



Firefighters pour water on the blazing inferno at the Glen Williams ball park. Smoke from the blaze could be seen in Milton.

\$30,000 blaze destroys barn, antiques

Four people were injured in a \$30,000 barn fire in Glen Williams May 9. Mel Smith, 38, owner of the property, and Mike Spitzer, 18, both suffered burns in the blaze, which was reported shortly before 3 p.m. Both men were taken to the hospital, where Mr. Smith was treated and released. Mr. Spitzer was kept in hospital for treatment and was released early this week.

The two other men, firefighters Ed Pearce and Bud Hyde, both suffered first degree burns from the radiant heat of the fire.

Both men were keeping hoses aimed at two propane tanks at the side of the barn, to prevent them from heating up and exploding. A fuel tank at the other side of the building was also kept under the hose. A drum containing

methoxy hydrate exploded, sending debris flying several hundred feet.

Fire Prevention Officer Larry Brassard said the fire was caused by the ignition of flammable vapors in the barn, which was a workshop and storage centre for Mel's Antiques.

"With barn fires, once they get started, there's very little you can do to stop them,"

Mr. Brassard said. "They're large open structures made of wood, and they go up very quickly."

Mrs. Smith said the barn contained antiques, furniture, tools and consignment items for auctions. There were also spare parts for furniture repairs. She said most of the items outside the barn were about to be junked. By the time the fire department arrived, minutes after receiving the call, the flames were too intense to allow anything to be taken out of the barn.

Mrs. Smith said the damage would "easily" reach \$30,000, the figure arrived at by the fire department, although she and her husband have not yet had the opportunity to do an inventory of what was destroyed in the fire.

Friends of the Smiths will be lending them a large trailer to be used for storage purposes, and Mrs. Smith said they hope to be back in business in the not-too-distant future. They plan to start clean-up of the ruins of the barn this weekend, and rebuild as soon as possible.

Fire fund to aid Smith family

Friends and neighbors of Mel Smith, whose auction barn in Glen Williams burned to the ground in a spectacular fire May 9, are planning to raise money for the Smith family with an auction sale June 10.

"It's just too bad but as we know, if it was someone's house that went, everyone would rally around," said Mrs. Jo Nurse. "This is the same thing... and will help them get on their feet."

Mrs. Nurse with her husband Ken and Mr. Eli Jones are behind a group of Glen Williams residents who are organizing the auction sale.

Donations to the family can be made at boxes which will be placed at the Bank of Montreal and the Commerce Bank in Georgetown Market Plaza, Scotia Bank at Mountainview Road and Guelph Street, and the Royal Bank, the Toronto Dominion Bank and the Commerce Bank on Main Street.

Mrs. Nurse said all proceeds from the auction will go toward Mr. Smith and his family. There will also be raffle tickets for some antique items, a barbecue, entertainment for the children, and an outdoor dance at 8 p.m. The auction is to start at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Nurse said donations of salable items will be picked up and large pieces can be taken on consignment. For more information, call 877-0394 or 877-7529.

Record crowd expected at Games

It looks like a record turnout for the Speyside Highland Games, publicity director Bill Miller reports.

Already at least five "heavyweight" caliber toss competitors have said they would attend the June 10 day-long event.

Pipe bands and dancers in large numbers from across the province will converge on the Georgetown fairgrounds for the competitions and cheer.

Also returning this year will be the Carlsberg wagon, and team which will be featured in the parade through downtown Georgetown.

Officials are optimistic about the number of spectators attending the event. Mr. Miller says the games could draw as many as 15,000 people.

A cheer garden will also be held at the fairgrounds, licensed to quench the thirst of many a parched person.

Town stays with road numbers

Halton Hills council has decided it is in favor of the names of regional roads in town remaining as they are.

Council's decision Monday, by a ten to three vote, overruled the works committee recommendation which was in agreement with those of a special regional committee on road names except for eight amendments.

The amendments were that 5 Sideroad, 10 Sideroad, Maple Avenue, 17 Sideroad, Mountainview Road, Confederation Street, 15 Sideroad, Winston Churchill Boulevard, Adamson Street, Road 32 from Confederation Street to Highway 7 and 22 Sideroad, retain their present names.

Coun. Les Dudy said the road naming was a regional program seeking council's input. He felt there could be a name and a number on each road but not two numbers.

"We should object to the regional system because it's so haphazard," Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said. "... at least our numbering system we know."

Coun. Russell Miller said there is nothing wrong with the present system of road names but if they are changed, it should be done all at once to minimize disturbing people.

Coun. C.F. (Pat) Patterson said there should be "no change whatsoever."

Coun. Roy Booth said the town would probably be getting the roads back, "so we should leave it the way it is."

"It's all going to end up in a wastepaper basket anyway at the region," Mayor Tom Hill said after the vote was tallied.



BOOM

Five-year-old Ben Walsh, a kindergarten pupil at George Kennedy school, rehearses for a concert held last night for parents of the kindergarten classes. Besides Ben there are about 120 children from four classes at the school and many of them have imaginative costumes and routines, which are calculated to delight their parents. Other pupils at the school were entertained by two dress rehearsals the children had on Thursday.

Town rejects Milton trash

Halton Hills has decided it doesn't want garbage from Milton being dumped in the Georgetown landfill site.

Council passed a resolution Monday requesting Halton region to ask Milton to begin using sites either at Burlington or Oakville immediately.

There is a crisis at the Georgetown landfill site, said Coun. Roy Booth who proposed the resolution.

Waste separation has been implemented in Georgetown but if garbage from Georgetown needs to be hauled out of town, the "additional haulage costs will be borne by the town of Halton Hills," Mr. Booth said.

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