

# Gavel, Degree for Past President, Realtor Board

The Brampton Real Estate Board has honoured past president Carl Markvorsen.

Arthur Johnson, 1971 president presented Mr. Markvorsen with a gavel as a reminder of his term in office and Mr. Markvorsen was also presented with his certified property manager degree at a ceremony in the Squire's Inn.

In his address to the board, Mr. Markvorsen said that it was not a pleasant task to report "that we have had a decline of sales and consequently our income."

He said the sales drop amount-

ed to 7.6 per cent. In 1969, sales were \$18,043,563, and in 1970 \$14,830,722, a decline of \$3,212,841.

Multiple Listing Service sales in Ontario reported from all 44 boards declined to \$280 million, a decrease of \$110 million, he said.

Mr. Markvorsen said he was, however, concerned "with our ratio of sales to listings." In 1969 it was 46.8 per cent and in 1970 it decreased to 37 per cent.

**BANKRUPT QUICKLY**

"Any merchant who only sells 37 per cent of his merchandise is going to be bankrupt fairly

quickly," he said. He said Ottawa was being considerably more realistic as far as the over-all housing picture is concerned, "keeping a very close eye on housing starts on a monthly basis."

**MOST MORTGAGES**

He suggested the provincial government's development plan for Toronto Centered Region would be presented in the same manner as Benson's White Paper on Taxation, "leaving the next step up to the taxpayers and interested groups to reply with constructive suggestions."

Locally, he said, it seems

Bramalea is still the most progressive area. However, "according to our local building inspector, there were 824 building permits issued in Brampton."

**MORE OWNERS**

"I would like the various levels of government to look closer into making more people house owners by way of mortgages geared to income both in percentage and in length instead of subsidized rental housing," he said. He warned that society might end up two-thirds being supported by one-third of society for housing.



The new executive of the Brampton Real Estate Board includes three Georgetown real estate people: president Arthur Johnson of Johnson-Carney Ltd., and directors William F. Hunter, who has his own firm here; and Mrs. Helen Atkinson of Fobert Real Estate. In the back row from left: Fred Gulstini, Brian Othen, James Hewson, and Harold Knight. Centre row, from left: Tom Montgomery, William F. Hunter, Ollie Signard, Lily Rodobolski, Helen Atkinson, Frank Wood. Seated from left: Carl Markvorsen, Ab Wardrop, Arthur Johnson and Everett Coates.

## IN THE MAIL BAG

### Not Convinced Snowmobiles As Harmless as Writer Said

Dear Sir:

I see that Mr. Handy, who is obviously a snowmobile operator took it upon himself to answer for all snow machine operators. I am impressed with the fact that he showed enough interest to comment upon my first letter but not with his rebuttal of my statements.

Let me acquaint Mr. Handy with a few facts in turn:

1. I agree that evergreens that were planted last summer would be very small but the snow is not waist deep as Mr. Handy states (from the obvious comfort of his armchair). This area has been swept clear of snow to a depth of a couple or three inches. The rows of trees are clearly visible. There is a fence so these trespassers cross where it is drifted over. In answer to posted signs — do you have your town lot posted and fenced? If it is not, can I come and run around your yard and trample your flower beds and bushes even under all that snow? I have always been taught since I was able to walk that any time I was to cross property that was not mine, I should ask permission. This is only common courtesy and good manners that so many people seem to lack these days, especially when they are outside town limits and seem to feel that all the land is open and barren and free.

2. I am glad to see that you agree that they should not operate 3 and 4 abreast on a public road but please get your facts straight. The road is not unmarked. Maybe they were not exceeding the speed limit but they were still being operated in a highly irresponsible manner.

3. As for the boozers — cars have 4 wheels and their drivers are also irresponsible where severe icing exists as it did that particular weekend.

4. Undoubtedly the driver going through the Plaza felt safe, otherwise he wouldn't have done it but he is extremely hard to see in a crowded plaza lot with any rearview equipment now available. Of course, a mentally incompetent would feel safe walking down the middle of the freeway at rush hour.

