



Doug McLeod, president of Halton Ambulance, examines one of the dents on the rear of a company rescue vehicle caused by a .22 calibre rifle bullet after a local ambulance crew came under fire while answering a call last Friday night. (Herald photo)

Ambulance fired on

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A 27-year-old area man faces charges and local ambulance attendants were left shaken after a Halton Ambulance vehicle was struck by gunfire last Friday night.

Douglas Storr, 27, of 10625 Mississauga Rd. has been charged with three weapons offences following a shooting incident which occurred outside Mr. Storr's home located just north of Highway 7 late Friday night.

Three rifle shots were fired at a Halton ambulance which had arrived at the Storr home after receiving a call to respond to a

suspected attempted suicide shortly after 11 p.m.

Ambulance attendants were warned to leave the property and were then fired upon just after Peel Regional Police had also arrived at the scene.

No one was injured and no shots were returned by police who managed to talk the gunman into surrendering without a struggle at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday.

A .22 calibre rifle was seized and Mr. Storr has been charged with possession of weapons dangerous to the public peace, dangerous use of a firearm and dangerous storage of a firearm.

Just after the shooting Mr. Storr-

ing's wife emerged from the couple's trailer home and police reported that their six-year-old daughter was inside the trailer during the entire incident. Neither was injured.

"I've never been in a situation like that before," said ambulance attendant John Vieyra of Georgetown. "The first shot hit just where I had been standing earlier. Another 10 seconds difference and I might've gotten it."

The first bullet struck the passenger side mirror of the ambulance, the second hit the side of the vehicle and the third hit the

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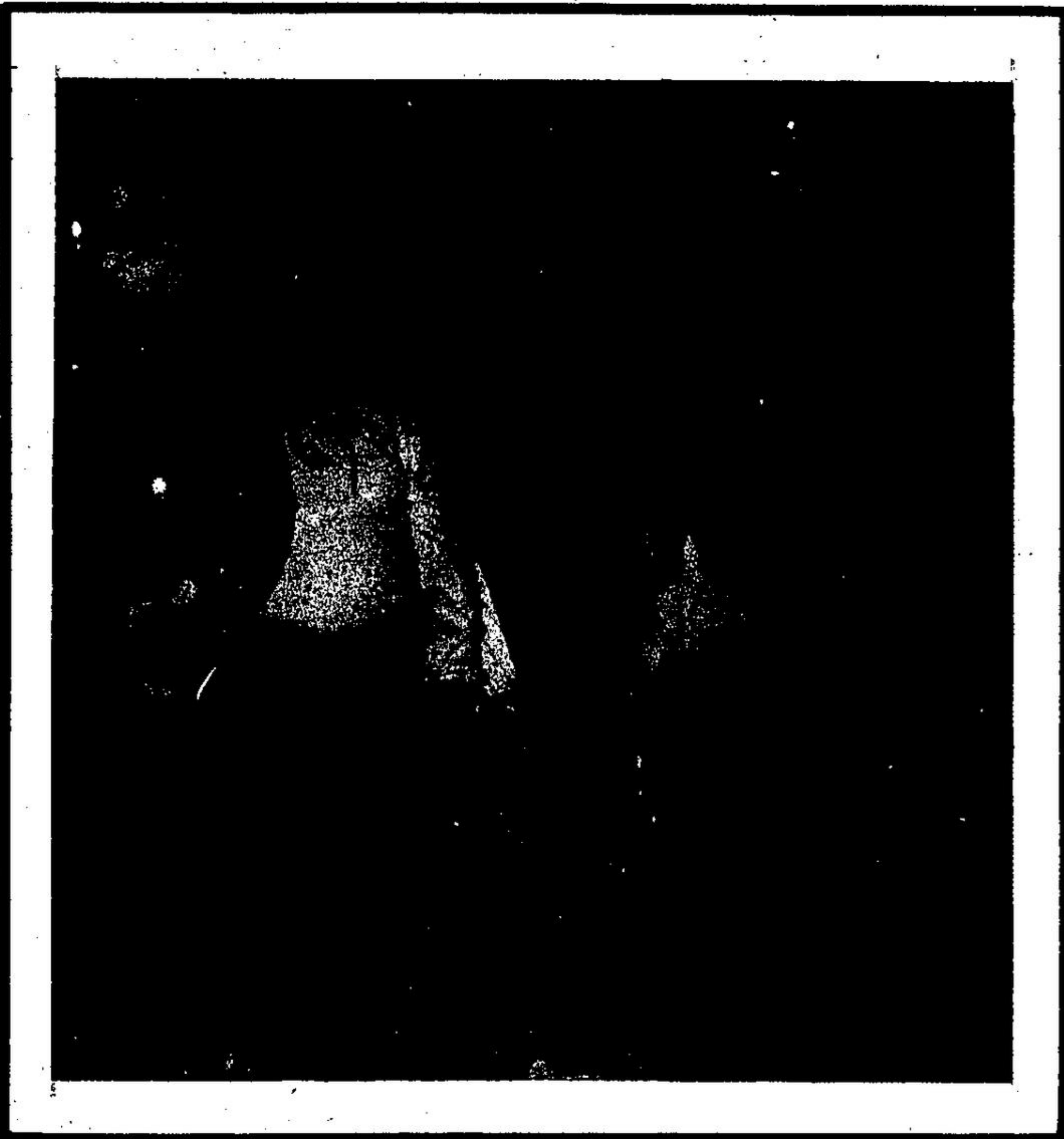
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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

