

Guilders link slain Canadian soldier to Dutch families

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soldier who appreciated being welcomed by Bannink's family.

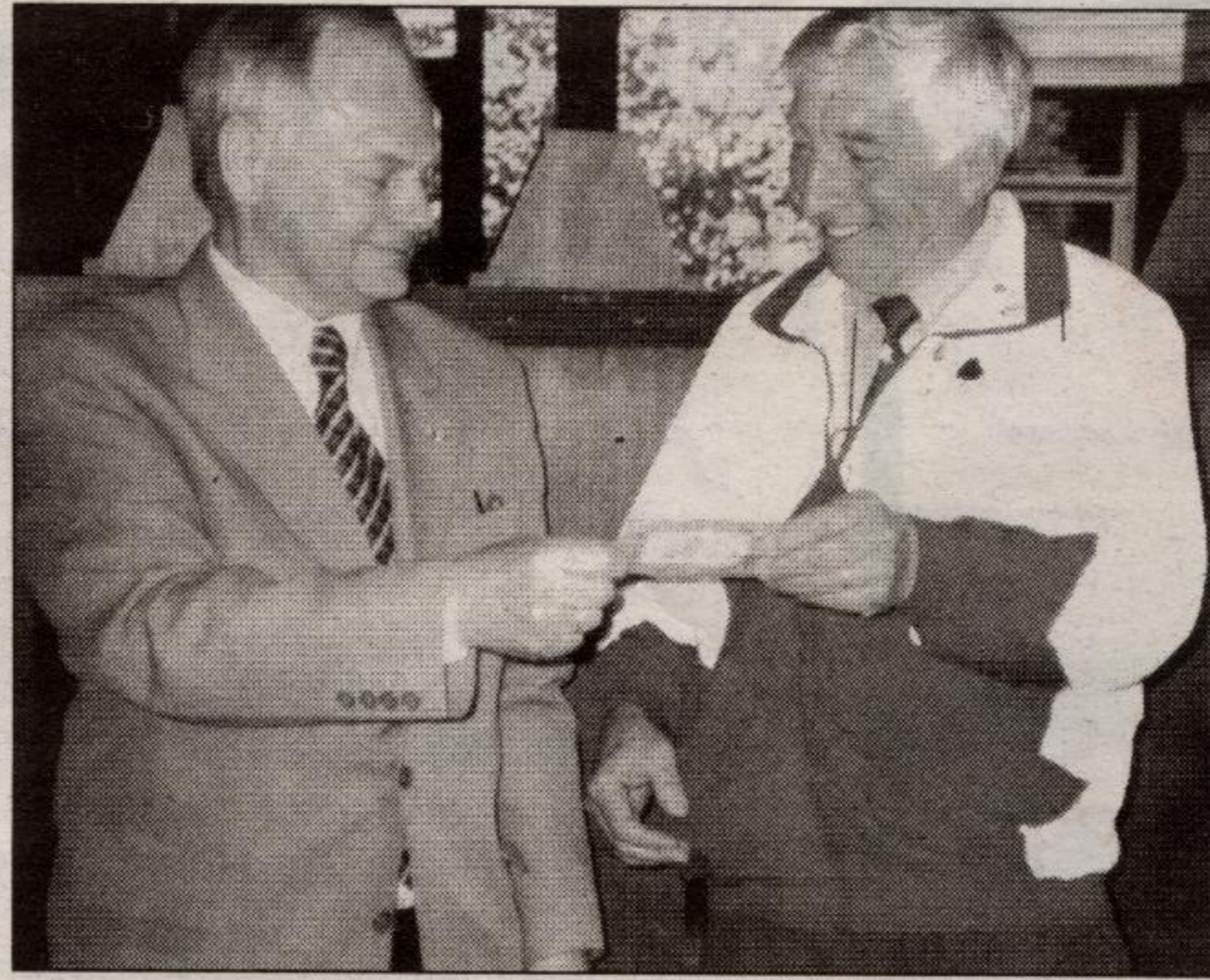
When shown a photo of Beaumont, Bannink became emotional as he vividly recalled the young Canadian and was saddened to learn he was killed only eight days after accepting the guilder.

Since the guilder was returned this year, Bannink and his wife have visited Beaumont's grave at the Holten Canadian War Cemetery.

The day after presenting Bannink with his guilder, the tour group arranged to meet Kalk, now 75, in the village of Holwierde.

While Kalk could not recall Beaumont, she did remember the fierceness of the battles in the area at the time.

She happily received the guilder with her name, a picture of Beaumont and the war diary of the Perth Regiment, which described the battles of April 28, 1945—the day Beaumont was killed.



Joop Bannink accepts a Dutch guilder Bannink gave 57 years ago to slain Canadian soldier Clarence Beaumont from Martin Boomsma of Georgetown. Photo courtesy Martin Boomsma

Later that day the Keeping the Memory Alive tour group laid a wreath and conducted a short ceremony at the Canadian monument in Holwierde. There, the names of the 50 Canadians killed in that immediate area in April of 1945 were read, including Clarence Beaumont's.

