

## Manhunt snares young attacker

Heavily-armed Milton OPP officers set up road blocks last Thursday and scoured fields with a helicopter and a tracking dog to nab a juvenile boy who indecently assaulted a Halton Hills housewife.

The 26-year-old woman who lives on the Eighth Line near Georgetown was not injured, although the boy was armed with a knife when he broke into her home at nighttime.

Police searchers hit paydirt four hours later and arrested the young attacker in a field.

Under 16

Police would not identify the juvenile because he's under 16, but said he is from Halton Hills. He has been charged with indecent assault on a female.

Constable Larry Scott said in an interview that the housewife had strolled down to the road to pick up her mail, and was confronted by the knife-wielding youth when she returned to the house.

He said the woman managed to flee the house after the indecent assault took place, while the boy fled on foot in the opposite direction.

The woman called the OPP and the manhunt was launched.

A dozen officers in six patrol cars took part. The OPP Jet Ranger helicopter was called in from Toronto Airport, and the German Shepherd tracking dog was rushed to Halton Hills from the Burlington OPP detachment.

P.C. Terry Devine is investigating the incident.



PORTABLE CLASSROOMS were hauled from Burlington to be used at Acton High School and M. Z. Bennett. Police cruisers escorted the truckers. Halton Board of Education owns 50 portables.

## Three portables moved to town

Students at Acton High School will no longer have to walk to the Acton Music Centre for classes as the Halton Board of Education provided two portables last week.

One of the portables will be used for music classes and the other for classroom space. There are now four portable classrooms at the high school site and one new one at M. Z. Bennett.

The two portables were trucked from Burlington's Eastview school and were of the old wooden design. They are now made of aluminum siding. These were built in the early 60's.

Own 50  
Art Burrell of the Halton Board of Education said he thought he recognized the portables as being the older constructions which cost an estimated \$8,000 at the time of construction by Holiday Homes of Burlington. The Board of Education owns 50 portables which are moved throughout the county frequently.

The need for the portables at Acton High is because of the projected enrolment increase this fall.

## To form groups to prevent thefts

Mrs. Christine Pearson is missing her year-old black Labrador named Toby.

Toby disappeared on July 20 near his home on the 6th Line, Nassagaweya. His owners, after reading a story in the Free Press last week about suspected dognapping in that area, became uneasy when their dog failed to return home after several days.

Mrs. Pearson has contacted the Milton Ontario Provincial Police, who have come up with no clues to the disappearance. She feels a group should be formed within the area to catch the thieves.

before more animals are stolen.

She has volunteered to take any names of persons willing to form such a group. Anyone whose dogs or pets have vanished in that area, or would like to prevent their animals from being missing are asked to telephone Mrs. Pearson at 853-1869.

## Future uncertain for sanctuary

The wildflower sanctuary on the 40 acre former reservoir property at Silvercreek, suggested by the Garden Club of Hamilton, has run into red tape, and Halton Hills administration committee cannot see a way out at the moment.

The committee received a letter from the Niagara Escarpment Commission saying they did not buy land, but Councillor Roy Booth maintained the town never asked them to buy it. "We simply asked them if they felt it should be retained."

Councillor Dick Howitt said if the NEC really wanted the property they could ask the Ministry of Natural Resources to acquire it.

Howitt wondered why the town couldn't keep the land, and use the \$10,000 offered by the Garden Club to fence the area.

Councillor Ric Morrow said \$10,000 would not fence 40

acres. He recalled the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was prepared to offer \$40,000 three years ago, but the province would not subsidize it.

"What else can we do with the land?" asked Booth.

Recreation Director Doug Collison said part could be used for a day camp site and the rest left for outdoor education.

Even Allan Vaughan, landscape specialist with Ontario Hydro, agrees the place Hydro selected for the 250-foot wide transmission corridor route across Highway 24, east of Ospringe, was dreadful.

If Hydro has its way the towers will ride over the crest of the large hill, east of the hamlet of Ospringe, in full view for miles. Mr. Vaughan said Hydro had to make a "saw-off" and chose the high hill over other areas.

Residents of the area wanted to know what the "saw-off" was but no information was supplied.

In a two-car collision on Main St. Sunday, drivers were David Holmes, 53 Willow, with \$200 damage to his vehicle, and Jean Bialentine, Guelph, with \$300 damage to hers.

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## Firefighters go to Kelso dragging lake for body

Deputy fire chief Bern Van Fleet and firefighter Wil Duvall were called to Kelso Conservation Area on Sunday to drag the lake for the body of Vincent Chung, 39, of Willowdale.

The drowning victim disappeared around supper time as he swam from boat to boat in the lake.

The Acton men were called down to the scene of the accident by Milton Ontario Provincial Police around 6.30 and assisted in dragging operations until ten o'clock that evening. The body was found by divers at 2.10 p.m. the following day in 18 feet of water, approximately 55 feet from shore.

John Golden, also from Acton, went down with the fire fighters and assisted the other divers.

Mr. Chung is survived by his wife Barbara and three daughters.

Second

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Hospital. Firefighters were called to a grass fire behind the Maplecrest apartments on Churchill Rd. S. on Wednesday. The flames near the railroad tracks were soon extinguished.

Capital budget

Capital projections for the next five years was the subject of discussion Friday when 26 staff officials from the four area municipalities and the region met at Halton Centennial Manor.

Regional Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid said he wanted the early start on the capital budget to ensure early approvals and avoid delays in getting the work done.

He said now that there has been a common meeting the regional staffs will hold meetings with each municipality to discuss in detail projects which they hope to go ahead with at the area level.

Some benefit

Mr. Reid explained there was some benefit in having each part of the region know what the other part is doing. He pointed out cases where roadwork and sewer work

could be combined rather than having the roadwork done and ripped up to lay sewers at a later date.

"There will be competition for capital funds for projects in the region and it's better that everyone sees what is happening in other parts of the region and see where the priorities are before we come to the crunch," Mr. Reid says.

The group discussed a development plan for the region, a critique on the financial impact of past and present programs, and a critique on the capital budget program undertaken last year.

Abandoned

An abandoned vehicle left on Church St. E. was taken away by police Saturday. It was blocking the sidewalk and a driveway.

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