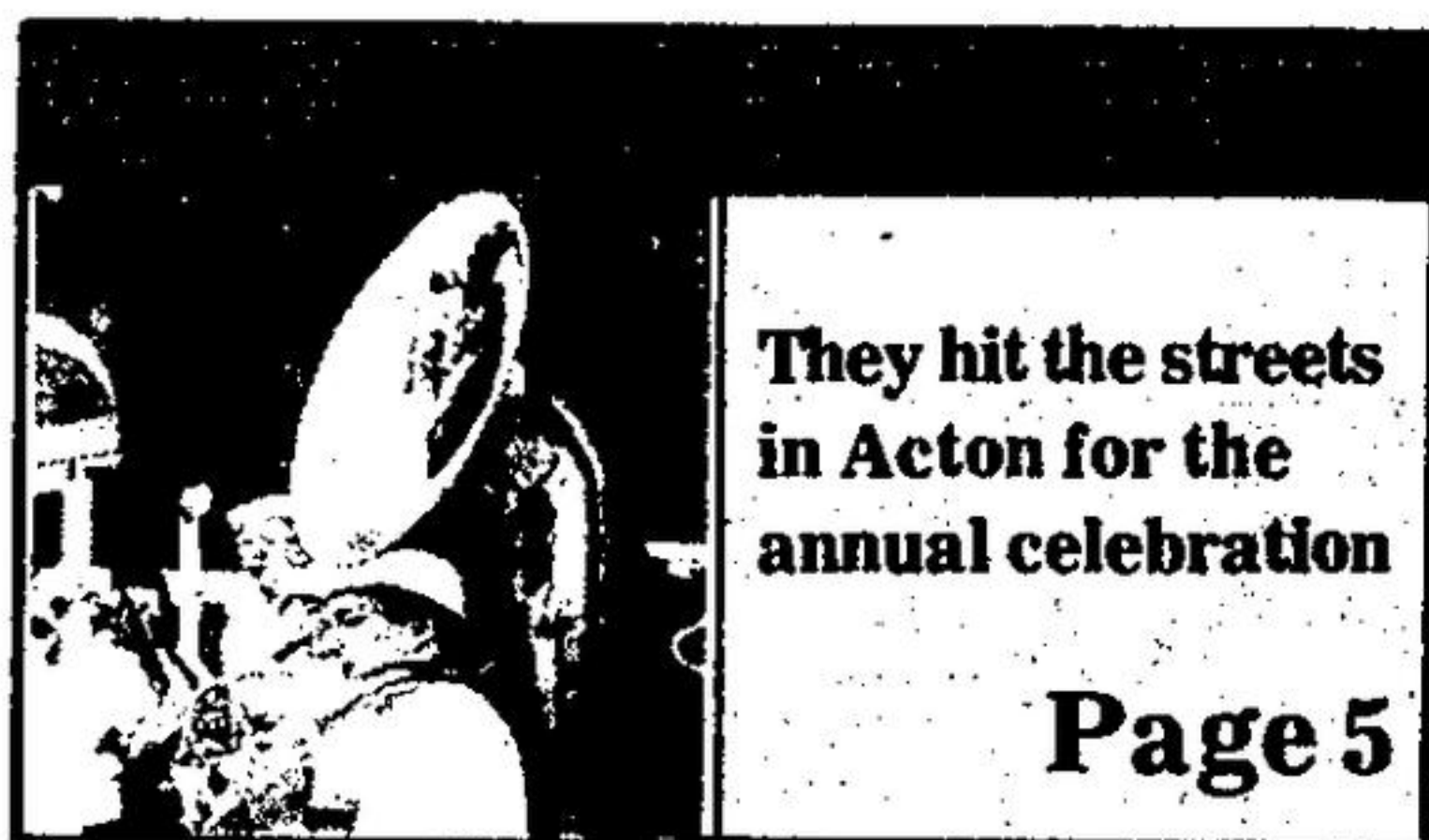


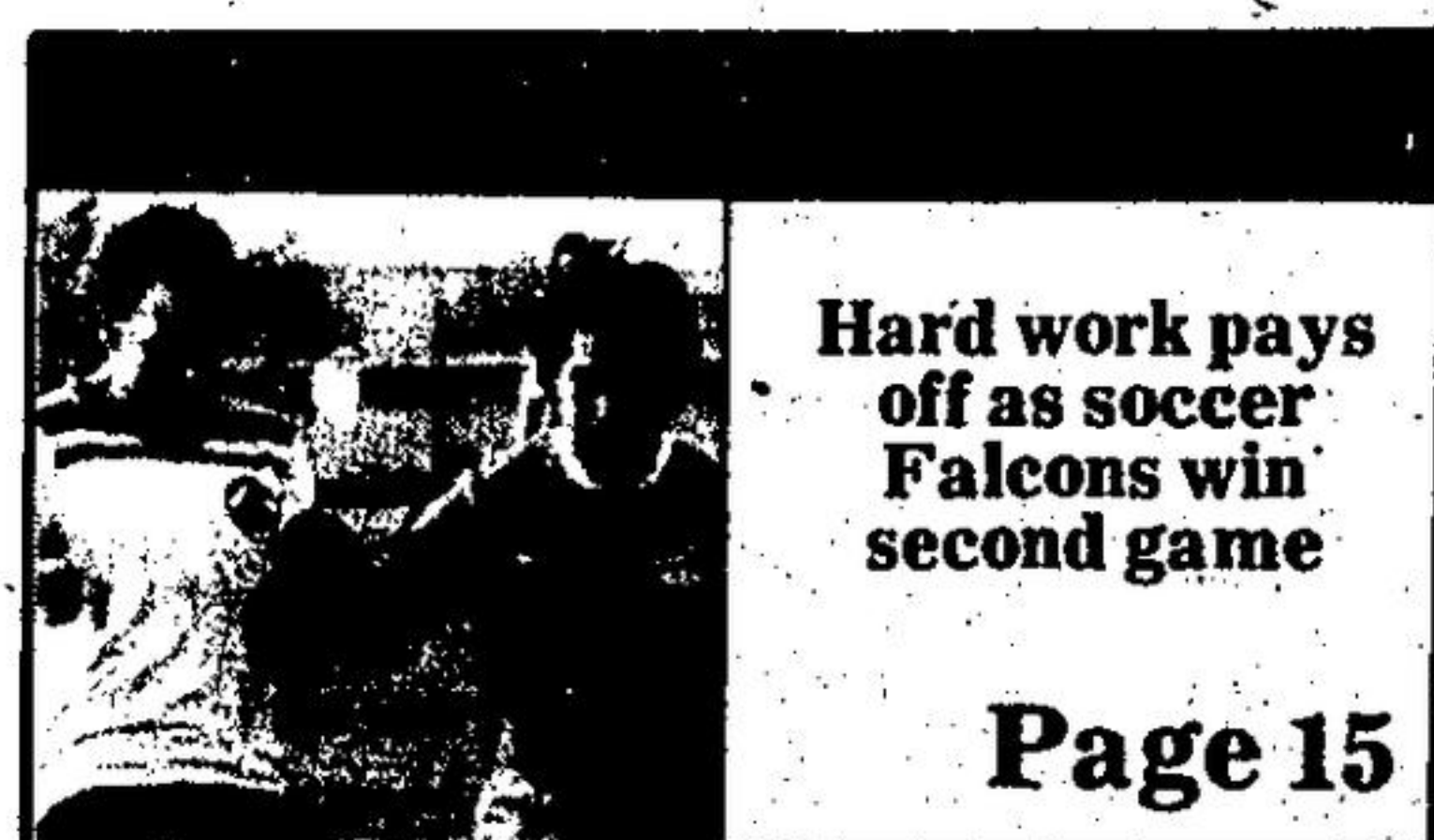
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