I have no doubt that a snowmobiler would stop and ask you if you were in trouble. This again is only the polite and courteous thing to do. I do not condemn all snowmobilers, only the ones that so flagrantly

break all rules of privacy and courtesy. If snowmobilers are such a boon to the populace why have they been banned from so many towns and cities? If people who own and operate these machines had used them in a sane, safe and sensible fashion, these towns would probably still allow them around. In North Bay snowmobiles are banned completely within town limits and if you are operating on the lake you can be prosecuted if you come within 500 feet of any private residence or

summer resort. These restrictions would not have been put into force had the operators not abused the privilege of operating within town limits.

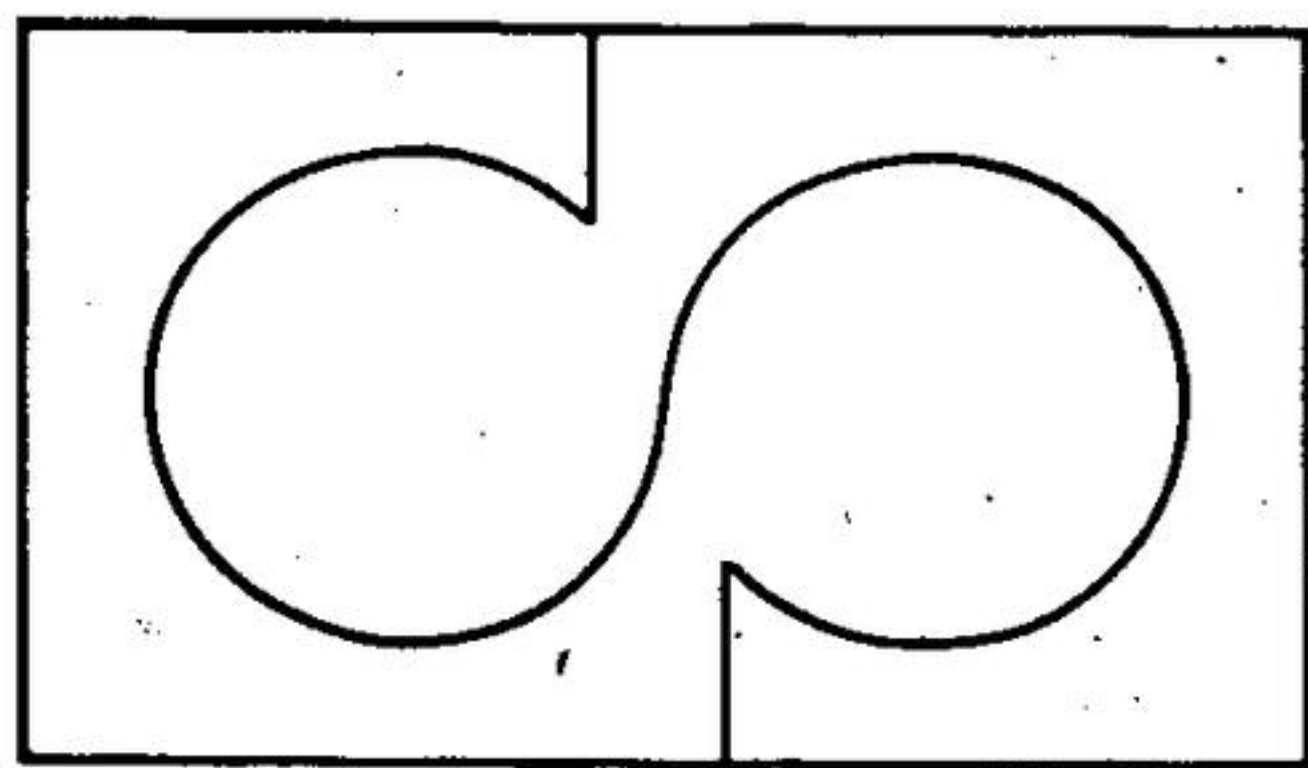
It is a well known fact that there was a salesman of snow machines in Georgetown who included a pair of wire cutters as standard equipment on all snowmobiles he sold. This is an open invitation for people to trespass. This man, as well as the operators who used these wire cutters to gain unlawful entry to fields, should be prosecuted.

