

## POLICE BEAT



### Numbers To Note EMERGENCY

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Hospital . . . . . 877-0111  
Distress Centre . . . . . 877-1211

### Arson suspected

Halton Regional Police suspect a fire at the Old Paper Mill on Maple Avenue and River Road in Georgetown at 10:42 last Monday was arson.

Police were told by Halton Hills firefighters at the scene the fire had been deliberately set at a pile of rubbish in a vacated section of the building and had spread with the use of other combustible materials.

Firefighters were easily able to contain and extinguish the blaze which caused little damage to the building, police say. Police are continuing to investigate.

### Home break-in

Police report a Georgetown home on Mill Street was broken into overnight Saturday with unknown thieves making off with \$900 in tools and clothing. Police say the culprits smashed the front door to break the lock and once inside, took two coats, a chainsaw, drill, tool chest and other tools. Police are continuing their investigation.

### Cigarette theft

Police are looking for three males who were observed fleeing in an older model grey car after the Acton Smoke Shop was broken into Wednesday night. Police say the owner of the shop heard the alarm go off and

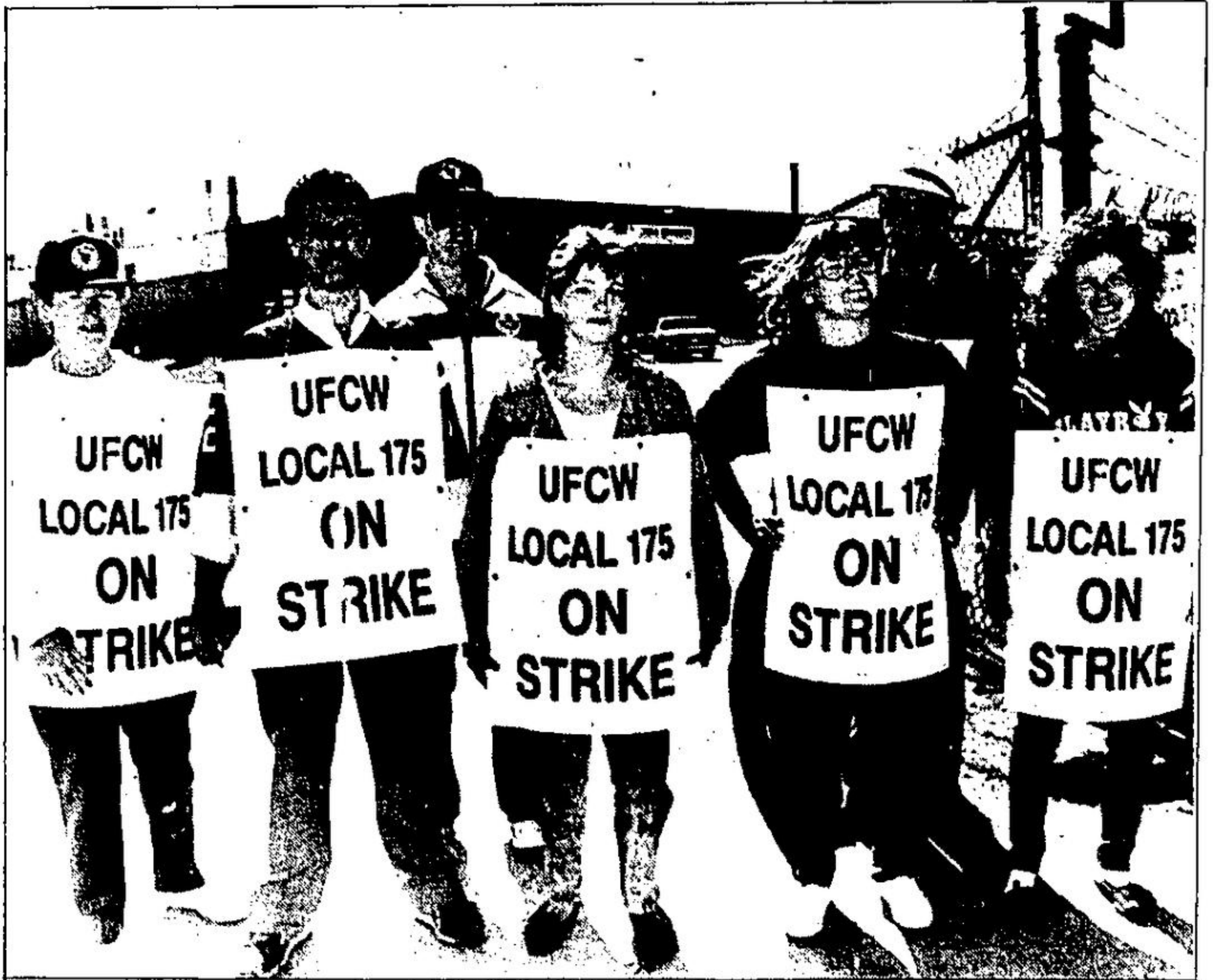
witnessed three men leaving the shop with numerous cartons of cigarettes. They were last seen eastbound on Hwy. 7 heading towards Georgetown. Police say the unknown thieves threw a brick through a store window to gain entry and stole 81 cartons of cigarettes from the store worth \$2,997.

