



Mrs. C. Harding



Debbie McGilloway



Bernice Kinal



Randy Weldon



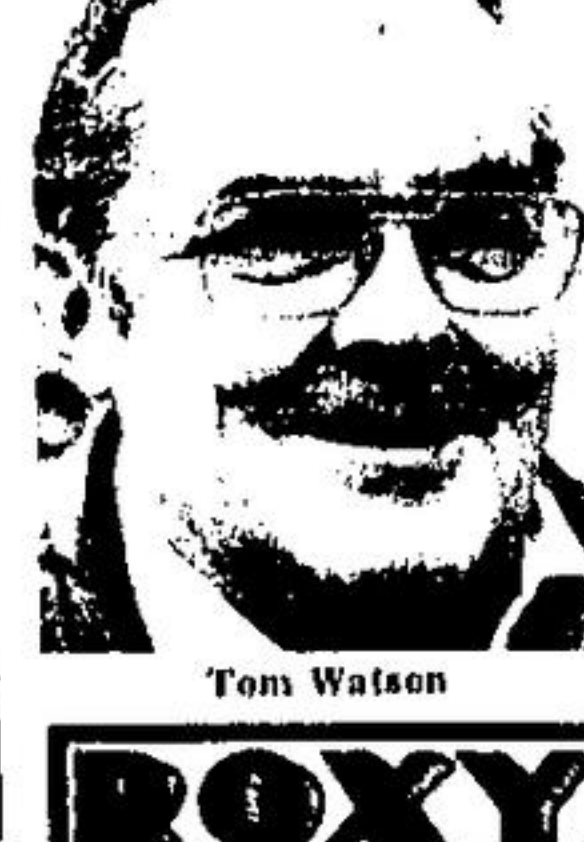
Bill Crawford



Carson Lewis



Tom Gibbons



Tom Watson

Full time at library

The four librarians are now working full time, since a change in policy. New hours came into effect after New Year's Day, as directed by the Halton Hills library board. The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings and Saturday afternoons. It's closed Mondays.

Residents praise O.P.P. service

By Peter McCusker
A feasibility study on the takeover of O.P.P. service by the Halton region police is under study by the Halton Hills council.

The O.P.P. are under contract to police the town of Acton, Esqueving and Nassagaweya rural areas. Even if the Halton Region police took over, the O.P.P. would continue to patrol Highway 401 from their detachment at Milton.

Randy Weldon of Mowbray P.I. said we would be in a lot worse shape if the regional police come in, and that he would like to see the Provincial Police stay in Acton.

"I have seen what the regional government has done with this area already and I'd hate to see what happens when regional police come in," he said.

Tom Watson of Burbank said that he was quite satisfied with the Provincial Police record in town and noted they do a generally good job, especially when you hear what's happening in other places. "I would like to see them stay but they can't, everybody knows that," and added, "It's like death and taxes, there will always be complaints."

Debbie McGilloway of Young St. said the Provincial Police here are better than what most people let on. She would sooner see them stay than bring in regional police and said that there is enough regionalization here anyway.

Tom Gibbons said that the police are doing a good job the way they are and wouldn't like to see regional police come into Acton. "It'll mean a whole lot more expense again and we'll pay for it all."

Bill Crawford of Main St. said he thinks the O.P.P. are doing a good job in Acton and they seem to be on the spot when they are needed. He would like to see them stay here and said he saw no sense in changing anything if the police force here is pretty good.

To Bernice Kinal of Rosemary Rd. The Acton services of the Provincial Police are great and she wants them to stay.

Carson Lewis of the Fourth Line noted that he had not been here long but what he has seen seemed good. "Acton is too small a town to have their own police so I'd

like to see the Provincial Police stay," he said.

Mrs. C. Harding of Main South said the Acton police were pretty good but "I wish they'd look after the highway down 25 where I live." She would like them to stay and noted that she didn't like the regional government.

Regional police plan continues to develop

Halton Hills council went along with Halton Regional Police chief Ken Skerrett and endorsed his plan for Regional Police expansion in Halton Hills. Council heard the chief's presentation in camera at a December meeting.

