1976 CORDOBA burst into flames yesterday (Tuesday) while parked on Main St. The vehicle had apparently just been parked when the fire started. Firefighters had a problem getting under the hood to find the flames as the hood release cable had been burned, leaving no way to get to the problem. A crowbar eventually pried it loose.

keeping a chimney clean, es-

pecially when burning wood

in a fire place. Excess soot

attaches itself inside the

structure, and catches on

fighters going to a McDonald

Ave. home, where a fire

started when the owner was

expenses, up to a maximum

of \$1,500 a year. This move

was to replace a flat \$1,500

Councillor Roy Booth

suggested the \$1,000 salary

increase, rather than the

vouchers since the treasurer

claimed it would be a

nightmare for the bookkeep-

ing department and the

Booth pointed out it would

save the taxpayer \$500, and

save a lot of work for the

Asked how he arrived at the

\$1,000 figure, Booth said the

inclusion of the \$1,000 in the

mayor's salary would mean it

would come under the one-

third tax fee regulation for all

members of council. He said

cutting the \$500 off the

amount would come out about

the same when the tax is con-

Finance chairman Russ

Miller said the treasurer felt

it could be handled either

treasury department.

allowance.

which

February 5 saw the fire-

Mr. Van Fleet said.

Extensive damage resulted

after a car fire yesterday

(Tuesday), on Main St., near

Knox Ave. Mr. Van Fleet sald

the owner had parked the

vehicle and when he looked

out of a nearby window, the

fire truck was out front. Upon

investigation, Mr. Van Fleet

said, the man discovered it

Firefighters had a hard

time getting the hood open to

fight the flames, Mr. Van

Fleet said, as the hood re-

lease cable had burned,

making the inside handle use-

less. The hood had to be pried

open with a crowbar before

the blaze could be ex-

tinguished. None of the in-

terior of the car was

damaged. Mr. Van Fleet said

the cause of the fire is un-

A small cabin on the Fourth

Line, between 17 Sideroad

and 22 Sideroad was gutted

Saturday night around 11

Georgetown firemen, shea-

thed in ice, fought the blaze,

but could not contain the fire

started by an overheated

cabin, was not there at the

time of the fire. Damage is

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was his car on fire.

Four fire alarms so far this month

So far, February has been a chief Bern Van Fleet em- thawing some frozen water busy month for Acton phasized the importance of pipes. Damage was minimal volunteer firefighters.

Last Thursday, the crew was summoned to a truck accident at 6.15 a.m. on Highway 25 north of the Fifth Sideroad. They had to cut a man loose from the cab of a truck.

The next day, the men extinguished a chimney fire on Cobblehill Rd. Deputy fire

For mayor

\$1,000 increase but \$1,500 cut?

Mayor Tom Hill may have submit vouchers to collect his \$1,000 added to his \$12,100 salary, but if so will lose a \$1,500 expense account. Halton Hills council decided, Monday night to let committee have another chance to come up with an answer. Earlier committee had recommended the mayor

May seek youth grant

A project proposal was pre-sented to the members of the Halton Hills sub-committee of the Youth Services Network when they met in the Acton Y last Thursday. The proposal includes application for Young Canada Works Grant, with long-term funding from the community. The proposal envisages youth workers in both Acton and Georgetown with drop-in centres and other types of youth work.

It also reports on Youth Assisting Youth, a preventative program that has been operating in other communities. An application for a grant would have to be in by June. There will be further dis-

cussion on the proposals. Youth services co-ordinator Peter Gillesple chaired the meeting.

The annual meeting of the Youth Services will be held in General Wolfe school on Feb. 22. Ann Pickering and Marilyn Serjeantson will be nominated for the board of directors. Other board members from Halton Hills will also attend. '

Youth Resources handbooks are now available, Mr. Gillespie reported.

Town ad criticized

The Ontario Human Rights Commission is not happy with an ad placed by the town of Halton Hills for a clerkadministrator.

Mayor Tom Hill told council Monday night, he received a letter criticizing the town for asking for age and marital status.

