

Community



Glen Hall celebrates anniversary

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller and Glen Williams photographs and slides were on display chronicling Town Hall board member John Rowe look through a the years of the hall's history, as well as the com- photo album during the hall's open house on Sunday, munity. (Herald photo) held to celebrate it's 120th anniversary. Many

Pharmacists support ban on tobacco

A survey of local pharmacists show they support the ban on the sale of tobacco products in their drug stores, as proposed by the Ontario College of Pharmacists. However, some are not ready to implement the ban immediately.

Al Fraser, owner of the Shopper's Drug Mart located in the Georgetown Market Place said he would willingly stop selling cigarettes once the province makes tobacco an illegal product.

Until that time however, Mr. Fraser said he will continue to sell cigarettes despite a resolution recently passed by the Ontario College of Pharmacists calling for pharmacists to ban tobacco sales as soon as practically possible.

"Our position (Shoppers Drug Mart) is that people are not going to stop smoking by banning the sale of cigarettes in our stores," said Mr. Fraser. But he did say his pharmacy is readily willing to offer counselling to those who want to stop smoking.

Bill Yundt, the owner of Acton Pharmacy, said he is not ready to ban the sale of tobacco today, but predicts he will stop selling cigarettes within the next six months.

"Idealistically pharmacies should not sell tobacco," said Mr. Yundt. "Selling health products and tobacco are contrary to each other. But at the same time pharmacists need 'traffic' and the sale of cigarettes creates this traffic, he explained.

Mr. Yundt predicted that eventually all pharmacists will stop selling tobacco. "I think it's coming, (the banning of tobacco sales)," as more people get used to the idea that cigarettes can't be sold in the drug stores.

The College of Pharmacists has established a task force to research the various possible legal ways the sale of tobacco can be banned from drug stores, said the college's Deputy Registrar, Tom Dundon. Mr. Dundon said said whatever solution is found, provincial legislation will be required to implement it.

Meanwhile, the college is encouraging pharmacists to voluntarily ban cigarette sales from their stores, as soon as possible. The college licenses and regulates Ontario's pharmacists.

Some local pharmacists have already voluntarily banned cigarette sales from their stores.

Gary Barton of the IDA Drugstore in Acton said he received positive comments from the majority of his customers when he banned tobacco sales from the drugstore about a year

ago. Even customers who previously bought cigarettes from his pharmacy applauded the ban, said Mr. Barton.

Ken Milne, the co-owner of three Georgetown drug stores, said cigarettes are only offered for sale at one of the stores. Mr. Milne co-owns the Medical Cen-

tre Pharmacy, the Milne Homecare and Prescription Centre and Young's Pharmacy. Only Young's Pharmacy sells tobacco products, he said.

Mr. Milne explained however, that discussions are ongoing to ban cigarettes from his store.

