



DEDICATED FIRE FIGHTERS HONOURED: With 65 years of volunteer fighting between them Acton's Davis Shannon (left) and Herb Dodds (right) received long and exemplary services awards from Fire Chief Bill Cunningham at a ceremony on Monday at the Civic Centre. -Frances Niblock photo

Noted Canadian artist at Harrop Gallery Sunday

Noted artist Walter Campbell will be at the Harrop Gallery in Milton this Sunday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. Located on Steeles Ave. just east of Highway 25, the gallery is noted for the high calibre of artists it has showcased.

Walter Campbell's art is like taking a trip down memory lane when more leisurely modes of transportation, horses and buggies, horses and cutters, were the norm. His art reflects the time when skating meant lacing up in the fresh air and skimming the blades over an outdoor rink, the snow recently removed by shovelling.

The era of his paintings might be different but they evoke the same feelings of timeless family occasions and stability which is so often lacking in the turmoil of

today's world. Campbell's subjects include such time-honoured traditions as bringing in the Christmas tree, raking up autumn leaves, a bride and groom on their special day and a fanciful snowman made by children. Each piece has a striking Victorian feature as its focal point while turn of the century costumes and vehicles complete the picture.

Campbell's art fits in well at the Harrop's Restaurant and Art Gallery, an elegant colonial mansion, built of local limestone in 1870 on a 200-acre grant of crown land. Its ivy-covered regency

façade makes a fitting setting for the elegant rooms, where each of the main living rooms has a fireplace.

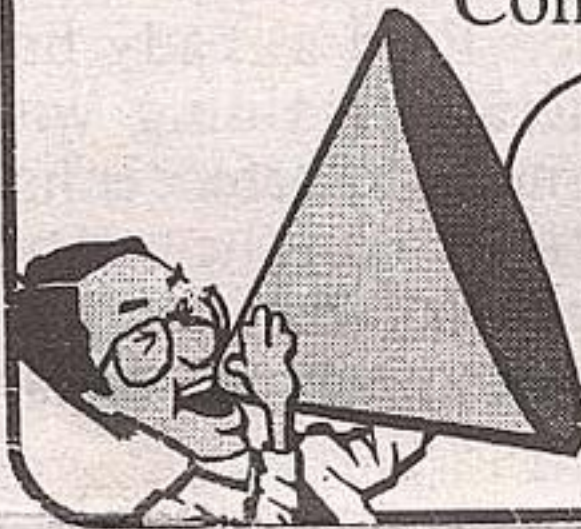
The gallery also features art by Trisha Romance, Robert Bateman, Thomas Kincade and many other famous Canadian artists.

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Councillor questions spending on animal control

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

The Halton Hills animal control bylaw is 500 per cent over budget, leading one politician to question whether the Town has its priorities straight when it comes to bylaw enforcement.

At last week's general committee meeting Acton Councillor Norm Elliott noted the Town's latest building, zoning and enforcement report showed that while animal control spending is about 500 per cent over budget, only eight two-unit houses have been registered so far this year.

The Town is currently involved in a pilot project for an enhanced dog licensing program, which included a survey of 90 per cent of Halton Hills residences to determine how many dogs there are in Town. Elliott suggested they're "going after the little old ladies with their Shiatus," but not after people with unregistered second units.

"Our best advice was that there may be thousands (of unregistered illegal units) in the community...and we seem to be prepared to go to these lengths to bring in more revenue to control animals," Elliott said, adding that the illegal apartment issue needed staff time, not unlicensed dogs.

In attempting to explain why the animal control by-

law was over budget, Henry Tse, Director of Building, Zoning and Enforcement Services, said they'd been "overly optimistic" when estimating the number of dogs, and therefore the fees, they could expect.

"We're spending more on trying to collect than we actually collect and the reason is that there's a back log in the process," Tse said in an interview on Friday, adding that unregistered dogs in the community should be thought of as "accounts re-

ceivables" because the Town will get dog tag fees from them.

The Town is adding some bite to its bark in an effort to get more people to register their dogs, which also includes proof of a rabies shot.

