

House, grass fires keep firefighters busy

Milton Fire Department was busy last week with several fire calls, many of which stemmed from the hot dry weather.

On Sunday evening they responded to a call at the base of the escarpment near Tremaine Rd.

The fire was a difficult one for the department to tackle because it was started in the bush below the escarpment, in an area inaccessible by truck.

Deputy Fire Chief Harold Penson says the blaze was started when someone who had started a cooking fire on the escarpment kicked the remains of the fire to the bush below.

The department was at the scene for several hours Sunday night fighting the blaze which had crept around the rocky area at the base. Approximately 900 feet of hose line was dangled off the escarpment to douse the flames below.

Members of the department were

called back to the fire scene Monday afternoon when the blaze had started again. They spent an additional four hours there.

The department also responded to several grass fire calls along the CP

Fire protection agreement struck for north Milton

Based on a report by Milton fire chief Blake Patrick, town council will amend agreements with Eramosa Township (Rockwood) and Halton Hills to ensure both those departments respond to certain Milton fires.

In some cases, either one is closer than any Milton station to a Milton residence.

Originally, chief Patrick had recommended that all calls in Milton's northwestern tier be routed to Halton Hills. This was due to the fact that Halton shares common access to the 911 emergency network as well as the same emergency radio

rail line. There were fires started from sparks flying from a passing train at Thompson Rd. and Bronte St. on Friday afternoon. There was another call along the line at the First Line north of Moffatt on Monday.

frequency. Eramosa operates on a different radio frequency.

However, it turns out everyone in rural Milton has access to the 911

system one way or another. In some parts of rural Milton, it is necessary to dial a seven-digit number to access the emergency system.

There were two other grass fires reported last week. The department also responded to two house fires. On Friday evening they fought a house fire at 2113 Fourth Line. A small fire around a basement window in the house had

started. No cause or damage estimate has been determined.

There was an electrical fire in a house on Bousfield Cr. just before noon on Sunday. The wiring in the house overheated. No damage estimate is available.

Letters will be forwarded to area residents informing them of what number to call for fire service in order to generate quickest response.

Car roll-over on 401 snarls traffic

Milton OPP responded to a one-car roll over accident on Highway 401 just west of the Guelph Line on Saturday afternoon.

The accident occurred in the west-bound lanes.

Police say that the car driven by

Jose Bairos of Toronto blew a tire and rolled through the median where it ended up on its roof in the eastbound lanes at 3 p.m.

No one was injured in the crash, as both Mr. Bairos and his wife were wearing their seatbelts.

Milton Fire Department attended the accident for a wash down after gas from the vehicle leaked onto the road. Traffic was not stopped, but backed up in the eastbound lanes for 45 minutes. Police say that the extreme heat on Sunday may have been the reason for the blow-out.

