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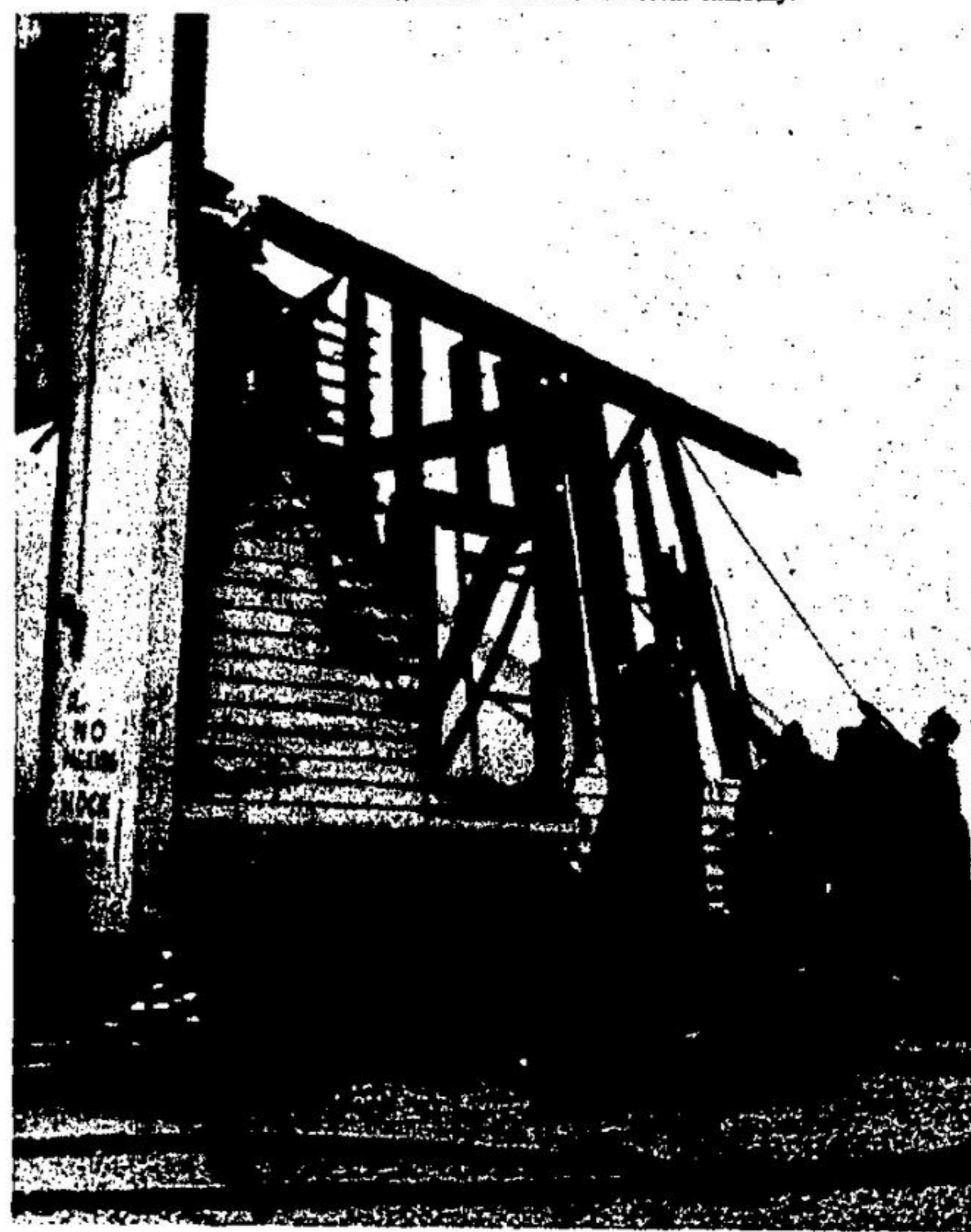
Advertising Brings Results



A front end loader knocks down charred spikes.



Little is left of garage razed in a fire at Norval Thursday.



Georgetown firemen go about tearing down a teetering wall.

I'm Coming To Town

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

GOOD OLD SANTA

WILL ARRIVE IN GEORGETOWN FOR THE

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OPP Officer Not Guilty In Fatal Crash Case

Constable E.R. Crawford of the Shelgrove detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was acquitted of dangerous driving when he appeared in provincial court last Wednesday.

The dangerous driving charge was laid against Crawford after he was involved in a two-car collision at the intersection of Highways 7 and 10 September 22 which took the life of a Norval man L. R. DeGrys.

Evidence heard at the trial established that Constable Crawford was reacting to an emergency blood run when the accident occurred. Witnesses said that the cruiser entered the intersection at a high rate of speed with its siren going and emergency light flashing. Testimony said he entered it on a red light.

Witnesses also testified that Mr. DeGrys entered the intersection on an amber light.

DECREASED
Crawford said that prior to the accident he planned to go through the light providing there was no traffic. He stated he decreased speed when he saw the light was red and did not see Mr. DeGrys until he was in the intersection.

Wednesday, Judge Sharp said he acquitted Constable Crawford on finding of fact. He said he found Crawford had been sent out on the emergency run by his superiors and was doing his duty at the time of the accident. The Judge said Crawford's emergency equipment was operating and he found that the officer was travelling at speeds of up to 90 miles per hour on highway 10 but decreased to 50 as he entered the intersection.

He said he found that three other vehicles at the intersection did hear the siren or see the flasher.

NO DISREGARD
Constable Crawford's lawyer, John Smith, said there was no willful disregard of safety by his client.

Judge Sharp said the accused was not guilty of that degree of negligence to support a conviction under serious criminal offense of dangerous driving.

"I don't make these finding because he was a police officer," said Judge Sharp. "I would make the same judgement if it was a distraught parent with a child choking in the back seat of the car."

No Exceptions To Ban on Studs

The Highway Traffic Act does not provide for any exception to the ban on the use of studded tires in Ontario this winter, Deputy Minister of Transportation and Communications A.T.C. McNab said in a statement.

"The regulation prohibiting their further use, which was passed last year, makes it an offence for any vehicle to be equipped with studs on Ontario highways, roads and streets," he said.

Drivers using studs may be

subject to fines ranging from \$20 to \$100.

Mr. McNab said the province took the lead in banning studs because research carried out in Ontario on their effectiveness and effects on highway damage was more advanced than other jurisdictions.

The increasing use of studs was found to be wearing off the skid-resistance texture of paved surfaces, creating extensive ruts and prematurely obliterating the white driving lane guide lines, said Mr. McNab.

Plan Hike

An organized hike has been planned by the Bruce Trail Club to originate from Limehouse School January 23. It is one of 19 hikes announced this week by the club.

Dr. Harley Appointment

Dr. Harry C. Harley of Oakville has recently been promoted to the position of Associate Medical Director, Crown Life Insurance Company.

Dr. Harley was Halton MP for six years and was succeeded by MP Bud Whiting when he retired from politics four years ago. He has been with Crown Life since leaving the political field.

The world-famous Smithsonian Institution in Washington was founded by an English scientist, James Smithsonian.

Parade Assembly at 12:45 p.m.

PARADE STARTS FROM
SINCLAIR AVENUE
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