POLICE BLOTTER

Computer stolen

A computer worth about \$3,000 was taken from a lawyer's office on Main St. in Georgetown during a break-in that occurred sometime overnight Tuesday and Wednesday according to police. Police say entry could have been gained through an adjoining vacant store.

Attempted break-in

an attempted break and enter that occurred at a Dawson Cr. home around midnight Thursday is currently under investigation. Police say the homeowner heard a window screen being opened in the bathroom, went to investigate, and saw a young male attempting to get in the house. The suspect fled on foot. He was last seen on Delrex. Blvd. The suspect is between 13 and 16-years-old, 5'8", 150 lbs with dark hair.

Tools taken

Police are investigating the theft of about \$1,100 worth of tools from a van parked at a Tenth Line golf course Sunday. Sometime between 4:30 and 8:45 p.m. police report the van was entered through a smashed window and power drills and saws were removed.

Acton Canadian Tire closes after 38 years

BY LISA TALLYN Staff Writer

Tearly 40 years after Canadian Tire opened in Acton, the store has shut its doors permanently.

Jennifer Garland, Canadian Tire Corporation Ltd. public relations director, said the store closure was an economic and marketing decision made last week.

Garland said the primary reason for the closure was the fact Canadian Tire is in the midst of a major expansion program with plans to open a large store in Guelph this spring. A new Georgetown store was opened last year. She added the Acton store could not deliver the same level of service and number of products available in the new-format stores.

"Store traffic and sales (in Acton)

the new Georgetown (Canadian Tire) store," said Garland.

The 18 full and part-time employees at the store were told Wednesday evening after the store closed that it would not reopen. Garland said the employees will receive full compensation packages and "an effort is underway to relocate them to other stores." She added the company anticipates 40 new employees will be hired at the Guelph

Timing also played a role in the decision to close the 4,000 sq. ft Acton store. Garland said the store's dealer, Fior Ciavone, was planning to move to another store and it was decided "perhaps the best time to close would be now."

When asked about the future of the building, Garland said "it was too early to say."

Business blaze causes \$40,000 damage

fire in a garbage can in the cooking area at Variations Café Tuesday resulted in \$40,000 damage.

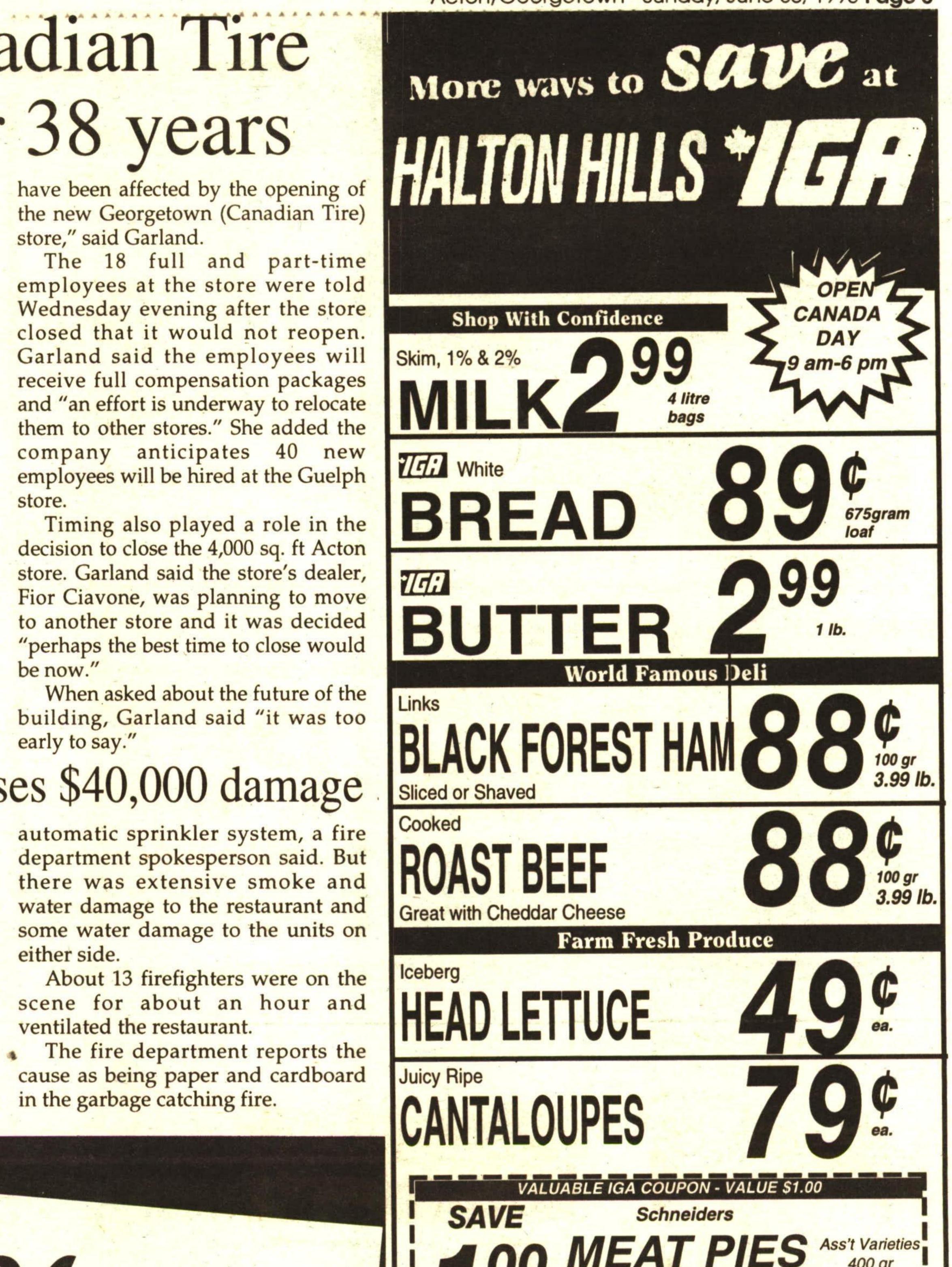
The Halton Hills Fire Department was called by someone working next door who noticed the smoke at 5:24 p.m. No one was inside the Guelph St. cafe at the time, since it had just been closed for the evening.

When firefighters arrived the fire had already been extinguished by an

automatic sprinkler system, a fire department spokesperson said. But there was extensive smoke and water damage to the restaurant and some water damage to the units on either side.

About 13 firefighters were on the scene for about an hour and ventilated the restaurant.

The fire department reports the cause as being paper and cardboard in the garbage catching fire.



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