

# Loss estimated at \$1 million in fire

Through billows of smoke and roaring flames, firefighters battled with a blaze Wednesday that almost levelled a north Georgetown business complex, causing \$1 million damage.

Fire officials from three nearby departments, including Halton Hills, Caledon and Milton, were called to the 2:30 p.m. fire at 10th Line and Sideroad 17, the site of Custom Country Products Liquidators owned by David Tarzwell.

Five employees inside the building when the blaze broke out managed to escape unharmed, according to Halton Regional Police, but the Halton Hills Fire Department reports one firefighter received minor burns to his feet.

The fire began in Country Video on the west side of the building and quickly spread across the wood

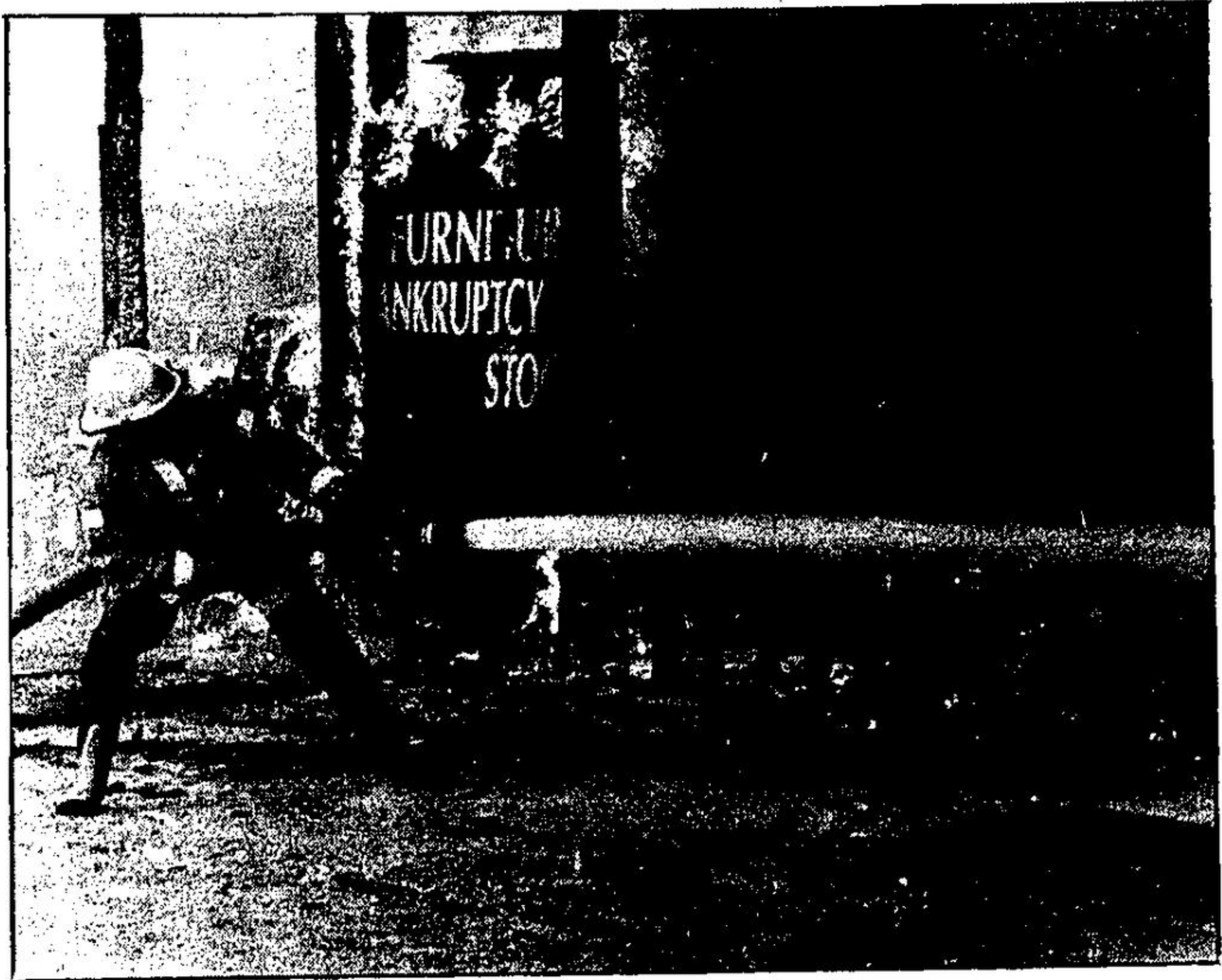
structure to Atlantis Waterbed and CCP Liquidators. Fire officials on the scene said strong winds Wednesday afternoon and a lack of municipal water supply to the area allowed the blaze to spread.

Fire trucks transported water to the scene in tankers.

The Halton Hills Fire Department used a system called Fire Mutual Aid as 22 firefighters from Caledon, Milton and Halton Hills stayed on the scene for six hours.

Donning oxygen tanks, the firefighters used axes and water hoses to subdue the blaze before it spread to a furniture warehouse at the east end of the business complex.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but the Halton Regional Police and the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office are continuing to investigate.



Firefighters hosed down the building at 10th Line and Sideroad 17 Wednesday afternoon. The businesses in the complex quickly fell as flames tore at the wooden structure.

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A firefighter prepares to spray water on the remnants of a burning building at CCP Liquidators north of Georgetown. Water had to be trucked to the fire scene by tankers.



The owner of the retail stores, David Tarzwell watches with his wife Debbie as CCP Liquidators goes up in flames. Damage to the building is an estimated \$1 million.



Wearing oxygen masks to avoid smoke inhalation, firefighters worked from the roof of the burning building to prevent the fire from spreading to a nearby furniture store.



The building that housed CCP Liquidators, Atlantis Sleep Systems and Country Video was quickly razed Wednesday after a fire broke out in the video store. The cause of the fire is as yet unknown.