



**LOOK ALIKE CRAFTS.** Mrs. Laura Dittrich has been painting for years but has just taken up hooking. She makes use of her previous talent to aid the new, as she repeats her portrait of St. Alban's church in oils (in frame) on canvas with strips of material she dyes herself. Her table at the arts and crafts exhibit Saturday also included batik, straw work, and decorated lamp bases. —(Photo by K. Dills)

**Reform advocate**

# Acton super at Halton jail

By Joyce Beaton  
Binne (Ben) Jongasma recently assumed his duties as superintendent of Milton Jail after 16 years of work and study in various aspects of prison work. Mr. Jongasma supervises a staff of 24 at the provincial jail serving all of Halton.

For seven years prior to his immigration to Canada, Mr. Jongasma was a policeman in his native Holland. He discovered he couldn't continue with police work here until he became a Canadian citizen. This took six years and by that time he was too old to join the force. He then set about to look for similar work.

In 1967, after working on a farm in Picton for five years and Blackstock for one year, he was hired as a general duty officer at Millbrook Correctional Centre. In 1968 at Peterborough jail.

Came to Milton  
In November 1971 he was again promoted, this time to COA (sergeant) and was transferred to Milton Jail. Because of difficulties with the sale of his house he was forced to return to the Millbrook area and worked at Co-

bourg jail from January until July of this year.

It was in 1968 that he began to study through correspondence courses with McMaster University. "When I immigrated in 1961 I didn't know English, my knowledge of the language was really limited," he said, "it was very difficult for me, especially during the first year, but I don't believe in giving up."

He stayed with his schooling for five years, working a 40 hour week and putting in 45 hours of studying. Many people thought he wouldn't make it, but always in the back of his mind was the knowledge that in order to become a superintendent of a jail he must continue his education.

On the wall of his office Mr. Jongasma proudly displays his two certificates, one in corrections and one in social welfare. Through his encouragement four guards at the jail have enrolled in school this year. Their first courses of study will be introductory psychology.

Inmates are people  
"I don't see inmates as criminals primarily," Mr. Jongasma says, "but as hu-

man beings who have gone wrong with the law". He credits the advancement of his attitude to his studies in human development.

In his associations with prisoners he does not believe in force but rather in "mind over matter". A former inmate recently wrote to thank him "for that little bit of hope" referring to talks he and the man had.

His interest in the men as persons first makes him an advocate of the new 'temporary absence' program. This is the scheme where some prisoners already sentenced, may go to school or work during the day and return to the jail evenings and weekends. This is in effect at Milton Jail and throughout the province.

Milton Jail houses men and women awaiting trial or who have been sentenced and are waiting to be transferred to a penitentiary or other institution. The average occupancy is 22 to 25 inmates.

Mr. Jongasma and his wife Gezienna (Ena) have five children. Two are married, two are employed at General Motors in Oshawa, and one daughter is at home with her parents in Acton.



**MILTON JAIL SUPERINTENDENT** Binne (Ben) Jongasma is shown at his desk. His new position culminates 16 years of prison work. (Photo by R. Downs)

## Charges

Acton police report that on Saturday a local man was arrested in Walkerton and returned to jail in Milton on warrants for failing to appear on petty trespass charges. He is in custody until Wednesday (today) when he appears in court.

Also on Saturday there was a drug seizure at the community centre and an Acton man was charged. He will appear in court in Milton in March.

On Monday a local man was arrested for uttering a forged document. He was picked up here and taken back to Georgetown. Tuesday another local man was arrested, also for uttering, and taken to Georgetown.

There were four liquor seizures during the week.

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## Six hurt on 4th line - three on ninth

Several accidents in the district were investigated by the O.P.P.

On Sunday, October 21, William McBain, 39 Moultray Cres., Georgetown, was operating a vehicle which was involved in a single vehicle collision on the 9th line of Equeausing township north of 5 Sideroad. Damage to the 1972 Datsun being driven by Mr. McBain was estimated to be \$2,500. Mr. McBain and a passenger Murray McMullen, 84 McIntyre Cr., Georgetown, sustained minor injuries.

Six people were injured in a two car collision Sunday, October 21, on the 4th Line of Equeausing south of 15 Sideroad. Drivers of the vehicles were James Edward

Bonnett, Islington, and Donald Pickering, Burlington, and total property damage exceeded \$2,500. Injured were both drivers, Patricia Bennett and her son James Bennett, one year, both of Islington, Kathy Pickering and her son Scott Pickering, both of Burlington.

Allan C. Gordon, 328 Peel St., Acton, received minor injuries in a single vehicle collision on Sunday, October 21 on the 6th Line of Equeausing north of 7 Highway and damage to his 1973 Ford pickup was estimated to be \$250.

