



For fifty-two years, the trucks of Burns Transport have been moving across Georgetown and throughout Ontario. Bob Burns (above) is the president of the company, headquartered on Trafalgar Road. But it's a family business, with Bob's brothers Jim, Clare and Don in charge of an aspect of the company's operation.

### Avoid heat exhaustion

Heat exhaustion usually comes on slowly, and St. John Ambulance says it can be avoided by resting in a cool spot periodically, sipping a cool, non-alcoholic drink. First aid treatment is to get casually into a cool place, give him cool water to sip. If he is sweating heavily, his cramps or is vomiting, add half a teaspoon of salt to a pint of water. If he loses consciousness or recovers slowly, he should be seen by a doctor.

If you think someone has injured his neck or spine in a fall or a dive, don't move him unless you must to get him out of danger. St. John Ambulance warns that careless handling of the victim can worsen the injuries, may leave the victim permanently crippled.



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In the early 1930s, Norman Burns started his own transport business, on Georgetown's Trafalgar Road. Fifty-two years later, in 1984, his four sons - Robert, Jim, Clare and Don, are still working in the family business, in the same friendly, small town tradition.

The Burns brothers, all began by helping their father after school and on weekends. "It's always been a family business," Jim said in an interview. "Lots of brothers can't get along together, but we've always worked very well together."

In fact, Jim attributes the success of the business to the family spirit. "We respect what each other has to say - we accept each other's suggestions and work things out together," he said.

The choice of staying in the family business was a free one for the four young men. Jim recalled that Clare

COMMON Jim commented that while one individual running a business might have taken more risks, the four brothers have had the advantage of being able to bounce ideas off one another, as they worked toward a common goal.

Expressing a high regard for his father, Jim said the late Norman Burns had a great influence over his sons. He described him as "a very quiet, religious man - a great reader. He certainly was someone to look up to - there was no mistaking what he wanted."

After losing their mother at a young age, Jim said the five Burns men lived alone together for many years, enjoying a close family relationship. And today, after working together all week, many people might want to avoid their business associates on weekends. Not the Burns. The four business partners, their wives and children

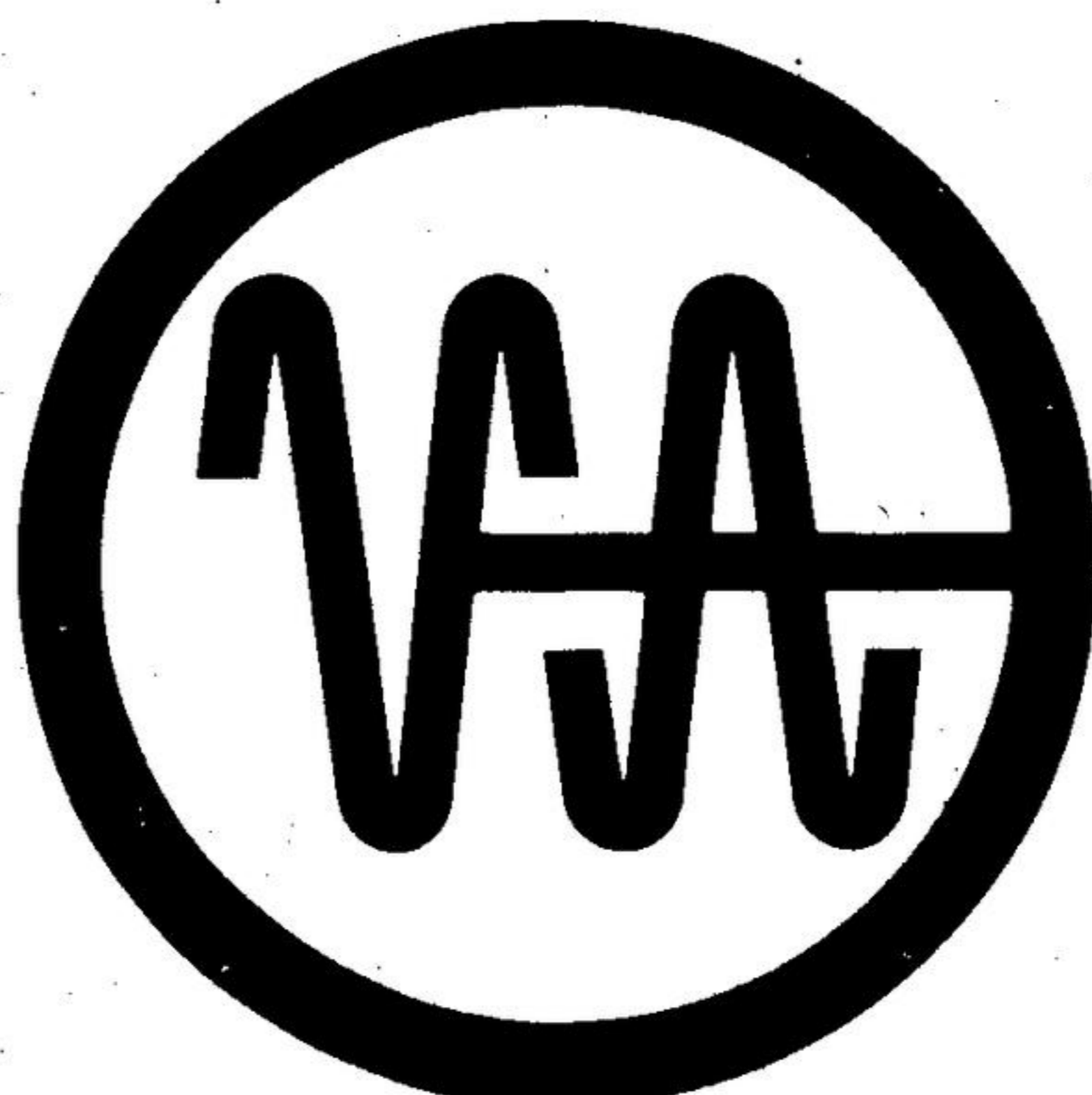
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apprenticed as a carpenter for four years, while Don briefly pursued a pilot's career, but both decided to return to Burns Transport.

Each brother has an important role to play in the operation of the business, which has expanded over the years. The company now operates a warehouse as well on Armstrong Avenue.

Robert oversees the operation of 27 tractor-trailer and tandem units, while Jim is responsible for the warehouse area. Clare's responsibility is the dispatching of trucks, and Don oversees a staff of 14 full and three part-time drivers.

socialize often after business hours, said Jim, adding they even share a summer cottage.

The family business "has been a good life", he declared.

Burns Transport trucks make runs between Georgetown and Windsor, Ottawa, and many to metro Toronto, serving the immediate area as much as possible. The tandem tractors haul payloads of up to 58,000 lbs., with the tri-axel trucks hauling up to 70,000 lb. payloads.

Noting that the company does work with many local businesses, Jim said he thinks Georgetown "is a great community - great place to grow up in."

### Few high rises

There are very few high rises now in Halton Hills and Mayor Russ Miller doesn't foresee many more being built.

There'll be more single family homes constructed in the town for the 5-6,000 population growth the mayor anticipates.

"Georgetown's unique now because we don't have large multiple dwellings in one area but throughout the town," Mayor Miller said.

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