

# Over \$400,000 damages in fires . . .

(Continued from Page 1) M.P. died of a heart attack in Toronto Sunnybrook Hospital. His father, Charles Best, co-discoverer of insulin died a few days later.

April 5: Damage is set at \$10,000, after fire ripped through the second storey of a home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harris, 10 Rosemary Rd.

Halton Regional Police have moved out of a condemned town hall and into quarters at the Y. They will share the space with the municipal offices.

April 12: Otto Jelinek emerged from the largest Tory nomination meeting ever held in Halton with a mandate to battle with Frank Philbrook, the incumbent Liberal member for Halton, at the next federal election.

Over 200 figure skaters took part in the annual skating carnival. The theme was "We Wish You a Rainbow."

April 19: Halton Hills Fire Chief Mick Holmes and all members of the Acton volunteer fire department were honored as Acton's Citizens of the Year at a banquet sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce.

April 26: The average tax bill in Acton is up \$21.91. Georgetown tax bills are up \$59.22 and Esqueing \$43.28.

May 3: Limehouse and Speyside schools have both been twinned with other schools resulting in the loss of their principals. Limehouse has been twinned with Joseph Gibbons in Georgetown and Speyside with Robert Little in Acton.

May 10: Halton Hills planning board was told Goldan Holdings, owners of land on the eastern edge of Acton hope to build 80 homes on 50 acres of their property, the former Sprowl farm on Churchill Rd.

May 17: Acton resident Ken Chappell and Halton Regional police constable Alex Fish-

bein, of the Acton detachment received the Georgetown Optimist Respect for Law Week award for their part in aiding tow truck operator Frank Toth, injured during a blinding snowstorm. Also honored was Constable Barry Holland, formerly with the Acton detachment, for apprehending a rapist and holding him for police. The incident occurred in Mr. Holland's Burlington apartment building while he was off duty.

May 24: Acton resident Ken Chappell, of 196 Churchill Rd. S. has been presented with a civilian citation at the fourth annual Halton Regional Police Awards night in Burlington. Mr. Chappell, along with police Constable Alex Fishbein made a 15-mile emergency run to Guelph General hospital in a blinding snowstorm after an accident severely injured tow truck operator Frank Toth. Mr. Toth eventually lost his leg.

May 31: The Acton business community is opposed to the proposed shopping plaza at Highway 7 and Churchill Rd., at this time.

Wallace G. Watkins has been named principal of Acton high school, replacing Dean P. Fink, who has been promoted to the position of area superintendent for Oakville.

June 7: Halton Hills council has decided to waive the five per cent cash in lieu of parkland requirement for the senior citizens apartment complex on Elizabeth Dr.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Opstal, 13 Wilbur St. is homeless after fire swept through their home, causing \$20,000 in damages.

June 14: Halton Burlington Member of Provincial Parliament and energy critic Julian Reed claims that evidence is

mounting at meetings of the select committee of the Ontario Legislature on Ontario Hydro that the heavy water plant at Bruce nuclear station is a "billion dollar bungle."

June 21: Jack Cooper, 71, of Rockwood, is dead after being pinned by a milk tank truck in a double accident at Stratton's Corner. Just minutes before his death, Mr. Cooper had been in an accident which caused one car to careen into the front window of Stratton's service station. Mr. Cooper's car had smashed into a mailbox, but he remained unharmed. Mr. Cooper crossed the road to see if anyone was hurt, and then went to return to his car. As he was crossing however, a milk tanker truck swerved to avoid a car turning into Stratton's. The truck rolled over several times, crushing Mr. Cooper. He died instantly.

Self-styled priest Denis Scallen was found guilty of three counts of fraud. He had run a "monastery" in the Limehouse area for several years. The court case brought up several religious arguments.

June 28: A special Police Association report on the department's morale has revealed morale has nowhere to go but up.

July 5: The Canadian Tire store warehouse on Eastern Ave. burned to the ground during the Buck to Acton Days celebrations. Only a wall separates the warehouse and Frank Heller's Co. plant. Damage is estimated at \$138,000. Children playing with matches or smoking is believed to be the cause.

