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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Several charges laid

■ A Caledon man is facing several charges after fleeing an accident Tuesday evening in which a Georgetown man and his daughter were hurt.

The Georgetown man, 52, and his daughter, 7, were traveling westbound on Ontario St. in a 1991 Chrysler when it was struck by a 1993 Chevrolet heading eastbound in the middle of the road. The father and daughter were taken to Georgetown Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Two hours later, police dog Gage found a man hiding in a nearby ravine.

Charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm, fail to remain and two counts of breach of recognition is David Poirier, 45, of Forks of the Credit Rd.

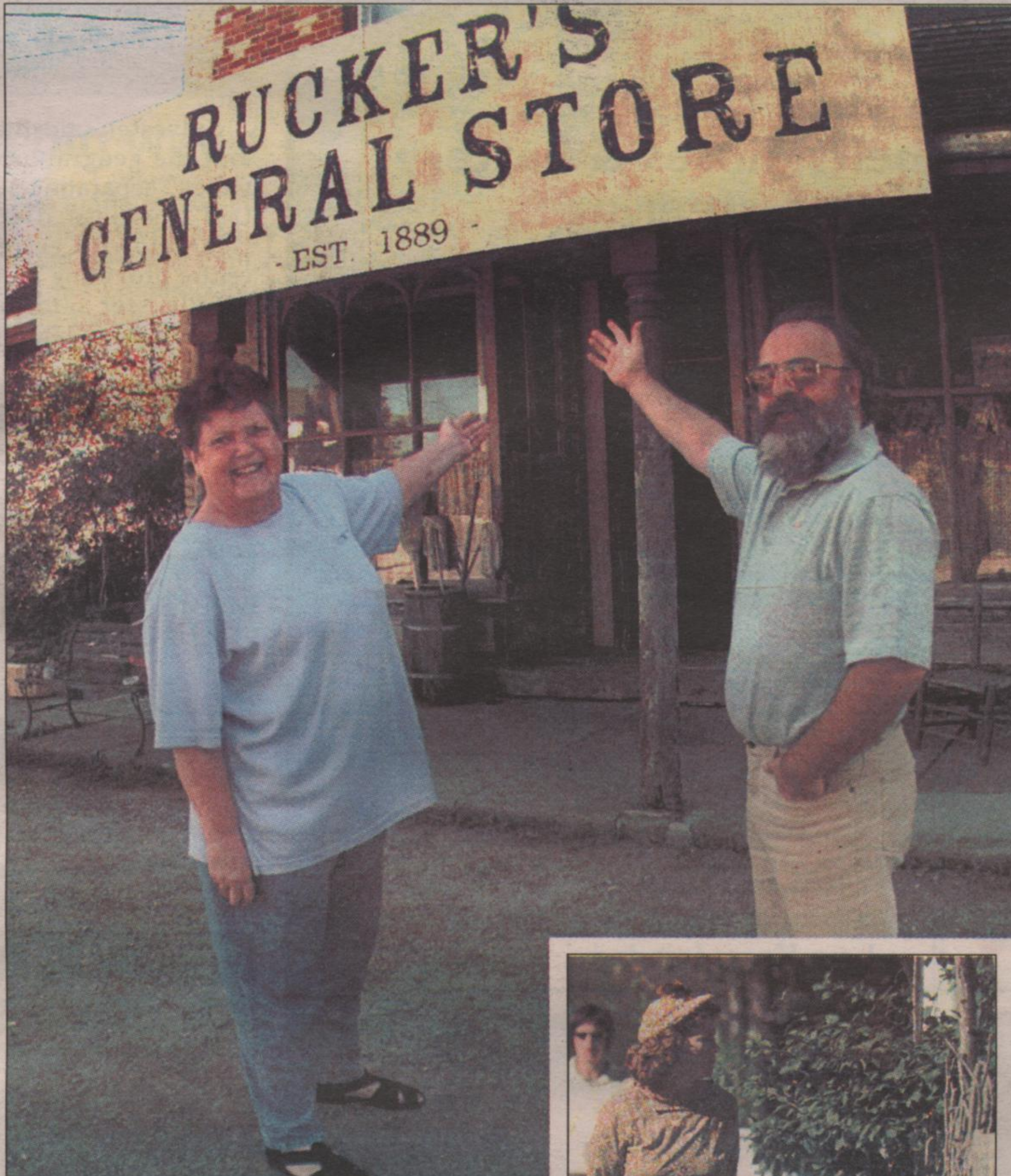
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■ The Independent & Free Press office will be closed Monday, Oct. 9 so staff can celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

The office will reopen Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 8:30 a.m.

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Louisiana—Glen style

The familiar Copper Kettle restaurant in Glen Williams took on a different look this week as the Showtime movie, *My Louisiana Sky*, was filmed in the area, transforming the village into 1957 Louisiana. Period street signs and 50s costumes, (right) were a common sight in the area. In the 13 years they've been in business, Copper Kettle owners Brenda and Graham Gove have seen their business transformed into a general store of many different eras. Photos by Ted Brown



MP promises barrier arms 'by Christmas'

By Christmas, barrier arms should be installed at the Fourth Line rail crossing where three Acton teens were killed last week.

Halton MP Julian Reed said he has verbal confirmation from Transport Minister David Collenette that the installation of the arms will be fast-tracked.

He said it would normally take a year-and-a-half to get approval and have the arms installed.

"The indication is they'd be installed by Christmas," said Reed.

"If he can make it happen by Christmas I'd be so delighted. That would be wonderful," said Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson, who contacted Reed after the accident and asked for his help.

"I hate this after the fact stuff. It has shaken me very much," said Reed. "The minister stepped in when he needed to."

He said it will cost about \$180,000 to install the arms at the crossing. The federal government will pick up 80 per cent of that bill, with the rest being funded by the railway and town.

Serjeantson said after last November's fatal train-truck crash at the crossing all crossings in town were assessed and it was determined one on Hwy. 25 in Acton required arms. The town submitted a request for funding for that crossing in February or March. She said she understood the warrants to install barrier arms hadn't been met at the Fourth Line crossing.

"I want to make sure we get (barriers at) both," she stressed.

Serjeantson said the town will meet with Transport Canada and the railway line next week to take the steps necessary to put in the request for the arms at the Fourth Line crossing.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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