

Knife-wielding man holds up variety store

Armed robbery

A man armed with a "big" butcher knife held up the lone clerk at Acton Town Milk New Year's Eve.

The suspect, described as tall and in his early 20s and possibly white, was wearing a balaclava when he confronted the owner/operator of the Main St. North store at 6:30 p.m., and said, "Give me money! Give me the f... money now!"

The clerk quickly complied, the suspect fled on foot with less than \$1,000 and police were called. Despite an intensive search, including

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the use of tracker dogs, the suspect, wearing a brown coat with red sleeves, got away.

Halton police, who describe armed robberies in north Halton as "unusual, but not uncommon," are perusing "a number of leads."

Dumb and dumber

A 38-year-old Newmarket man faces four charges after being pulled over for erratic driving at Mill and Main Streets on December 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Police found obvious signs of impairment and arrested the man and charged him with impaired driving, having over 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, possession of a small amount of marijuana and taking a vehicle without the consent of the owner. Police couldn't say who owns the 1990 Pontiac the man was driving.

Window smashed

A small window in a door on the east side of McKenzie-Smith Bennett School was smashed just before 11:15 p.m. on December 22. Police responded and called the school's security company. Damage is pegged at \$50.

Bar break-in

Cash and \$600 worth of liquor were stolen during a break-and-enter at the Leathertown Tavern on Mill Street overnight December 26/27.

Police report the back door was pried open.

False alarm?

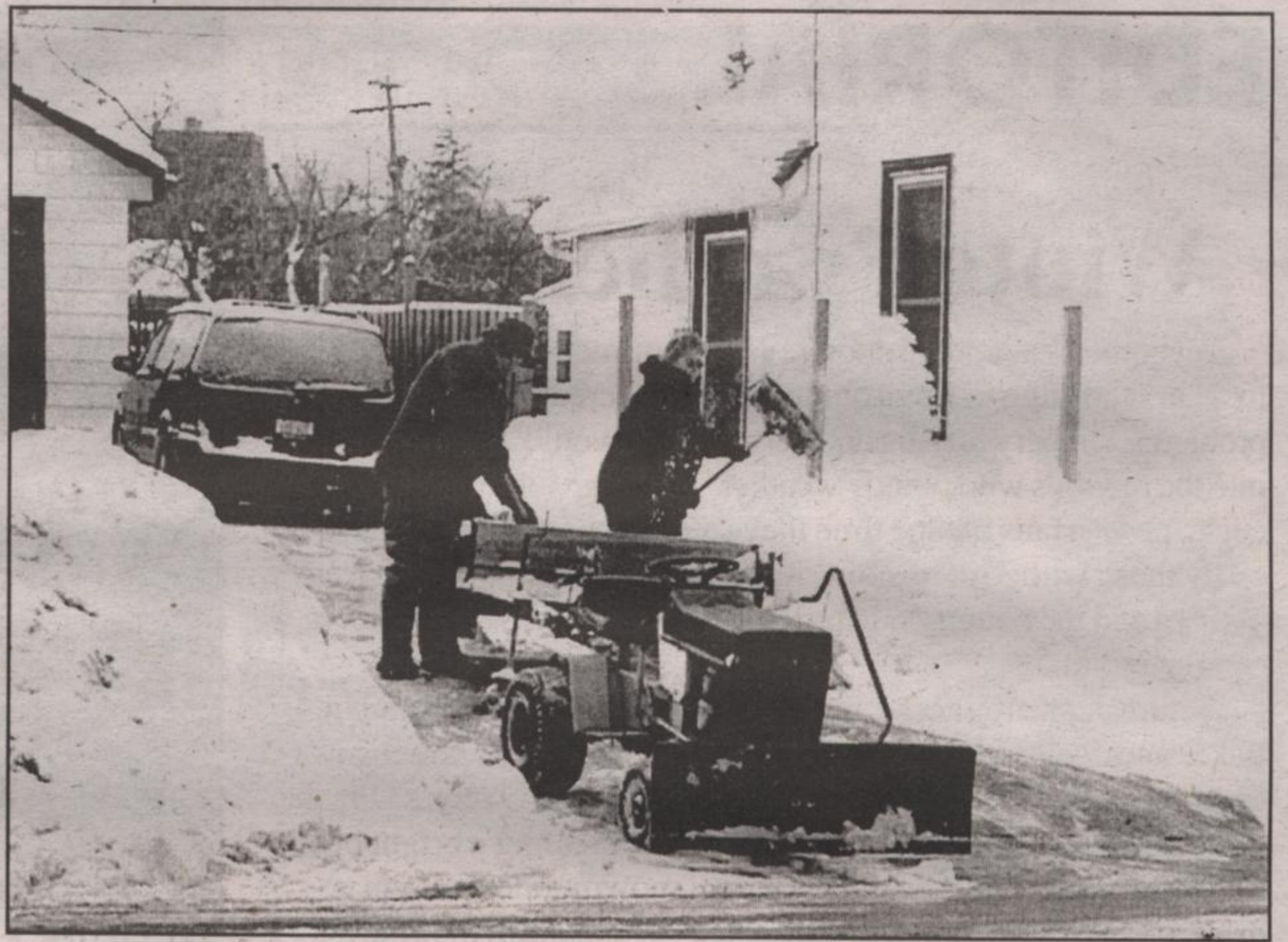
Acton firefighters couldn't find what set off a smoke detector in a second floor apartment at 119 Mill St. East at 9:17 a.m. on New Year's Day.

The tenant wasn't home at the time and a neighbour called 911 after hearing the alarm.

Burned pot

A pot left on the stove set off a smoke alarm in an apartment at 200 Churchill Rod. South last Wednesday just after 9 a.m.

The only damage was to the pot.



FINAL CLEANING: John and Linda Bailey did a final bit of shovelling and plowing Saturday to make sure their driveway was really clean and their trailer out of the way before their guests arrived for Christmas dinner. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo



FATHER CHRISTMAS: This class of Robert Little School students was spellbound as Robert Nicholls, 84, father of their teacher, Janet Clevely, regaled them with tales of Christmases past. - Submitted photo

No deal for teachers ...

Continued from page 1 some sports teams, the year book committee and the band.

A pre-Christmas marathon bargaining session failed to bring a deal and talks between the Halton District School Board and Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation District 20 (Halton) resume January 10th.

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