People of all ages rang in the New Year last week. Here, Kelly Curtis (centre) celebrated the arrival of 1989 with her two nieces Megan Mallais (3) and Marissa (1½) at Up, Up and Away downtown

Georgetown. Halton Hills residents gathered in two separate spots New Year's Eve to ring in 1989.

(Herald photo)

Former resident killed in mishap in the Rockies

A former Georgetown resident and experienced climber is dead following a freak avalanche in Field, B.C. last Wednesday.

John Charles Owen, 29, of Canmore, Alberta was climbing a frozen waterfall with a friend, David Franklin of Milton, when an avalanche trapped the two under icy debris, says British Columbia RCMP Constable T. W. Erickson.

The men were climbing Mount Stephen in Yoho National Park. "They hadn't really begun to climb. They were still at the base," said Mr. Owen's mother Evelyn.

But the 50-degree incline of the waterfall was not considered dangerous, say officials.

"The climb itself...is like climbing a ladder," said Constable Erickson, "but they say anytime you climb ice, you're climbing toward a potential disaster."

The Owen family, of Fagan Drive in Georgetown, was informed of the accident early Thursday morning, when they received a phone call from Mr. Owen's wife.

The RCMP say they received a call about the 2 p.m. accident four hours after it occurred. Mr. Franklin dragged himself out from under the debris, despite a dislocated shoulder and ankle and chest injuries, and made his way to a nearby railway track where he was picked up by train officials and taken to hospital.

Mr. Franklin was last reported in good condition at Rockyview Hospital in Calgary.

Mr. Owen and Mr. Franklin were "just two buddies getting together to go climbing during the holiday season," said Mr. Owen's mother.

"The accident was just purely a freak. Both the RCMP and the avalanche control warden said the



John Owen

avalanche risk was minimal. They were both doing what they should have been doing."

A crew of nine people, including Const. Erickson and eight park wardens scoured the icy avalanche site for three hours, finally using a log to locate Mr. Owen.

Mr. Owen and Mr. Franklin, who was best man when Mr. Owen married in May of last year, were considered experienced climbers, said Mr. Owen's father, John. He said his son attended Humber College where he studied rock climbing and mountaineering.

Mr. Owen was a student of George Kennedy Public School and later of Georgetown District High School. As a boy, he was an avid outdoorsman, travelling with his scout pack to international jamborees, said his father. He travelled

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