Permits hit 4 year low

The value of building permits issued in January hit a four year low. The total was \$59,100, compared to \$643,047

a year ago January. Only one house permit, valued at \$38,000, was issued last month, along with five alteration and three sign permits.

Provincial inducement

Halton could lose \$4,000,000

\$4,000,000 are available to Halton Region, according to regional treasurer Don Farmer and Chairman Ric

To take advantage of those grants the region must revamp the county road system to include many miles of roads in Oakville and Burlington, move towards a uniform philosophy on water rates and finally implement a user charge to cover cost of

Throughout a two-hour press conference Monday afternoon. Morrow phasized that what is being proposed is not equalized assessment.

He said the \$4,000,000 was an inducement offered by the province to encourage the region to take a more regional posture. Similar grants were made available to other regions. If Halton doesn't take advantage of the grants by the end of this year, the offer expires.

Morrow said he will bypass committees with the proposal and present the material

He acknowledged the proposal will be controversial and it is bound to be violently posed by some.

He said no one had clearly and concisely explained the grants in the past four years. 'I don't want anyone to come to me when it is too late and say, why didn't you tell us this? I get real emotional about it. We're talking about \$4,000,000-\$4,000,000, that's a lot of bread."

Both Farmer and Morrow indicated that under this system councillors from one municipality would be less apt to turn to another and say you are paying for the project, so if you want it we'll vote for it.

That basically is the way sewer and water projects are approved now. Under the new program if it were adopted the cost would be applied across the region and councillors will be less apt to vote

for a project in a different else; that's where the work will be done," Farmer said. municipality unless they Morrow said the county were absolutely certain it is

local. Local councillors can bring local input but I have to think that if the region as a whole is paying, the region as a whole should decide. If the need in one area is perceived to be greater than somewhere

road system is grossly unfair "Sewer and water are and terribly inequitable. regional responsibilities, not . Roads in the south should be brought into the regional roads systems, bringing cost reductions to the south and increases to the north, ac-

cording to the chairman. Farmer said the province would come up with \$995,260

Where B.I.A. money goes to be discussed

The joint meeting of the Business Association and Business Improvement Area Wednesday, Feb. 15 will feature dinner, a speaker, and elections for both groups.

But one of the main things, says B.A. president Alma Swetman, is that those who attend will find out how their money is going to be spent this coming year.
The B.i.A. will be implementing its program of improve-

ments for the downtown area. All business people in the district will be contributing. Executives of both groups hope for a good attendance at the meeting in the Dominion Hotel next week.

Seniors told directly to council when it meets Wednesday. not eligible

A couple of senior citizens have been informed they are ineligible for the new senior citizens' housing. Councillor Les Duby says he is very concerned about the situation and is pursuing it.

The list of applicants has been reviewed and some have been rejected on the basis of a point system.

In one case, the applicant owns a cottage. "This shouldn't in my view prevent them from being eligible," Mr. Duby declared. "They put a little away for their retirement and this is what happens. It discourages the incentive to save."

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"It's a very valid com-People on welfare get high points, Mr. Duby explains.

Mr. Duby says that councillor Pat McKenzie is following the matter up at the regional level.

There will be 54 units in the senior citizen complex on Elizabeth Dr. More than that number have applied.

in grants to offset the impact of moving towards uniform water rates. The money would go to soften increases that otherwise would be dramatic.

According to figures Farmer presented, Acton would be the major benefactor of the scheme. By the end of 1980 Farmer projects the cost of water to be \$1.72 per 1,000 gallons under the present policy but 80 cents per thousand under the pro-

posed policy. In some other areas the rates would be lower as well in 1980 under the proposed system. Burlington would pay 60 cents instead of 59 per thousand; Georgetown would pay 70 cents instead of 88; Milton would pay 60 cents instead of 90 and Oakville would pay 70 cents instead of 75 cents per thousand.

\$1,150 in collision

A two-car collision on 22nd Sideroad resulted in a total of \$1,150 in damage to the vehicles last Wednesday morning.

Halton Regional Police estimate there was \$1,000 in property damage to the auto driven by Alan Hussey of 108 Kingham Rd., Acton.

