



This week thru the lens



## Actario draw week's winners

Bev Owen, Churchill Rd., just missed winning the big double prize in Saturday's Actario Draw.

Owen arrived moments too late to win the television set plus the \$350 as being the first name drawn from the bin. She had to settle for the cash.

Dorothy McClure, RR 1 Acton and Freda Lambert, Maria St., won the merchant bonus prizes.

McClure won bonuses from Acton Family Cleaners, Jolliffe Shoes and the Acton Deli.

The package for Lambert consisted of bonuses from Superior Shoe repair, Jug City, Acton Camera and Acton Family Cleaners.

The draw was made by Esther Taylor.

Tickets, which are for the saving of the old town hall, are available. Some 548 have been sold. Tickets are at the reduced rate; down by \$8.70.

The next draw is Saturday in front of Acton Family Cleaners on Mill St.

Bev Owen, right, was the first winner in Saturday's Actario draw. She bought her ticket just a day or two before the draw. Pictured also are draw organizer Kathy Sanford, left, Esther Taylor—who drew the tickets—and Ted Tyler at the microphone.

Acton High School conducted its first car rally of the year Friday after school. The crew of the last car to start consisted of Lillian Graham, driver Kelly George, navigator Jenny Watson and Dayna George.

## Shooting victim still in hospital

An Acton man, Russell Blake Elliott, was still in intensive care at Guelph General Hospital Tuesday when this paper contacted hospital officials.

It was hoped he would be released to a surgical floor by Tuesday afternoon.

He suffered severe internal injuries after a shotgun blast entered his back last week while he was hunting. It is thought by friends present that Elliott may have tripped or stumbled against his shotgun causing the accident.

Elliott and friends were hunting near Maple Rock Shooting Range when the mishap occurred.

## McK-Smith hires grade 8 teacher

McKenzie-Smith School has a new teacher. Marilyn Brooks started Monday teaching grade eight math and social science in the mornings only.

The appointment has followed a reshuffling of grade eight students to provide a smaller pupil teacher ratio.

Mrs. Brooks is married, has one son, 3 months old, and enjoys sewing, squash, and cross country skiing in her spare time.

