

Draw up an escape plan, firefighters stress next week

The great escape will be featured during Fire Prevention Week. The theme of this year's special week from October 4 to 10 is 'Fire Drills — The Great Escape'.

"We are encouraging citizens to develop and practice an escape plan with their families," said Milton Fire Department spokesman Captain Mark Cross.

"Fire drills should be held twice a year to ensure that everyone in the home remembers what to do," he said.

He suggested that families designate a special meeting place outside so that everyone in the home knows where they should meet in the event of a fire.

"This enables rescuers to quickly establish the rescue needs upon arrival," he said.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m., a nation-wide fire drill will be held. Families are encouraged to take part.

Citizens can find out more about holding fire drills during the department's open houses next week.

Central Station at 405 Steeles Ave. will be open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for tours and displays.

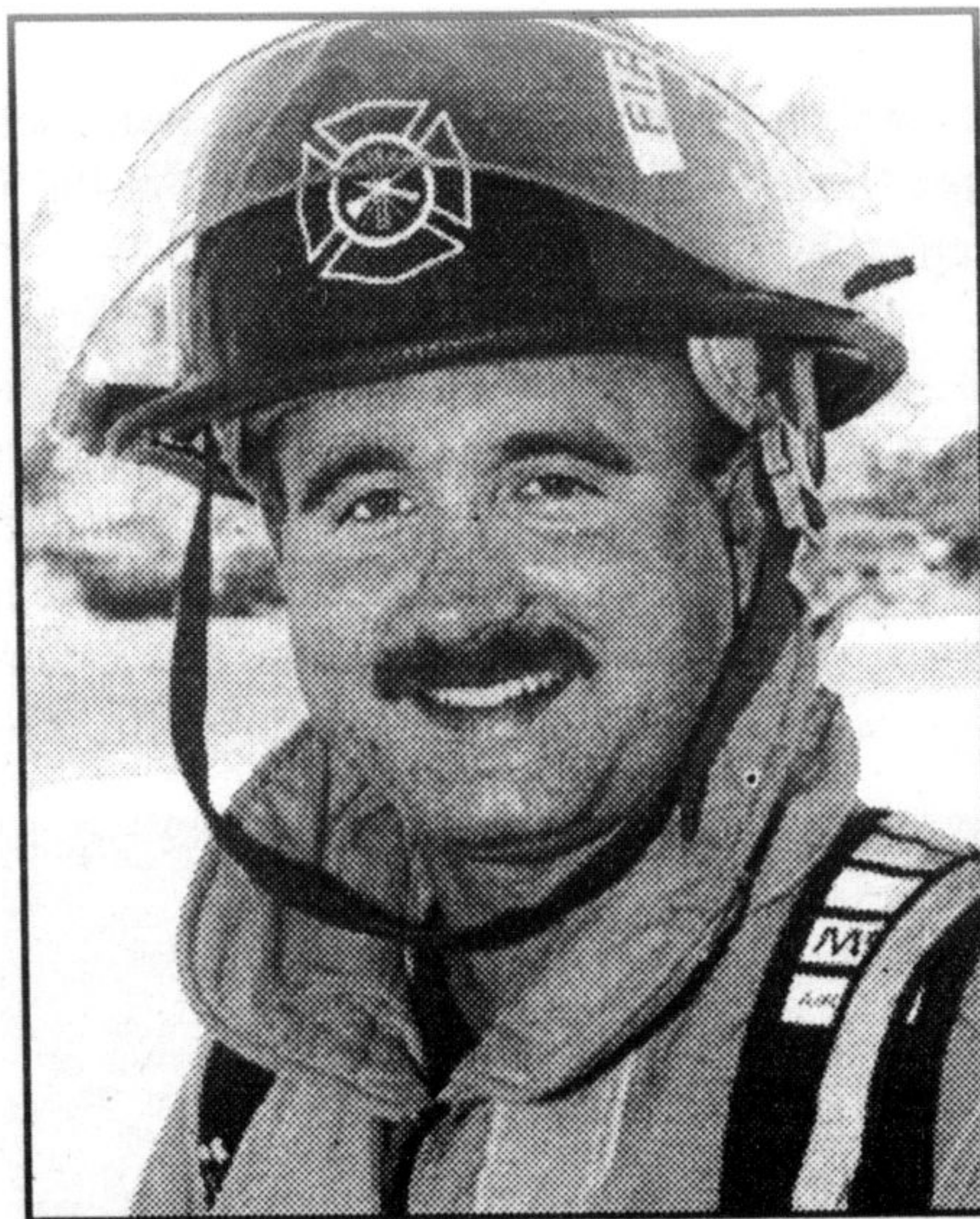
But the big day will be Saturday, Oct. 10, when the station will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The day will feature a hands-on fire extinguisher demonstration at 10:30 a.m., when the public will have an opportunity to use an extinguisher on a controlled fire.

At noon, the High Angle Rescue Team will perform a demonstration. From noon to 1 p.m., a barbecue will be held with hot dogs and pop for everyone. At 1:30 p.m., an auto extraction demonstration will take place using the 'Jaws of Life'.

And numerous brochures and pamphlets will be available regarding fire safety.