"We will charge people who don't license their dog and the first offence is \$100 plus \$15 in court costs," Tse said, adding that seven people have been charged in the past three weeks. Of the estimated 5,300 dogs in Halton Hills, just 2,900 are licensed.

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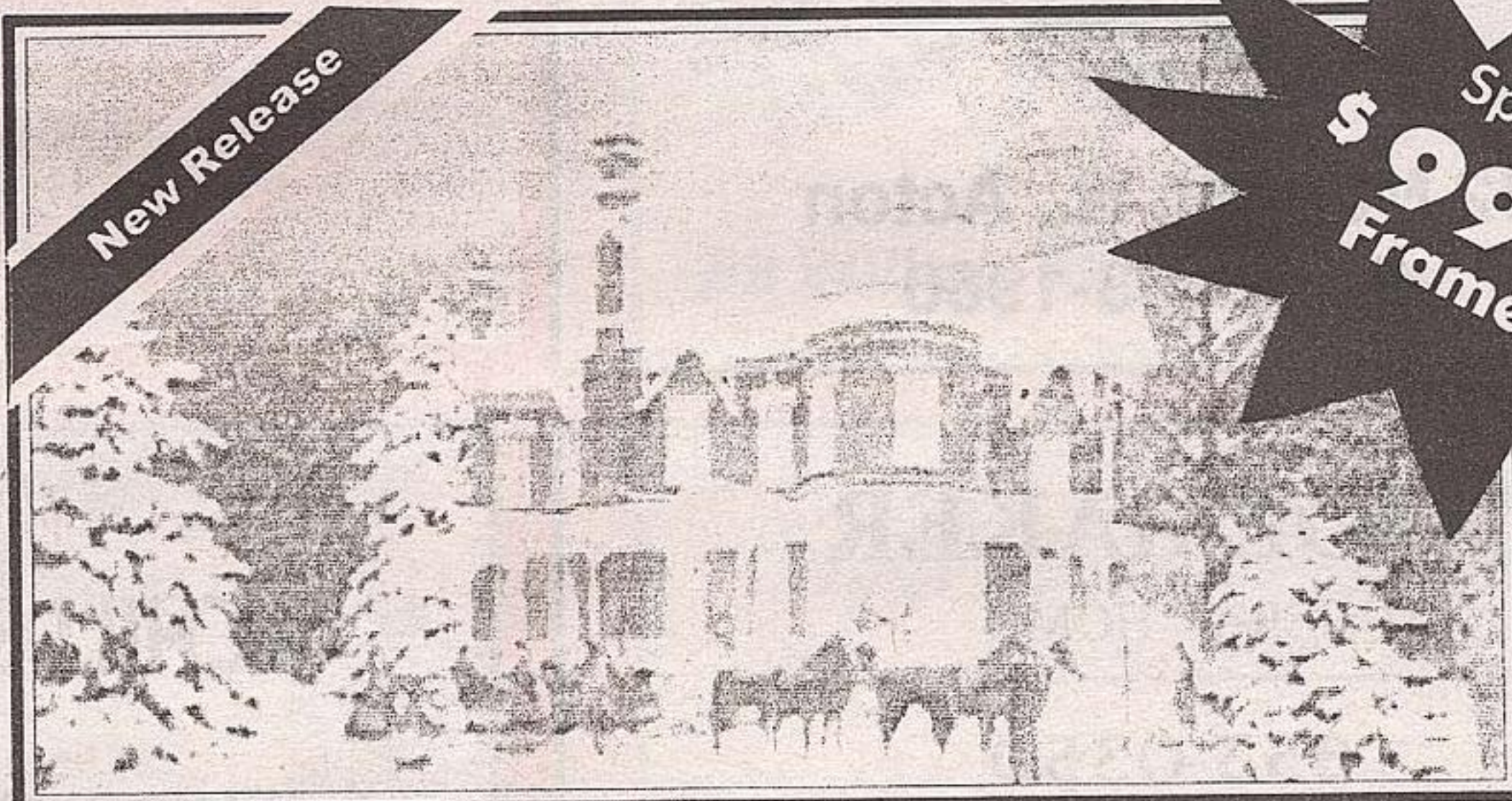
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