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Up to January of this year 44 people were killed in Canada this winter season. In a study by doctors of 135 patients: 50% had leg injuries; 18% arm injuries and 14% head injuries. Out of 59 people injured 24 suffered disabilities, 4 permanently disabled, 3 partially disabled, 6 permanently scarred and one blinded. In all these cases the doctors found that "the driver was the weak link," and that "these accidents should not have happened."

I could go on and on. All these figures can be substantiated by calling the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and were recently published in the Toronto Globe & Mail along with the names of the doctors concerned.

I rest my case. Thank you. Peter Snider



### Commission on Post-Secondary Education in Ontario PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission is arranging the next set of Public Hearings in selected centres throughout Ontario, to provide full opportunity for all interested individuals and organizations to express opinions and offer discussion related to the development of secondary education in the province.

A hearing is planned for your area on Tuesday, April 27th. Briefs to be presented should be submitted to the Commission by April 14th. Time and place of the hearing will be published at a later date.

Details of the Commission's terms of reference and the procedure for the submission of briefs may be obtained from:

Commission on Post-Secondary Education in Ontario, 505 University Avenue, Suite 203, Toronto 101, Ontario.

## NORVAL

### Tea Bags Raise Funds For St. Leonard's House

A meeting of the Inter-church committee was held in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening March 5. Guests were present from Norval Presbyterian Church, Home United Church and Glen Williams Anglican church. Mrs. T. Haines and Mrs. May Beaumont of the Glen Williams sang a couple of duets during the service.

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Teen choir sang three special numbers during the service. Home United Church service was cancelled due to the bad driving conditions.

