

## Looking Back

# Mill Street fire - a cause of concern

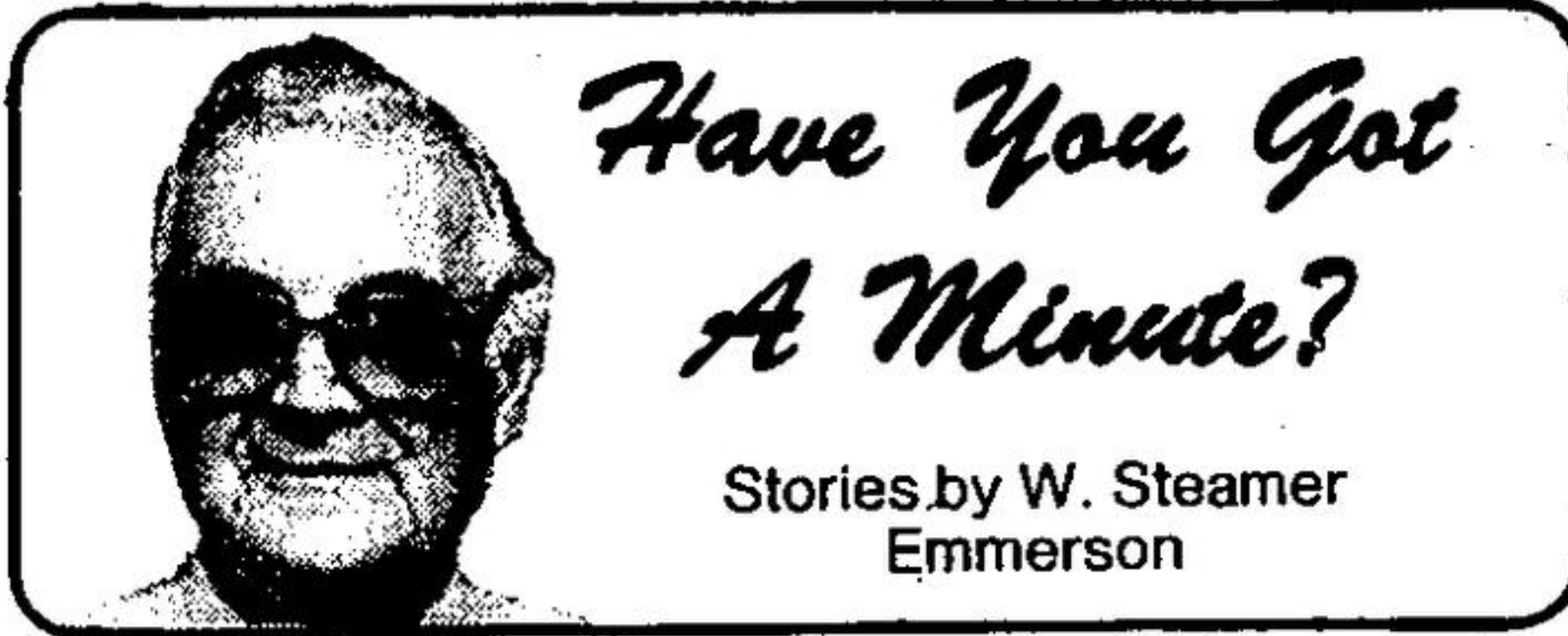
Do you remember the night the old liquor store on Mill Street nearly burned down?

Maybe you were there. I know I was. I even offered my services to the Fire Chief to do whatever I could to help prevent a total loss of thousands of bottles, of Crown Royal, Bonded Stock, Seagram's V.O. etc. He declined graciously.

Why, if it hadn't been for the gallant local firefighters, I might have gone up in an inky black, billowy cloud of smoke or flambéed right there on old Mill Street.

Surely you remember where the old liquor store was located on Mill Street. It was directly behind the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce on Main Street where Rapid Print is today. By George, I remember.

We lived in the apartment



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above the store and my father-in-law owned the building and operated his automobile business between the liquor store and Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion.

When you were smack dab in

the middle of two such popular spots, you got to see a lot of familiar faces.

You know, I liked that old apartment. It was bright and handy to downtown. If milk was needed, a step or two. A bottle of

rye for expected guests maybe a minute. It had its advantages.

I really wasn't much of a milk drinker in those days.

But back to the fire.