Fire Prevention Week is celebrated by fire departments across Canada every October to promote fire safety and prevention pro-



Mark Cross

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to look as if the sale of health products such as vitamins was taking place, to provide a cover.

But only about the first eight participants usually gain the promised financial return in the end because too few new members are recruited and the system falls apart, Det. Mitchell said.

Those who do gain see it as so easy they often re-invest the money in a similar deception and lose it, he said.

"I have more callers saying they've lost money, not gained," Det. Mitchell said.

"The people who try to get you into these schemes are not your friends. They know what happens at the end."

Many women have encountered domestic problems due to the loss of money, he said. Anyone with information can contact Det. Mitchell at 878-5511, ext. 5044.

Grit dinner is about tackling next election

'How next year's provincial election will change your life' will be the topic of discussion at an upcoming Halton Provincial Liberal Association dinner.

Highlighting the event — set for this Thursday at Milton's Granite Ridge Golf Club — will be a presentation by Philip

Olsson, co-managing director of Royal Bank Equity Partners Limited.

Tickets for the evening, which includes a steak dinner at 6:15 p.m. followed by the presentation, are \$125 each and can be purchased by calling Dr. Garnet Maley's office at 878-0539.

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The deadlines are Wednesday noon for Friday's paper and Friday noon for Tuesday's paper.

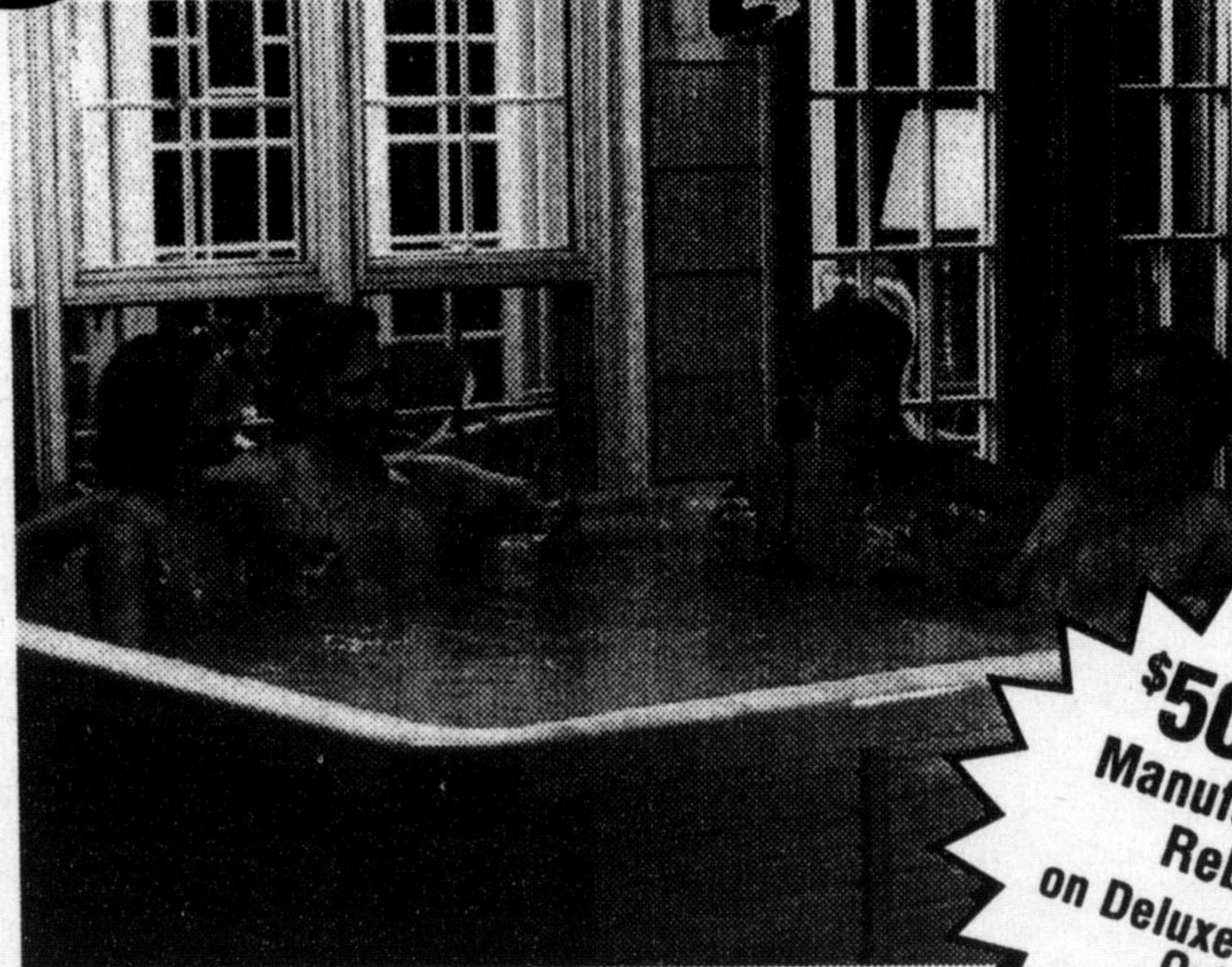
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