

Freak car accident claims 'vibrant' hard-working man

By **KAREN SMITH**
The Champion

When Ken Smith walked into a room, people noticed him.

The 40-year-old Milton man, who died in a freak accident Monday, will be remembered for his zest for life and vibrant personality.

"He kind of walked in the room and you knew he was there," said Sherry Logue, Mr. Smith's common-law wife. The couple had been together for five years.

Mr. Smith was killed after being run over by his own vehicle on Highway 6 in Flamborough. On his way home from work, he stopped his van on the shoulder of the road to talk to a co-worker travelling behind him.

He was walking at the rear of the van when he slipped on some slush. At the same time, the vehicle, which had not been properly secured in parking gear, moved backwards and ran over him.

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stallations in Acton, Mr. Smith was a hard-working man, said Ms Logue.

"He was a work-oholic," she said. "He was the kind of person who was up at 5 in the morning and sometimes he'd work until 3 in the morning. It would make no difference to him."

His favourite pastime was fishing and he often threw in a line with his family in Elliot Lake, she said. "He loved to fish — he absolutely adored it."

Born and raised in Stoney Creek, Mr. Smith has two children — Marissa, 7, and Gerry, 5 — from a

previous marriage, and was also like a father to Ms Logue's seven-year-old daughter Melissa.

He is also survived by parents John and Leona Smith of Elliot Lake, brother Steven of Flesherton, and sisters Bernice of Acme, Alberta and Sandra of Vancouver.

"I can't believe he's gone," said Ms Logue from her Bronte Street townhouse. "I keep hoping he's going to walk in the room."

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon with interment at Evergreen Cemetery.



Ken Smith

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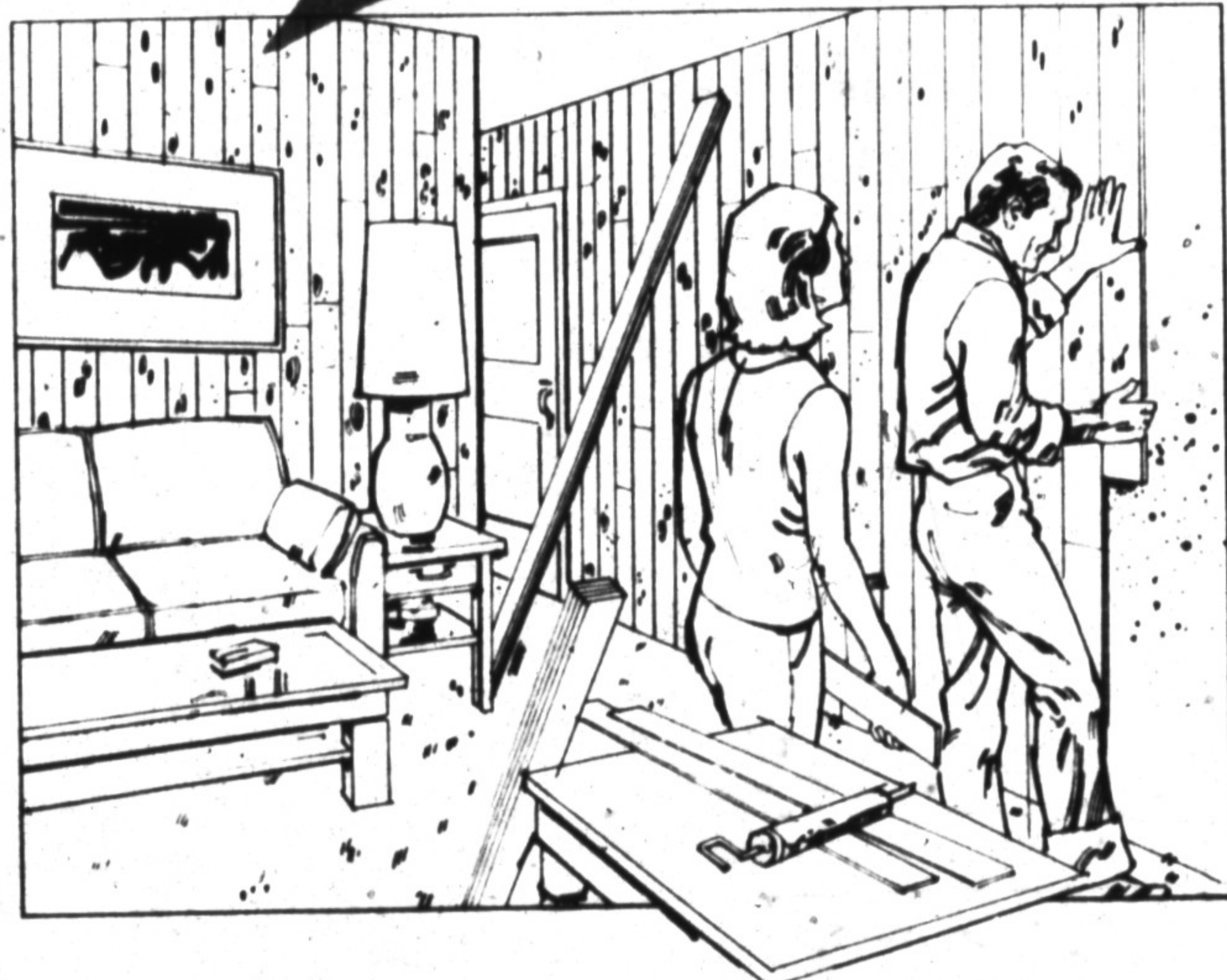
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