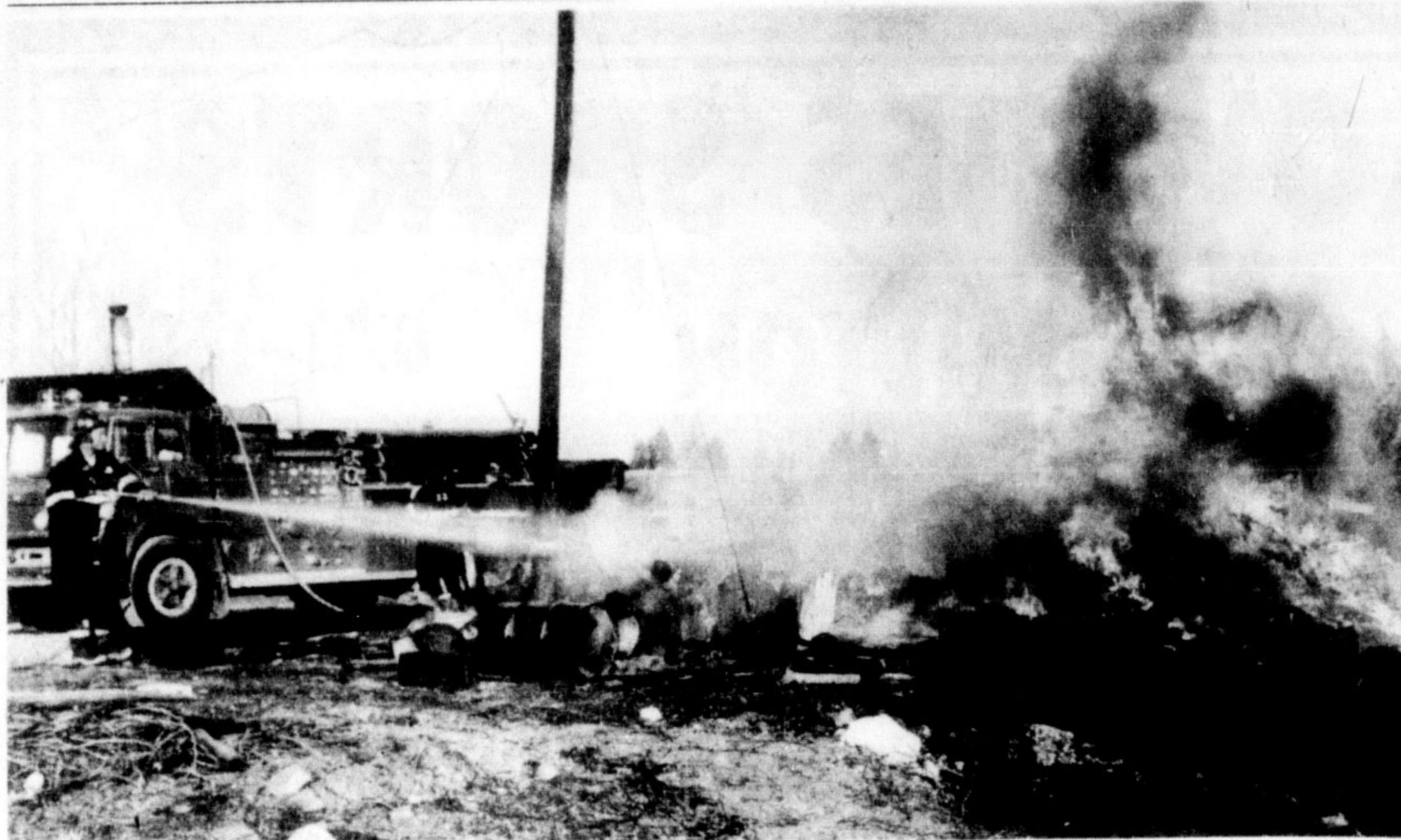


# New plant manager to broaden product line



DESTROYED BY FIRE at supertime Sunday, this equipment storage building and its contents represent a big loss for Burlington Boy Scouts. Milton Firefighters responded to the call at Camp Manitou on Twiss Rd. north of Kilbride.

