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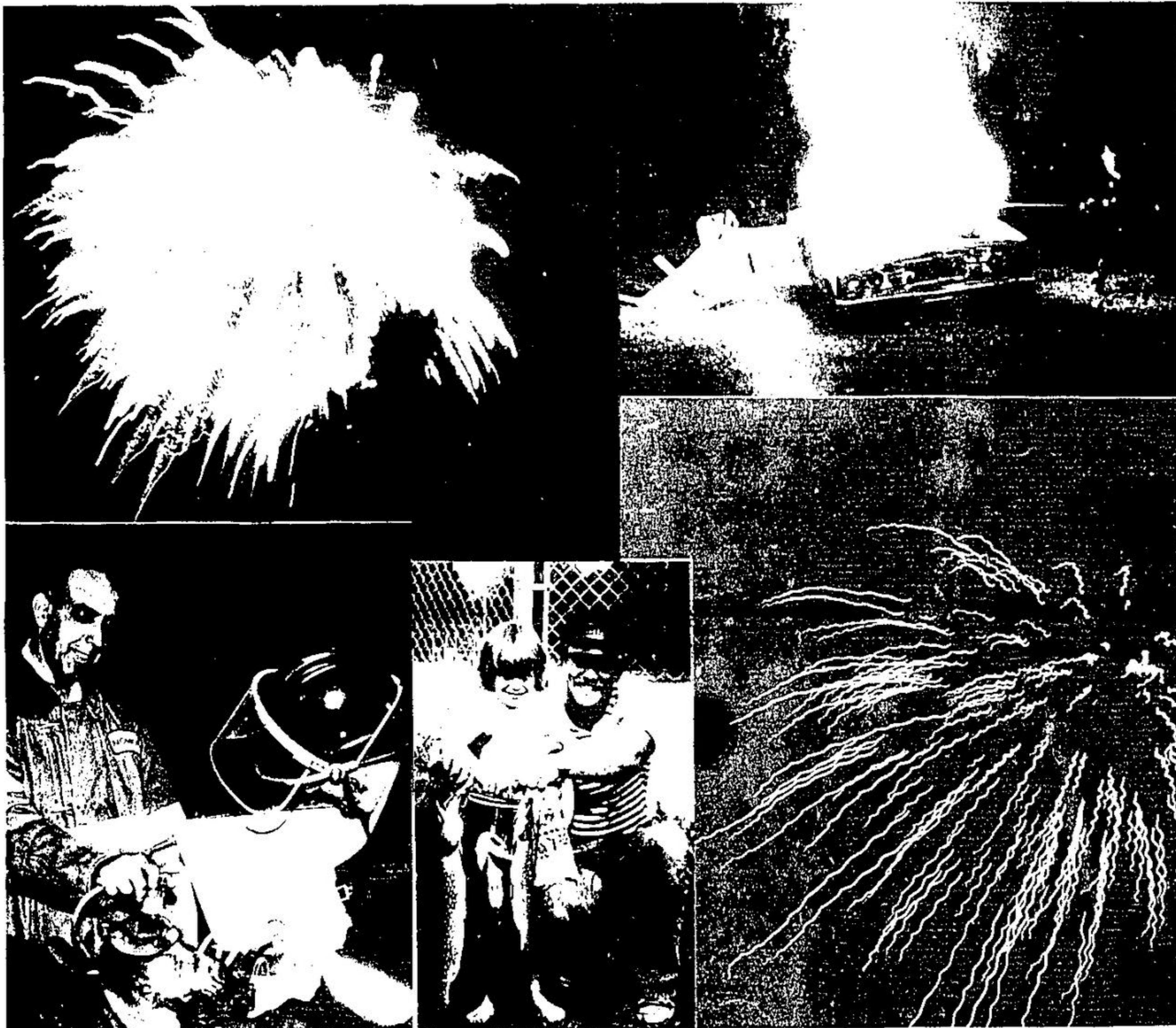
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DOMINION DAY program drew crowds to the park Sunday, and fireworks concluded the three-hour evening program. Above right, a car roars into flames at the Firefighters' demonstration. The Firefighters kept spectators enthralled by cutting up, setting on fire and finally

dousing the old car. Below left, Firefighters resuscitate a comrade with oxygen during the Firefighters' demonstration. Centre, the largest fish in the world (or maybe Fairy Lake) is proudly held by Michael Jodoin. His father, Maurice, won the prize at Sunday's Fishing Derby.