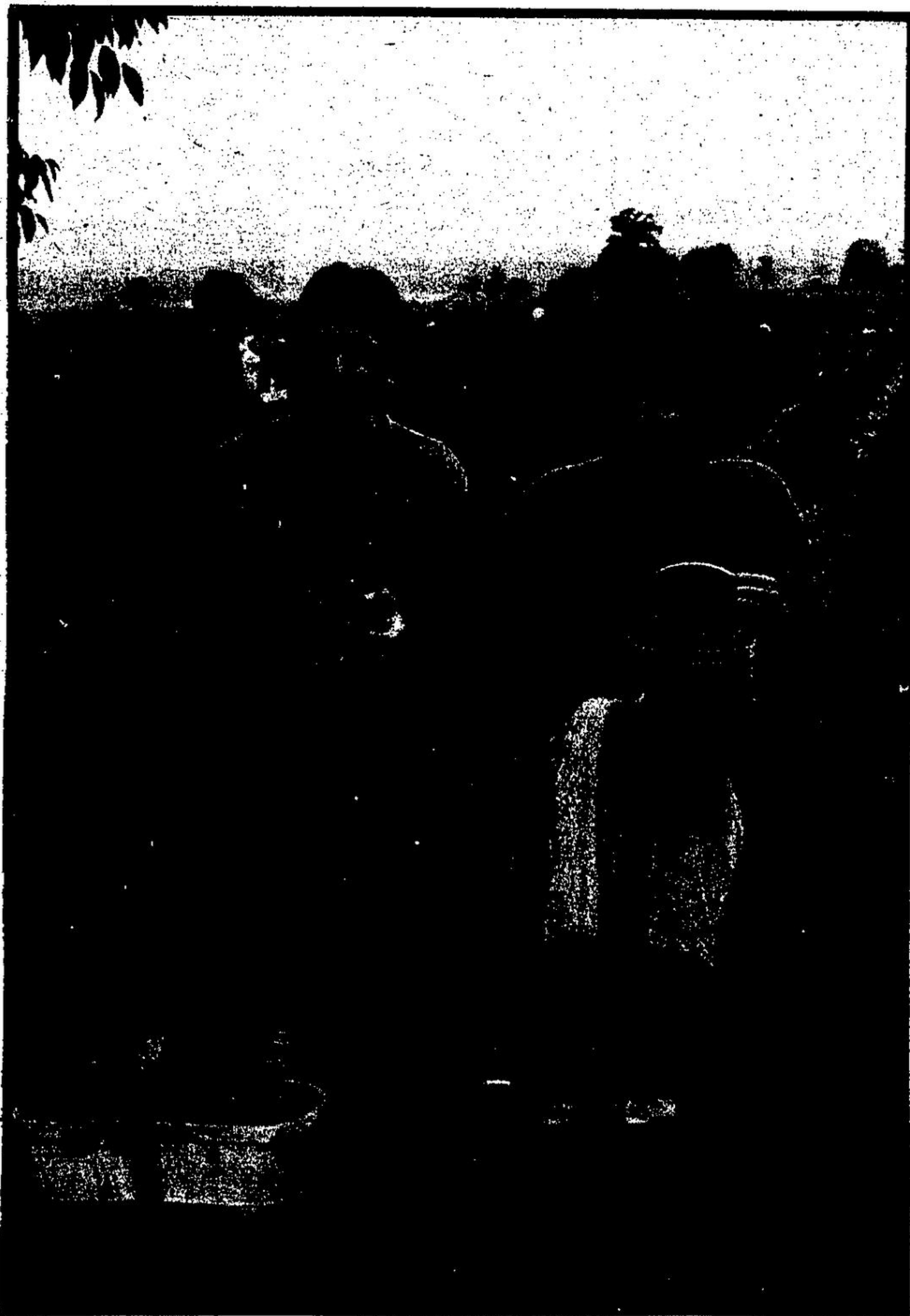
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"Ripe for the picking"

