

Local man charged with assault in shooting

Police report

A local man has been charged with assault after a reported shooting incident in Castleton last week.

The accused is John Aleksic, 62, of RR 1, Castleton. He was charged after Brighton OPP responded to an alleged

occurrence at his residence last Thursday, March 17, about 12:55 p.m.

A family member reported his father had shot at him. No one was injured, according to the police.

The accused was arrested without incident. In addition to assault charges, he also faces weapons-related charges,

according to the OPP.

Mr. Aleksic was lodged in Cobourg Jail to await a bail hearing set for March 21.

Investigation is continuing, say police sources.

Until April 2, persons stopped by police for not wearing a seatbelt will have their choice of penalties.

The Joint Services Safety Organization (JSSO) has endorsed a new policy in which offenders will be offered the option of attending a seatbelt awareness presentation, as opposed to having a charge processed through the court system.

However, seats are limited and will be offered on a first-come basis, says a

press release prepared by the OPP.

OPP Constable Scott Roe says those who elect to participate in the seminar avoid not only the \$90 fine for non-compliance with the seatbelt law, but also avoid the two demerit points associated with the offence.

The JSSO says the number of personal injuries

resulting from not wearing seatbelts increased dramatically in 1993 in Northumberland County.

Provincial statistics show in 26 per cent of cases, persons are ejected from vehicles during fatal collisions. Seatbelts were not used in 273 of 684 fatal collisions reported.

- Eileen Argyris

BREGG, Mary Catherine - At the Golden Plough Lodge, Cobourg on Tuesday, March 22, 1994, Mary Catherine Schomberger, wife of the late Venedik Bregg, Dear mother of Irene and her husband Jim Osborne of Castleton, Andy Bregg and his wife Billie of Toronto and Helen and her husband Harry Barber of Toronto. Loving grandmother of Diana Lee and Randy, Jamie and Lisa, Peter and Susan, Catherine, Arton, Michael and Connie, Jeffrey and Matthew and great grandmother of Jack and Joe. A memorial service was held at the Golden Plough Lodge, Cobourg on Wednesday, March 23 at 2 p.m. Those wishing may make memorial donations by cheque to the Golden Plough Lodge, Castleton United Church or the Canadian Cancer Society.

Ag. ministry branches into rural development

stry of Agriculture and Food.

Eric Lawlor, the ministry's rural community advisor in Northumberland County, said the addition of "rural affairs" is a smart and significant move on the part of Premier Bob Rae.

The new name will help people to understand that the ministry deals with

more than farm issues, Mr. Lawlor said. Its mandate is to work on the development of the rural community as a whole, he added.

The name change follows several years of efforts to broaden the ministry's mandate.

While the ministry's primary job used to be to give technical advice to the

farming community, that has broadened in recent years because "farmers do not live in isolation," Mr. Lawlor said.

In rural communities farmers and non-farmers rely on each other to survive and prosper, he noted.

"We realized we had to work with the rural community as a whole."

To do this the ministry

assigned rural development advisors like Mr. Lawlor to every county in the province. Their job is to help rural people work together to build healthy, prosperous communities.

Agriculture Minister Elmer Buchanan will now be the voice of rural Ontario at the cabinet table, not just the voice of the agriculture sector, Mr. Lawlor said.

"This is very positive in that it gives the minister recognition for 25 per cent of all of Ontario."

By Sandi Farran

The provincial agriculture ministry has had a name change.

The new name — the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs — more accurately reflects its mandate, a local representative of the ministry says.

Its old name was Mini-

Colborne Figure Skating Club Test News

Low Test Day March 4, Passing Scores

Preliminary Figures:
Natalie Goodman, Ashley Hasluk, Ciji Robb, Jacqui Rutherford (pt 11).

1st Figure:
Amy Collins, Andrea Dart

Preliminary Freeskate:
Stacy Jackson, Kristina Wakimoto, Stephanie Jones

Junior Bronze Dances
Swing: Kristina Wakimoto, Chris Houston, Jamie Lynn Robb
Fiesta: Jamie Lynn Robb, Andrea Dart
Willow Waltz: Andrea Dart

Intermediate Test Day Passing Scores, Feb. 27 (Cobourg)

5th Figure (pt II): Cheryl Marcellus
4th Figure: Linda Dickens

Senior Bronze Dances:
10 Fox, Patricia Houston
14 Step, Amy Collins

Junior Bronze Freeskate Baby Blue Dance (Preliminary)
Jamie Lynn Robb
Amy Collins

Canasta Tango
Mary Collins

South Cramahe school victimized again

Police report

Last Tuesday evening for the second time in just a few months, South Cramahe Public School was the target of a robbery.

Police say the school was entered through a window. Missing are a television and a video-cassette

recorder (VCR) valued at \$750, as well as \$20 in cash and a ring of keys.

According to the report there were no suspects at press time and the investigation is continuing.

Tools stolen

Brighton OPP are investigating the alleged theft of two tool boxes from a Ford Pinto parked outside the

Ken Williams residence on King St. East in Colborne.

Mr. Williams reported the theft on March 24, saying it had occurred sometime between then and Monday March 21.

Police have no suspects at this time and no value was given for the missing goods.

Apartment entered

Police received a report

early last Friday morning that one of the apartments at 50 Ontario St. Colborne, was entered via the patio door.

The complaint was received about 2:30 a.m. Nothing was reported taken and there was no damage to the apartment, say police, however, they did find evidence of damage to the eavestrough on the building.

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