

Obituary

Ex-firefighter dies in plane crash

A former Milton resident who became interested in firefighting as a volunteer in town has died in an airplane accident while flying to one of the sectors he commanded as fire

chief of San Carlos Park, Florida. A trio of Milton Fire Department firefighters were honorary pallbearers at Chief Karl Drews' funeral. Chief Drews, 48, served in the Mil-

ton Fire Department in 1977 and 1978, said Milton firefighter Murray McConnell, a force veteran who worked alongside the former Maplehurst Correctional Centre wood-working instructor.

Mr. McConnell remembered Chief Drews as "one swell guy" who seemed to possess a natural ability for comprehending firefighting techniques. His death "was a great shock to all of us."

Upon moving to Florida Mr. Drews "got a job as a firefighter and worked his way up to chief," said Mr. McConnell.

Chief Drews and his brother-in-law, Malcom Henry Street, 53, of Scarborough, were killed outright with pilot Andrew Anderson, a Floridian, when their single-engine Cessna banked into the sea shortly after takeoff from the island of Captiva, part of Florida, on April 19.

According to Dana Street, Chief Drews' niece, a fisherman who witnessed the accident reported a loud noise followed by engine failure, and then the plane plummeted into the water from 200 feet.

The witness said the pilot had time to attempt to restart the engine but several such tries proved futile as the craft veered left and lost altitude in the gusting wind.

Chief Drews was on Captiva to train members of his volunteer force.

Chief Drews is survived by his wife, Vera Drews, and children Dan, 21, and Amber, 19.

Milton firefighters Rick Rivett, Bill Elliot and Bill Kussell were honorary pallbearers at Chief Drews' funeral.



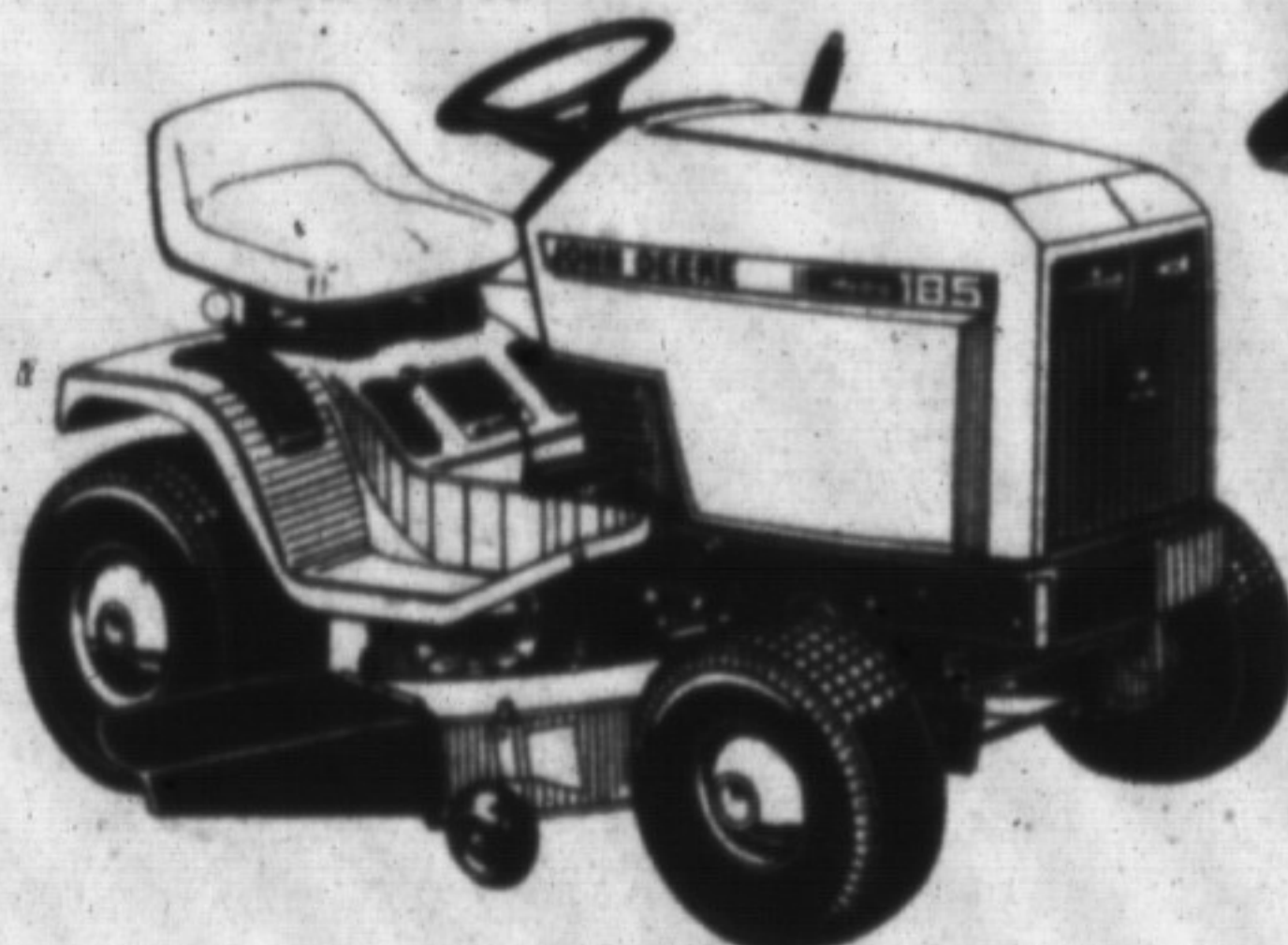
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League officials

