



**TOWN'S FIRST '67 CHILD COLLECTS PRIZE**

GEORGETOWN'S NEW YEAR'S DAY BABY, who achieved a double honour by being the first child born to Georgetown parents during Centennial-year, seems reluctant to accept his prize. Mayor Joseph Gibbons with Centennial committee chairman William Smith present the \$50 bond to little Bruce Andrew, born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hulme, 32 Park Avenue.

**Protective Group Still Performs for Farmers**

Rustlers and horse thieves had a lean time in Halton County in 1966.

It's not like the old days any more but last week a posse of Halton vigilantes met to show it was still active.

Nowadays the posse is known as the Halton Protective Association. It is still in full operation with 26 members who keep a sharp eye open for cattle rustlers, horse thieves and any other shenanigans, going on down on the farm.

**Last Posse**  
The posse was formed round about 1850 and it is believed it is the only remaining body of its kind in Canada.

"Now and again people kinda ride us," secretary-treasurer Henry Peacock told our reporter.

"They talk about us being old guys and that sorta thing but we have a good society."

"We are not out to make money... we are out to assist the other fellow."

Before a man can be elected to the posse he has to be well respected in his community and be known for his unblemished character.

"Otherwise they don't get in," said Mr. Peacock.

**Cattle Rustlers**  
He said the vigilantes were originally organized to put a stop to the activities of thieves and rustlers.

Those were the bad old days but things are easier now. The group later extended its activities to cover thefts and slaughter of cattle, horses, pigs and sheep in Halton County.

Members from all over the county always had a pretty good idea who the "rogues" were and the same goes today.

"They have pretty well cleaned up the county now," said Mr. Peacock.

"But there are still thefts and killing of horses, cattle, pigs and sheep."

One member from Campbellville had a steer slaughtered and left on his property last summer," Mr. Peacock said.

Two years ago lambs disappeared from a farm on the 1st Line near Milton.

**Steer Stolen**  
Last year, too, a steer was stolen from a farmer on Highway 25.

Posse members who lose their livestock to rustlers or killers are compensated by the association.

They are paid \$100 a head for the loss of a horse, steer or cow and market prices on pigs and sheep.

And the membership fee is just \$1 a year.

The posse introduced a compensation scheme for farmers before the government thought of it.

**Help Police**

"We have some wonderful fellows working on the society who help the police in any way, shape or form they can," said Mr. Peacock.

"In the old days there was a sheriff with a horse and buggy."

Members are at leave to inspect properties from which livestock is stolen and to investigate each case.

"We have a very good system," the secretary said.

Last week's meeting decided to insure livestock on farms after it is bought at sale barns elsewhere in the Province or county.

"It would cost more than the price of a horse or steer to send two men out west, for instance, to look for a stolen animal," Mr. Peacock said.

He recalled one day a number of years ago when a man chased a horse thief on horseback from Milton to Georgetown and got his man.

"But today 90 per cent of the people are pretty good Joes, especially farmers," chuckled Mr. Peacock.

**Says Mankind Needs Entire New System**

"Mankind's greatest need is an entirely new system" so a Guelph audience of 1,185, including several Georgetown residents, was told Sunday afternoon, January 8th.

They were assembled to hear Joseph Scaglione, district supervisor of Jehovah's Witnesses in Southern Ontario, deliver the public address, "Satisfying Mankind's Greatest Need." The lecture was the climax of the three-day assembly in Guelph.

**Needs Will Be satisfied**

Mr. Scaglione spoke of the world's most pressing problems, the war in Vietnam, racial strife, employment disputes, family and health problems. "Yet because of pride, selfishness, inherited disabilities and the presence of Satan the Devil, sincere efforts to alleviate the problems are thwarted," Mr. Scaglione said. "Nothing man can do can prevent the Devil's evil influence from multiplying profusely for mankind," he added.

In making reference to the solution, Mr. Scaglione told the large gathering, "The real need is for a provision to rid mankind of inherited sin and provide a new system of things to satisfy all mankind's needs. Under the coming system of things, by Jesus Christ, not only will the needs of man be satisfied, but people of all races and nationalities will worship God together in peace" Mr. Scaglione concluded.

**Vivid Evidence**

Saturday evening, 1,271 persons filled the auditorium to capacity to view the motion picture "God Cannot Lie", a story

of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Vivid evidence of the fulfillment of Bible prophecies was illustrated in the settings of Jerusalem, the ruins of Tyre, the Sea of Galilee and other Biblical sites.

"Contrary to popular opinion, the Bible is a practical guide to modern living," the audience learned. "The work of Jehovah's Witnesses is to assist people to read and study their Bible to discover that it is impossible for God to lie."

**Eleven Ministers**

Eleven new ministers were ordained at the assembly. For Jehovah's Witnesses the act of water baptism constitutes their ceremony of ordination as ministers. It represents a lengthy period of intensive study and training in the teachings of the Bible.

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**Try Dredging as Boon to Water Conservation**

An entirely new concept in Conservation, initiated by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, recently received the approval of Hon. J.R. Simnett, Minister of Energy and Resources Management.

Assessment Commissioner C. Hibbert points out that not only does the value of permits vary from the actual value of buildings erected, but assessment is not based on actual value at time of construction.

In the first case, the building permit value is only a rough evaluation for the purpose of a permit fee, and assessment is arrived at by a comparative value with similar structures averaged over a certain period.

He estimates that the assessment value of permits issued would be more in the two million dollar range, than the five million the Herald quoted.

**Protection Bureau Harks Back to Days of Poses**

A new executive was elected at a meeting of the Halton Protection Bureau at a meeting at the Dept. of Agriculture building Tuesday, January 10th.

Elected president was Neilson Stark, Georgetown; Fred Dixon, Burlington, vice-president; and Henry Peacock, Milton secretary-treasurer.

Formed about 1890, the protection bureau had over 100 members about 30 years ago. Today membership is down to about 30, but Mr. Peacock says there is still a need for the bureau.

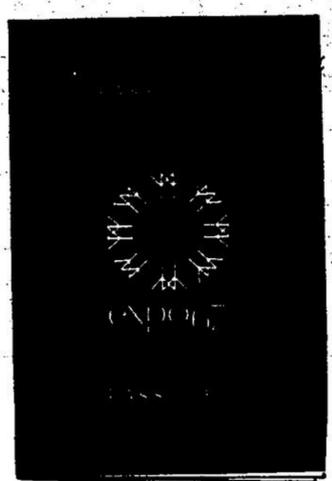
He says they try to locate animals that have been lost, strayed, stolen, or shot. If the animal is not found, compensation is paid out of a small fund.

The last time the bureau actually organized a posse was about 20 years ago in Milton when they went looking for stolen sheep. "We found them," says Mr. Peacock.

Mr. Peacock says there is still lots of rustling going on today.

If this project, dredging Fairy Lake at Acton, proves successful, it is to be the first of a series of dredging projects in the Credit River Watershed. There are several more small privately owned reservoirs which if cleaned out would provide as much water storage capacity as a large dam on the Credit River. Studies will have to be made of potential, water capacity, soil conditions, priority and costs for future development of these sites.

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