Fire Calls

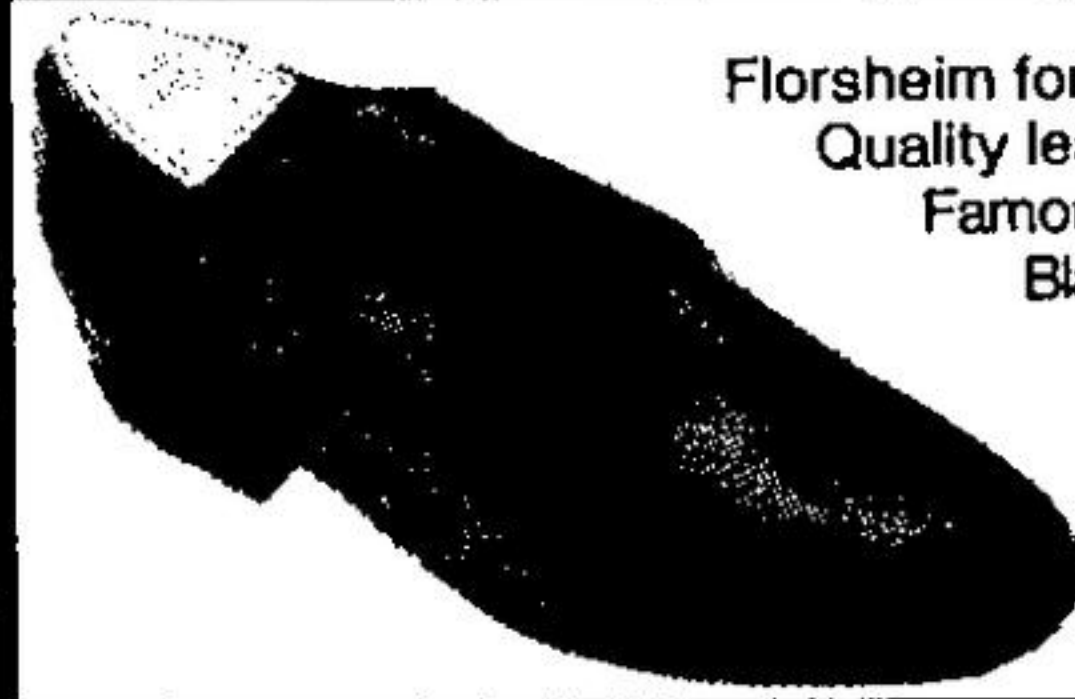
False alarms

Halton Hills firemen responded to two false alarms on Sunday after alarm systems malfunctioned at Mold Masters Ltd., and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120.

Sunday at 9:24 a.m., firemen responded to an alarm activation at 233 Armstrong Avenue. At 4:37 p.m. firemen were called out to the Royal Canadian Legion on Mill Street, Georgetown. However, it was discovered there was an alarm system malfunction.