The local branch of the Catholic Women's League installed club officers last week. Serving on the executive for the League's 70th anniversary year are from left: (back row) Father Earl Talbot, spiritual director; Willl Stutt, vice-president; Mary Lou Schippling, Hamilton Diocesan president; Norma Reese, Milton council president; Margot Brandreth, education convener; Anne-Marie McGowan, secretary; (front row) Mary Ann DeYoung, Christian family life convener; June Doyle-Maclean, communications convener. Missing from the photo is Marie Sutcliffe, treasurer.

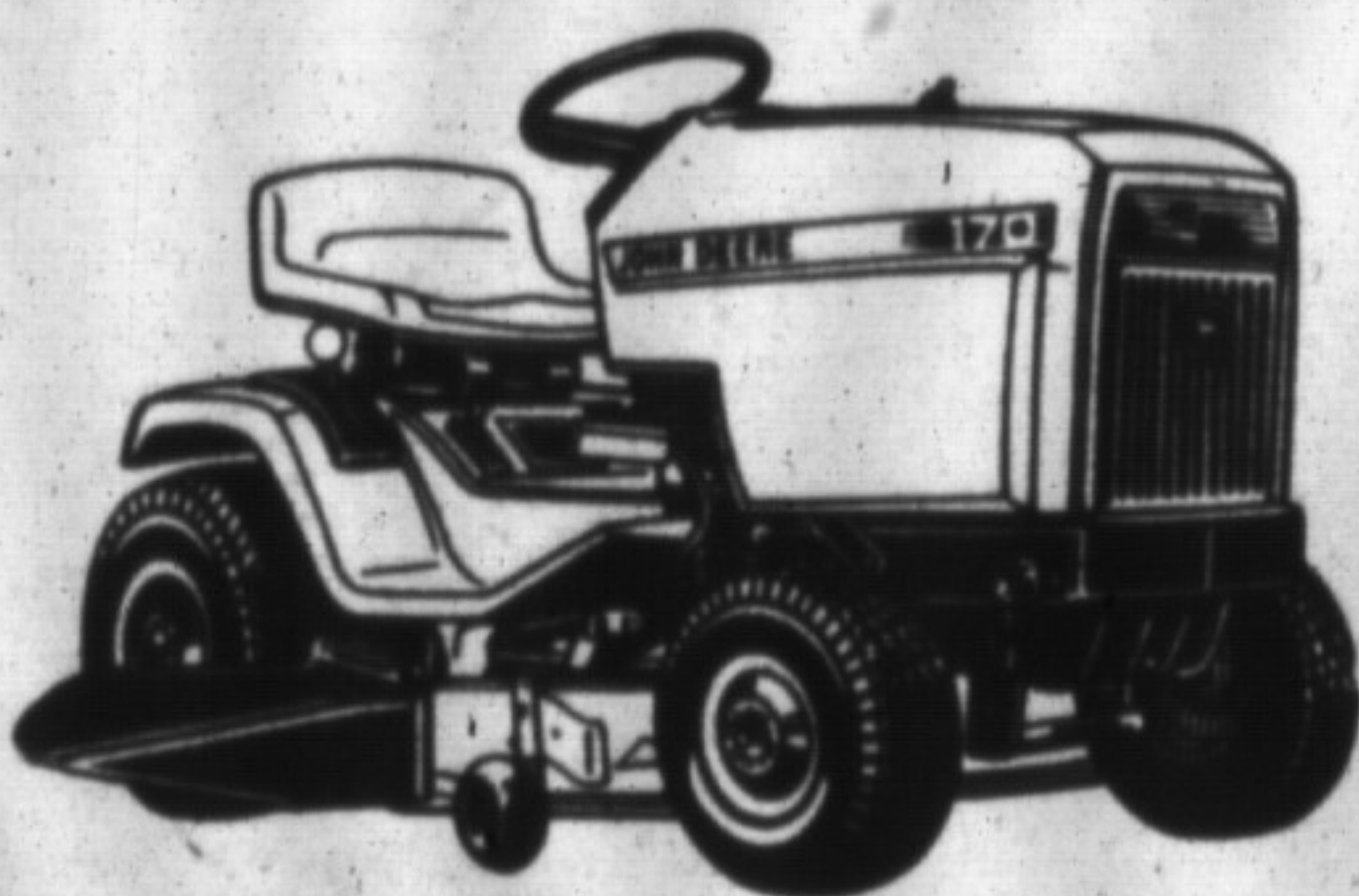
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