

North Halton O.P.P.
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Head of the O.P.P. Detachment saying North Halton for the past 2 years and 10 months. Sgt. Charles "Tiny" Wilkinson is leaving on January 15 on a transfer to Oakville O.P.P. detachment.

His successor will be Sgt. W. J. Gehst of the Essex detachment, who was just recently promoted to Sergeant. He will begin his duties on January 17.

Sgt. Wilkinson, well known here as "Tiny," began his police work 23 years ago at London detachment. He served next in Forest, where he was promoted to Corporal, then London, Glasgow, London again and Oakville before arriving March 9, 1930, in head the detachment in North Halton.

FROM FOUR TO 14

When he arrived a new constable was added to the force. Before that there were just four men. The force had now grown to 20 men, plus two secretaries.

Cpl. Wilkinson became a Sergeant in 1931.

He recalls that when he arrived to work with the area detachment, Highway 401 was still under construction, but the criminal and traffic work were growing rapidly. In less than six years he has seen the new highway opened and both criminal and traffic investigations have "increased tremendously." At present three men work full

time on criminal investigations alone.

ACTIVE IN ASSOCIATION

Sgt. Wilkinson was a member of the Police Association of Ontario and has also served four years as vice-chairman of the District 3 O.P.P. Association. An active Mason his home lodge is Accacia No. 480 in London and he is also a member of Hiram's Lodge No. 232 (Royal Arch Masons) and a member of the 32nd degree Scottish Rite in Hamilton.

He is a Master of three O.P.P. Masonic degree teams, and director of ceremonies for a fourth. Sgt. Wilkinson is also a member of four other Masonic degree teams not connected with the O.P.P. His hobbies are carpentry and collecting interesting poetry and philosophy.

ENJOYS WORK

"I have really enjoyed my work here," he said. His District Superintendent I. W. Noble, his fellow policemen and the secretaries were "very cooperative and helpful." It has been a real pleasure working with every one of them."

Rabies in Rabbits
Cases are Studied

Dr. W. J. McCabe, director of the Health in Animals branch of the Department of Agriculture in this area said this week that wildlife officials are trying to track the current rabies "right back to the fox den" in various parts of the district in order to determine a pattern of spread of the disease over the past four or five years.

A sharp increase in the number of rabies cases discovered has occurred within the past month in this vicinity.

"Although the fox population is up in Peel County this year, the incidence of rabies appears to be heavier in parts of Halton than in Peel," he said.

Dr. Archie Bull, medical officer of health for Halton recently reported that 19 residents had received anti-rabies treatment, and 37 rabid animals had been destroyed since September 1st in the county.

Dr. Bull said rabid animals destroyed during the past three months include, 13 foxes, eight cattle, three dogs, one horse a sheep and a cat.

Dr. McCabe said, "Extensive studies are being conducted by wildlife people to try and determine the pattern of movement of rabid foxes. This type of disease seems to indicate it is a virus which adapts itself to the systems within the fox and skunk, the two types of animals most susceptible to this disease."

"Foxes thus become the principal carriers," he added.

Greetings

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THE OLD YEAR IN PICTURES
APRIL

TOP LEFT: Bill Dwyer, captain of Georgetown Midgets, and Grady Hillock, captain of the Georgetown Pea Weas accept the trophies at their teams bring Ontario titles to Georgetown. **TOP RIGHT:** Riviera introduces Bunny Girl waitresses. **CENTRE:** Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Earl Rowe officiates at Queens Scout ceremony here. **BOTTOM:** Volunteer waitresses keep hundreds of hungry youths fed at week-long internationally famous Georgetown Banam Hockey Tournament.

Esquesing's Forest Products Going to Pulp-Paper Mill

Wood from a forest track west of here is being sent to a pulp and paper mill to be made into paper. It is the first time Halton's forest products are being marketed commercially. The wood is going to a paper mill in Thorold.

About 150 cords of red pine are being sent to the mill as a result of thinning operations at the forest track near the 2nd Line of Esquesing and No. 15 Sideroad.

The tree-cutting operation is being conducted by a father and son combination, Gordon and William Cox. They use gasoline operated power saws.

FOUR MONTHS

It will take about four months to complete the job thinning the 100-acre forest.

The Coxes have been cutting for nearly a month. The work day starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Only wet weather interferes with the work.

The father and son team cut and pile two cords of logs a day five days a week. A cord

is a pile eight feet long four feet wide and four feet high.

After the trees are cut, the knots are removed and the trunks divided into logs 30 inches long.

The logs are loaded on a tractor-driven "cat" and drawn to a pole. Stumps of the trees cut are painted with a blue-coloured chemical within two hours of the felling operation.

STOPS DISEASE

The chemical prevents disease from entering the root system and spreading to trees left to grow.

Logs being cut now will be left in piles until the ground freezes and trucks from the pulp and paper mill are able to use roads into the forest tract.

The piles will extend about 900 feet by the time the trucks arrive.

The forest track was established in 1940. The area is a popular one for hunters. Pheasants and rabbits are there in abundance.

The elder Cox has been with the Ontario Department of Land and Forests, which manages the tract, for 21 years.

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