### Brake failure

Police say brake failure in wet conditions caused the two-car collision on Chelton Street and Wildwood Road in Georgetown last Tuesday where one car was seriously damaged. Police say a 1991 Free Spirit Phantom's brakes failed while he attempted to stop on Chelton Street and he entered Wildwood Road where a 1984 Chev, driven by a Georgetown man, struck him. The Chev was moderately damaged. No one was injured and police laid no charges.

### Car rolls

Police are still investigating an incident that took place last Thursday where a 1980 Plymouth drove off the roadway on 8th Line, struck the ditch and rolled over, striking a tree. The car was damaged beyond repair. The identity of the driver was unavailable at press time, but police say no one was injured from the accident. No charges have been laid.



Employees of Eagle Dominion Inc. in Acton (left and right) Dorothy MacNeil, Andy Sherman, Terry Curlew, Nancy Cripps, Wendy Jones, Dave Munro and Donna Brownlee, have been striking against a wage freeze since last Friday outside the building's yard on McDonald Boulevard. (Herald photo)

## Eagle workers stand united

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT

The Herald

They stand divided but the picketing workers of Eagle Dominion leather finishing manufacturer in Acton say they'll continue to strike until a wage freeze has been lifted.

The strikers are members of the United Food and Commercial workers. Approximately 40 of the company's 72 laborers are picketing while 15 are sitting on the fence and the remaining 17 have crossed the picket line to continue working for an average wage of \$8.82.

The picketers say \$8.82 isn't high enough. "When the whistle blows, the guys have to be in their positions. They have to get permission to go to the washroom. They work as hard as auto plant workers but get half the wages," said the union leader, Andy Sherman.

He wants the workers to receive the normal wage increase across the board of 5 to 6 per cent. But the company has placed a one-year wage freeze on the workers.

Before negotiations began, the company was asking its workers to take a roll-back, a three per cent cut in pay, said Mr. Sherman, but union members got that issue off the tables.

Other issues the workers are striking for include keeping the wages paid weekly instead of every two weeks, an introductory

dental coverage offer and the rewording of items in the contract.

They say they've already dropped the idea of trying to get full benefits and casual days off.

Management with the company refuses to comment on bargaining or the strike. One management official said he wanted to keep the strike "low profile."

Mr. Sherman said spirits are high among the workers whom he

said have a very organized and disciplined agenda.

Strike chairperson, Donna Brownlee, said they'll be picketing until their demands are met, and workers won't cave in like they did two years ago when the company held back on their vacation pay.

Eagle Dominion has been located in Acton for approximately 30 years.

## Vandalism rears its ugly head

Halton Regional Police suspect that striking workers at Eagle Dominion in Acton who are picketing may be the persons responsible for vandalizing automobiles belonging to workers who crossed the picket line.

Police are investigating four reports of damage to cars owned by three non-picketing workers at Eagle Dominion, which occurred last Tuesday and Wednesday.

One Acton man's 1984 Jeep was scratched on both doors, had its tires slashed and canvas roof damaged, while it was parked at the Royal Canadian Legion in Acton where workers meet to be bused to the plant. Police

estimate damage at \$2,300.

