

Shoots at tire of fleeing van

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"some of the best high-ways in the world to escape on."

Put life into business

"I've put a lot of my life into building up this business during the worst possible times," he says, pointing to the fact that his business has continued to grow, despite the current economic recession.

"It's been hard work and I'd like to think it's an asset to the town."

Thursday morning, when he realized he was being robbed again, "I had to make a decision: to do something, or to do nothing. If I do nothing and this keeps up, I'm out of business."

"My worst fear is that this continues to the point where I can't do anything but throw in the keys and say (to the lawbreakers), 'You win.'"

"It's one thing to lose a business to a recession, it's another to lose it to crooks."

Now, however, Mr. Bowskill faces the possibility of being charged with a criminal offence.

Police caught suspects

Police were able to catch the suspects and two men are in custody, charged with the robbery. They are Stephen Hook, 29, of RR 5, Cobourg, and William Michael McMinn, 28, also of Cobourg.

A third person was arrested but later released.

Would the police have been able to catch the suspects, if it had not been for Mr. Bowskill's well-aimed bullet? It eventually flattened the tire and probably caused the the suspects to abandon the unregistered, unlicensed vehicle in the woods north of Grafton.

The men were apprehended by the OPP canine unit and emergency response team from Peterborough.

Police have notified Mr. Bowskill that "there are a whole lot of things they might charge me with."

"It could reflect badly on

my profession."

If he is charged and convicted of a crime, he could face suspension of his licence to practise pharmacy, he worries.

"I think I acted in a sane, safe manner in an effort to get this stopped. I have done everything possible to assist the police. I like police; I think they do a terrific job."

He pointed out that no passersby were endangered by the shots he fired. There were "no kids playing in the park at 3:30 in the morning," and maintains "at no time did I put anyone's life in danger."

But, he adds, the police have made it clear to him

that "they do not want private citizens involved in deterring offenders."

And, he is willing to abide by that.

He has already gone to considerable expense to protect his business from robbery, between the exorbitant cost of his insurance, the special metal "cage" he bought and installs nightly to protect the tobacco counter from "smash-and-grab" artists, the shadow-and motion detector burglar alarm that cost \$5,000.

What about bars on the outside doors and windows?

Well, he considers them "unsightly," and wonders

whether this might not force robbers to enter the premises — armed — during the day.

"Three in the morning or three in the afternoon, when there are customers in the store. Is that my choice?" he asks.

He feels worst of all, he said, about his daughters, aged seven and 11, who heard about the robbery on the radio while they were at school in Haliburton.

The elder one phoned from school, very worried and upset, to make sure her dad was okay.

"I feel worse about that than anything," he says.

Donation in memory of Beth Carr

Castleton WI

The February meeting of Castleton Women's Institute was held at the home of Verna Rusk, with Mary McKague presiding in the absence of the president, Sue LaBerge.

Among business items it was decided to send a gift to the Headquarters Fund in memory of Beth Carr, a life member who died recently.

Conveners' reports

Linda Tait, for Citizenship and Legislation, told of the lowering of taxes on cigarettes, and the parole of prisoners.

Ruth Harren, for Agriculture and Canada's Industries, told of the removal of a gyprock factory, by truck, from Nova Scotia to California, and on a more local level, of the trip by 68 members of local councils and other

interested people, to view a cement plant, where some types of garbage are used as fuel.

Beth May read an article on how the continent of Antarctica is being cleared of all the garbage, etc., which has gathered during the last 30 years at a scientific research station. All the refuse is being put in containers and shipped to the western U.S. for disposal.

An item from the Toronto Star told of the success of the novel *Away* by Jane Urquhart, and an award for the author.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Marion Sherwin, who is involved with the organization "Sleeping Children Around The World."

Her talk was most informative, and she displayed the kits that are distributed to disad-

vantaged children, consisting in part, of a mattress and cover, a sheet and pillow, pyjamas or school uniform, etc. varying according to the climate and lifestyle of a particular country.

She then showed us slides of the visit she and her husband had made last year to Ecuador, where the scenery is magnificent, but life is difficult. There had recently been a flood, and the pictures showed the damage that had resulted.

Mrs. Sherwin was thanked for coming to speak to us, and was given a contribution for the further work of "Sleeping Children Around The World."

The afternoon closed with lunch served by Verna Rusk, and lots of good conversation.

