little more than five years. That was rapid change and I was glad to be part of council

when it was happening." As Halton Hills chief bullding inspector he is responsible for making sure all structures in the town conform to the National Building Code. In addition he inspects both old and new buildings to make sure they maintain high safety standards.

Sargent also holds the posttion of the town's zoning administrator and receives the various rezoning applications and checks all building permit applications. If applications are up to snuff he then issues the bullding permit.

In addition his work means he gets involved in development in the town which comes under the jurisdiction of the. Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Before coming to work at the town offices he was employed at Smith and Stone for

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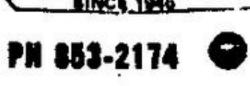


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