## Willmotts survive nightmare

The nightmare is over for John and Joe Willmott. Joe is able to sleep nights and John is able to get on with the business of making a new life for himself and his family.

The Willmott story was a horror story that spread over close to five years. It started in 1973 when the father and son agreed to sell land they owned in Milton to a development company.

Joe was retiring from active farming and his son John was moving out west. John used revenue from the

down payment of the sale of the Milton land and a huge bank loan to start an expanded farming operation near Regina.

Shortly after the deal out west closed, the Ontario Government introduced its Parkway Belt Legislation and the Milton farm on Highway 25 South was frozen. As a direct result of that, the development company stopped all further payments and consequently threw the Willmotts into an economic nightmare.

Without title to their land in

Milton and with no money in from the sale, the Willmotts found themselves in the perilous position of not being able to resell the Milton land and not being able to make commitments at the bank out west. Interest payments were running at \$100 a day.

According to a friend of the family, the problem has now been resolved and the family is solvent—but with assets worth considerably less than what they had when the sale of the land first went sour.

Through a complex scheme the family has sold all but approximately 70 acres of land in Milton. The Ontario government bought the valley lands along the 16 Mile Creek and a landlocked portion to the rear of the creek.

They are left with 1,000 instead of 2,000 acres out west and 50 instead of 200 cows out west.

Joe can sleep nights without worrying about the

family's critical position. John is looking for a job in an agriculture or a related field and his son Joe Jr. will carry on at the farm out west, trying to build an operation from what remains.

According to a friend of the family, there has been terrific support from farm organizations in Ontario and Canada.

The friend noted the Ontario Government did stick to its word and provide assistance under provisions set out in the Parkway Belt Legislation, but that couldn't be done until clear title was in the Willmotts' hands.

John was recently elected president of Agribition, a prestigious farm organization and according to a family friend this has served as a reaffirmation by agricultural people that John is an excellent farmer.

"It has done a lot to lift his spirit," the friend noted.

Canadian Meter in Milton will attempt to broaden its market with the introduction of an additional product line, now being made by its sister division in the United States, according to the plant's new manager, David Tunney.

According to Mr. Tunney, the Milton plant, which now handles house gas meters and a variety of instrumentation and regulators, will expand its operation to include integrators, "if the market here warrants it."

Mr. Tunney came to the Milton plant in the new year, and was previously manager of manufacturing services at headquarters of the American Meter Division in Philadelphia.

With the present state of the economy, growth within a company is slow, he stated, "and you will not be as aggressive as other times, but that does not mean you will stop."

Mr. Tunney maintains the Milton plant with a staff of 72 has a high image, owing to the quality and performance of the products from the plant.

Gas meters for residential homes form the greater percentage of the division's business, he said and are also the plant's most competitive item.

Canadian materials also form 95 per cent of the final product. The integrator now made in the United States would serve an industrial

market, once introduced in this country, he continued. It is used to monitor equipment and processes in the plants using high levels of gas energy.

Plants in the American divisions have found the monitoring of plant equipment and processes extremely helpful, he continued, and are promoting the energy saver to industries.

In Erie, one plant found significant heat wastage with the die casting machines. The machinery was watched and metered to locate problem areas. In this particular case, the holding tank was eventually rebuilt to save on gas consumption, he said.

The energy program is not a key program at the Canadian Meter plant, since the plant does not use machinery consuming great amounts of gas, explained Mr. Tunney.

The method however, of monitoring changing levels of gas consumption is likely to be marketed in the industrial field, both locally and across the country, he said.

As manager of plant operations, Mr. Tunney is in charge of maintaining the rate of production, set out in the company's forecast.

Working within financial constraints, it is important to find more efficient ways of doing things, he stated. "The devaluation of the dollar puts a great burden on us," he added.



CANADIAN METER PLANT manager David Tunney, left, checks out the metering system with Peter Yoney, meter prover. Mr. Tunney arrived in the Milton plant as manager in January. He comes from the sister division, American Meter Company, where he was manufacturing manager at headquarters of the division in Philadelphia.