- Beth May



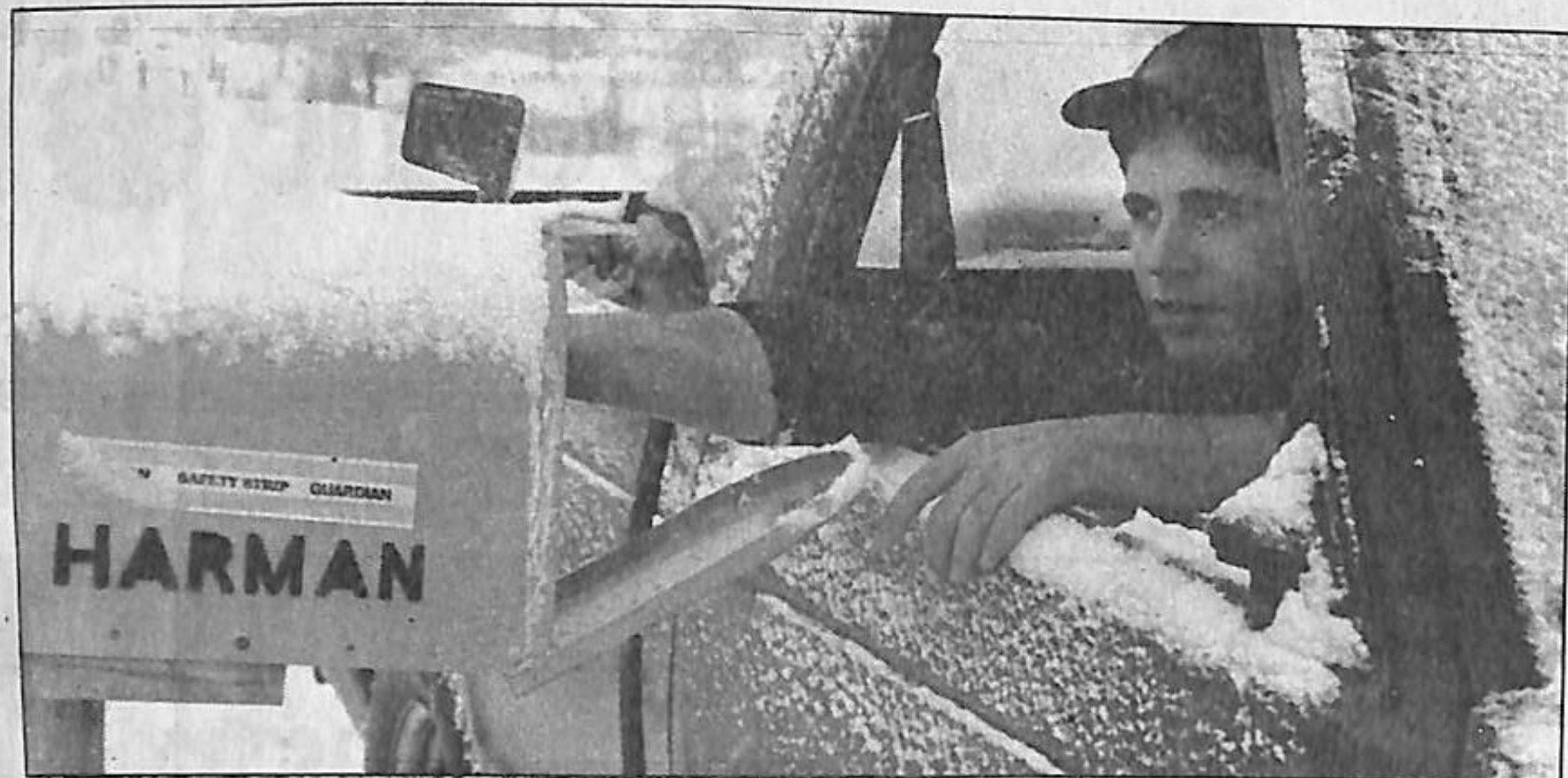
Mr. and Mrs. James Landon of Castleton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Crystal Diane, to Robert Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Olson of Plainfield. Wedding to take place Sept. 24, 1994 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grafton.

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The mail must get through — Keep boxes clear of debris, snow and small children to help couriers, like Shawn Callahan, get the mail through in good time. Photo by Eileen Argyris

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