Anton Skok, R.R. 1, Georgetown, was operating his 1967 Hummer on 7 Highway west of Norval on Tuesday, October 23, when a deer ran across the road in

front of him. His car struck and killed the deer causing \$1,000 damage to Mr. Skok's vehicle. He was not injured.

Myra Davies, R.R. 1, Cambellville, received minor injuries when the vehicle she was operating collided with a vehicle being driven by Douglas John Bears, Markham. Property damage was estimated to total \$175. This collision occurred on Wednesday, October 24, on the Guelph Line north of 20 Sideroad, Nassagaweya Township.

Three persons were injured in a two vehicle collision of Thursday, October 25. This collision took place at the intersection of Stoeles Ave. and the 9th Line Equeausing. Both drivers, Ross MacKay, 8 Garnet Dr., Georgetown, and Wayne McCallum, 235 Ontario St., Milton, received minor injuries as did Karen McCallum, 21 years, a passenger in her husband's vehicle. Property damage was estimated to exceed \$2,400.

A single vehicle collision on Thursday, October 25, on 22 Sideroad east of the 1st Line, Equeausing Township resulted in injury to the driver, Robin A. Sait, 179 Longfield Rd., Acton. Property damage was estimated to exceed \$1,900.

## Mission at St. Joe's

A Franciscan priest from New York City is preaching the second week of a two week mission at St. Joseph's Church, Acton, beginning at the regular 7 p.m. Saturday mass.

Father Smithbower was to have preached to the men following a one week mission for women preached by Father Jerry Hayes of the Redemptorist order but it was decided instead to invite men and women to both missions in the hope all members of the parish would have a chance to participate. Invitations have also been issued to the public to attend the missions which have a mass each morning and a service each evening with a sermon.

Parish priest Rev. Father J. Gilson said he was pleased with the attendance at the first week where question and answer periods were a feature of the evening service. A mission is designed to renew the faith of parishioners and give them a better understanding of it.

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## Let's talk about HORSES

By Jennifer Barr

By the time a colt is two years old it is usually possible to have some idea of his personality, ability, and attitudes. In other words, you can label him, put him in his little niche, and he'll adapt himself admirably. I repeat - usually.

After raising more than 60 colts, we felt we knew our youngsters pretty well until Teal and Kull came along. These colts were born fair and a half years ago to different mares on our farm - a week apart, by the same Arab stud. Brought up as brothers, they were inseparable although complete opposites.

Teal was fine boned, willowy, graceful, flighty and nervous - oh so nervous. He was born afraid of his shadow. He couldn't recognize his own mother when I rode her and went screaming around like a lost sheep out of the House of Israel.

Kull was plucky, chunky, content and confident in the world. He loved everyone and saw no fear.

At the age of two, both colts



had developed enough to be able to aim their training at one branch or another. Teal's grace and balance indicated he could be a dressage horse. The quiet discipline would be good for this high flying fellow. He was labelled 'Kull' looked like a good endurance trail prospect - healthy, strong, conformationally sturdy, willing and unafraid. Kull would brave the steepest hills for his rider. Label number two.

The boys were sold together and went to live at the same stable and were trained by the same person who had the same plans for each colt as we did.

Two years later some changes have taken place - in the colts, not in the training. Kull remained an easy going steady chunk for some time until he did an ugly-duckling-to-swan routine. The neck lengthened, the legs slimmed down, his gait became a flowing smooth Arab trot. He was glamorous, but also became nervous.

No longer would he accept any obstacle put in his path. He would shy, dance, run for

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## New jail at Maplehurst will replace Halton jail

The century-old Halton Jail on Brown St., Milton will be closed when a new jail is built in the fall of 1975 or the spring of 1976 according to Don Kerr, Information Director for the Ministry of Correctional Services.

Kerr said architects were at work on working drawings now and expected to have them finished by mid-January. "We have management board approval to go ahead with the working drawings and will go back to management board for approval of funds in the new year," Kerr said.

House 150  
The new jail will be built at the Maplehurst complex. It will accommodate 150 inmates and facilitate the closing of both Milton and Brampton Jails, now serving Halton and Peel Counties.

A regional detention centre and an adult training centre are being erected at the

Maplehurst complex now. That site is on Highway 25 south of Highway 401.

It is expected the detention centre and the adult training centre will house about 200 people each. Those two departments are expected to relieve crowded conditions at Guelph Reformatory and replace the accommodation at Mimico.

Takes 18-24 months  
Kerr said plans call for the contractor to be on the site in April and a completion date will be set at 18 to 24 months after construction starts.

Grand Jury reports have repeatedly urged replacement of the antiquated jail in Milton.

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