

# No red light— OPP direct line

The familiar red light at the Mill-Main corner that signalled the police will soon be disconnected.

Halton region police commission voted to install a telephone line that will link the Acton O.P.P. office with the O.P.P. office in Milton. From then on, a call will be automatically answered in Milton when there is no one in the Acton office.

For years, the red light has flashed on when a call came into the office and the officers were out. A policeman on patrol on foot or in the cruiser would check the light, and return to the office if it was on. Then he would activate his recorder to listen to the message left by the caller. (Often there was no message left.)

Regular hours  
The O.P.P. office is only

open regularly during week-days. Nights and weekends it is often empty and locked while the officers are on duty or out.

The phone book instructed callers to call a Zenith number in emergency to locate the police, but it was thought that some people were loath to do this. When the new system is installed the call will automatically be switched to the O.P.P. office at Milton. This detachment serves the rural area around Acton and the two detachments regularly co-operate.

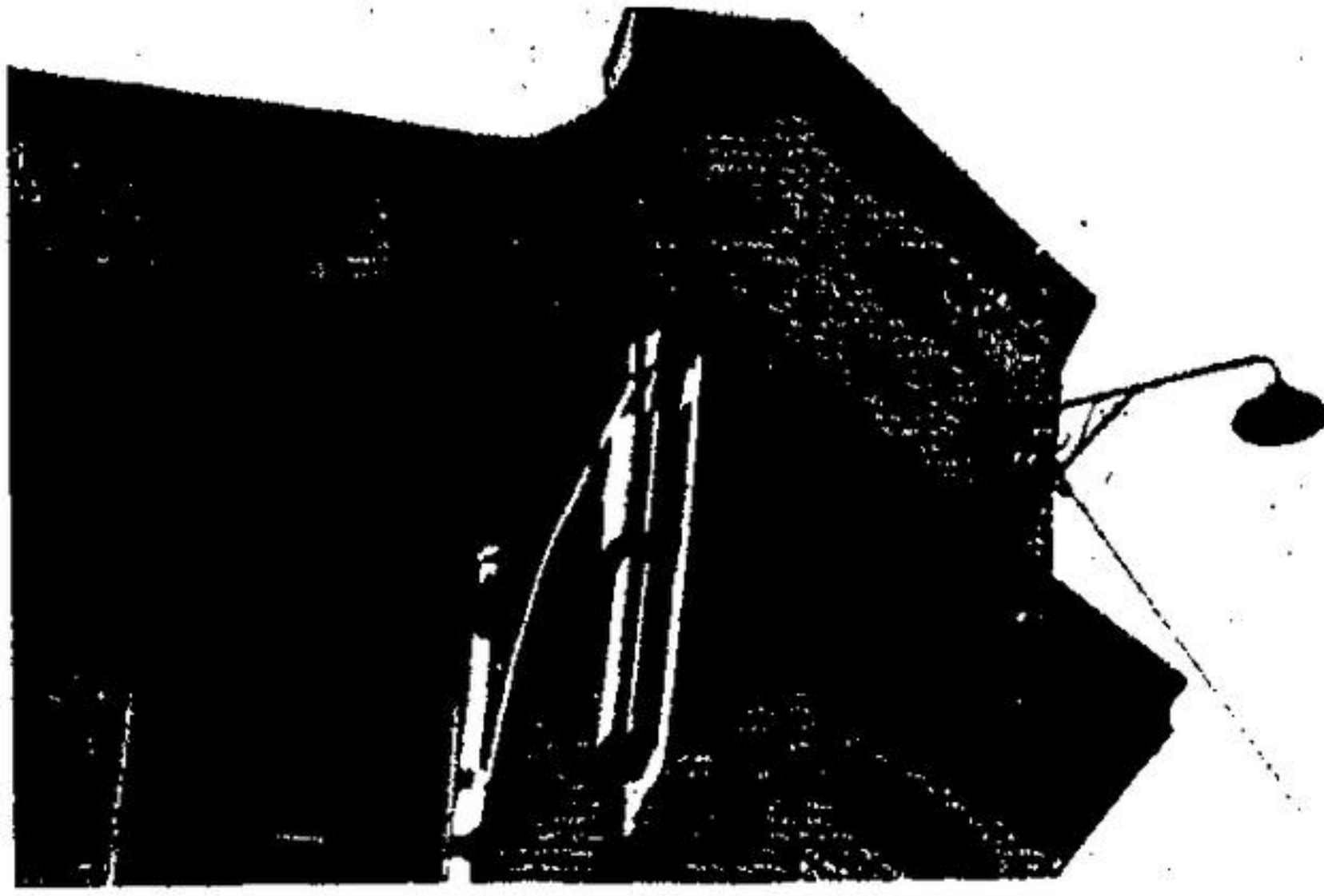
**High cost**  
The only problem for the police commission was the high cost of a portable radio for the Acton patrolling policemen. It could cost \$1,100. The present system costs

\$40 a month and the phone line will cost \$77 a month.

"The system they are using now is too antiquated and inefficient," said Police Chief Kenneth Skerrett.

