

Busy week for fire volunteers

A lost child on May 25 was the beginning of a rash of calls this week for the Acton volunteer firefighters.

The men were summoned by the Halton Regional Police to aid in the search for the lost youngster. She later turned up at a friend's home.

Thursday, May 27, the firefighters extinguished a fire at Beardmore. Industrial Roofing Service of Hornby was tarring a roof, at 11:20 a.m. when the tar pot caught on fire. Fire Chief Mick Holmes reports no damage.

Not needed
A call for the resuscitator at 10:45 p.m. Saturday evening sent the volunteers

rushing to a private residence. Once at the scene, the resuscitator was not needed.

A stolen car was set on fire on the Sixth Line Milton just below No. 15 Sideroad at 3:30 a.m. Sunday. The car was taken from Hamilton. Fire Chief Mick Holmes said he thought the thieves had started the fire, but the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are investigating. Corp. Bob Arbour turned in the call.

The firefighters were called to a chimney fire at the home of W. H. Barkman, R. R. 1 Acton, on the Erin Halton Hills town line at 12:45 p.m. Monday. There was no damage in the incident.



THE 3rd ACTON BROWNIE PACK was thirteen brownies lighter after Friday night's grand flyup. Pictured here with golden wings, ready to fly to guide land, are: back row l to r; Brenda Chale, Lisa Mason, Patti Miller, Charlene Couture. Middle row l to r; Linda LaBelle, Jackie Colton, Mae Robinson, Allison Rennie. Front row l to r; Sandra Smith, Allison Chaisson, Cheryl Greenly, Tracey McFarlane and Debbie Payne in the very front.

Town changes its fence policy

The town won't be accepting any more applications for financial aid in building fences, Halton Hills works committee decided Monday.

After receiving a legal opinion from the town solicitor the committee decided the only fences the municipality must help pay for are those which are already up, separating town and private property, and must be repaired.

Considerable debate went on among committee members about what to do about the existing policy of the town paying half the cost of a fence on private property which abuts town-owned land other than road allowances.

The town budgeted \$1,000 for fencing this year and already the applications received have eaten the money up.

Councillor Dick Howitt advocated accepting all applications for the town to pay half the cost of a fence but only pay for those each year which could be financed out of the budget.

He explained if an applicant went ahead and built a fence but the town didn't have the money then, his name would go on a list. The applicant would get the money the next year. Residents could

then work their way up the first come first served list.

Chairman Mike Armstrong said this policy could leave the town paying off fences for years to come. He was against committing future councils to such payments.

Armstrong and Councillor Joe Hurst both thought the policy should be changed in line with provincial fencing regulations which only obligates the municipality to replace broken down fences which already exist.

It was decided that all of the applications received so far this year, up to May 31, will be processed. The town will find the money to pay its share but after that the town won't pay 50 per cent of residents' cost of putting up a fence separating property from town land.

Three Acton residents, Mrs. S. Tonon, 10 Norman Avenue; B. W. Jones, 12 Norman Avenue; and A. J. Smith, 14 Doby Road, who had been awaiting word on the town's new policy will still get 50 per cent of their fence paid by Halton Hills as will some other applications which arrived before the end of May, which haven't been processed.

Road names confuse ambulance, fire trucks

Overlapping of road names and confusion in the numbering system for rural roads in North Halton has caused delays and confusion for fire trucks and ambulances, the Regional Public Works Committee was advised Wednesday.

Regional Director of Public Works Bob Moore told the committee that the entire system of road names and numbers should be looked at but he recommended three immediate changes.

The present chaotic state of affairs has arisen partially due to deficiencies in the original numbering system, but more particularly through the break-up of the original municipalities into the four area municipalities of the region.

Same number
"The problem seems to be most acute in Milton where there are, for instance, different roads carrying the same sideroad number, simply because these roads were inherited from different municipalities."

The committee approved three changes aimed at reducing the confusion. Regional Road 20 will be changed to Regional Road 43 to avoid confusion with 20 Sideroad. Number Two Sideroad will become Regional Road 17 instead of Regional Road 18, to avoid confusion with another Regional Road 18. Regional Road Three will be known as Trafalgar for its entire length instead of the Seventh Line as it is known north of Steeles Ave.

Confusing
Public Works Chairman Jack Rafus said he found the numbering system for regional roads confusing. "I don't know if I'm not too smart or what, but I find it confusing," he told the committee.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur agreed with the need for changes of road names to avoid the confusion that exists in having roads with the same numbers.

She noted that signs on Highway 401 call the Guelph Line the Campbellville Rd and area residents call Five Sideroad the Campbellville Sideroad. Misleading
The province apparently is reluctant to call the Guelph Line the Guelph Line for fear

Parked cars involved in two separate crashes

Halton Regional Police investigated two separate accidents involving parked cars this weekend.

A parked vehicle belonging to Bernard LaPierre, Hagersville, sustained \$150 in damages, according to police, after being in collision with a car driven by Marjorie Partels, 262 Kingham Rd. The incident occurred on May 30 at 9:30 p.m. on Kingham Rd.

Police say there was no damage to the Partell car.

An estimated \$75 in damages was received by a vehicle owned by McLaren Walker, Rockwood. The McLaren car was parked on Cobblehill Rd., on May 29 at 2:10 p.m. when it was in collision with a car driven by William Henderson, 38 Cobblehill Rd., police say.

GO bus depot officially named

Grant's Esso station on Hwy. 7 in the east end of town has been officially named the Acton GO Transit agency.

GO spokesman Tom Henry told the Free Press tickets could be purchased there beginning this week. Buses will stop to pick up passengers at the depot, but will also pick people up along the route between Guelph and Toronto. Parcels delivered by bus will be dropped off at the service station also.