Councillor Len Coxe says it is expected the Regional Police will take over the duties handled by the Milton O.P.P. and Acton O.P.P. sometime next fall.

"The O.P.P. will continue to handle provincial matters

but our own regional police will handle the rest in Halton Hills," Coxe explained.

Coxe said the cost of not having Regional Police in all of Halton Hills is "ridiculous." He added the cost of having total regional coverage would not be that much more than the cost of having the O.P.P. do part of the job and would be more efficient.

"We will have better by-law enforcement in Halton Hills when the regional police take

over. By-law enforcement is enough of a problem without not having our own police," Coxe stated.

He pointed out the cost of regional police was a major factor in the mill rate increase this year in Esqueving. Coxe added he didn't like the fact Esqueving was paying for regional police when they didn't get any service from the regional force.

"We are aiming for the middle or latter part of 1975 for total regional police coverage in Halton Hills," Coxe said.

Need more. He said there would be more officers needed when the regional force takes over and there would be a slow phasing out of the O.P.P. "It was the intent of Bill 151, which set up regional government in Halton, that someday the O.P.P. would be phased out."

"There is no question Halton Hills and the regional police are interested in having the regional police service all of Halton Hills. We want to pull this region together," Coxe stated.

We enforce bylaws - OPP

The Ontario Provincial Police in Acton do indeed enforce local bylaws. Cons. Bob Arbour pointed out to the Free Press this week.

An article in the Toronto Star quoted mayor Tom Hill as saying "The OPP has given us excellent service over the years, but with the regional force we'll have an enforcement of town bylaws as well."

Corp. Arbour and the officers in Acton enforce Acton

bylaws regularly. These include parking, barking dogs, snowmobiles, fireworks, loitering, bike licenses, and heavy traffic on local roads. He also says a new local bylaw they will be enforcing is a noise bylaw which includes everything from birds to radios.

The police of the Milton detachment of the OPP who patrol Esqueving do not enforce local by-laws, however.

"Good year" in OPP file

A good year, is how Corp. Bob Arbour summed up 1974 as he compared his file figures with the year before.

The population grew and the number of occurrences investigated grew accordingly, from 1,789 in 1973 to 2,684 in 1974. Damage recorded rose from \$46,080 in 1973 to \$52,285 in 1974.

The number of impaired drivers charged in 1974 was 59; this went down to 49 in 1974.

Accidents. The number of hit and run accidents recorded in 1974 was 22, and six of these was solved. In 1973 there were 23 hit and run accidents and 10 people were apprehended.

There were 36 people injured in accidents in 1973 and just 25 in 1974. There were 129

accidents investigated in 1973 - up to 164 in 1974.

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Night school begins again

Nine classes are being offered in the winter term of night school in town.

Holiday schedule of newspapers and New Year's have resulted in the advertisement announcing the classes not appearing till today's Free Press. And registration night is tonight, January 8, at the high school.

However co-ordinator Boris Shein says new students will be accepted all during the week and until the first night of classes. Only problem would be a class which filled up to capacity quickly. He doesn't foresee any problem accommodating late registrations, though.

Teachers. Bookkeeping for a small business comes in two parts, each taught by high school teacher Ian McGillivray. Yoga is in two sections, too, each instructed again by Melanija Bray. Crocheting will be taught by Eleanor McCulloch of Rockwood.

Sarah Hamilton of Eden Mills will have two separate classes, one in macramé and finger weaving Wednesday nights and one in off-loom weaving on Tuesday nights. Bruce Andrews of the high school staff will have a group in fitness and recreation.

Rudy Schubert will teach landscaping for gardeners waiting for spring.

All the classes are at the high school except for yoga, which are at the Robert Little school.

Start soon. Classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 15, Thursday, Jan. 16, Monday, Jan. 20 and Tuesday, Jan. 21.

There will also be a special three part course "Canada is Going Metric". High school teacher Alan Eastwood will explain centimetres, kilometres, litres, etc. These free classes will be on three successive Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 28. The organizers suggest adults might like to keep up-to-date with their school-age sons and daughters in knowing the metric system!

Success. The fall session of night school classes was very successful. Ten courses were started and attendance kept up very well, according to Mr. Shein.

Bad weather could have more effect on this next series.

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