

O.P.P. report

New cars, new drivers spell spring dangers

During our reporting week, March 22 to March 29, the men at the Acton Detachment while working 168 hours patrolled 504 miles of town roads.

It was a bad week for traffic accidents again with a total of two being investigated, with property damage of \$990, being registered. The charges laid as a result of these accidents were one under the Highway Traffic Act, and one for failing to remain at the scene of an accident. Four traffic charges and three warnings round off the traffic sheet.

Other occurrences were a prank phone call, a case of minor damage and a minor disturbance, all requiring very little investigation.

Provincial court in Milton on Monday saw 20 convictions registered on the Acton docket with fines of \$549, being paid.

We are glad to report that Cpl. Ray Mason is well on the way to recovery and should be back on the beat in the middle of April.

With the advent of the good weather the roads are better and spring is in the air. A lot of young drivers are on the roads

for the first time and a lot of new cars are out on the roads. In a lot of cases a young motorist will try and find out just how fast his car will go.

Admittedly it is not speed itself that kills or maims, it is the sudden stop of a collision. But if that sudden stop occurs at 65 miles an hour, there is a one in 20 chance of death. Bring that speed up just 10 miles an hour and the ratio drops sharply to one in eight. Add a mere five miles an hour bring the speed to 80, and death is almost certain.

We lost five young people from our town in traffic accidents during 1969, in the year 1970 let the total be a big fat zero.

Back in May of 1899, a little before my time, a Mr. Jacob German was the first person to be arrested for speeding in the United States. He was tagged for racing along the road at a bold 12 miles an hour! Around that time, a newspaper commenting on the speed of the car, gave the startling information that "it can actually beat a horse."

-Cons. Roy Wood

Underground paper tries, but

Board bans sale of papers in school

Halton County Board of Education passed a resolution at their meeting Thursday to not allow sale or distribution of any newspaper, magazine or periodical in Halton schools. Gord McLean, head writer for Sweeney asked the board to allow the sale of the underground Oakville paper in Halton schools.

McLean said the paper had been banned in schools and had been confiscated in some Oakville high schools. McLean said "It is clearly theft" when teachers confiscate the paper from students.

McLean argued the paper offered an outlet for the youths to express themselves and achieve personal fulfillment. He said the paper had been described as "a thoughtful paper for thinking people."

After stating precedents where the rule had been broken before he asked his paper be allowed in the schools and told the Board his sales had increased 25 per cent since the ban was put on.

Trustee Bruce Edwards asked if McLean thought daily papers and other periodicals should be allowed in the schools for sale. McLean answered, "Sweeney is in a class by itself."

Director Jim Singleton explained the Board will not try

to suppress the paper and said if it was sold outside the schools and brought in the student would have a right to keep it.

Trustee John Ronson said to allow the paper in the schools would give it a captive audience of 46,000. The students are legally bound to be in schools and it was thought by Board members they shouldn't be taken advantage of.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar said there was much talk of adults

having to try harder to understand youngsters and suggested maybe it was time for youngsters to try to understand adults. "Why is it necessary for you to use language adults feel is undesirable?" he asked.

Trustee Fred Armitage advised the paper may get better reception generally if it was cleaned up, although that wouldn't change the Board's attitude.

Kingman named sergeant transferred to Cobourg

After eight years of service as a Corporal with the Milton Detachment OPP Cpl. Kenneth Kingman has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant and transferred to Cobourg where he will be in charge of a 26-man detachment office.

He will be replaced at Milton by Cpl. R. E. Dunlop who has also just received a promotion. He earlier served at Burlington and Downsview detachments of the OPP.

Sgt. Kingman has been with the force almost 22 years. He joined the OPP in November of 1948 and served in five

detachments around northern Ontario, then 10 years at the Niagara Falls detachment before being promoted to corporal and transferring to Milton in June of 1962.

A farewell party was held for him by fellow officers and friends at Boyne Centre south of Milton Monday evening. He was presented with a bronze nameplate for his desk, a set of bookends and two paintings. Sgt. Kingman's wife has been working at P. L. Robertson Manufacturing for several years. They will be moving to Cobourg as soon as he can locate a new

Salt and Pepper . . .

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Then one winter's night when a blizzard howled down the Caledon Hills he got a call to a home over in the Cataract area, where an old man was very sick and wanted the consolation of religion. Roads were blocked so the Rev. Just Plain Bill decided to walk.

On the way over he stumbled over one of the limestone cliffs, he loved so much as a boy. Villagers found him in the morning - dead. Nearby they found the words M-A-G-G-I-E scratched in the snow.

"They held the biggest funeral these parts have ever seen and buried Bill in the cemetery we just visited," fearless Phil concluded, "but people here never knew what that word scratched in the snow meant. I'll never tell them."

Maggie sat silently for a long time regarding Phil. Then without another word, she rose and stepped outside. "Phil", she

said, "take me home. I want to go to Acton."

