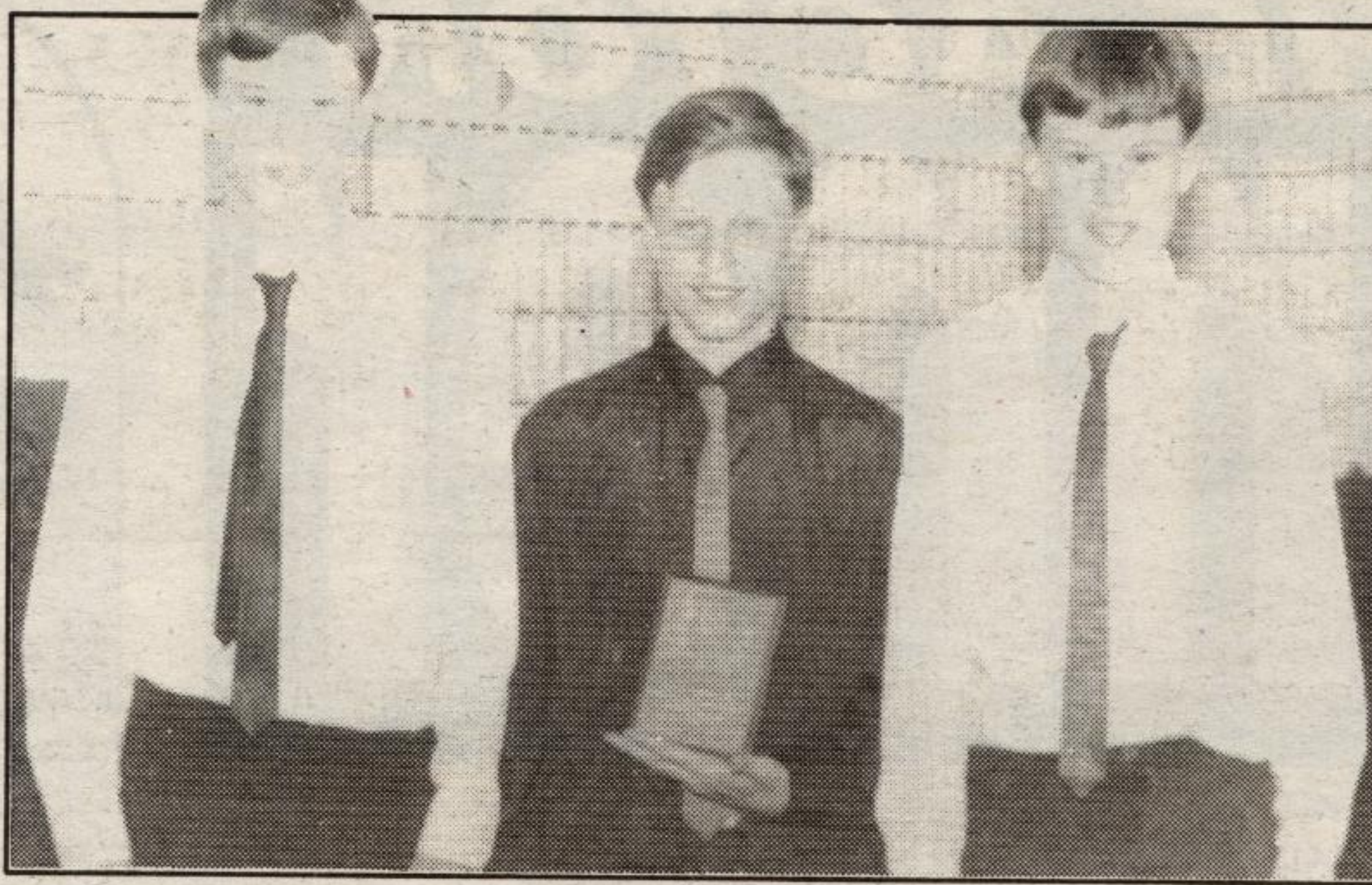


Dwindling donations

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were counting the donations Thursday night.

Firefighter Herb Dodds, who was chairman of the fireworks committee its very first year 25 years ago, blamed the economy for the dwindling donations, and said money-raising ideas for next year include a raffle or a bingo.

"We have to be more aggressive," admitted Dodds, who recalls when Acton's celebration was a two-day event with stage shows and chicken barbecues. "In the past things were so good we could send out letters to local businesses for sponsorship and pass the hat, and that would take care of it. But those days are gone," said Dodds.



