



MISS ETHEL WEBSTER escaped uninjured, along with her dog and three cats, from a fire that did an estimated \$25,000 damage to her John Street home. The alarm was turned in at 2:46 Friday afternoon. The fire completely demolished the interior of the four room house where Miss Webster lived with her pets. The cause has not been determined.

NEWS ROUNDUP

CANVASS FOR MD
The Erin Fire Department will hold its annual canvass of the village for the Muscular Dystrophy Research Fund on Thursday, Oct. 17.

NIGHT SCHOOL
Erin High School is offering a number of night school courses this year, and interested

students are asked to contact the school by phone. The courses, which need between 15 and 20 people in each weekly session include ladies fitness and fun, girls olympic gymnastics, basic woodworking, basic welding and auto, art, and typing.

OPEN HOUSE
HILLSBURGH — Open House is scheduled for Oct. 15 at the Ross R. MacKay Public School in Hillsburgh.

ARENA MEETING
The Georgetown Arena is hosting a public meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church Hall Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.

This is the general meeting for the year and there will be a plant sale and auction.

Legion land dilemma

What's the value of an unserviced Acton lot?

What's the value of an unserviced lot in Acton? Council will find out soon when they obtain an appraisal on land used by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 for a subdivision.

Acton Legion does not have enough land to dedicate five percent to the town as park areas. So the Legion has asked if it can pay cash in lieu of the land dedication.

This was a common practice in both Acton and Georgetown prior to regional government in January. However, no one seems to remember how other developers settled on a price to pay the town.

In an attempt to resolve the matter, Peter Bodigan of Windland Associates gave the councillors a formula during a general administration committee meeting on Sept. 23.

"He took a figure and then added a little, but then, kept deducting and deducting things until he said the lot and a half owned is worth \$11,000 as unserviced land," explained Coun. Roy Booth at the council meeting Tuesday.

The administration committee did not believe this figure was accurate and said unserviced land is selling for about \$20,000 in Halton Hills. Therefore, they reasoned the lot and a half should be worth at least \$30,000.

But, this is a service club, argued Mr. Bodigan and the committee agreed to reach a medium between \$11,000 and \$30,000 and picked the amount of \$20,000.

At last week's council meeting, Coun. Joe Hurst said the amount should be reduced to \$16,500. He obtained his figures more accurately, but taking the Legion's offer of \$11,000 and adding 50 per cent of it.

"I think we should remember this is a service club, in Acton and possibly give them special consideration," he said. "I only hope the less mercenary members of council will be able to support the motion."

Coun. Hurst added that whatever figure council charged it would be added to the end price of the homes, and the owners would suffer.

"I don't think the town will suffer by accepting \$16,500," he said. "But then, I don't think the town would suffer at \$11,000 either."

Coun. Ernie Sykes called every way of reaching a figure to charge the Legion "Mickey Mouse." "There's no justification for doing it," he said.

"They said one figure and we said another, so we halved the amount," he added. "Then we decide that 50 per cent of their figure would be a fair increase to add."

Coun. Sykes told council that a policy is needed to apply to every case where cash is given in lieu of land, but first, council should seek an appraisal on the property.

Coun. Harry Levy supported Coun. Sykes adding that the move would be setting a

precedent in town, where developers could go to service clubs and receive discounts.

Thursday Thimblers

The Thursday Thimblers, a group of 12 to 14 active members held a very successful bazaar and bake sale at the Terra Cotta Hall, Oct. 21.

A record crowd attended from surrounding area, Guelph and Toronto. At the end of the sale, when the ladies tallied their sales they were amazed to discover that \$1300 had been taken, \$500 of this was for the sale of four handmade quilts. Already, plans are being made for a bigger, better bazaar next year.

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GUARD fights dump

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promises made during the organizational meetings of Regional Government when they said that garbage would not be dumped in the North.

Coun. Len Coxe, added that the group will need good arguments to have the sites moved. He said that Halton Hills Councillors will have difficulty convincing the regional councillors to move it without facts.

"We're outnumbered," he said, "and the only way we can win is with good solid reasoning. The idea of water courses and the use of farms in the area are good ones."

Coun. Coxe added that since the regional building was moved South because "that's where the people are, it seems like a good reason to move the garbage there too."