— Mrs. Ed McLean

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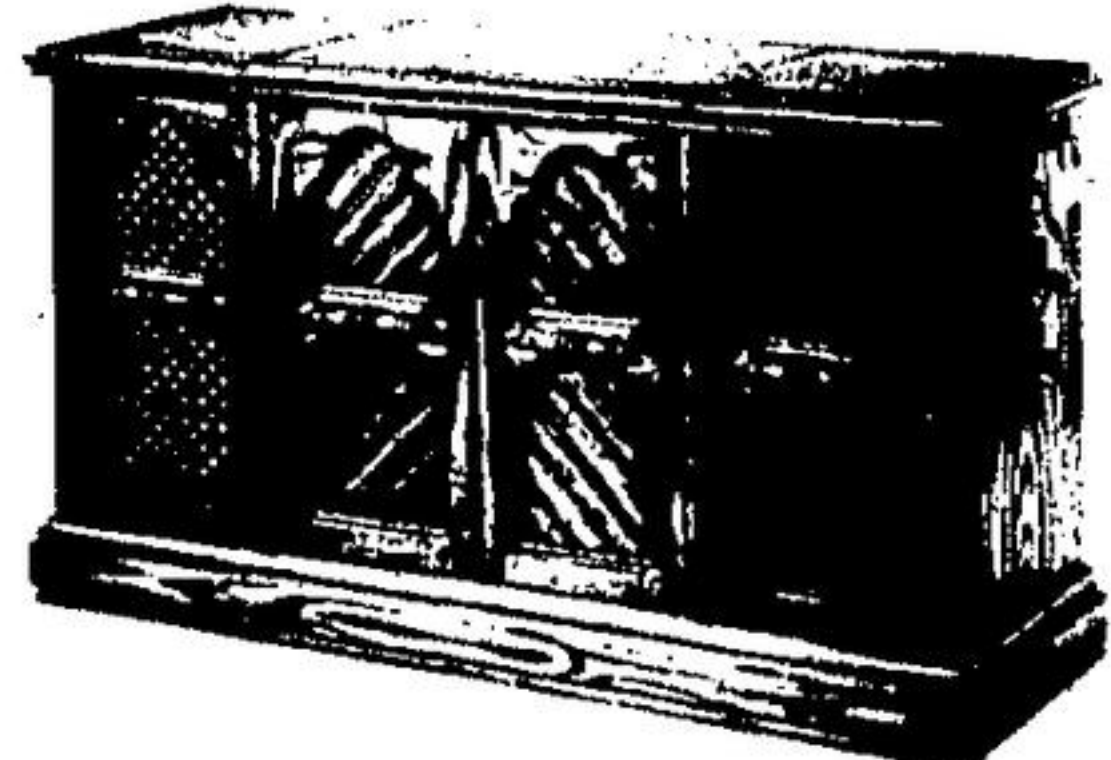