Inventory control is one way of watching expenses, he said and the plant is careful to assess exactly what it needs to have in storage.

A comparison between the Canadian division and the American plants shows the Milton plant to be in a favorable spot, he stated.

"We in Canada enjoy some privileges other divisions in the company do not," Mr. Tunney stated the company has its headquarters in Milton with several branch sales offices spread out across the country, and functions independently of the American divisions.

In addition, the Canadian plant produces a number of materials for a varied market, as opposed to the individual American plants which each produce a specific piece of equipment, he said. Born in St. Catharines, Mr. Tunney moved to the United States at the age of nine.

While serving three years in the American army, he worked as a chemical lab technician in Germany for two years.

In 1968, he joined the American Meter Division as an engineering technician with the Erie factory.

While working days at the plant, he spent evenings in school, studying for a mechanical engineering degree. Halfway through, "I

decided it wasn't what I wanted to do," and he switched to an industrial management course.

He was promoted to the position of engineering supervisor and in 1974 moved to Philadelphia as a product engineer.

Mr. Tunney was responsible for the design and documentation of products for the division, until his recent move to Canada.

### Obituary

## Wm. A. Bousfield

William Anthony Bousfield died at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton on Monday, April 24. He had resided at the Manor for just over two years.

Born at Carlisle in 1890, he was the son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth (Libby) Bousfield. He married Laura Eaton in 1917 and they moved to the Bousfield residence on Derry Rd., R.R. 2 Milton until 1927 when they sold the farm and moved to Texas. After four years in Texas they returned to this area, living in Milton and Carlisle before returning to the Derry Rd. farm in 1934. He started an orchard in 1940 containing apples, pears and grapes and added varieties over the years. To this day the fruit business is thriving and is being carried on by his son Roy and his family.

Mr. Bousfield was an avid bowler and also enjoyed baseball in his youth, both as a spectator and player. He attended Hamilton Business College after the 8th Concession School, Carlisle.

Surviving are his wife Laura and children Tom of R.R. 4 Milton, Ida (Mrs. Gerald Carton) of R.R. 3 Milton, Betty (Mrs. Steve Danko) of St. Catharines, George of Ottawa, Jack of Milton and Roy at the home farm; also 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by sisters Mary Hurren and Hazel Burnett in Guelph and Beatrice Campbell in Hamilton. Sisters Zetta Alderson, Gertrude Laking, Myrtle Codlin and brother Ingle predeceased him.

Funeral service was held April 26 from McKersie Funeral Home with Rev. L. Brown of St. Paul's United Church officiating. Burial

was in Carlisle United Church cemetery.

Fallbearers were grandsons David, Allen, Douglas, Bruce, Bill and Paul Bousfield.



MILTON DISTRICT HIGH School King and Queen announced at the annual prom Saturday evening at midnight was Susan Sheridan and Paul McCann. The couple received gifts from local merchants for their selection.

## Police Week starts May 15

Next Monday is the beginning of Police Week across Canada.

The Halton Regional Police in Milton, Acton, and Georgetown have been preparing for this special week for some time through various programs.

Constables Bill McGarth, Georgetown precinct, Rod Donaldson, Acton precinct, and Ron Oswald and Raj Swaminathan have been named organizers for North Halton for Police Week.

In keeping with this year's theme Working Together to Prevent Crime, officers have been sent out to visit schools in the three towns. Bob Andrews will spend time with Acton students while Wayne Jessup is in Georgetown, and Bill Gall in Milton. A talking police car will also make the rounds of Acton and Georgetown schools and to Milton Mall.

Displays will be set up in the Georgetown and Acton precincts, while Milton detachment is having a large display in the Milton Mall.

Newspaper articles pertaining to the various departments and services of the police force have also been published in local newspapers.

A bicycle auction will be held in the Georgetown precinct Saturday, May 20, at which time all bicycles lost or stolen, and not retrieved by the owners in the past year, will be sold. Due notice has been advertised in the local media.

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