Fireworks mark first on fourth

The first of July was well celebrated here on the fourth of July, with fishing, food and fireworks. The change in date brought the Dominion Day celebrations from a dreary Thursday to sunny Sunday, making a perfect climax to a summer weekend. Although stores and banks were required to close on Thursday, July 1, most factories and offices worked that day so employees could arrange a long weekend of it. The rain combined with closed stores made the town very quiet on the actual holiday.

Sunday found between 60 and 70 entrants for the day-long fish derby and then a huge crowd for the fireworks. Sponsoring firefighters and Rotarians estimated there were somewhat under 500 cars in the park, paying admission. And they think there must have been as many people watching the fireworks from outside the park as in. Collection Only two firefighters, Doug Mason and Sam Tennant, could be spared to canvass the crowd outside the gates and they received \$180. Over

\$800 was taken in at the gate. The people watched in delight as \$750 worth of fireworks shot overhead into the night sky. The display was under the direction of firefighter John Dunn, who has taken a special course. Firefighters and Rotarians operated two food booths which did roaring business. Display An interesting display was arranged by the fire brigade. The 29 firefighters took part while Chief Mick Holmes announced their procedures from the public address system in his station wagon. Techniques of using hand fire extinguishers were shown. A wrecked car was donated by Halton Hills Collision for the display, and after the men had shown how they open a car with a saw to release trapped passengers, they set fire to it and extinguished the blaze with foam. Fishing There were between 60 and 70 entries in the fishing derby which went on all day at the park. Winners are: catfish Doug Johnson; child's bass Andre Roach; child's pike Bob

Brouillard. Adult largest bass Chris Swetman; largest pike Wayne Parle. Largest fish of the day was caught by Maurice Jodoin. Fishing equipment was purchased as prizes for the winners of the derby. The number entering was considered fair by organizers. Some years have seen more, some less. Prizes were awarded at 4 p.m. by Herb Dodds. Committee Herb Dodds was chairman of the Dominion Day firefighter committee with Grant

Withers, Dave Shannon, Wayne Kelly, Larry Frizzell and Bill Spiegogel. Representing Rotarians were chairman Ed Bendicks, Ted Hansen and Wayne Moss. Although it wasn't a money-making scheme, organizers think they have lost a little on the day. They suggest anyone watching the fireworks from outside the park who would still like to make a donation could give it to any firefighter, or leave it in the fire chief's office in the town offices on Mill St. Almost all time was donated for the annual event.

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May sell park as building lots

The town of Halton Hills will determine how many residential lots can be made from vacant land on Mill Street near Acton Boulevard, Acton, known as Leishman Park. The ultimate aim is to sell the land according to planning board recommendation. Assistant Planner Ron Burnett said the 450 x 100 feet property is vacant and bordered by a sidewalk and curb. He pointed out the recreation department feels the land is too small for a major park, and states there is sufficient recreation area in the nearby school grounds. Councillor Joe Hurst explained the land had been turned over to the Board

of Parks Management years ago, but was termed "unserviceable" by the board, who turned it back to the town. He claimed three Acton councils had intended to proceed with rezoning. Councillor Roy Booth asked if the land had been turned back to the town within the time limit which makes ministerial approval unnecessary. Hurst said it had been turned back years ago, and would not need ministerial approval. Councillor Pat McKenzie said the land was originally turned back because there was not enough land across the back for building lots. Councillor Les Duby said

there had been a petition objecting to the land being made into residential lots. He explained the land originally had a depth of 60 feet. He said council investigated buying a strip of land deep enough to make building lots, and went to the expense of moving high tension lines. He said the O.M.B. turned down the application to make residential lots. Councillor Dick Howitt asked if the land had ever been used for a park. Hurst said it had not, and was only a weed grown piece of land. Duby reminded council there is an up-to-date petition from residents who want the land to remain as it is.

Complex approved One vote majority OK two thirds not needed

The \$900,000 municipal complex, passed by Halton Hills council last week by one vote, does not need a two-thirds majority vote as was suggested last week, according to Assistant Clerk Delmar French. The municipal complex will be added to the existing Seventh Line administration building. Mayor Tom Hill claimed the repairs to the arena, the cost of the works garage, and the cost of reshuffling the fire, ambulance and engineering departments, were already committed, and pointed out the additional cost of the municipal complex would throw too heavy a load on the taxpayers.