Mr. Henry asked that anyone with questions about routes, bus times and ticket prices call the Guelph terminal at 824-3570.

that passers-by might mistake the road into Campbellville for a road into Guelph. Oakville Councillor Gord Brown applauded the move to end the confusion. He said he had told friends to come to Oakville on Trafalgar Rd. The friends driving along Highway 7 saw a sign for Regional Road Three and passed the cutoff.

More changes are apt to come about following a more comprehensive look at the situation.

An official report from the Ontario Fire Marshal's office says there were 427 "serious" fires in Halton in 1975-1976 in Burlington, 126 in Oakville, 89 in Halton Hills and 40 in Milton.

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Two new officers

Two new police officers could be joining the Acton-Essex detachment of Halton Regional Police if they successfully pass medical checkups.

William Stanton, Iderton, and Robert Burnett, Hamilton, were hired by Halton Police Commission, Friday.

Chief Ken Skerrett told the commission both men had been sent to the Acton area since there is a strong possibility they will be assigned there. He wants to be sure the two new officers were pre-

pared to serve in the north. Stanton is 24 and a University of Western Ontario social science graduate. He is currently selling cars. He is married and successfully passed his psychological testing and received a favorable background check.

Like Stanton, Burnett received a favorable background check and was successful in his psychological tests. A native of Hamilton, he is 27 years old and a university graduate currently employed by the Department of National Defence, Ottawa. The two men were among eight interviewed for the two positions open with the force.

Stands trial

Sylvia Zanchetta will stand trial before a judge and jury for criminal negligence causing death. He was charged after Elizabeth Mackie of Windsor was killed in a three-vehicle collision on Highway 25 near No. 10 sideroad on Christmas Eve. She was on her way to Acton to spend Christmas with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and family.

Judge W. Sharpe prohibited the publication of evidence given during a preliminary hearing in provincial court.

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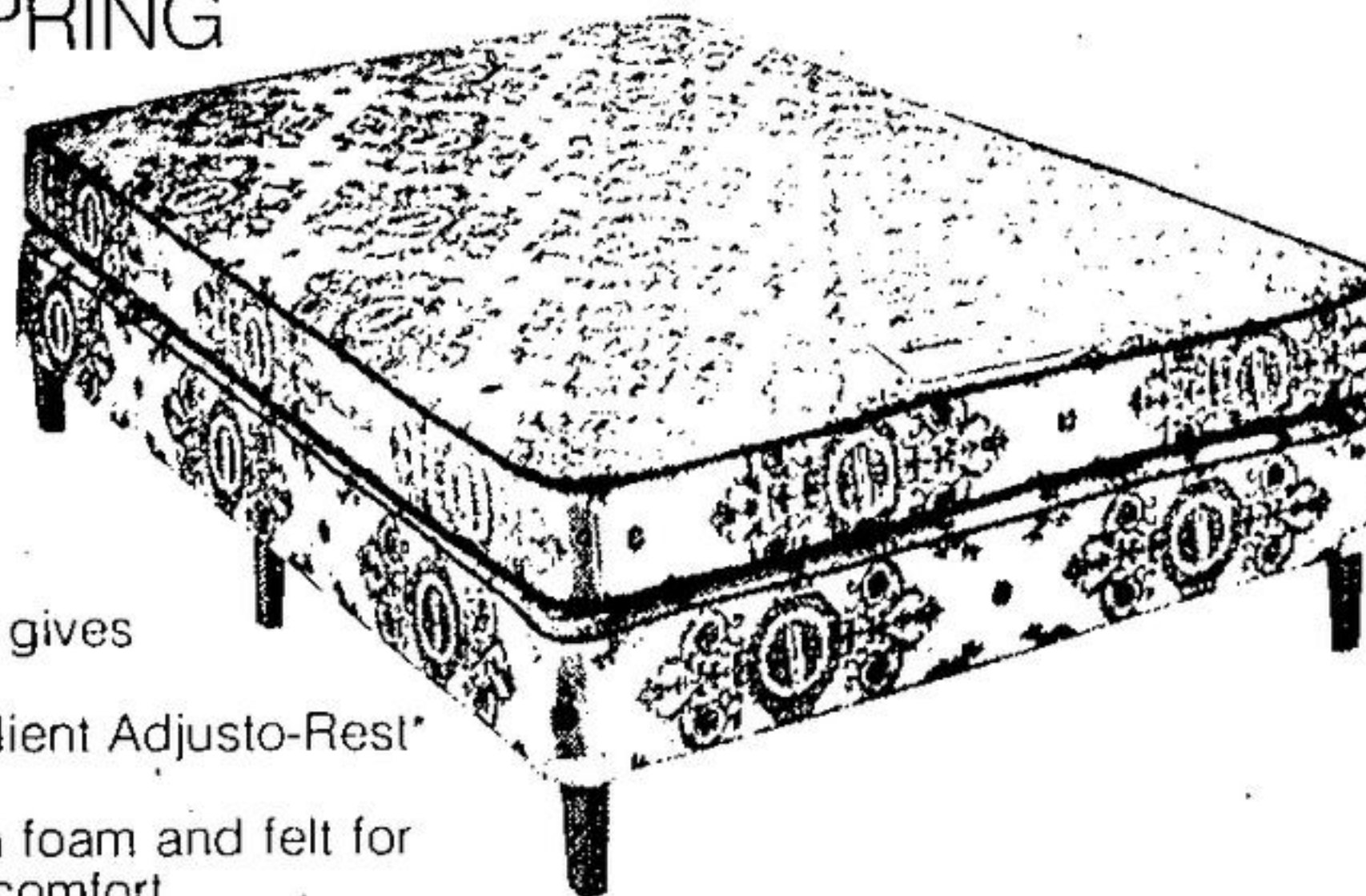
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