

Convict Toronto man for Acton shooting

Barry James Stevens a 33-year-old Toronto man was sentenced to serve seven years in penitentiary on a reduced charge of manslaughter in the shooting of Calvin Gordon Peddle in an Acton home February 4. Stevens pleaded guilty to the reduced charge after a statement was read at the trial in Milton Court, which he made following the February 4 shooting of Peddle, 31, also of Toronto. A mechanic, Stevens, was charged originally with non-capital murder. He pleaded not guilty to the charge at the start of the trial on Thursday.

Mr. Justice S. H. S. Hughes instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty to non-capital murder but guilty to manslaughter, when Crown attorney Douglas Latimer said no further evidence would be offered by the Crown on the non-capital murder charge.

Stevens said he grabbed a .22 rifle he had at the home and backed Peddle into the hallway where, after Peddle swung at him with the wrench again, he pulled the trigger on the gun, although he never meant to aim at him. Peddle fell back.

When Stevens felt for his pulse there was none.

He dragged the rug with its victim to the back porch where he covered it with a blanket, wiping up blood in the bathroom, hallway and stairs. The two women returned, Stevens said, and Mrs. Grant realized something had happened but didn't know what. He told his wife the story later when driving her back to Toronto. She notified Toronto police, who in turn reported the incident to Acton and Milton O.P.P. Constable Bruce McArthur said as a result of information he received from Metro Toronto police, he and two other O.P.P. officers, Constables Jim Hodgson and William Joyce, went to the Grant home to investigate. Stevens was at the door when the officers arrived and beckoned them to come in. He led them to the room where the body was found.

Officers found the body about 5.40 a.m.

Justice Hughes sentenced Stevens to seven years in the penitentiary, taking into consideration the seven months he had already been in custody. The accused had a criminal record.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY to officially open the new addition to ARC Workshop at Hornby, was performed by Halton East MPP and Minister Without Portfolio Jim Snow and ARC trainee Patsy Hegarty, while other trainees and chairman of adult services Bill Treahy look on. Several municipal representatives were also in attendance. —(Staff Photo)

Trainee helps Jim Snow snip ribbon, open ARC

A large crowd attended the official opening of the new addition to ARC Industries at Hornby Saturday, when Halton East MPP and Minister Without Portfolio Jim Snow snipped the red ribbon to officially open the building. Chants of glee rang through the crowd as the ribbon floated to the ground and visitors were welcomed inside.

Bill Treahy, chairman of adult services, welcomed everyone to the opening and acted as chairman for the event. Jim Langedyk, president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, thanked everyone concerned for the work they had put into the new addition and expressed the great need such an addition would serve.

The new addition houses a large office and working area, washrooms and a large basement which will eventually serve as a nursery. The original Hornby schoolhouse, since developed into the workshop, was also remodelled to meet with the expectations of the new addition. The original building contains a kitchen, first aid room, staff room, kiln room, storage space and a large work area.

Also present at the opening were Milton Mayor Brian Best, Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. Anne MacArthur, Esqueping Reeve Thomas Hill, ARC director Mrs. W. Isham, and Bill Berendsen, adult services advisor with the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Rev. Otter Devent of Holy Cross Church, Georgetown, gave the dedication prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Patsy Hegarty, a trainee at ARC workshop, was chosen to cut the ribbon with Mr. Snow. Names of all the trainees had been put into a hat and the name drawn was awarded the honor of assisting Mr. Snow with the ceremony.

Comments all

Mr. Snow then addressed the crowd of the importance of the new addition.

"The executive and the workers of the Association are to be commended for their excellent service to the community in this very worthwhile cause," he noted.

"Your untiring efforts in the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded has no doubt given each of you a personal satisfaction in helping others to help themselves move out into private industry on their own, as many have been doing.

"Just recently the Ontario Government assisted your Association in the purchase of an air conditioner and during the past four years the Government has contributed over \$11,000 in grants," he speculated.

"Very shortly the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded will be receiving another grant for close to \$11,000 to assist the retarded in the local community.

"The Ontario Government is proud to have a part in assisting this work which serves as a very vital link in the community," he said.

"Workshops, such as this one here, play an important role in the Government's plan to keep the children in their local community."

Day care centre

Mr. Snow also explained the government's plans concerning developing the present Ortona Barracks in Oakville into a day care centre for the mentally retarded.

"In this project we envisage a community oriented plan to provide residential day care as required for the needs foreseen in the Halton and Peel area," he explained.

"Although full time care will be given, the major emphasis will be that of caring for the mentally retarded on a day care basis. The probable size of the project will

Let's talk about horses

By Jennifer Barr

Question: What causes warts and can they be cured?

Answer: They are caused by a virus and my vet said that rubbing them with castor oil sometimes helps and sometimes doesn't. Either way it keeps the owner busy. A preparation for the removal of human warts is said to work also for horses. It's obtainable at your drugstore under the name of "Compound W" and is worth a try. They disappear as quickly as they come and usually only need a vet's attention if they bother the horse.

Question: What is the correct seat for English Pleasure class? I always thought it was a hunt seat but last week I lost a class to two saddle seat riders.

Answer: There is much confusion about this and it is a pet peeve of mine. English Pleasure should be a hunt-type seat on appropriate horses and should be advertised as such so that it can be judged accordingly. A Park saddle class is ridden in a saddle seat on a totally different type of horse. The two are as different as night and day and cannot possibly be judged together. Always enquire which type of horse is being judged when entering such a class.

Question: Our buckskin mare has a filly who was a year old in June. The filly was weaned last December and kept from the mare for a month. I thought this would dry her up but the filly is still nursing at times. Does the mare still have milk?

Answer: I doubt it - the filly is just sucking her thumb. I have a two-and-a-half year old who still bends his knees and nurses when his mother has returned to him after an outing. A mare will usually dry up on her own accord when the foal is eight or nine months old. As long as the filly is emotionally weaned and doesn't fret when mama is away, I wouldn't worry about it.

Please send your questions to: Jennifer Barr, R.R. 4, Rockwood.

Party leader coming

New Democrats in the area will have the opportunity of meeting the federal leader of the party in an informal setting on Saturday evening, September 18.

David Lewis will be guest of honor at an autumn corn roast sponsored by the five ridings of Halton East and West, Peel North and South and Wellington Dufferin, plus Brampton and Oakville labour councils.

The provincial candidates from each of the five ridings will be introduced to those in attendance at the corn roast, to be held at Boyne Community Centre, Hwy. 25 and Britannia Road in Oakville.

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