Oakville mayor Harry Barrett suggested each police officer could have a beeper radio for his pocket when he is on foot patrol. These cost about \$20 a month. "When Milton OPP get an Acton call they could call the patrolman on his beeper," he said. However, the range is only five miles—too far for a call from Milton.

In spite of the problem the commission voted unanimously to install the line to the Milton OPP and discontinue the red light. Chief Bob Arbour has had no word on the police commission's decision or when it will be implemented.



RED POLICE light at the Mill-Main corner will soon cease to relay its message to policemen here. It will be replaced by a direct phone line to the Milton O.P.P. office, according to a decision made by the Halton police commission.

# Fair begins Fri.

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dance. This group is well-known and liked throughout Acton and district. They are a local band.

An Open Air Garden will be situated in the middle of the grounds in a tent. A snow fence will be around the tent and tables outside. Sandwiches and hot dogs will also be sold here. The Garden will be open on Friday and Saturday.

This year is the first time

the fair has been extended to Sunday. In accordance with the Lord's Day Act, the grounds will not be open until 12:30 p.m. and the Open Air Garden will not be operating at all.

Many people in previous years have asked for a western horse show at the fair. However, there has never been enough time and space for such an event. The fair board has looked into other fairs featuring a third

day of operation and decided it would be to the benefit and pleasure of all involved if this year was changed. A western horse show will be featured starting at 12:30 p.m. and running to closing time, at 6 p.m.

The Milton Girls' Pipe Band will be appearing on the grounds on Sunday. Due to previous engagements they will not be able to attend on the two previous days.

The midway, poultry exhibit, Mini-Farm display and others will continue showing on this day. However, a lot of the other displays will be taken down, or will be in the process of disassembling.

Throughout the three day fair, there will be a poultry exhibit, a mini-farm by the junior farmers with live animals such as sheep, rabbits, ponies and goats.

The Sheridan College Arts and Crafts van will be at the fair grounds. Some students will be present doing such things as weaving, moulding etc., pertaining to whatever course they are in. There will also be the usual food booths, games to play and the all new Hall's Bros. midway.

"The big thing in the fair is to let the rural and town people get together and to let the town people talk to the farmers and see why milk prices keep going up and why the price of beef is what it is," explained Murray.

Besides the Jr. Farmers tent there will be a cow milking demonstration with a running commentary by Joyce Wilson.

Exhibitors will start setting up their displays on Wednesday or Thursday nights with the midway expected at the same time.

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# Inquest blames liquor, drugs for drowning

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positive proof, of intravenous drug use.

"This is known as Junky's lung," Waldorf said. He noted that no needle marks were found on Carter's body.

"I believe that the combination of the two, liquor and M.D.A., would have been considerably more intoxicating than one of them alone," Waldorf observed.

David Dywan, Clarkson, one of Carter's would-be rescuers, said he didn't really know the dead man and that he had been on the scene just in an effort to try and help. He administered artificial respiration.

"Drinking is pretty free and easy at the park but I have never seen any drugs," he testified.

Another witness, Douglas Woods, Mississauga, said he had been swimming and spotted Carter's body floating in the water about halfway to the bottom of the quarry.

Waldorf had previously stated there was a cut on the dead man's head and it probably had happened after he was already dead.

Woods substantiated this by saying that it was quite possible Carter had been cut by rocks or ledges while he was bringing him to the surface.

Like others he said drinking was quite "visible" at the playground and that the depth numbers, which are painted on rocks around the quarry, were easily seen.

A friend of the deceased, Michael Walsh, Mimico, said he had seen Carter several times that fateful afternoon, and that he had not appeared to be drunk.

"I was with another group, but I did see him a few times. Like the rest of us he was having a good time drinking a few beers and eating," Walsh said. He added that he didn't know Carter used drugs, hadn't seen any drugs, and thought the deceased would have been capable of driving a car at the time he had last seen him.

"He was a good swimmer and a fit person," Walsh noted.

Robert Ramsay, Toronto, another friend of Carter's, stated that he had seen him about an hour to and hour-and-a-half before he drowned and that he had appeared to be a little bit drunk.

"I don't think he could have driven a car. I don't know anything about his use of M.D.A.," Ramsay added.

Carter's girlfriend, Denise Borda, Mississauga, told the inquest they were at the park with a group of about 12 people and they had been drinking beer "screwdrivers", and eating fruit.

She testified her fiancé had had one drink before they left home and she could only remember him having one "screwdriver" that day at the park.

As for the drugs, she was bewildered as to when he could have taken the M.D.A. because she had been with him all day.

"I knew he used to use drugs like M.D.A. and mesuline. He didn't use marijuana very often because he didn't like it. He never took them intravenously and I didn't think he used drugs anymore," Miss Borda said.

She said that he didn't appear to be drunk and was capable of driving. "Some people thought he was a heavy drinker but I don't know how you define heavy drinker. He could hold liquor quite well," she added.

Miss Borda stated Carter was a very good swimmer and in good physical condition.