It's time for those juicy red berries to be picked off the vines once again and Brian Polth of Milton and Sabrina Papp of Limehouse aren't wasting any time. Andrew's Scenic Acres was the setting for a United Way fundraising event Sunday. The Pick-Your-Own berry festival featured ice cream, pony rides and

other family events. Several farms, including Andrew's, Helvella Farms, Charles Greig Farm and Micallef Farms combined to raise well in excess of \$1,500 for the United Way, fundraising chairperson Joan Robson says. The \$1,500 raised is a record for the annual event. (Herald photo by Donna Kell)

Mayor should get \$10,000 raise, committee says

By DONNA KELL
 Herald Staff

A citizens committee set up to review local councillors' salaries has recommended the mayor of Halton Hills receive a pay increase of \$10,000 bringing his total wage up to over \$46,000 a year.

Town councillors heard these figures Monday night as Ross Knechtel, chairman of the committee reviewing the town staff salaries, filed a report. The report suggested a monthly car allowance of \$400 for the mayor and a salary increase of \$10,000. The mayor presently makes \$20,400 a year before adding the Regional salary of about \$16,000 a year.

Town councillors now being paid \$8,000 a year could be looking at increases of \$1,000 each. And Regional councillors currently receive \$16,000 a year on top of the \$8,000 town salary.

And the five member council suggested a \$150 monthly car allowance for councillors.

If approved, the increases would take place over the next three years.

The figures were the product of research into what other municipalities paid their staffs, said Mr. Knechtel, himself a

former councillor.

But Coun. Lil Bowman questioned Mr. Knechtel's sources. "As councillors, I certainly do think we need the background information."

Other municipalities wages are "public knowledge," she said.

But Mr. Knechtel said, "I can't give it to you... I can't give somebody else's salary."

But he encouraged councillors to find the figures themselves.

Georgetown-Coun. Ann Currie said the salary committee which included local residents Mr. Knechtel, Jo Lister, Hartley Coles, Bob Malcolmson, and Fred Harrison, should be trusted in recommending town staff salaries.

"We set this committee up... we should be quite happy with not to query them to death on their sources," she said.

But Mayor Russ Miller said he also wondered where the figures came from. He said he expected a report to be included in this week's town council agenda.

The mayor asked the town's treasurer to report on any budget implications the salary hikes might mean for the town and any "tax ramifications" there might be.

Four people struck by lightning

By BEN DUMMETT
 Herald Staff

A Glen Williams man was struck by lightning while talking on the telephone and unplugging a kettle at the same time during Saturday night's storm.

Halton Hills Fire Department officials say a man received burns to his mouth when lightning struck his Wildwood Road house. The man did not need to go to hospital.

Fire officials say once the lightning struck it travelled through the house's wiring.

Although officials could not be specific, they said the effects of the lightning strike also caused a small electrical fire the next day at the Wildwood Road home. Two hundred dollars in damage was caused when a plastic dryer vent in the house caught fire.

The storm, also, victimized another Wildwood Road home.

This house was covered in asphalt and gravel during the storm that wiped out over \$20,000 in town engineering work on the road.

"Once again Wildwood Road has been washed out," said Halton Hills Coun. Joe Hewitt, Monday.

Work was done on the road last year. Estimated costs for the damage from the weekend rain storm range from \$20,000 to \$40,000. "The rain simply washed out that work," said town engineer Ted Drewlo.

Lightning also struck three other Halton Hills people the day of the storm while they were standing near an eavestrough and water, outside a Lot 28 and Concession 7 area house. Fire department officials say no one was seriously injured as a result of the incident.

Several alarm activations made up the other calls responded to by

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