Back to Acton Days proved to be a "super" success says organizer Ed Wood.

July 12: Jeremy Jones of

R.R. 2, Acton, died when he fell into a grain chute full of sawdust. He had been missing for two hours when he was found by his uncle Jim Quackenbush.

The Royal Variety in Glenlea plaza was robbed at knife-point at closing time. Police are looking for a man and a woman.

July 19: A letter with 45 signatures opposing the rezoning of Leishman Park so it could be sold for houses has been sent to Halton Hills.

Area farmers are confirming media reports that it is the driest they have seen the area in 55 years.

August 9: St. Joseph's Catholic Church held a special mass to pray for the

repose of the soul of Pope Paul VI.

August 18: Emergency polio immunization clinics in Halton limited immunization to people under 18 after a polio scare resulted in a short supply and high demand.

August 23: Regional chairman Ric Morrow announced his plans to retire from politics. He cited family reasons.

A former Oakville resident was jailed for nine months following an armed hold-up at the Royal Variety store.

August 30: Gary Archibald, 17, received burns to his arms, legs and feet during a grease fire in his home on

Willow St. Fire Chief Mick Holmes estimates between \$6 and \$7,000 in damages.

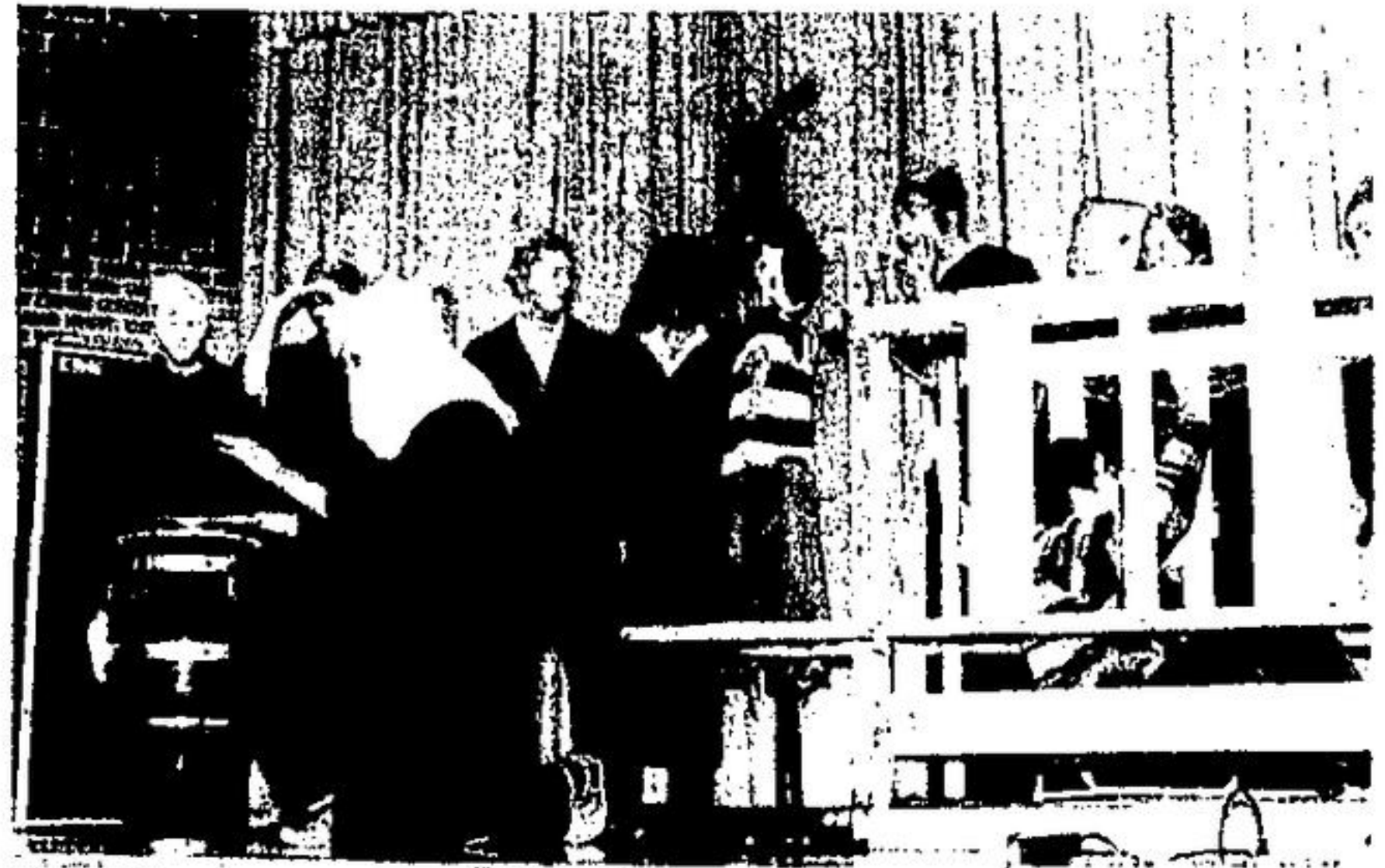
September 6: 22-year-old Darinka Moskun died in Georgetown hospital after being struck by a car at Crewson's Corners. The same week, two young Toronto boys were killed when the mini-bike they were riding was in collision with a car near Smallwood Acres.