"I had known him for four and a half years. He was a mild mannered, sensitive, aware, and very clean person," she noted.

Brian Patterson, of the water safety division of the Red Cross said he had appeared at two previous drowning inquests concerning Waterfalls Park and would give essentially the same recommendations this time around.

"One area should be selected for swimming, be of the same depth, be fenced or buoyed off and life guards posted," Patterson said. He noted that of all the recommendations he has made over the years for the park, only the posting of depths had been done.

Patterson thought that while liquor had been a factor the body of water was also a contributor to deaths at the park.

"Liquor and swimming are a bad combination. Your judgement is reduced and so is your body control," he observed. "We have to develop a safe swimming area with no underwater projections."

Patterson added that the expense probably wouldn't be that much and the Red Cross would provide free consulting services to set up changes.

Constable Devine returned to testify that as a breathalyzer expert, he would have thought Carter was impaired if he was driving. "There were 170 milligrams of liquor in his blood, double what is required for impaired driving convictions," he stated.

Waterfalls owner Joe Prueyk testified that he didn't know Carter and hadn't seen him that day until he was removed from the water. "I try to hold down the drinking and call the police when I can't," Prueyk stated.

He said he has owned the park since 1955 and could only recall five or six drownings all in the last few years since the quarry part was opened and drinking started.

Waterfalls Playground is licensed by the Ministry of Tourism but not the Liquor Board of Ontario.

He said the Ministry of Tourism didn't bother him too much. The park just had to be clean. "There isn't much in the way of criteria from them on the operation," Prueyk added.

The park owner said he would fence off a specific area if someone could show him that it would be economically feasible and that it would in fact keep people in the area.

"I'd be prepared to spend around \$5,000 for safety measures," Prueyk stated. He added he tried lifeguards one year but that it just didn't work out.

"This is a sad situation but just about every death has been due to alcohol. I tell people to put their liquor and not to bring it into the park but nobody listens," Prueyk noted. He added he even set up picnic tables so people would not drink near the quarry but the tables were hardly used.

Both Dywan and Miss Borda told the inquest that a phone beside the quarry would help in emergency situations. At present the nearest phone is at the canteen some distance away from the quarry.

Walsh added to his testimony by telling the inquest he has snorkelled in the quarry

# Night school registers 125

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Co-ordinator Boris Shean is very pleased "considering the weather and the hockey game". He suggests anyone still wanting to enroll contact him at the high school.

# Extra O.P.P. for fair

Reinforcements are being requested by the Acton Provincial Police from Burlington and Waterdown for the fair weekend.

There will be a couple of officers on the fairgrounds at all times, according to chief Bob Arbour.

There will be no parking on

Knox Ave. or Park to avoid traffic tie-ups. This will be strictly enforced by police this weekend. In this way, emergency vehicles will not be held up if their services are required.

There will also be someone on the park gates at all times directing traffic.

and the bottom is strewn with rocks, glass and garbage.

The jury decided the deceased, despite his swimming ability, died because he was impaired by alcohol and drugs and that underwater projections could have been a contributing factor in his death.

Besides the uniformed security guards they thought the dangerous outcroppings under the surface of the quarry should be removed and ladders installed to make it easier to leave and enter the water.

Specific areas should be designated for diving and

boulders removed from the water in that area. Signs giving water depth should be upright and not on the rocks where they could be covered by peoples' blankets.

They added that some attempt should be made to curb the drinking problem at the park.

Coroner Dr. Ivan Hunter observed that the jury had taken an "astute position by asking to see the quarry."

Mark Adamson, and Oakville Attorney, acted on behalf of the crown in the inquest which was held at the Halton Hills municipal on the Seventh Line.

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# Sheridan campus here?

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Reg Gibson, campus administrator of the Brampton campus continuing education and community service, is arranging a survey at the fall fair this weekend.

Acton high school students, who are interested in going to Sheridan college themselves will be handling out questionnaires from the Sheridan college crafts trailer.

**Credit courses**  
"I think there's a place for the community college with its diploma and certificate courses in Acton and Halton Hills," Mr. Gibson said.

Sheridan courses would not conflict with the night school courses, since Sheridan's are credit courses. They would be evening courses, on a part-time basis.

Mr. Gibson has had experience in setting up community college courses in a small community at Wawa, when he was with the college Elliott Lake.

**Part of role**  
"It's part of the community college's role," he explains. Suitable location could be found after it's determined what courses would be wanted here. He suggested a "store front" campus as a possibility, in a vacant store.

A popular credit course, according to Mr. Gibson, is for a business administration certificate. Adults in this course are well motivated, he said.

Macrae and management are other possibilities among many. General and special interest courses will be best.

naturally there's a problem with technological courses.

Sheridan courses could begin in January if there is enough demand here.

**Could stop**  
"If there's little interest, it'll stop here," says Mr. Gibson.

The Sheridan craft trailer will be at the M. Z. Bennett

school this year. It was at Robert Little last year. Courses are run there for the general public, and some of these will be demonstrated at the fair.

It seemed a logical place to start, in assessing needs of this community, Mr. Gibson explained.

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