"No matter, somebody in Halton and probably Halton Hills is going to get a kick in the teeth," Coun. Coxe said, noting that six of the proposed sites are in North Halton. "Nobody wants a landfill site in their area, but it has to go somewhere. I'm sure that other areas in Halton have less potential for farming than this area has."

Three residents agreed to form temporary executive of the group at Monday's meeting. These people will check the information regarding soil type, wells, and water courses.

The three volunteers who will need help from the residents are George Redfern, Sixth Line; Marne Taylor, Sixth Line and Gord Kidd, Sixth Line.

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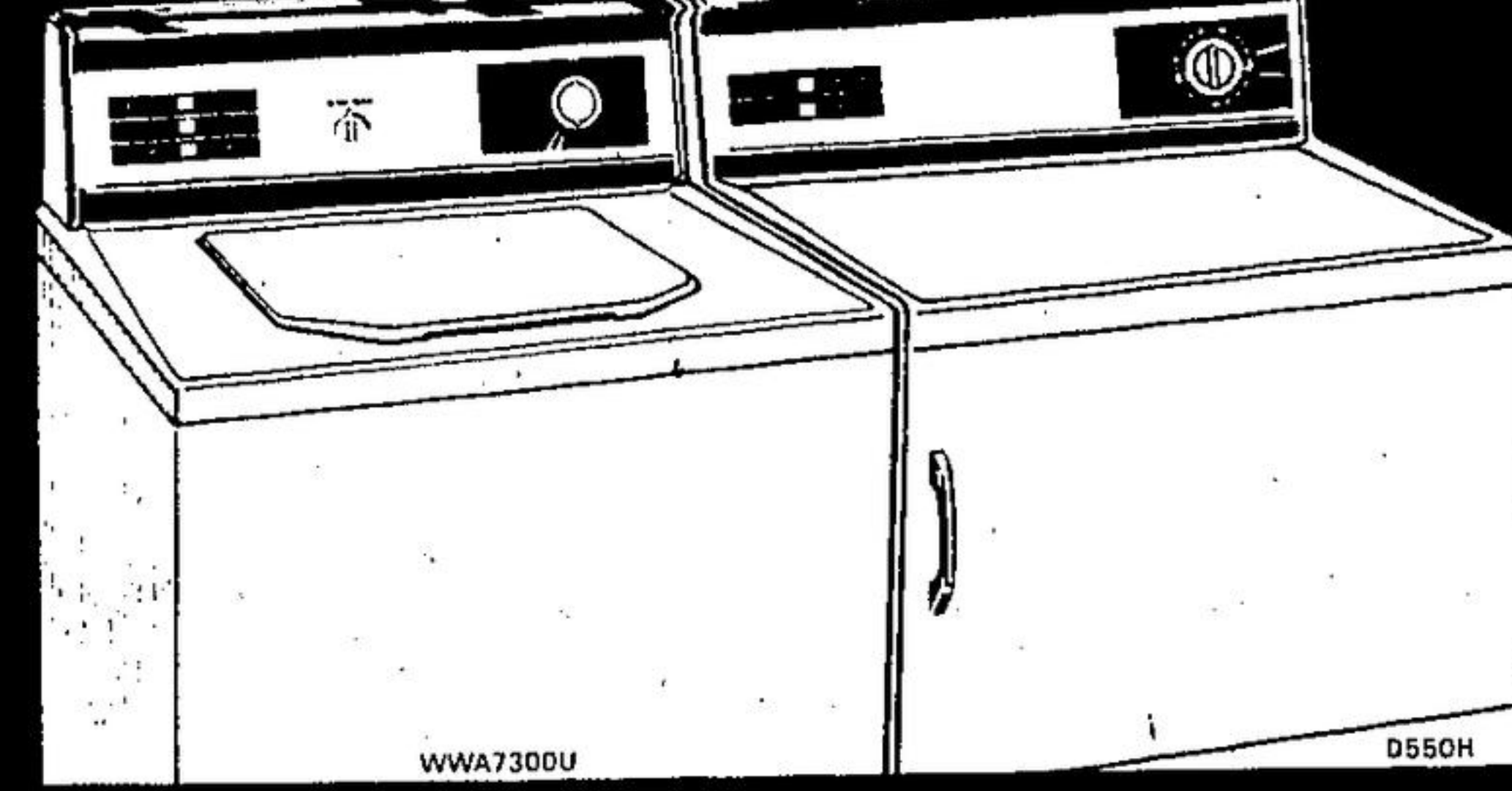
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