This fire was far more serious than Pop Bowers garage. Heavens, this fire wasn't any old fire, it was "THE" fire. Prompt action was expected by the Fire Brigade in such a serious situation and they did a wonderful job. They stayed until daybreak to make sure every ember (not member) was thoroughly soused.

The family and those familiar faces I told you about were grateful for the firefighters' great effort.

Here I've told you about the fire but I haven't told you about what happened when we woke up to the fact it was our place that was on fire.

Eleanor Inglis used to stay over at our apartment when she was going to high school and was in her bedroom.

Marg and Russ Robbins from Brampton had dropped in to spend an hour or two visiting and we were in the living room of the apartment overlooking Main Street when the fire siren blew.

I remember Marg asking me if we would see the fire truck pass the four corners. Before I could answer the fire-truck came flying around the corner, lights flashing, siren moaning and stopped dead centre of the old liquor store and Branch 120, on Mill Street.

Heavens to Betsy, I was taken

back a bit, believe me. Unknown to me the back of the building was blazing away.

Goodness, it was at this critical moment I made a terrible mistake.

In hindsight I know I should have made sure my wife, Eleanor, Marg and Russ were safely ushered out but the only thing I could think of was the new blue Packard car sitting on the show room floor. It had to be saved. I was gone to rescue the Packard.

Have you ever tried explaining to your wife after such a dramatic incident why your first priority was to save a new car and she, Eleanor, Marg and Russell were left to fend for themselves.

It wasn't easy. She has a memory like a shiv and to this day when I hear a fire siren, I can feel that darn thing twist a little.

As the fire, raged the crowd grew bigger. I think there was a lot more "wets" on hand, than "drys".

Fire Chief Bill Hyde and his men saved the main part of our building and all of the liquor store to the great delight of the town drunk who had arrived to lead the cheers - "For God's sake save that liquor store."

Oh yes, I managed to get the Packard out safely to the delight of my father-in-law but my wife still maintains women and children first - then old liquor store and Packards.

## Pretty fall wedding

By KAY WILSON

St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Hornby, was the setting of a pretty fall wedding Oct. 20.

Carol Anne, daughter of Gordon and Peggy Early, formerly of Norval and now of Barry's Bay, Ont., was united in marriage to John Clifford, son of Gordon and Elaine Morson of Brampton.

Standards in purple iris, candy pink carnations and white gladioli decorated the altar.

Organist was Joy Hogarth. Rev. Margaret Murray, assisted by the Rev. Bryan Nash, conducted the ceremony.

The bride given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a white satin gown, with lace inserts, trimmed with pearls. A shoulder length veil completed her bridal costume, and she carried a bouquet of roses with streamers of ivy and ribbon.

Attending the bride as Maid of Honor was her friend Sherry Faciolo of Orangeville. Bridesmaids were her sister Kathy Early, and Debbie Johnson, friend of the bride. All wore cocktail length gowns. The maid of honor in candy pink, and the bridesmaids in royal purple.

The best man was Wayne Finn, a friend of the groom, and ushers were Dave Morson, brother of the groom and Mike Scholz and Locksley Davis, both friends of the groom.

All wore grey tuxedos. The bridal party rode in a

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stretch limousine from the church to the reception held at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Master of Ceremonies was Rick Morson, brother of the groom.

Following a wedding trip to Banff and Jasper, the couple will reside in Cambridge.

Prior to the couples' wedding, the bride was honored at several showers.

Linda Morson, sister-in-law of the groom, held a shower at her home in Georgetown for the Morson family. Lenore McKinnon of Acton hosted the McKinnon family on the brides mothers side. Kathy Early held a shower at her grandmother Ella Early's home in Brampton and entertained friends of the Early family. All the showers were miscellaneous.

Pinegrove Community Club held a presentation party at the school. Following a game of euchre, Carol and John were presented with a pair of bedroom lamps, and a purse of money. Bill Brander chaired the evening, Kay Wilson read the address, and Mae Brander made the presentation.

Fine showing

Terraglen Farm, R.R. 4

Georgetown, placed well in the Holstein Cattle Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for Peel County. A March calf in the Open Class was 5th.

Their two Sr. Heifer calves placed 6th and 9th respectively. Other area people including Don Cleaves of Norval, Jack Fraser of Streetsville and Jim King of Brampton came out of the show equally as well, with their Holstein cattle, all from Peel County.

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