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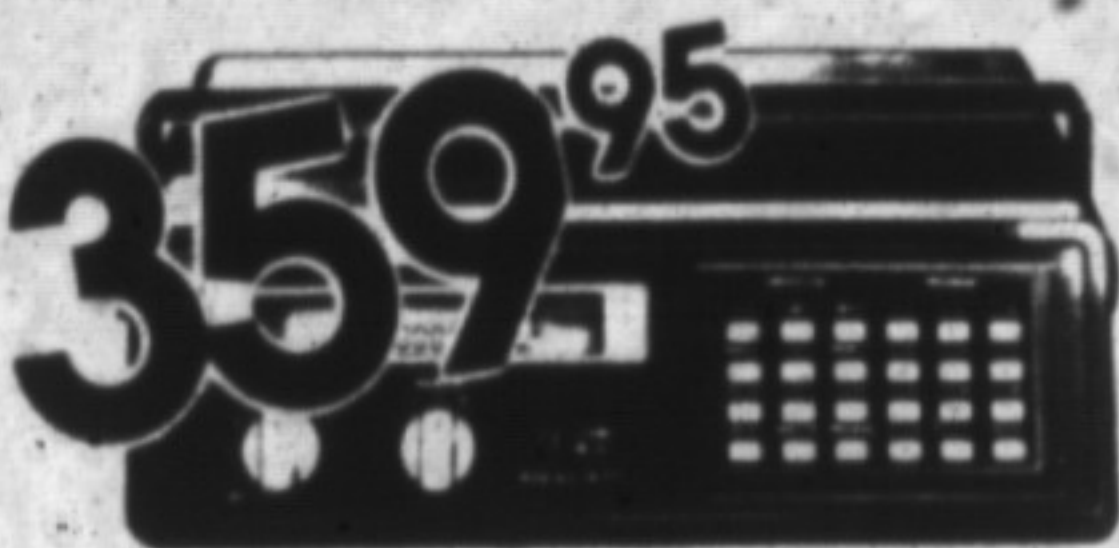
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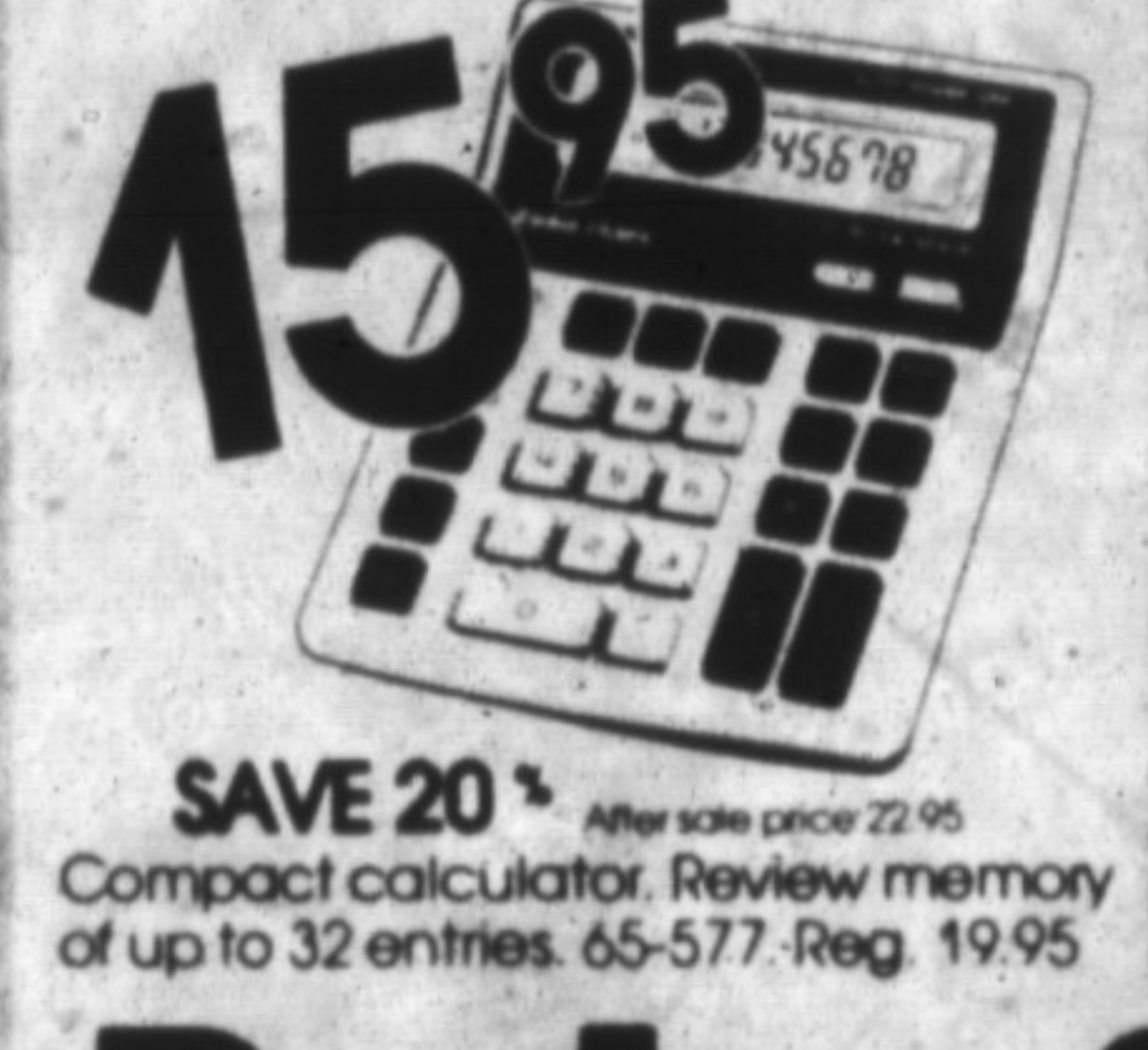
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