"I know I'm counting noses," confessed Hyde as he suggested no decision be made on the by-law that night. He said everyone should be present. Councillor Harry Levy admitted a central complex would be an asset, but termed it "a luxury the town doesn't need or cannot afford." He claimed the town has their priorities wrong, and reminded council about the repairs to the arena, and the pressure for a library. He said all departments are housed, "maybe a bit inconvenient, but housed." Councillor Pat McKenzie

maintained the need for a central complex is recognized. He pointed out Ward One (Acton), had given up their own offices when Acton amalgamated with Halton Hills. "Now we're quibbling over a place to call home." He suggested residents cannot relate the hodgepodge of town offices at present. He said, he was in favor of a library but not if it takes precedence over the town staff. He said the need for a library was there before the formation of Halton Hills. "When it was shelved it was

Ben Rachlin sells store

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Born in China, he went to Hong Kong and from there to Surinam (formerly Dutch Guiana) where he learned his trade. He was in the jewellery business there for 15 years. Now in Toronto, he has a wife and four children as well as sister and brothers and other relatives there. He is considering moving to Acton. He plans to take the store Acton Jewellery, and expand on the present lines. Norma Thornhill will remain on the staff with the new owner. Mr. Rachlin, who has the apartment upstairs, expects to be in town for some time yet.

Criminal negligence charges follow two chases

A 17-year-old Georgetown man was charged with criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle, careless driving, possession of marijuana and possession for the purpose of trafficking, following two separate high-speed police chases Sunday night and early Monday morning—one of which ended in an accident on Highway 25 at Speyside. The sequence of events began at 10:20 p.m. Sunday night when Milton OPP of-

ficer Constable Gerry Gibson, who was going north on Highway 25, spotted a car going south towards Highway 401, which was passing cars by driving on the shoulder. Milton OPP Staff Sergeant Alex Grainger reported. Gibson abandoned his routine patrolling, turned on his flashing lights, and headed south in pursuit of the vehicle. Calls for help The suspect vehicle took the westbound ramp onto 401

hwy. at Milton with the OPP cruiser following. Gibson radioed both Guelph and Kitchener detachments of the OPP for assistance. As the chase on the 4-lane highway progressed speeds hit as high as 85 miles per hour, police said. By the time the suspect vehicle had passed Highway 6 it was in the passing lane with the Milton OPP cruiser on its tail and a Guelph OPP vehicle beside it in the driving lane. A little further on a Kitchener OPP cruiser swung into the westbound passing lane in front of the suspect car, now completely boxed in, with all vehicles travelling at about 60 miles an hour. Rams cruiser The pursued vehicle then rammed the Kitchener OPP cruiser from behind. Both cars careened off the road onto the grassy median strip. Milton and Guelph OPP cars voluntarily followed. The driver was in the car with the doors locked but with

the driver's window partially opened. He refused to get out of the car. The Kitchener OPP officer grabbed at the driver in an attempt to get him out of the vehicle but he quickly backed the car up dragging the officer with him 30 feet and slammed into the Guelph OPP cruiser. He then made a U turn and sped off down Highway 401 in an easterly direction. The officer by the car was uninjured. The OPP then issued an observation alert to all area police forces to be on the lookout for the car. Spotted in Acton Acton detachment, Halton Regional Police, spotted the car on Main Street, Acton, at 12:20 a.m. and attempted to pull it over. Once again the suspect car sped away and the driver found himself being pursued by police. As the chase started down Highway 25 towards Milton the suspect car's speed ap-

proached 90. The two Acton officers, in constant touch with the Halton Regional Police Communications network, decided to withdraw from the pursuit, because it was too fast for safety, Superintendent Lloyd Schwantz Halton Regional Police reported. The officers, who continued on down the highway at a slower speed lost sight of the suspect car. At 12:38 a.m. when they arrived in the area of the

Speyside curves the Acton officers saw cars flashing their headlights and discovered the suspect vehicle in a ditch. It had taken out a hydro pole and wires lay on the ground around the car. The suspect was taken to hospital and released later that day. Superintendent Schwantz said the Acton officers knew the car was wanted by Milton OPP and that it had been involved in a high speed chase the day before on 401.