—By Martin Boomsma, special

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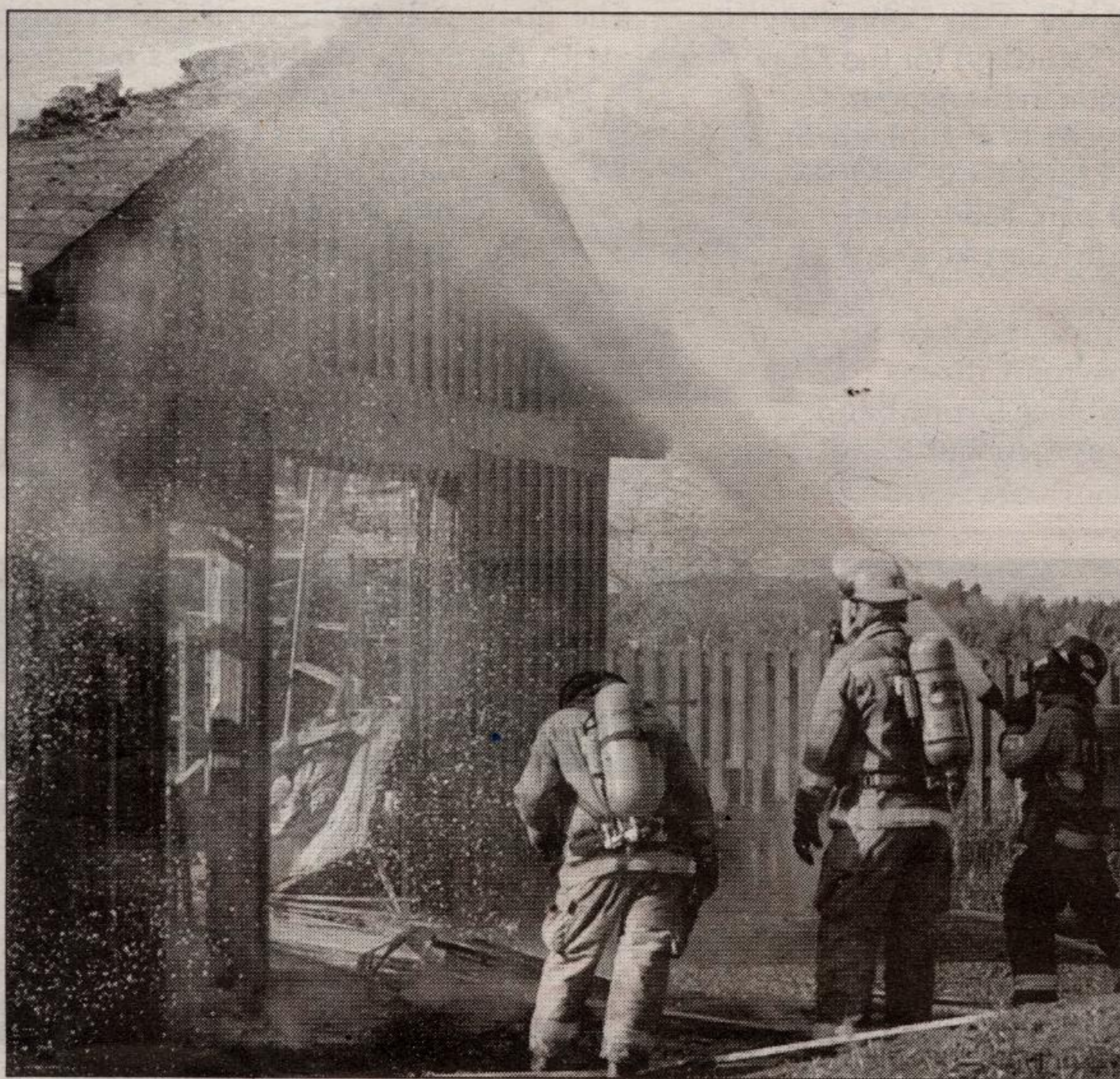


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Garage blaze damage set at \$30,000

Approximately \$30,000 damage was caused by a fire in a detached garage on 10th Line Thursday morning. A spokesperson for Halton Hills Fire Department said it is believed the fire originated near the stove pipe of a wood stove. Fire quickly spread into the rafters of the garage destroying the roof and building materials stored in the structure. No one was injured in the blaze.

Photo by Ted Brown

Councillor pleads guilty to impaired driving

Halton Hills Regional Councillor John Day pleaded guilty to an impaired driving charge in Oshawa court Wednesday.

Day, 55, of Georgetown, was charged by Whitby OPP on September 11 with impaired driving and having over 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood.

In court Wednesday, the over 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood charge was withdrawn.

Day was fined \$600 and received a one-year driving suspension.

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