



Al Cutts, keeps an eye on his neighbour's five-month-old pig after it was evacuated from this barn Friday morning. Fire gutted the small barn, ten chickens were lost.



Shaun Stepto and a Milton firefighter had quite a struggle trying to get this pig away from the smoke and loaded onto a truck so it could be taken to a neighbour's barn Friday morning.

Milton firefighters managed to rescue some of the livestock.

Photos by LISA TALLYN

### Damage set at \$12,000

## Owner says raccoons are to blame for fire

Ten chickens perished in a fire in a small barn on Appleby Line, near the rear entrance of Kelso Conservation Area, Friday morning.

Firefighters rescued two chickens and five pigs from the blaze shortly after 10 a.m. Two pigs were badly burned, but are recovering nicely.

Shaun Stepto, owner of the barn and livestock, says he arrived home from his job at Southam Murray Printing in Toronto at 7:30 a.m. He went to bed and was awakened by rapping on his door.

A neighbour had spotted the fire in the barn. Mr. Stepto called the Fire Department on 911 emergency line.

Mr. Stepto says he experienced a problem with the line. He could barely hear the person on the other end.

The interior of the building was gutted. Mr. Stepto says he will have to rebuild. He estimates damage at \$12,000.

Milton Fire Department says the blaze was caused by stray sparks from a grinder

in the shed. Mr. Stepto disagrees. He says he didn't grind anything in the barn when he returned from work.

He says the blaze could have been caused by raccoons chewing the wiring. He has had a problem with the animals in the past.

Until he can rebuild, Mr. Stepto's animals are staying at a neighbour's barn.

## Rash of robberies under investigation

Three new pick-up trucks were damaged in Richardson Chev/Olds lot sometime between Saturday Dec. 31 and Tuesday Jan. 3.

The trucks were scratched to the tune of \$1,100.

**TWO BREAK-INS**  
Police are investigating two house break and enters which occurred on Sixth Line on Friday Dec. 30.

A house at 6269 Sixth Line was entered sometime during the day through a forced front door.

Stolen was a microwave, VCR and other items. Total value of stolen property is \$3,000. The resident was not home at the time of entry.

A neighbouring house, at 6281, was also entered that day.

Entry was gained through a rear patio door. Nothing was stolen.

### SMASH AND GRAB

A Jessie Ave., Campbellville, residence was entered at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, while the residents slept upstairs.

The owner awoke to the sound of smashing glass. He came downstairs to discover \$1,000 worth of Royal Doulton figurines had been stolen, and a window was broken.

The culprit ran off through the patio door. Police have a suspect.

### Police Blotter

#### POSSESSION CHARGES

Two men from Tilsonburg were charged with possession of a narcotic, at the intersection of Main and Court streets Sunday evening.

Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at 9:48 p.m. and discovered open liquor in the car. Further investigation uncovered a quantity of hash oil on the driver and drug paraphernalia. The passenger was also charged with possession.

Both men, a 19-year-old, and 27-year-old, are to appear in provincial court in Milton on Feb. 13.

#### CONSUMERS DISTRIBUTING BREAK-IN

A front window was smashed and a large quantity of jewellery stolen from Consumers Distributing on Steeles Ave. Tuesday morning.

Police say the alarm was sounded at the store at 4:29 a.m. Police arrived on the scene at 4:31 a.m. The culprits were gone.

At press-time total value of the missing property had not been tallied.

## Vote ends long strike

level for the abolition of private ambulance companies to be replaced by a provincially run service.

Dennis Munch, owner of the service, is "pleased and relieved" the strike is over.

"We (management) were optimistic the deal would be ratified," said Mr. Munch.

Outside workers from neighbouring ambulance companies have pitched in during the strike. Only five of the service's ten ambulances were on the road.

Mr. Munch admits many problems arose over the past five months.

"Response times have definitely

suffered. Transfers were negligible, and some code three calls had to be deferred."

Mr. Armes says the problems were serious.

"There were major problems. Twenty-minute response times are unheard of. There were cases of treatment in taxis and transfers to hospital in fire and police vehicles."

Service should increase dramatically on Jan. 23 but Mr. Munch says he may still be short-staffed. Mr. Armes says that approximately 20 of the 85 officers who were with the company in August have since found other employment.

"We don't expect a full complement until May," said Mr. Armes.

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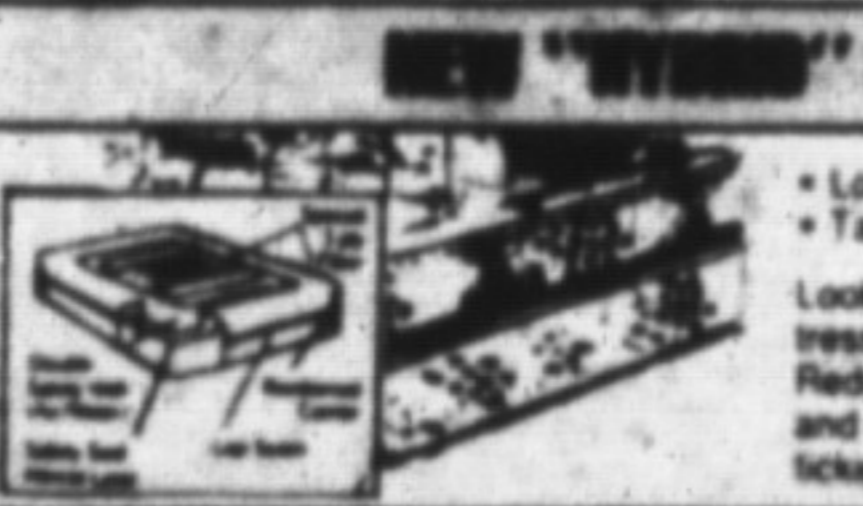
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