PROUD TRIO: Acton's McIntyre triplets were all smiles last Monday as they said good-bye to McKenzie-Smith following grad ceremonies. From left are Philip, Derrick and Brian. Derrick holds his Phys-Ed award. (Doug Harrison photo)

New law gives breathing room

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staff is working on "day-to-day maintenance" plus helping with the restructuring plan: "There's a fair chunk of work on the process of suspended legal animation."

Following the alarming number of bankruptcies in recent years, a new law was introduced in November similar to the Chapter 11 American law allowing bankrupt U.S. businesses time to catch their breath and negotiate with creditors. The newness of the Canadian version means a lot of people are still learning the ropes of the new process, explained Dawkins.

To save the Hide House Dawkins' proposal must be ap-

proved by 50 per cent of the unsecured creditors (creditors with no collateral) representing 66 per cent of the amount of the unsecured part of the debt. For example, if there were 11 unsecured creditors six of them representing two-thirds of the unsecured amount owed must approve the plan. The secured creditors — those holding collateral on bankrupt property they can repossess and re-sell — then veto or approve the plan. The Hide House secured creditor is the CIBC.

Don Dawkins, Hide House C.E.O., has said the Acton business community is failing or suffering because "population growth has not been approved to support it."

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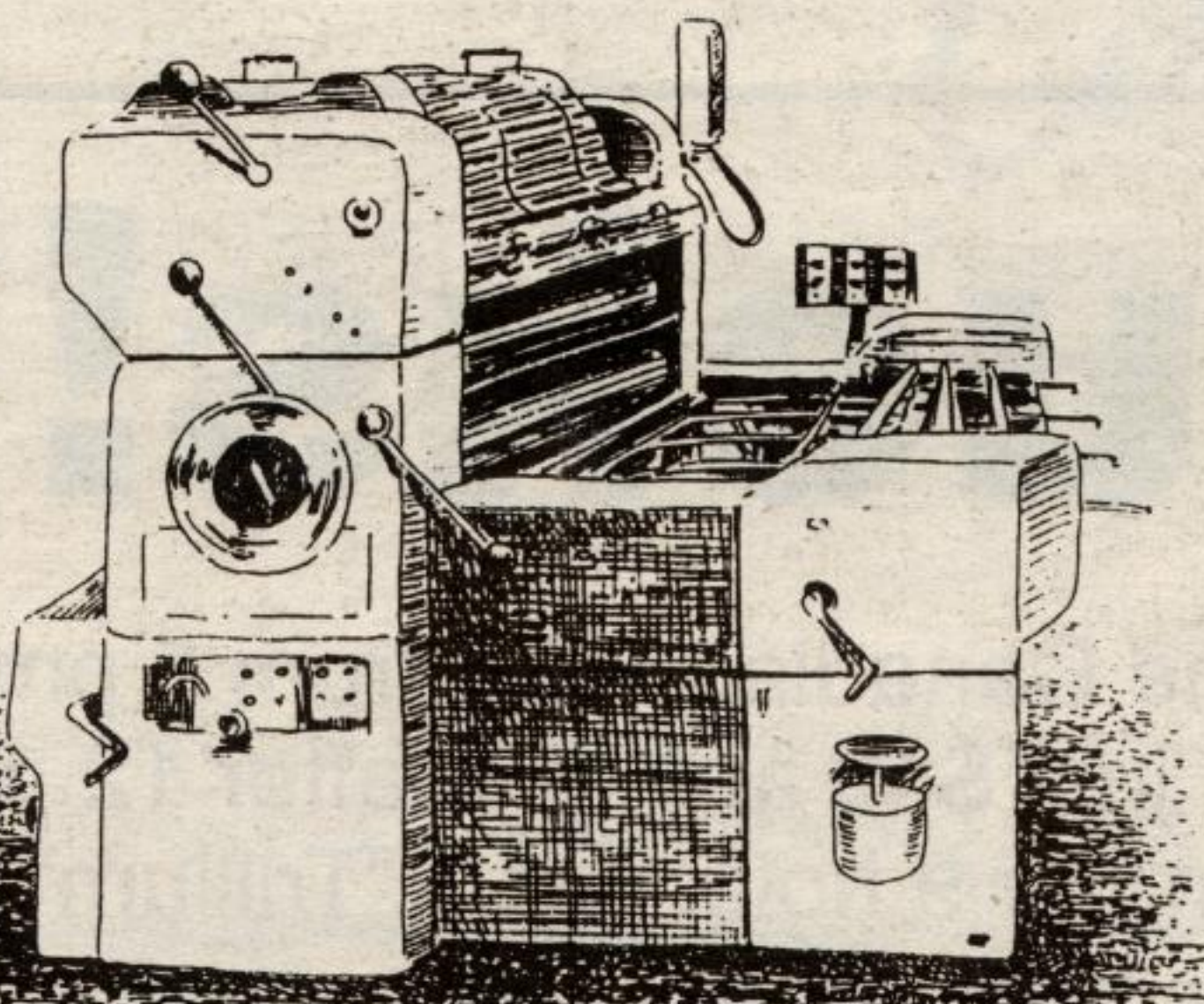
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NEWS SHORTS

