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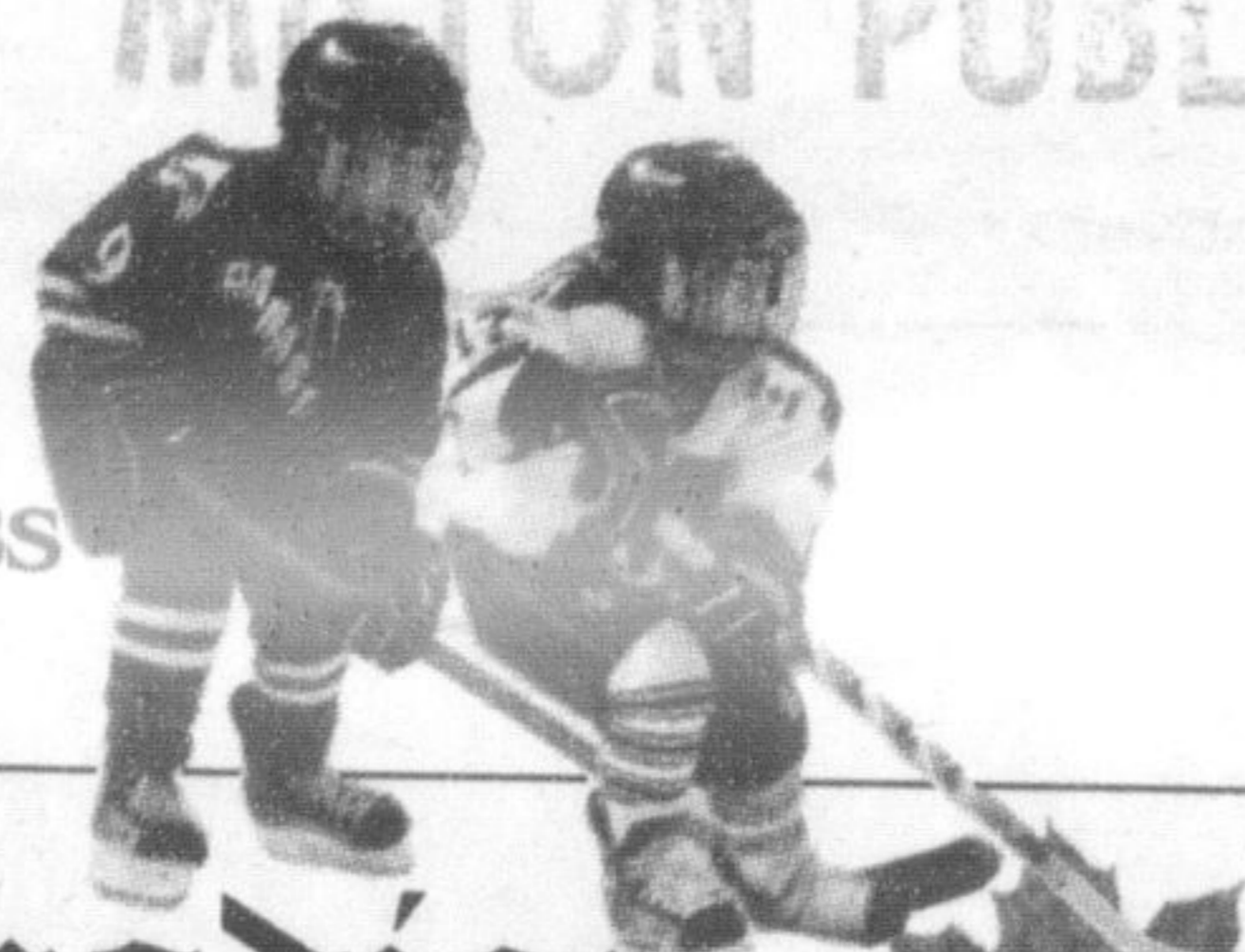
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Historic home torn down due to mix up

Wrong dwelling demolished on rural property

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A communication breakdown between a local developer and Heritage Milton has led to an historic home on Tremaine Road being mistakenly torn down, leaving its long-time owners devastated.

The old stone house, built in 1847, was recently demolished by a contractor on behalf of Fieldgate Homes — which plans to develop almost 2,000 houses at the northeast corner of Derry and Tremaine roads, encompassing the historic home's property.

While the developer applied to the Town for a demolition permit and it was subsequently issued, Director of Planning and Development Mel Iovio explained to The Champion there was some confusion between the historic home and another run-down structure located on the property.

"Unfortunately, the demolition permit was signed off in error, as it was the committee's (Heritage Milton's) intention to sign off on the dilapidated dwelling located adjacent to the heritage dwelling which



This 1847 Tremaine Road home was mistakenly torn down recently.

was not deemed historically significant," Mr. Iovio reported to council at its meeting late last month.

For Bruce Owen, who called the house a home for 23 years before selling it to Fieldgate, the loss of the dwelling that was more than 150 years old came as a particularly harsh blow.

"I just happened to be going by as they were smashing it down. I couldn't believe it," the 65-year-old said. "It was such a shame to see."

The home's co-owner, Ken Pell, was also upset by the demolition.

"I think it's just a crime," he remarked. "That corner looks so bare now."

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Four-year-old Carly Umpleby is reflected in the glass as she prepares to take a few tentative steps with her new skates for the first time Saturday afternoon at Milton Sports Centre during public skating.

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