NORMAN PRICE of the Acton Volunteer Firefighters sprays a truck belonging to Ronald Fatt of Eramosa township Sunday evening, after an apparent short in the wires engulfed the car in flames, while he visited friends on the Sixth Line of Milton.

"excessive settlement" this

ments in other parts of the

Trustee Fred Armitage

said the Halton agreement

would have a positive effect

across Ontario since it was a

model collective agreement

which all boards could use as

an example. He noted since it

was Halton's first collective

agreement with its teachers it

Trustee Bill Priestner said

increments aren't exclusive

to the teaching profession and

are common in industry. He

added May's cost of living

figures indicate there could

be a cost of living boost of

nearly 10 per cent this year so

the teacher's settlement

Trustee Doug Wood noted

while Halton teachers re-

ceived over 30 per cent in

raises last year only 26 per

cent was a direct raise. The

rest was taken up by incre-

ments. He pointed out boards

which suffered through

strikes eventually settled for

24 per cent raises after ar-

bitration and are being

allowed 10 per cent raises this

year by the A.I.B. Halton is

allowed eight per cent. Wood

concluded Halton has ended

up paying its teachers the

same as everyone else and

avoided a strike at the same

"Last year's settlement

Trustee Noel Cooper said

cost ratepayers \$45 and this

year's will cost them \$20".

Goodyear complained.

was very important.

wasn't exorbitant.

\$4.75 million raise . . .

province.

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years Halton teachers have year would have far reaching received wage boosts totalling effects on contract settle-50 per cent and he charged there hasn't been a 50 per cent increase in productivity.

Goodyear said governments just aren't staying within the wage guidelines for its own employees and noted the public will only accept an eight per cent hike but the teachers are getting over 10 per cent.

"The public keeps telling us to cut costs and we had better start listening or else the whole system is going to come apart at the seams", Goodyear predicted.

Trustee Bill Lawson said both the board and teachers were using A.I.B. guidelines as a crutch and "not truly negotiating in the interests of the ratepayers."

He said the wage hike shouldn't be so high and suggested the pupil-teacher ratio may need to be changed.

Trustee Richard Goodin said the board wasn't spending its money wisely when over \$50 million is spent on salaries. Once again he called for all teachers to accept a 25 per cent wage cut from this year's pay levels.

"Salaries are just too high and I know there are teachers who just don't expect to make the kind of money they are making now. The best teachers we have just aren't the ones who want more and more money for less and less work. \$50 million is just too much to pay people to work 185 days a year", Goodin declared.

Goodin and Trustee Jim Clelland both said the teachers raise should be limited to eight per cent including their increment and expressed the hope the A.I.B. would reject the settlement, since it exceeds eight per cent when the increments are included.

Superintendent of Business and Finance Bruce Lindley said the agreement will go to the A.I.B. but noted the A.I.B. won't make a ruling on increments. He noted the A.I.B. has said it is up to the employer to decide if the increment will be included as part of the final settlement figure. Goodin said Halton's

Township appeal wins \$78,700

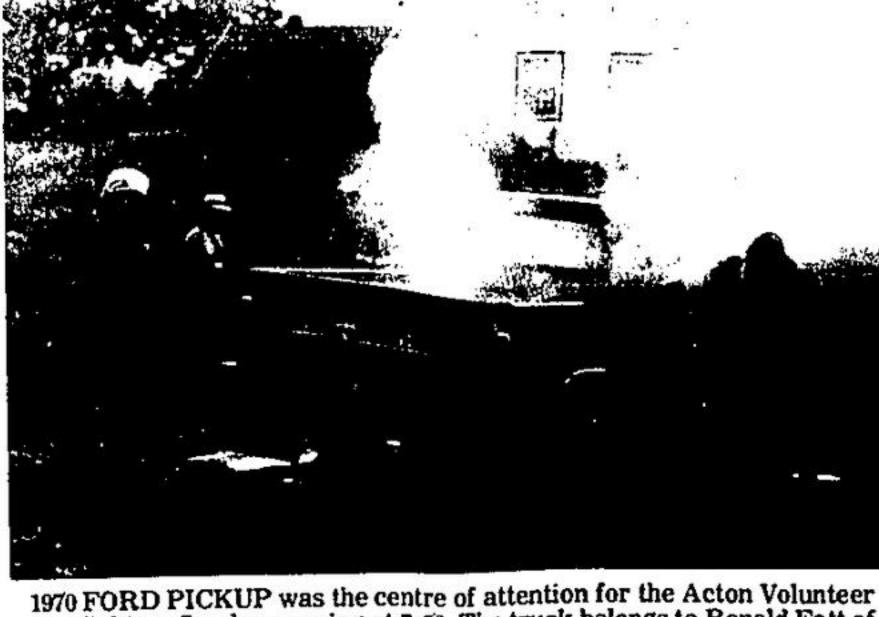
Nassagaweya's appeal against the 1976 education levy has once again been successful. This year the award amounts to \$78,700 for that portion of Milton.