September 13: Councillor Les Dudy, former mayor of Acton has announced his intention to seek re-election in the upcoming municipal election.

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Acton High School played host to the dating game during their Christmas assembly. Teacher Brian Downes asked a few questions and then the moment he had been waiting for, a chance to meet the girl (?) of his dreams, Scott Malcolm.



They called themselves TROY. They were a group of high school students who early this year made hostage of some of the high school staff. They are seen here performing a little number to the delight of the students at the Christmas assembly last Friday. Teacher Ken Ellis got carried away with their act. . . literally.

## Report from Queen's Park

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At present, under the Public Hospitals Act, parents have the right to give permission for sterilization of their retarded children under the age of 16. During a heated debate in the Legislature, the Minister of Health stated he had only recently heard of these sterilizations, and is proposing a nine-month ban, except for medical emergencies, so that there can be an opportunity to investigate the situation.

Third and final reading has now been given to the controversial bill on health and safety in the workplace. This legislation has been delayed by the government for some months, following debate in committee, when the three parties failed to agree upon which categories of workers should be covered.

Six essential principles were proposed by us: (1) coverage of all non-agricultural workers; (2) limitation on the right to refuse work by policemen, firemen and others where life or safety of the public is in jeopardy; (3) mandatory health and safety committees for all industrial work, places and mines with more than 20 employees, and health and safety representatives for construction sites; (4) pre-testing of all new substances introduced into the workplace; (5) recognition that employers and supervisors may advance the taking of every reasonable precaution as a defence in appropriate situations; (6) assessment of contractors on an equal basis with other employers.

Workers are given the right to refuse to perform unsafe work but the following exceptions are specified: policemen, firemen, workers in correctional institutions and training schools and employees in health or health-related jobs. Provision is made for health and safety committees to be established in all workplaces wherever a dangerous substance, subject to control orders, is present. Committees are also provided for where there are 20 or more employees, except in offices, stores, apartment buildings, libraries, museums, theatres, private clubs, restaurants and hotels. Under the bill the Minister of Labour has the authority to create health and safety committees at any workplace. Liberal Leader Stuart Smith has warned the

## New GM for CVCA


Grant Clarkson, Chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority announced today that, effective January 2, 1978, Glen Schnarr will assume the position of General Manager.

Mr. Schnarr comes to the Credit after almost two years in the Conservation Authorities' Program Section, Central Region office of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Following graduation from the School of Environmental Studies at the University of Waterloo and further studies at the University of British Columbia, Mr. Schnarr was employed by British Columbia Hydro before returning to Ontario.