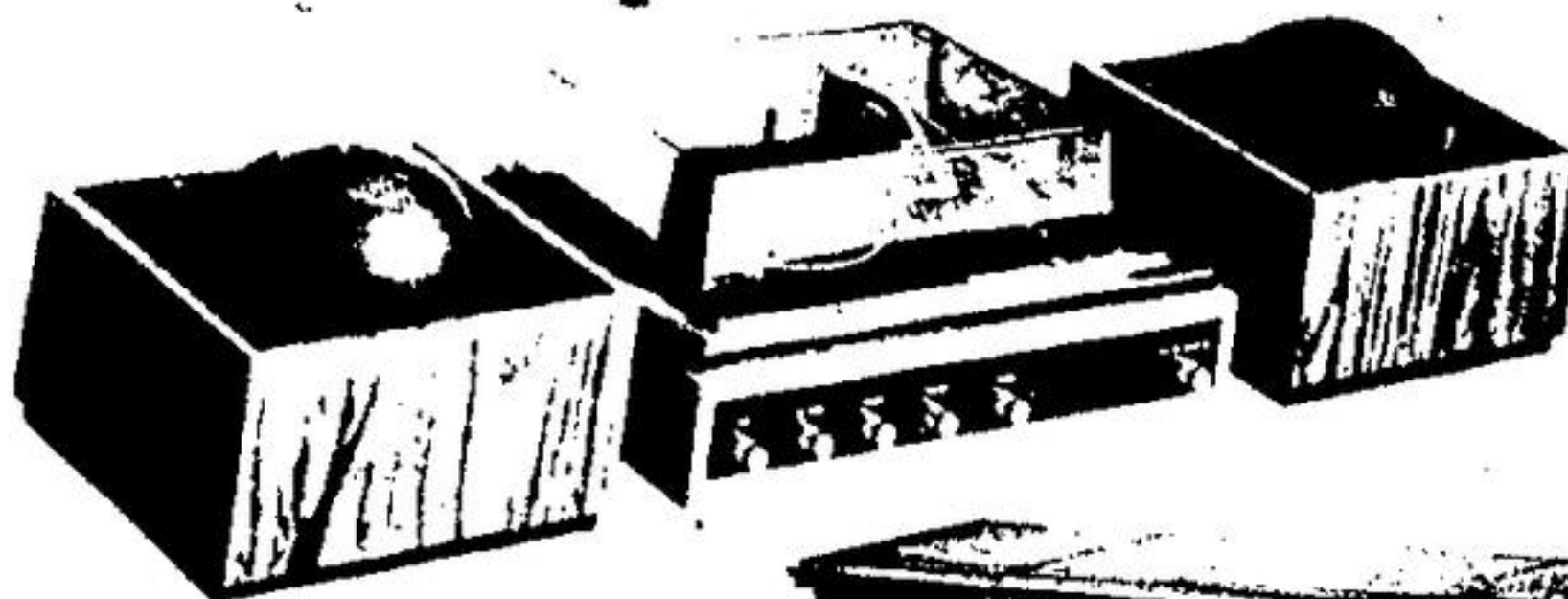
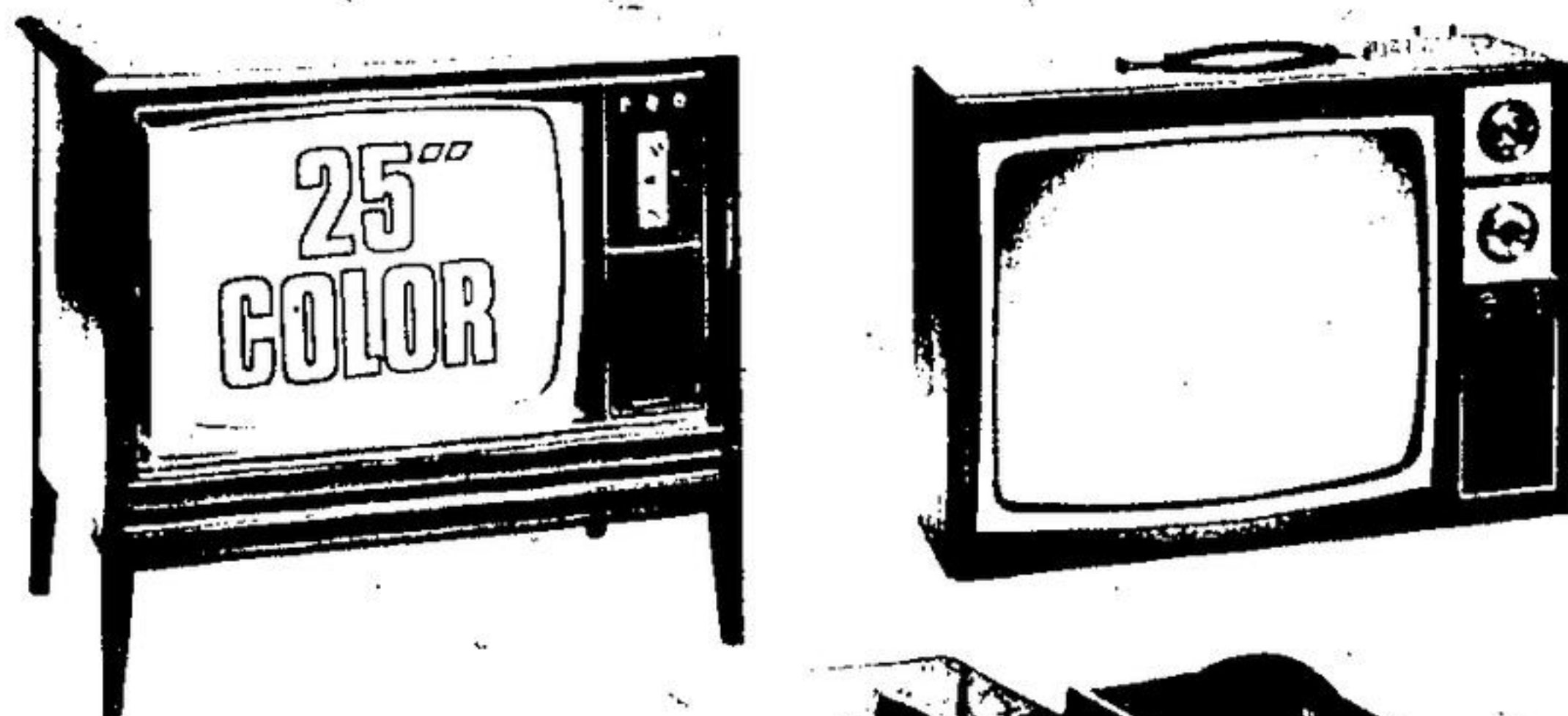
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