



**LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS** from Milton Police Department were presented to Mrs. Mary Anne Harkley of Milton (centre) and her mother-in-law Mrs. Catherine Lorraine Harkley of Acton recently, by Milton Police Chief Ray Andress. The two ladies chased and helped apprehend two juveniles who are charged with stealing a car from

Milton Arena, owned by Larry Arbic. The youths reportedly crashed into a parking lot fence and struck two parked cars with the stolen vehicle, causing \$1,500 damage. The two ladies quickly got in touch with Chief Andress and he apprehended the two suspects.

# Bozo Buttercup Revue enthralls Playgrounders

Bozo Buttercup Revue, a Guelph-based Opportunities for Youth Drama Club, performed a one act play for the Acton Playground at the community centre last Tuesday. The troop of 11 chose a Japanese Folk Tale, Tale of Onoroku, for presentation because they felt it is one of the best children's stories.

Martie Fishman, a graduate student at the University of Guelph, who acts as organizer and director of the OFY group explained that the "Tale of Onoroku" was the obvious choice because of its moral and message. In a question and answer period following the performance he said there were other stories with the same plot but he felt the "Tale of Onoroku" was superior.

Essentially the story was about a carpenter, Taro, who contracts the River Ogre to build a bridge

across his river, in return for his eyes. Once the bridge is built Taro pleads with the ogre to keep his eyes. The ogre agrees if Taro can guess his name. The carpenter does and the story ends on a happy note.

A Guelph librarian proposed the original idea for the group and asked Fishman to select people with acting experience to round it out. He chose students from the University and from high schools in Guelph.

**Learn four plays**  
The troupe spent the early part of the summer learning four different plays and making costumes out of cotton and muslin. Make-up is inexpensive grease paint.

Wendy Bell, organizer of the Acton Parks' playground, received a call from the Revue and was told they would be happy to perform. Miss Bell arranged the visit through the Guelph

Recreation Commission where the troupe works out.

Playgrounders and leaders thought the play was very good and performed well. Some would like to see Bozo again. They were interested in the origin of the troop and in the props.

Bozo's sets are designed for outside performances but as Randy Sallows, who plays the River Ogre, says: "We like to

play indoors as often as we can."

The 11 members of the group are: director, Fishman; actors Sallows, Jerrold, Karah, Bruce Lancaster, Nancy Mullins, Trish Robinson, Liz Whitten, Mary Nairn, Suzanne Brooke and technicians Joe Bergin and Debbie Sanuldo.

Fishman explained the purpose of the group was to introduce live theatre to children in this area.

## Clamp down on restaurants

Halton County Health Unit inspectors will be asked to clamp down on inspections of restaurants in the county. At a board of health meeting Wednesday Dave Coons, chairman of the community services committee indicated he had received a number of complaints about conditions of restaurant establishments.

Coons said he realized the staff was short-handed during summer but felt it was important inspections be made often and carefully so eating establishments complied with the act.

## "Horse Nobody Wants" finds (temporary) home

"The Horse That Nobody Wants" was offered for sale at a widely advertised public auction held at Brookville Wednesday. But no buyers showed up, and the perky little horse was consigned to the woman who has cared for him for the past three months.

The horse, a two or three-year-old stallion about 13 hands high, wandered to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. W. von Richthofen at the corner of Guelph Line and 15 Sideroad on May 7. It was rather wild, looked like it needed a clean-up, and acted hungry.

The Richthofens train thoroughbreds for racing and have a large stable at their Nassagaweya farm, so they took the little horse in and notified the township clerk about the stray. Clerk Thompson also serves as the township's official "pound keeper" in addition to his other duties.

**Expenses mounting**  
He advertised the horse as a stray and the Richthofens checked around the neighborhood to see if someone had lost him, with no results. According to the Pound Act, if the animal is not claimed within a certain time it has to be sold by auction to pay expenses. And the expenses were mounting up—advertising was \$60, its daily bill for keep at the Richthofen stable totalled \$255 and legal costs added another \$50 to the bill. On Wednesday, when the public auction was due to be held, the innocent looking little stallion had run up a \$365.16 bill and both the township and Mrs. Richthofen were hoping to get all or part of their expenses back.

But nobody came to the sale. One family group showed up half an hour before sale time, looked at and admired the horse, then drove off. A reporter from this newspaper was the only eligible buyer on the grounds when Clerk Thompson arrived to conduct the sale—and the reporter wasn't in the market for a horse, just a story.

So the clerk did the next best thing. He consigned the homeless horse to Mrs. Richthofen, in return for the care and food she had given it the 102 days it was a "boarder" at the farm.

Did she plan to keep it? Not really, Mrs. Richthofen said. It would make a nice children's pet



**RANDY SALLOWS** of Guelph acts as a river ogre in the Bozo Buttercup Revue performance for playgrounders at the arena last Tuesday. His costume is a pair of long-johns dyed green, makeup is grease paint and the beard is his own. —D. Pink Photo

but they don't have any young children around and all their grandchildren live far away. "We have grown attached to him," she admitted, but the family's business is training race horses and the little stallion is not a racer.

"I think I will try to sell him privately," she said. Will she get her \$255 lodging expenses back? No, she didn't think so. "I think I will ask \$100 for him. I'd like to see him go to a good home."

So for now, the little horse is still "in residence" at the Richthofen farm, only it's official

now. The new owner is left holding a hefty board bill, and the township is left with over \$100 in legal and advertising costs.

And someone, somewhere, is without a horse.

Wednesday's sale originally offered not one, but THREE horses for sale. But fortunately for the other two, their owner claimed them two days before the sale. The other two horses strayed onto the Richthofen farm and had spent 10 days at the farm before a neighboring farm owner came to claim them.



**WANNA BUY A HORSE?** Nobody did last Wednesday, so Nassagaweya Township Clerk Campbell Thompson had to sign it over to Mrs. W. Von Richthofen, to whose farm the animal strayed over three months ago. The horse was put up for sale at an auction, to defray the costs of keeping it, but no buyers showed up so Mrs. Von Richthofen got the horse in return for her expenses. She says she wants to sell it as she and her husband train racing thoroughbreds and they have no need for a pony around the farm. (Photo by R. Downs)

## Township gives company...

(Continued from Page B5) more quickly, they suggested. There was no other access to the site, they claimed. The officials said their contractor had to work on the road allowance on the weekends—and nearby residents have been complaining. It's very frustrating," Fraser stated.

The company's plan seemed somewhat unclear and even councillors admitted they were confused.

**Not in favor**

Council said they were not in favor of opening up the road allowance, "because once we've opened it up, we'll have to maintain it." Councillors predicted Mr. Austen, whose land borders the road allowance, would object to the levelling of the grade.

Fraser and Brundage were then asked how many weekends their contractor would need to completely fill in the road allowance. After some discussion councillors and the two speakers agreed on the end of September. The company also has to the end of next month to pay the \$1,000 road allowance fee. Councillors said they realized the company was having financial difficulty, but Council couldn't be too "wishy-washy".

Asking us "We have 3,500 people who are asking us what we're doing about

the situation," pointed out Deputy Reeve Don McMillan. Councillors appeared to be cautiously impressed with the officials' arguments, but said the matter could not be drawn out much longer.

Fraser and Brundage said they would appear at the September Council meeting to document the progress of the Fourth Line rehabilitation. A few councillors intend to inspect the site during a coming roads tour.

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