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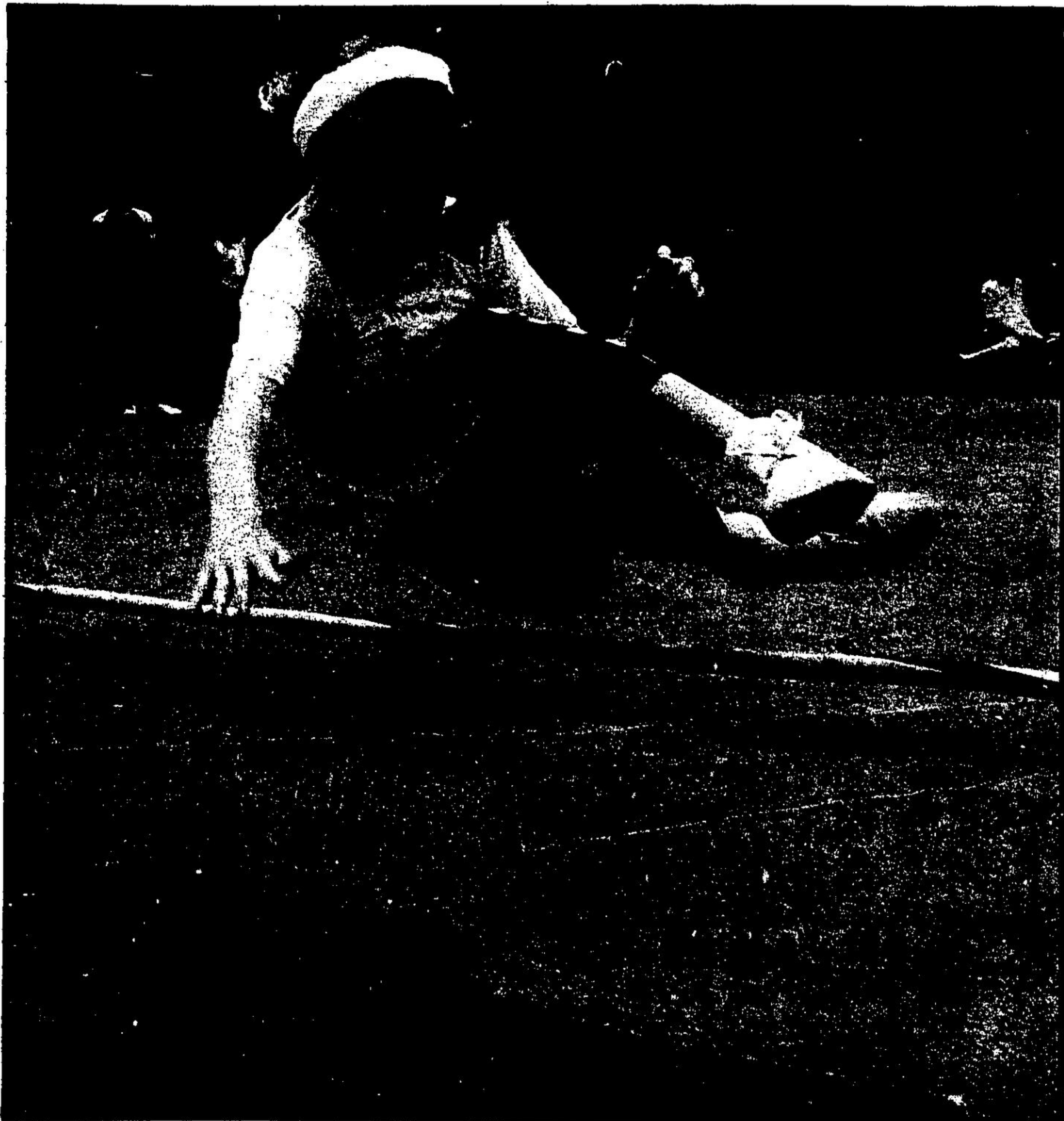
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From demolished house

Councillor took windows, floorboards



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Stephanie Cameron, of St. Joseph's elementary school, inches over the bar in 8-year-old girls high jump competition Wednesday afternoon at the Acton and area track and field meet for junior elementary students staged at Acton High School. The meet attracted over 400 competitors from St. Joseph's, M.Z. Bennett, Robert Little,

Limehouse and Brookville elementary schools. Stephanie tied for first place in the high jump event in her age group, with St. Joseph's teammate Ellen McGrath. Kristy Goy of M.Z. Bennett placed third. For more pictures of the track and field meet, see pages 9, 10 and 11. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

Halton Hills councillor Pat McCarthy took three windows and about 240 feet of floor boards from the house at 327 Maple Avenue in Georgetown the day before the house was demolished, May 21.

June 11, Coun. McCarthy introduced a motion directing town staff to determine if applications for demolition permits should have to be subjected to a town review before being granted. Council passed the motion.

Coun. McCarthy said Wednesday, that the real estate agents for the house, Millie Adams and Fred Harrison, gave him permission to take the floor boards and windows.

Coun. McCarthy said he contacted the two to find out if any of the contents in the house were for sale after hearing from neighbors in February or March that the house was scheduled to be demolished. But Mr. McCarthy couldn't provide the names of the people who had contacted him.

Other councillors contacted, including Mayor Russ Miller, claim they didn't know about the demolition before it happened. The councillors include Rick Bonnette, Norm Elliott, Gerald Rennie, Joe Hewitt, Pam Johnston, Al Cook and Marilyn Sergeanston. Councillors Anne Currie, Lil Bowman, Alf Spence and Rob Heaton couldn't be reached before press time.

Coun. McCarthy wanted the floor boards and windows because "I live in an old house that I want to restore to its original state."

Coun. McCarthy said he didn't try to stop the demolition of the house when he first heard about it earlier this year because the town's building and planning departments said the applicant, Zupet and Associates, were operating within their legal rights.

Neither the town's building director, Ron Shettell, nor planner Ian Keith, could definitely confirm having conversations in February or March with the councillor about preventing the demolition. But both men said if they did have a conversation with the councillor at that time, they would have told him the town could take no action.

"I may have made an error in judgement but I don't believe I've done anything wrong," Coun. McCarthy said. And, "I don't believe (my actions) inhibit my ability to represent the people in the neighborhood."

But the councillor recently decided to sell the floor boards and windows instead of keeping them. He plans to donate the money to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. The cheque was to be presented yesterday (Friday). Press time constraints

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