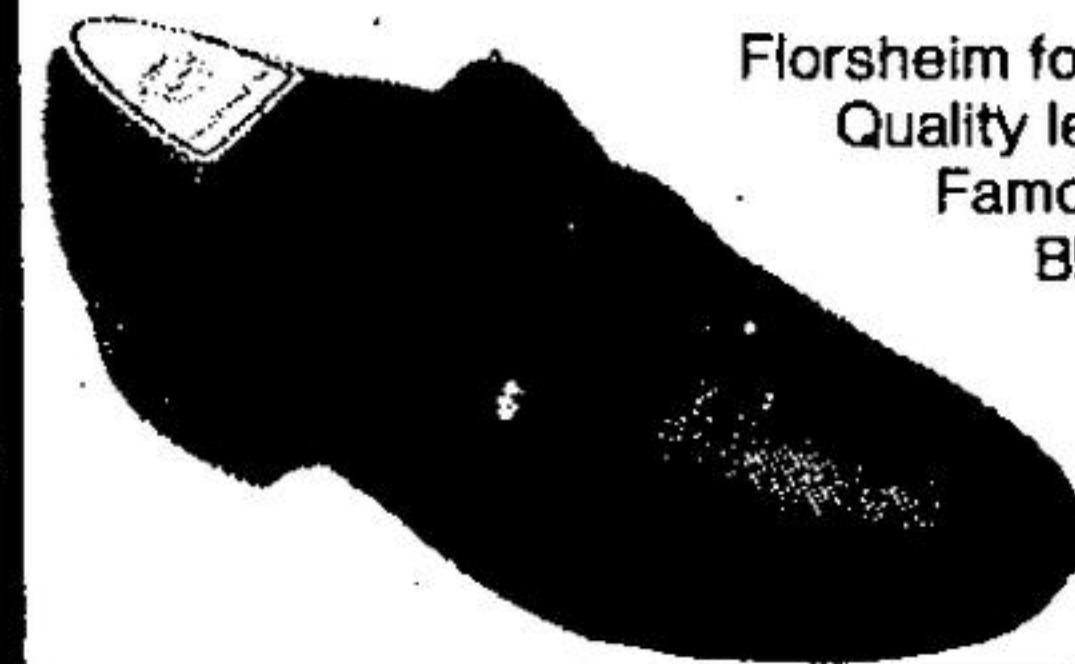
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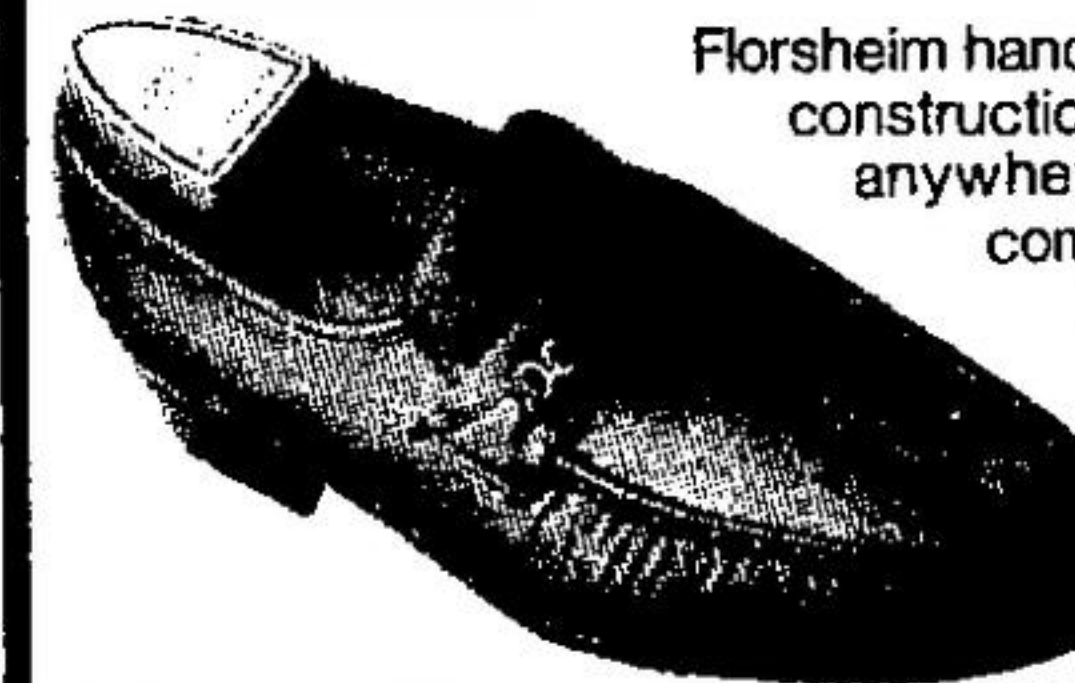
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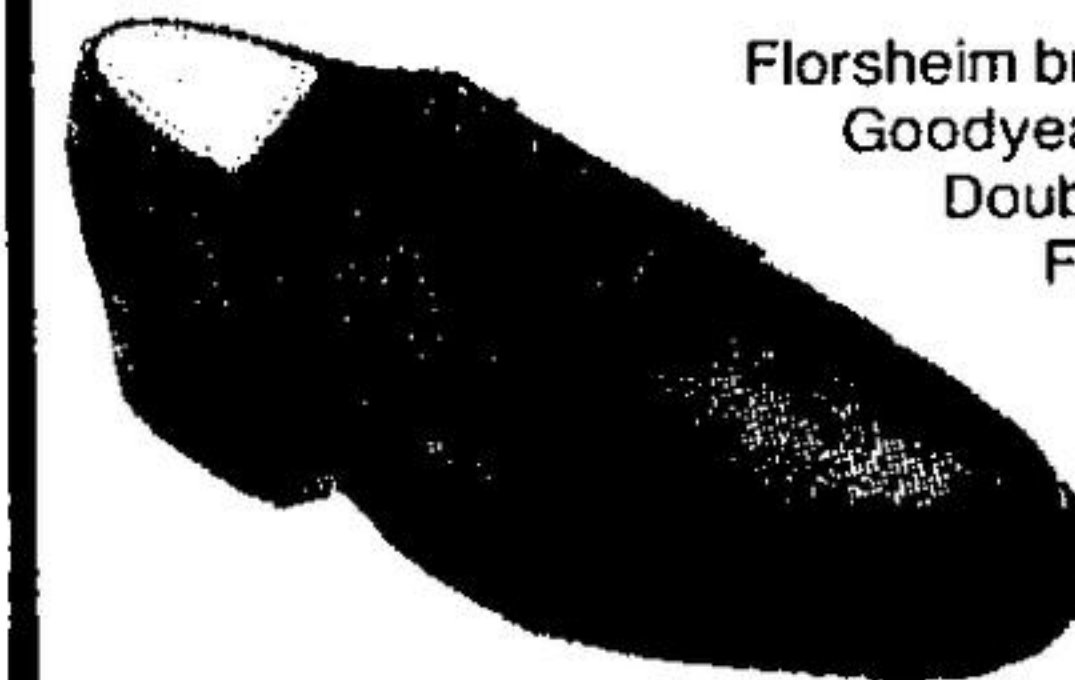