Mr. Schnarr, his wife Deborah and sons Matthew, 3 and Ted, 1 presently live in Aurora.

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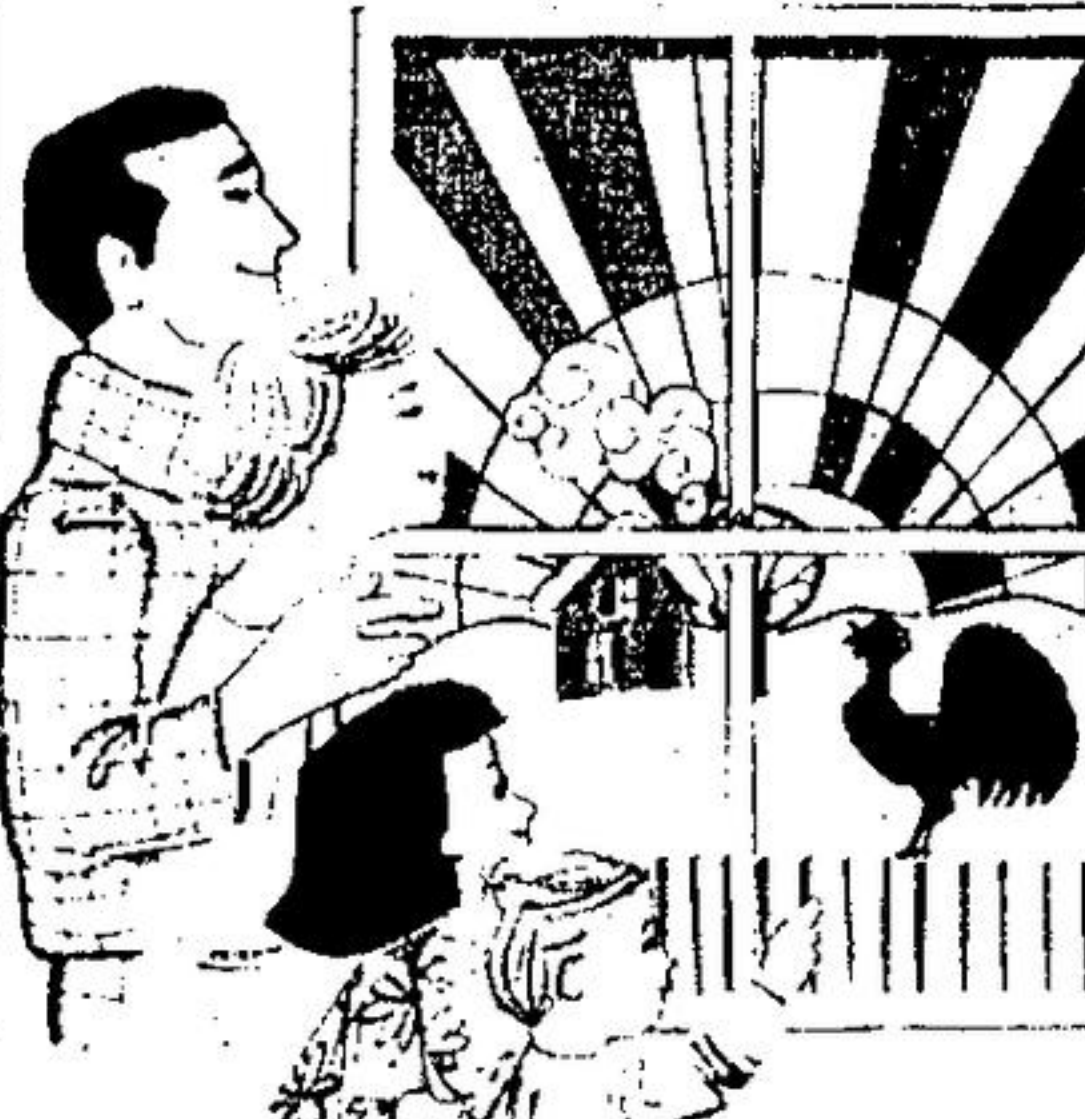
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