Two other cars parked at the Legion, a 1979 Ford Mustang and a 1985 Jeep were also vandalized. The Ford car was scraped, had its tires slashed and its gas tank cap removed. Damage is estimated at \$500. The Jeep received approximately \$600 damage when the suspects slashed two tires, smashed in the windshield and scratched the right side of the car.

Eagle Dominion workers have been on strike since June 7 but only 40 out of 72 workers are picketing while 15 are staying home and the remaining have crossed the picket lines.

Police are continuing their investigation.

## CRIME STOPPERS



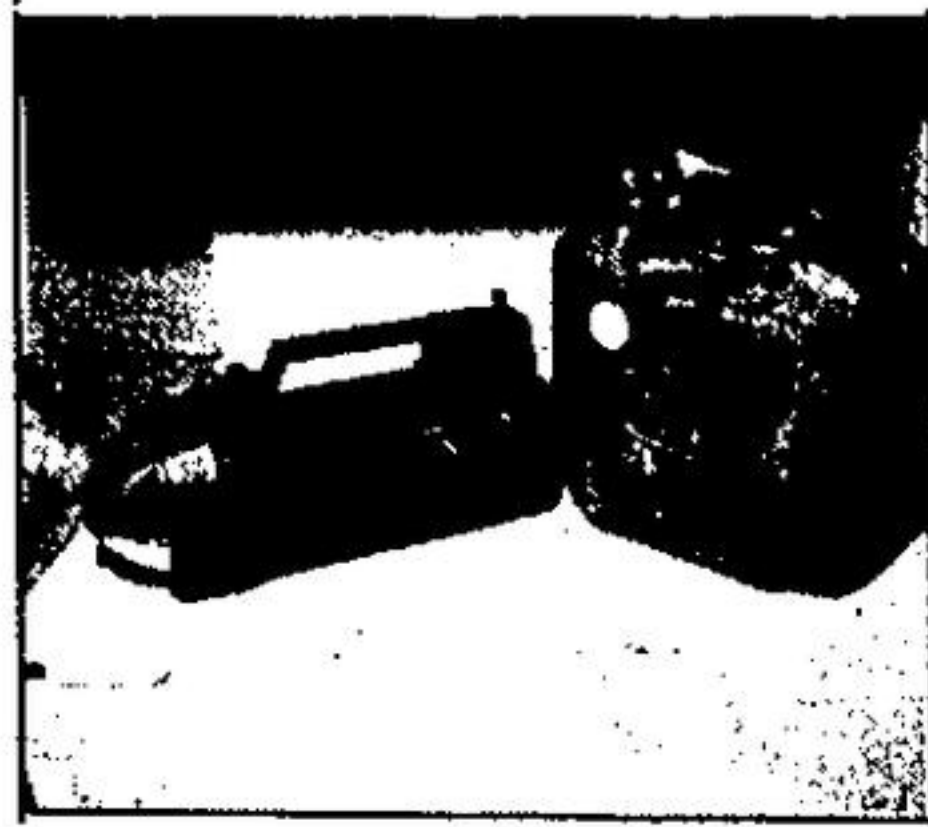
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Released by Sergeant Dan Farr

The Halton Regional Police in Burlington and Crime Stoppers of Halton are seeking information that will identify the person responsible for an arson that totally destroyed a cottage residence in the Cedar Springs Community in north Burlington on the 16th of May, 1991.

Sometime during the late evening hours of the 15th of May and the early morning hours of the 16th of May, 1991 an unidentified person set fire to the cottage residence at 2136 Sunset Blvd. in the north Burlington Cedar Springs Community. The fire totally destroyed the residence which was being renovated for occupation by the 24th of May weekend.

Police investigators found a very unique flashlight, with an



AM/FM radio in the side of it along with a part full gas can approx. 340 feet north of the fire site.

Halton police would be very interested in speaking to anyone who knows where just such a flashlight can be purchased or if anyone knows someone who owns such an unusual flashlight.

Investigators are also asking whether or not anyone saw a vehicle parked on Cedar Springs Road on the 15-16th of May in the area of the Cedar Springs Cottage Community.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other offence, you may be eligible for a cash reward. You need not give your name and your call will be treated with complete anonymity. Please call 1-800-668-5151.

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