

## Train derailment

Canadian National passenger and freight service to all points west of Georgetown was interrupted for more than four hours Monday afternoon as workmen cleared up the wreckage of seven freight cars that fouled the mainline from Toronto.

The accident was reported at 1.30 at In-

dustrin Aggregates Plant Three where the spur line that serves the gravel plant meets the main line. Of the seven cars involved in the collision two were forced off the tracks onto the major artery.

No damage estimates have been released by CN officials for the seven cars, track and

to the Indusmin loading facility which was struck by the cars. There were no injuries in the collision.

Damage was minimal since the cars were not moving fast, explained one CN official at the scene.

Train 662 from London to Toronto left London at 12:15 arriving at Guelph one hour later. From that point its passengers were bussed to Toronto.

One train from Toronto to London was held at Georgetown for one-and-a-half hours until the tracks were cleared.

According to Mike Mathews of CN an average of 20 t'ons-per-day pass that point but only one train had to be completely re-routed.

It was six o'clock before traffic returned to normal along the westbound route.

Investigations by CN and the ministry of transportation and communications are hoped to later resolve the cause, which is as yet undetermined.

### The perfect Premier?



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## Record number attend blood donor clinic

The response to the appeal broadcast from Toronto to supply the Blood Bank with the needed 1000 units daily was overwhelming and the local organizers of the blood clinic Monday night wish to thank the Georgetown-area and guest donors, who came and cheerfully waited to make their donation.

Their patience has made it possible for the hospitals to carry on with scheduled major surgery for a few more days.

Last year's September clinic of 470 collected units was surpassed.

Attendance was 550, of which only 38 persons were rejected, with a total of 513 bloodpacks filled. This is the highest clinic ever held in Georgetown, with well over 100 new donors.

As a result, the requested special blood groups were met for yesterday's heart surgery at the Toronto General Hospital. More than half the daily need for blood in Toronto was supplied by this clinic.

The Christmas clinic has already been planned for Monday, December 8.

## OMB approves land acquisition

The town has received official word that funding for its acquisition of land for a new municipal centre has been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board.

A letter from regional treasurer Don Farmer indicated that the OMB has given its complete approval to a plan presented by Halton Hills for the issuing of debentures for the project.

Over \$300,000 for the initial study and acquisition of the property has been approved for the 1975 budget. The OMB Mr. Farmer's letter also indicated might be willing to provide the remainder of the \$800,00 estimated cost of the project in the 1976 budget.

## Town, board to discuss Norval school

Mayor Tom Hill, the chairman and vice-chairman of the town's general administration committee, and two representatives of the Norval Community Association, will meet with Mr. B.T. Lindley, representing the Halton Board of Education, in hopes of ironing out the matters concerning the leasing arrangements for the Norval Public School.

The meeting is scheduled for September 24 in the Mayor's office.