Neighbors of Maggie Stilllegs often comment on the contentment she radiates ever since her trip to Toronto. They wonder sometimes who the debonaire gentleman with the fine manners is who often visits her at home. One friend reported seeing her over at the Forks of the Credit, of all places, with a secret smile as the wind rustled her hair and she scanned the steep hills where the Credit River tumbles through the scenic valley.

And the folks who live in the rugged, scenic country around the Forks tell a story about a new spirit which haunts caverns and precipitous cliffs which cling to the Caledon countryside, making the youngsters shiver, and the girls look furtively behind them as they walk along the quiet roads.

THE END

home there. His appointment became effective today (Wednesday).

Good posture for Lassies

The sixth meeting of the Greenock Leisure Lassies was held at the home of Mrs. R. Sinclair on March 23.

The meeting was started with the 4-H Pledge. The roll call was to name a defect in your posture and how to correct it. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Barbara Gates. They

discussed what physical fitness was and to feel good you should follow the Canadian Food Guide. They all did exercises suggested by members and later on practiced good posture. They filled in a chart in their books on posture.

The meeting was closed with the 4-H Grace.

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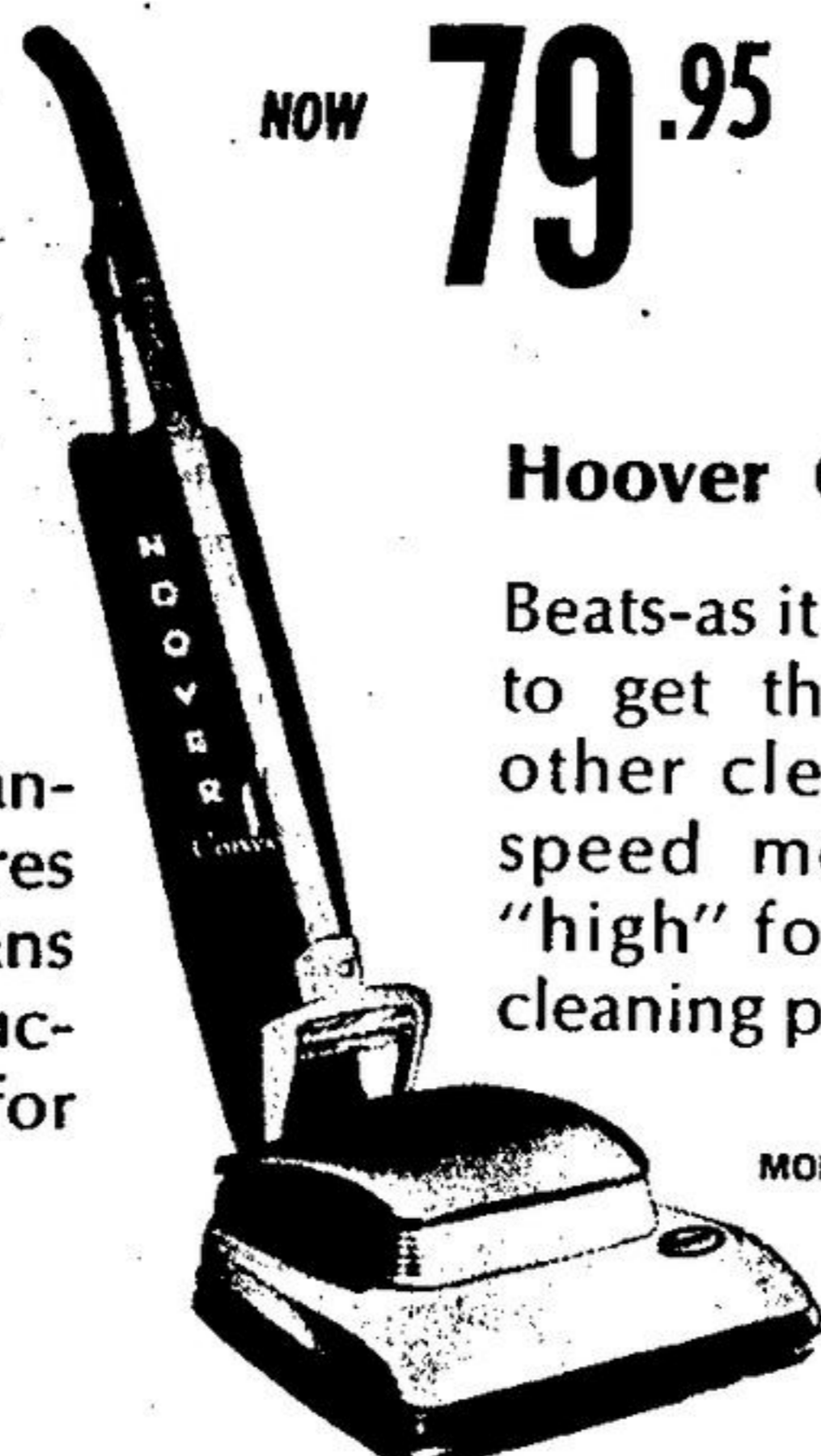
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