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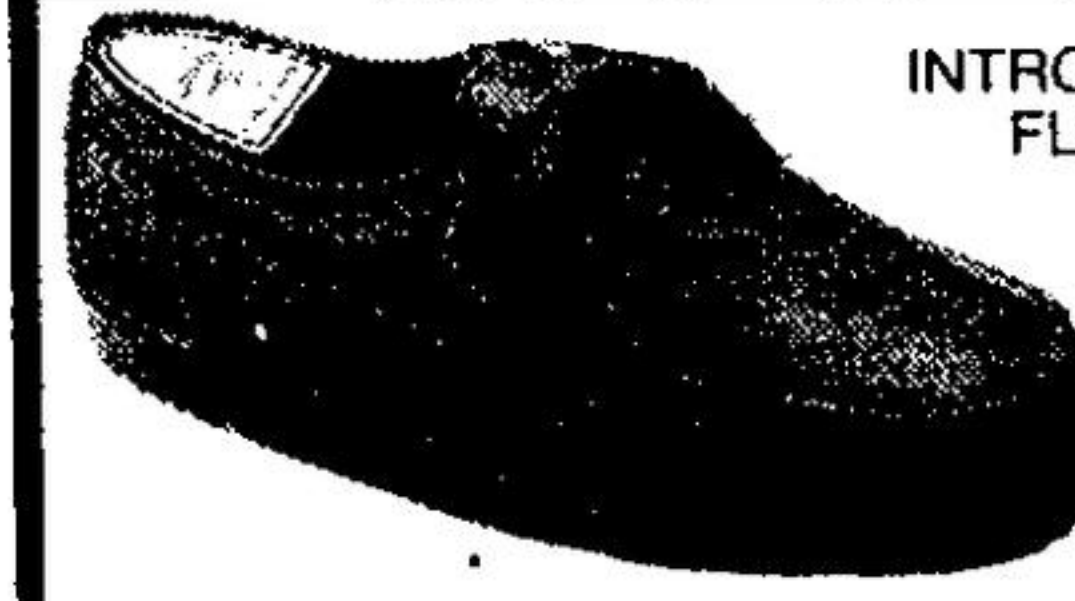
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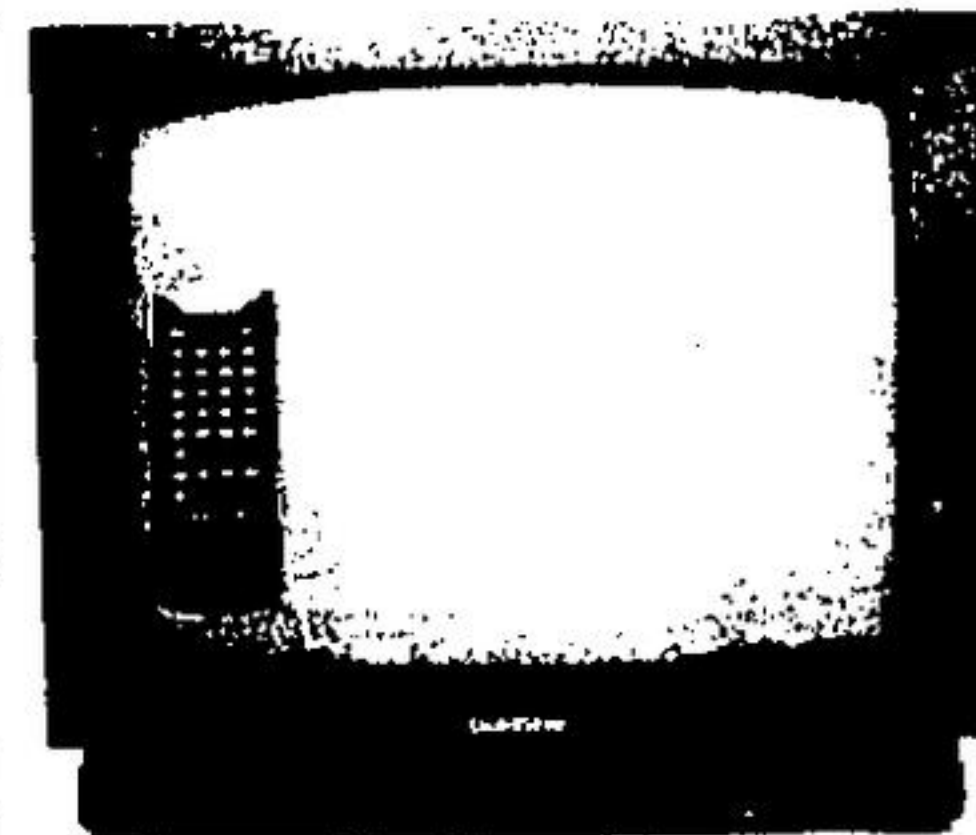
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