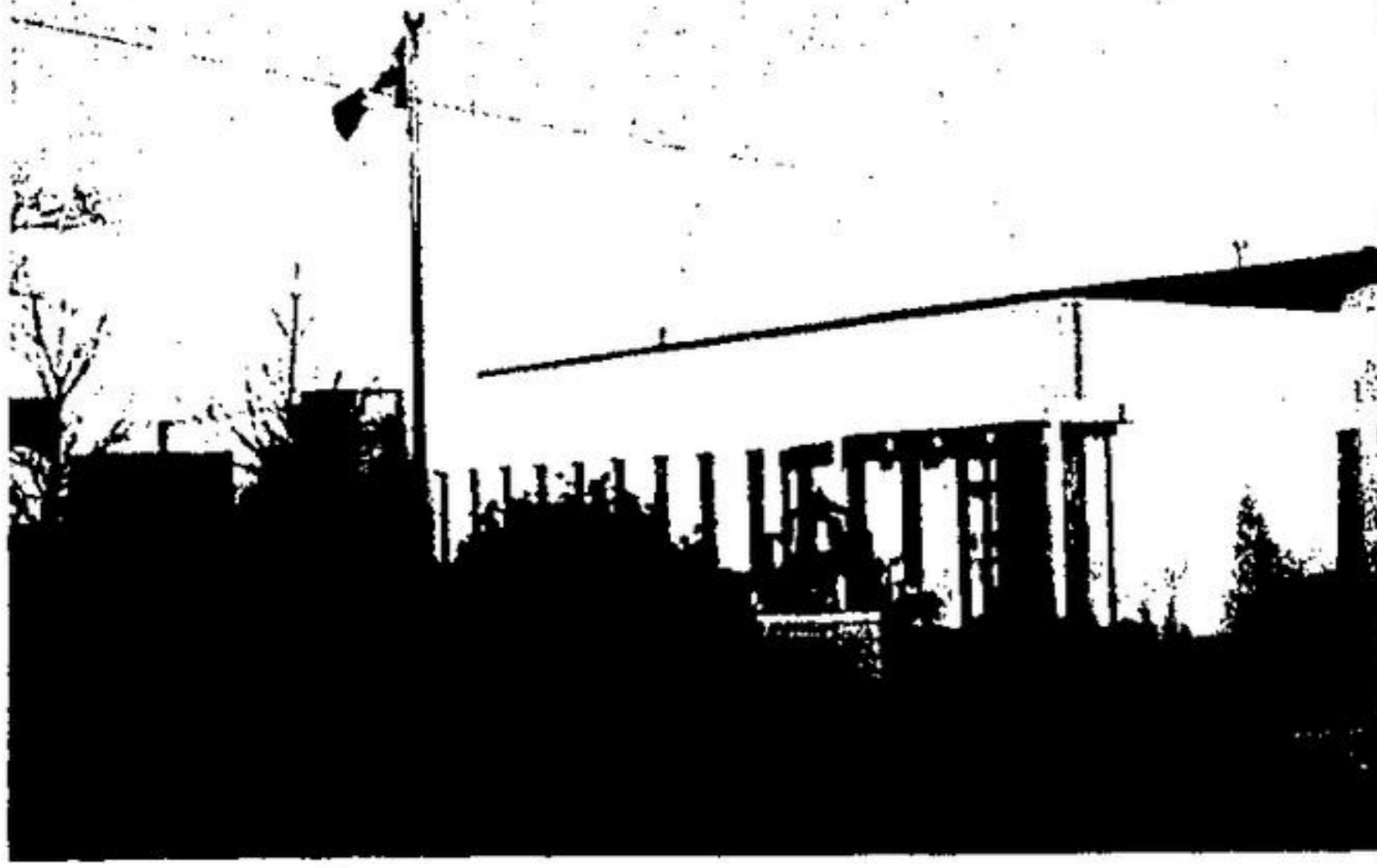


Firefighters show off their new hall



NEW GEORGETOWN fire hall was officially opened on Saturday. A former town building was converted for the hall.

Georgetown Firefighters, now known as Halton Hills Area No. 2 Brigade, played host to the public at the official opening of their new fire hall on Maple Ave., Sunday afternoon.

The building, formerly occupied by the town works department, was renovated to suit firefighters' needs at a cost of \$35,000. The volunteer brigade also kicked in \$6,000 of its own money and thousands of man hours to the renovation job.

Firefighters dedicated a plaque in memory of the late Pearl Oliver, who once kept a 24 hour vigil on all police, fire and ambulance calls from her apartment above the old fire hall on Guelph St.

The plaque is on the front of

the stonework which supports the old bell which Mrs. Oliver could ring to sound an alarm if a power failure occurred. It's the same bell her father, Henry Marchment, used to ring out the time of day and warn of fires when he was the town's official bell ringer many years before.

The bell was saved when Georgetown's old town hall was torn down to make way for the Guelph St. fire hall.

Bill Hyde Sr., a former chief of the Georgetown Brigade, unveiled the plaque, Sunday. Representing the Oliver family were Wes Oliver, Louise Mossop and Marie Louth.

Mayor Tom Hill split the traditional hose Fire Chief Mick Holmes held to officially

open the newly-renovated building. Rev. Peter Barrow gave the invocation and dedication. District Chief Bill Cunningham was master of ceremonies for the opening.

Sid Oxenham, assistant fire marshal for Ontario, represented the provincial government. Also attending were Milton Fire Chief Babe Clements, Norm Atkins, an adviser from the fire marshal's office, several members of the Milton and Acton (Halton Hills No. 1) brigades and retired members of the Georgetown brigade.

Following the opening ceremonies, visitors were allowed to tour the fire hall, watch a demonstration of how to rescue a victim from a car accident.



FIRE CHIEF MICK Holmes held the hose for Mayor Tom Hill, who split it with an axe to open the new fire hall.

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