## Blaze destroys club

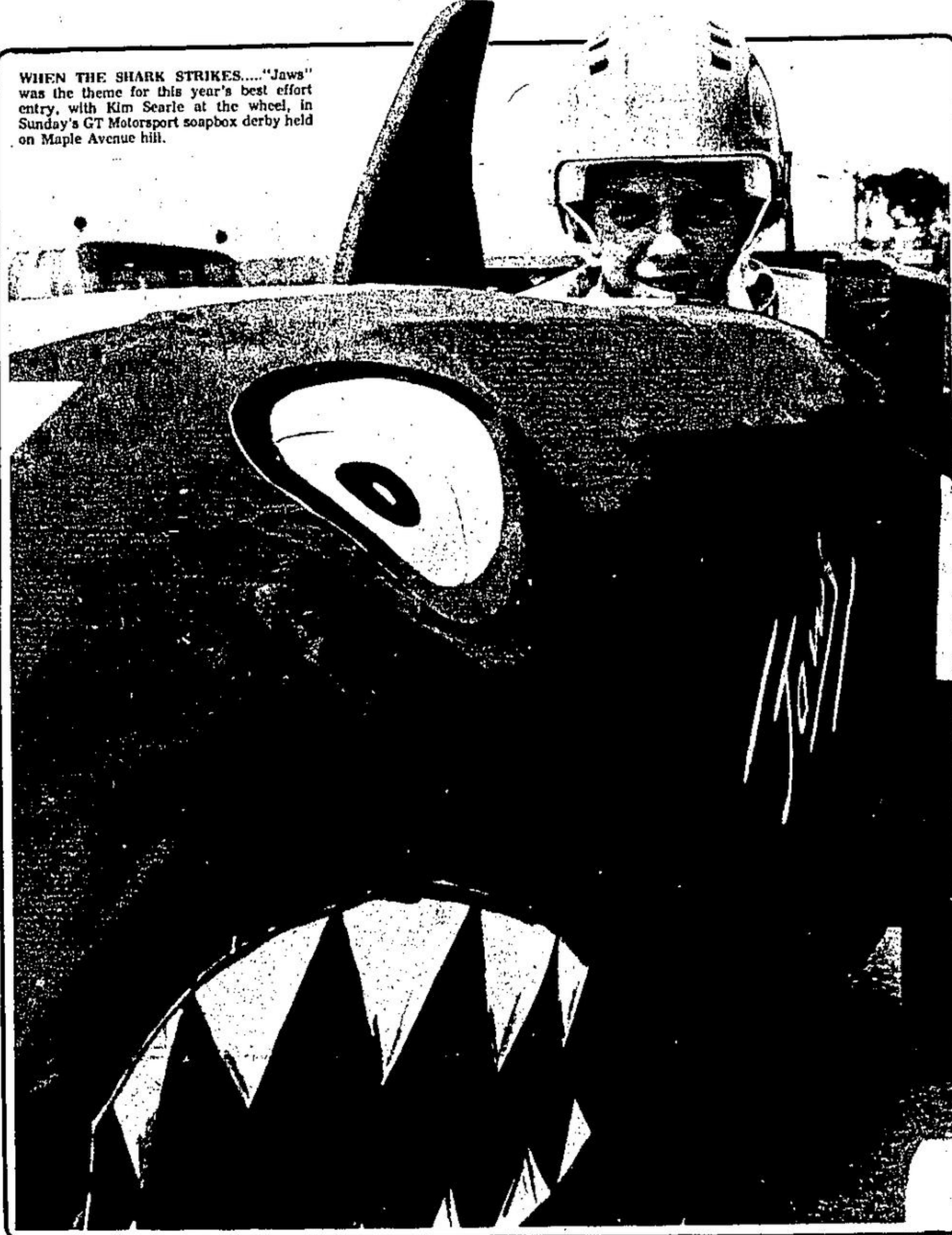
A Sunday morning blaze completely destroyed the clubhouse and workshop of the Random Car Club in Glen Williams.

Damage estimates have not been released until members of the club sift through the ruins to determine the exact contents lost in the blaze.

The 19 members of the club are known throughout the town for their participation in the Santa Claus parades and in aiding with transportation of senior citizens at the annual Optimists' dinner.

Investigation is continuing into the cause of the blaze.

Local police and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office are investigating a car fire that occurred last week in Hungry Hollow. The car of Warren J. Bird of Queen Street was destroyed in the blaze.



WHEN THE SHARK STRIKES....."Jaws" was the theme for this year's best effort entry, with Kim Searle at the wheel, in Sunday's GT Motorsport soapbox derby held on Maple Avenue hill.

## Wife pleads guilty to murder of Acton police constable

Roseanne Brown, 29, pleaded guilty in Supreme Court in Milton last week to the shooting death of her husband Paul Brown, 26, on November 10 of last year in Acton.

Mr. Brown, a member of the Acton Ontario Provincial Police detachment at the time of his death, was found lying on a neighbour's lawn minutes after the shooting incident in his home.

Mrs. Brown, a Sault Ste. Marie native, was released from custody following last Tuesday's court appearance. Mr. Justice Thomas Callon will pass sentence on Friday, September 19.

As Eldon Bell, investigating inspector from OPP headquarters in Toronto, told the court of the incidents surrounding the murder Mrs. Brown frequently wept in the prisoner's dock.

Inspector Bell told the court

that the Browns had moved to Acton in August of 1970, shortly after their marriage. Their marriage, however, quickly broke down. Twice the couple decided to break up and Mrs. Brown once left for Sault Ste. Marie with their young daughter but, the court was told, Brown apparently persuaded his wife to remain.

In one of their early arguments Mrs. Brown threw a knife at her husband barely missing him but striking a bathroom door with enough force to stick in. The court was also told that during this time Brown was dating another woman in the same apartment building which he later admitted to his wife.

On the day prior to the shooting incident the couple attended an OPP dance in Milton where they had another argument. They returned home where the argument

continued. Mrs. Brown hit her husband with an alarm clock and he returned the blows.

The next day Brown drove to Burlington to pick up their daughter. While he was away Mrs. Brown took the service revolver from her husband's shoulder holster in the front closet and loaded the weapon with six bullets.

She was hoping to pressure her husband into returning the \$1,000 she had invested in their car by hiding the gun, the court was told.

An argument took place shortly after Brown returned home and minutes later his wife retrieved the pistol. Soon after Brown was shot.

Defense council Mike Wadsworth told Mr. Justice Callon the crime was committed when his client was in an "unusual, if not rare, state of mind" that is not liable to occur again.

He said a "severe psychological blow" led to Mrs. Brown's reduced level of control of her actions and asked the court to consider the question "To what extent was Paul Brown the co-author of his own death?"