Youths leave beer

Police report four youths dropped their beer bottles and fled the schoolyard at Robert Little Public School Saturday night, after spotting a police cruiser. The cruiser was on a routine patrol of the area at 10:10 pm and the scared youths left behind a 24 case of beer with eight full bottles. The beer has been placed in the property locker at 11 Division for disposal.

Break and enter

Young bandits with a sweet tooth broke into a booth at Fifth Line, south of 22 Sideroad, escaping with \$200 worth of pop, chips and candy sometime between June 30 and July 4, report police. Thieves forced their way into the booth owned by Limehouse Minor Sports Association by removing a wooden cover and metal grill. Damage to the booth is estimated at \$200, putting the total loss at \$400. Police say two young offenders are suspected.

Arrested for safety

A 24-year-old Acton man was arrested Saturday night when a police officer on foot observed the accused staggering from a party and falling onto the sidewalk, report police. He was arrested for his own safety and taken to 11 Division, report police. A Churchill Rd. man was arrested.

Sudden death

Police report the sudden death of a 19-year-old Acton man on June 29. No foul play is suspected. Police are not naming the man because of the family situation.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

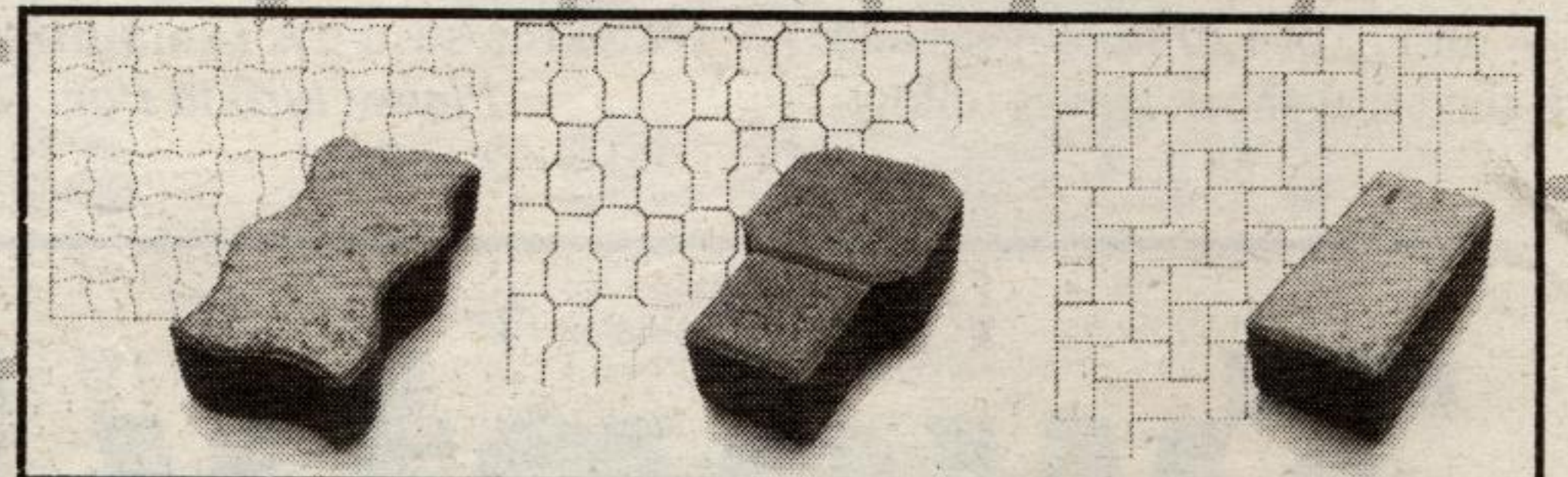
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— Gerald Rennie, Town Councillor, Page 4

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