The balance of the damage figure is on the vehicle driven by Ross Van Patter of R.R. 1 Georgetown, according to

Both vehicles were eastbound at the time of the mis-

Delay "Y" lease for police views

Halton Hills council held up third reading of the by-law to lease "Y" building in Acton, Monday night, to make sure the Halton Police Commission is satisfied with the space the town plans to sublet to them.

Councillor Roy Booth said a new member of the police commission said he felt there should be more space.

Mayor Tom Hill said the rest of police commission is satisfied, and urged the passing of the by-law right away. Councillor Pat McKenzie

said the new member should be talking to the police commission not to coun-

Councillor Russ Miller claimed the only problem for the town is housing summer recreation department staff.

McKenzle asked if a room should be left vacant for nine months to accommodate staff for three summer months.

The mayor pointed out the town was paying the full \$360 a month themselves and would be until the police

New phone books soon

Distribution of some 224,146 copies of the 1978 telephone directory for the regional municipality of Waterloo, Guelph and surrounding territory will begin the week of February 6, W. C. Salmon, manager, says. Delivery of the books by Directory Distributing Associates Ltd. will be on a staggered basis throughout the area, and, barring bad weather, should be completed by February 21.

Acton customers receive 4,010 books this year. One book will be delivered to each residence customer. A

customer who wishes additional copies, up to the number of telephone sets in the home, may request them at the time of delivery.

Mr. Salmon suggested that upon receipt of the new directory, which this year features pictures of nine of Ontario's wild flowers, the first thing to do is to write in the emergency numbers in the spaces provided on the inside front cover of the book and make necessary changes to your frequently called telephone number list.

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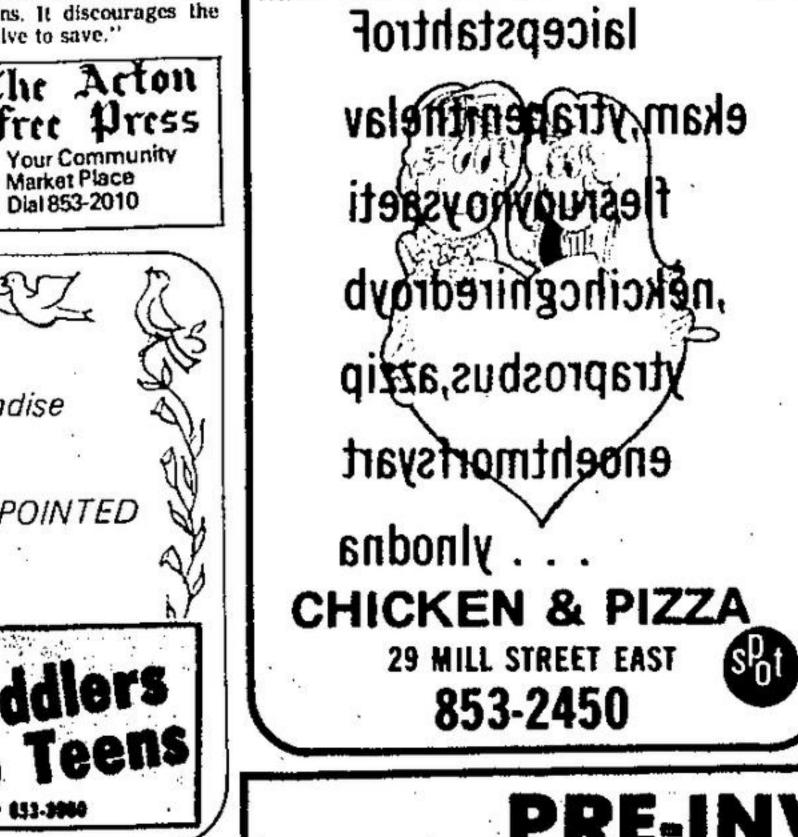
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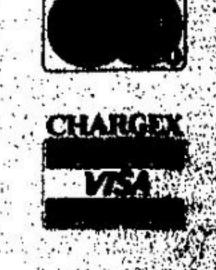
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