Two psychiatrists testified that Mrs. Brown did not know what she was doing at the time of the shooting. "I think she was unable to form the intent to kill her husband at that time," said Dr. David Sims of Hamilton.

Both doctors agreed the woman was sane and fit to stand trial and added there were no signs of mental illness.

Assistant crown attorney Larry Owen noted that the seriousness of the offence required a period of incarceration but didn't suggest the length of a possible jail term.



GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE. Albert Ferink, RR1 Georgetown, gives for approximately the 25th time, the "gift of life." Red Cross Clinic Assistant, Debbie Bursary,

makes sure everything is running smoothly at Monday's Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held at the Holy Cross Church auditorium.

## Town merchants against Sunday stores

In the public interest, many Georgetown merchants have banded together to voice their opinions to council regarding Sunday store operations within Halton Hills.

At a special meeting held last Tuesday by the Downtown Business Association Moore Park, Guelph Street and Market Centre representatives agreed to give council whatever support it needed to formulate a working bylaw that would prohibit any store "other than a genuine convenience store" from being open on Sundays and holidays.

The action follows a remand of the four current charges against Christopher Vito, owner and operator of the Guelph Street IGA who now includes Sunday as a regular day of operation, contrary to the existing bylaw.

"It is a dollars and cents issue," explained the president of the Downtown association, Charlie Crimes. "The added costs involved in opening on Sunday must be passed on to the customer."

According to the Employment Standards Act, anyone working on Sunday is required to be paid time-and-a-half for the hours worked.

"If the other food stores feel the pinch, they all will open on Sunday," furthered Mr. Crimes. "Food prices will have to go up."

Merchants fear that the added Sunday costs of operation by bringing in the 80 Loblaw's and 28 A&P employees would significantly raise the price of food in the Halton Hills area.

"To bring in a full staff without raising prices wouldn't pay anyone," explained one merchant.

Licensing of all stores within the corporate limits was also one consideration of the merchants at the meeting. Council would then have the right to revoke the licence of offenders, rather than permit them to continue operation with just the threat of a fine as a deterrent.

Members of the merchant's association

also wish to have maximum and minimum fines established in the bylaw to further discourage violators. "There should be a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000," said Sandy Mackenzie.

The present bylaw only provides for the maximum fine of up to \$5,000 or a term in jail.

"Sunday openings are a definite step toward further inflation," added Mr. Crimes.

Many store managers report Georgetown as having some of the lowest prices in the area compared to Acton and Milton, with many residents making weekly journeys to save at the grocery counter.

Provisions will be made for rural general stores, variety and convenience stores and crafts and antique stores which operate in the area, under the present terms being considered for the bylaw.

Recommendation, made by the merchant's committee will be heard at the finance and personnel committee before going to council,

at which time the process of law necessary to institute a bylaw will begin.

Public demand for more leisure time and convenience shopping adds to the difficulties in formulating any type of restrictive bylaw for the municipality.

"The public has a notion of convenience," added Bellianne Smith.

One large food store chain that is represented in Halton Hills, now has three food stores open on Sunday in other nearby metropolitan centres and stores which are open on a 24-hour basis with exception of Sunday.

"The manager of one large food store outlet in Georgetown contends that people will shop when the stores are open and adjust their needs to suit the store hours.

"If you know that the liquor store is going to close at six, you'll be there. The same should be true about groceries."

According to Don Stonehouse, manager

of Loblaw's, you don't gain customers by including Sundays. "It just spreads them out."

Union-operated stores such as Loblaw's and A&P must pay their staff two or three times their regular rate of pay for Sunday hours, if they should be forced to open Sunday to remain competitive.

"They the customers are going to pay for Sunday openings," added Jack Schlemmer of the Snelclair Avenue A&P store.

No store within the large Loblaw chain currently are open Sunday.

Most shoppers have already experienced the differences in the prices of goods purchased at convenience stores. The markup varies on the various articles.

The added cost is directly relevant to the increased store hours. Some of the goods handled during these times a downtown merchant contended at Tuesday's meeting.

In establishing the new bylaw terms such

as "convenience store", "milk store" and "variety store" would have to be clearly defined to permit enforcement of the bylaw rather than provide loop-holes for its violation, the meeting was told.

Robert Goldin, attorney for the IGA store, contends that there is no such thing as a milk store, and since his client sells milk and other perishable goods he should be permitted to open along with the other variety and milk stores that carry the same items.

The Green Paper on store hours that is currently under consideration by the provincial secretary for justice, makes several proposals regarding the types and hours of business that could be open Sunday.

"Variety, convenience and jug milk stores, with a maximum of three employees for the entire day, maximum size of 2,000 feet and six hours operation on Sunday," would be permitted to open under the Green Paper.