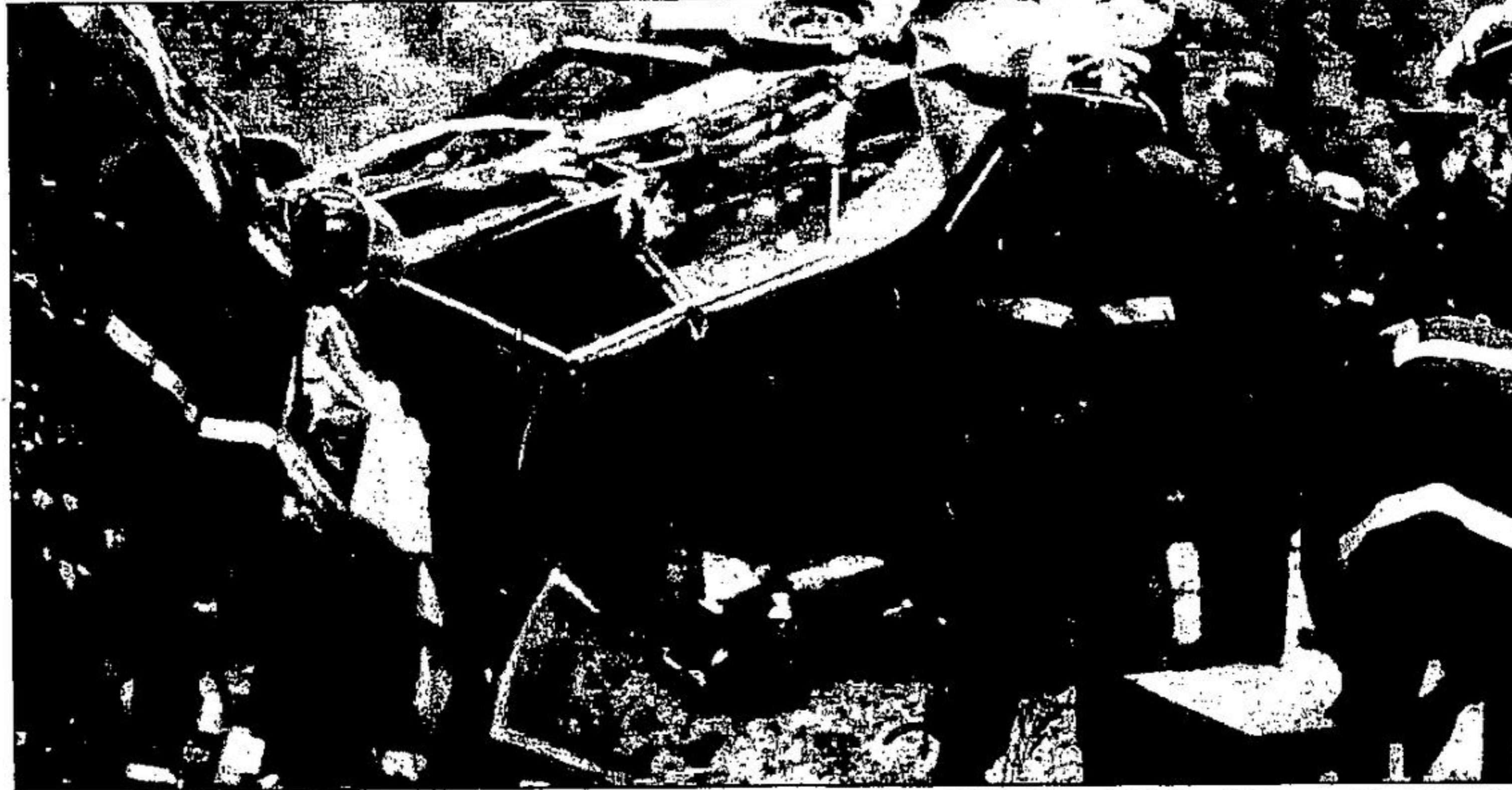
She and husband Michael have recently moved to Hillsburgh from Markham. Prior to that, Mrs. Brooks taught in Burlington for eight years on the grade six level.

The peace and quiet of the area is what attracted the Brooks before moving here.

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McKenzie-Smith pupil Nicola Willmott presents Acton Cancer Society representative Arlie White with a \$449 cheque. School children raised the sum for the Terry Fox cancer drive.



Firefighters and police examine the car which crashed into a tree Friday afternoon. Firefighters peeled back the roof of the vehicle to release passengers.

Muriel Leitch and Melissa Sharp. Leitch later died because of her injuries. Her brother, driver Francis Leitch, was able to walk after the crash.

## Five region road projects running out of bucks

Five major public works projects started by Halton Region are running out of money.

That is among the revelations about Halton's financial operations uncovered in a recent letter from the external auditors.

Members of the administration and finance committee were told additional financing for the projects will have to be found before they can be finished.

The projects, including expansion of the Oakville water filtration plant, addition to the Guelph Line Reservoir and Georgetown Water Pollution Control Plant, are unfunded because of a number of reasons the auditors said.

Among these reasons, are changes in the way the federal government funds capital grants, delays in filing applications for grants by regional staff, interest costs and funding restraints by senior levels of government.

Jim Stewart, acting regional treasurer, said the projects would require the issuing of additional debentures in order to raise the required funds.

In total, the projects require an additional \$793,000. They were originally budgeted at \$10.1 million.

A further \$80,000 must be found to complete construction of the Skyway Water Pollution Control Plant, the letter noted, although this amount should be found in the capital contributions funds.

Another of the problems noted by the auditor was the fact that special assessment rolls for local improvement

projects, some of which were started back in 1976, still have not been completed.

These rolls must be completed before special tax levies can be collected for these projects.

"It's vitally important that we have a procedure that streamlines this system," acting-deputy treasurer Don Farmer told the committees.

"The rolls have to be completed within three or four months of the finish of the project so that we can hold the courts and don't have to finance the work out of general revenues," he said.

After work under the Local Improvement Act is completed, a Court of Revision is held to set the amounts that will be paid

by individual homeowners.

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