For five years now, municipalities in Halton have dipped into their coffers to pay off the "levelling-out" award to Nassagaweya. The award is considered essential because of a flaw in the provincial equalization factor applied to the Nassagaweya area.

Oakville and Burlington will be responsible for \$63,000 of the \$78,000 this year. The balance comes from Halton Hills and urban Milton.

The award was decided at a meeting of the board of arbitrators June 14. Municipalities have 30 days to appeal the decision. In the event there is no appeal, the

decision becomes final. The annual award is expected to be dispensed with, once market value assessment is introduced in



Firefighters Sunday evening at 7:50. The truck belongs to Ronald Fatt of Eramosa Township who was visiting friends on the Sixth Line of Milton when the fire occurred.

Guests will address Block Parent meeting

Level

available. When it is not con-

Promotions for four Acton

Block Parents program and a Halton Regional Police officer will address interested parents at Block Parents' organizing meeting early

next month. Gayle Rae of Milton and stresses that Block Parent Constable Keith Woods of the Safety Bureau will attend the meeting which is slated for July 7 in the auditorium of M. Z. Bennett school starting at 8 Officers promoted he thought teachers would be-

come unionized and no longer

act professionally "But my

fear of unionization has been

dispelled because our tea-

chers are still professional. I

am pleased with this collec-

tive agreement and this has

provided a good base for

years to come. The toxpayers

should be proud of the job we

Trustee Len Crozier said he

"I was definitely against

this agreement at first. Now

that I have read it I know we

have a good collective agree-

ment, one of the best

around", Trustee Tom

Trustee Ernie Bodnar said.

increments have to be given

because a teacher with 12

years experience is more

valuable than one with only

one year. He said no one

would go into teaching if they

thought it was a flat career so

the increments must be

allowed. Bodnar added not all

teachers get increments.

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have done.'

Watson stated.

Parents and anyone over 16 years of age may pick up application forms to join the Block Parents program, said organizer Lonnie Harkins. Applications are required in order that police depart-

written quarantees

officers were announced Thursday by Halton Police Commission. Constables Robert Davidson, Bruce Lindsay, Mike Michalski and Alex

Pearce were all promoted from fourth class to second ments may check applicants class constables this month before authorizing distribuand receive a \$3,452.64 a year tion of Block Parents signs. wage boost.

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Extensive damage was caused to the motor and cab Holmes said the fire was on or a truck early Sunday evening after the pickup caught

Minor injury

An Acton man was treated in Guelph General Hospital, for minor injuries early Monday after a single-car accident on Highway 25 north of town.

Milton OPP said Shawn Merkestein of 114 Mill St. E. was southbound in a 1970 Chevrolet when he swerved to avoid an unknown eastbound car which failed to stop on the Halton-Wellington boundary

Police said Van Merkestein's car struck an earth embankment and ended up on the west side of the highway Damage to his car was estimated at \$700.

Acton fire chief Mick the sixth line of Milton, (formerly Nassagaweya). fire started from a short in Ronald Fatt of Eramosa the wires. Firefighters were township was visiting friends when the horn of his 1970 Ford

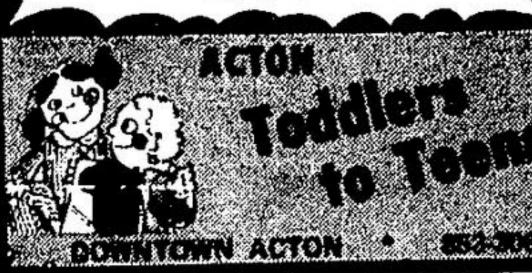
When Mr. Fatt and his friends looked out the window, the vehicles was in flames. Mr. Holmes believes the

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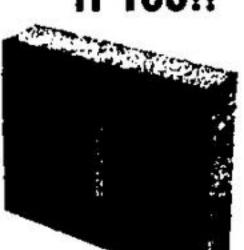
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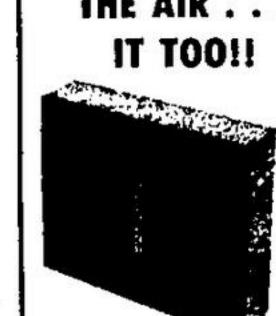
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