



LAST SHIFT for Acton detachment of the O.P.P. was taken by Jerry Gibson. It was "quiet." At midnight he filled his wastebasket, took his hat and coat and left.



KEYS TO THE police office in Acton are given by Corp. Bob Arbour of the O.P.P. to Staff Sergeant Bernard Ward of Halton Regional Police (centre) at midnight Sunday. Inspector Allan Stansbury, duty inspector from Oakville, (left) was among those present for the

auspicious moment. The O.P.P., which policed Acton since 1949, were honored as Citizens of the Year for 1975. Halton Regional Police included Acton and Esqueving township in their jurisdiction Sept. 1.



FIRST HALTON Regional policemen on duty here went out into the rain at midnight Sunday. They are Mike Michalski, Toronto, and Barry Holland, Mississauga. Both were formerly with the Toronto Police Department.

Midnight ceremony as regional policing begins

Last O.P.P. entries

Inside moment man's car stolen

Acton O.P.P. ended their career here with five collisions in their last few days and a wide variety of reportable occurrences.

Damage to a Department of Highways sign on No. 7 Highway was reported. It was pulled out and left on the shoulder of the road. August 26 an Acton man was charged with wilful damage in the case. He appears in court September 17.

A local man was charged with a breach of undertaking August 29.

Again on August 29 the rear wheel from a 10-speed bike was stolen from Victoria Ave. Charges.

At 3.30 p.m. August 29 as a result of a check of a hitch-hiker, an out-of-town man was arrested on an out-

standing warrant and turned over to Halton Regional Police in Georgetown.

At 10 p.m. August 29 a local man was charged with trespassing as a result of entering a hotel.

On August 30 at 7.20 a.m. there was a report of a broken window at the arena. A broken whisky bottle was found inside, according to police.

August 31 Ernie Marks parked outside his Mill St. home to run inside for a cigar before going to visit his daughter. When he came back out he saw his 1972 green Ford Torino being driven away. It hasn't been recovered yet. License number is DR5 042, the police report.

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Offer 27 courses at night school

There are 27 night school courses offered at Acton this fall—an all-time record. And another one, skin diving, is still being planned.

Brochures listing all the night school classes in Halton were delivered to Acton homes Monday. Co-ordinator

Boris Shean suggests, however, that anyone who didn't receive a brochure pick one up at the high school. There will also be a detailed advertisement in next week's paper.

Registration night is Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the school but advance registration will be accepted, using the form in the brochure or next week's paper.

Mr. Shean has most of the instructors lined up already for the night school season.

Amateur film making would be taught by Geoff Sansom, Best Sellers by Ken Ellis, Body language by Jim Goring, Bookkeeping for small business by Ian McGillivray, bridge by Bill Coats, typing by Jean Krul, consumer and personal law by Ian McGillivray, crochet by Mrs. E. McCulloch, English as a second language by Ken Ellis, Family Life by Brian Skerrett, fitness and recreation by Bruce Andrews, shopwork by

Clarence Rogvaldson, budgeting by Ian McGillivray, home equipment and repairs by Clarence Rogvaldson, stretch and sew with knit, and two classes of sewing by Kay Hannah; macramé by Sarah Hamilton, metric by Alan Eastwood, off-loom weaving by Sarah Hamilton, public speaking by Geoff Sansom, sketching by Jim Goring and two classes of yoga by Melanija Bray.

Not so certain are the instructors for conversational French, landscape and horticulture.

Dave Sale will instruct the skin diving class if it can be arranged for Acton pool.

In 1970-71 there were five classes here with 100 students; in 1971-72 there were 11 classes and 178 students; the next year six classes and just 79 students; in 1973-74 17 classes and 312 students and last year the record-breaking 19 classes and 356 students. Mr. Shean thinks there will be even more enrolling this year.



Motorcycle crash injures two area men

Two motorcyclists from Milton and Acton were seriously injured early Thursday morning in an accident on Highway 25 north of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

A spokesman for Milton District Hospital identified the injured as William Aubin, 24, of Bronte St. in Milton, and William Semence, in his 20s, of Peel St., Acton.

The spokesman said Aubin suffered a fractured left leg, while Semence fractured his left shoulder.

Details of the accident are not known, but the Oakville detachment of Halton Regional Police has no record of it.

Hospital officials were surprised when the two injured men showed up at 2 a.m. in a private car.

The spokesman said injured persons should only be transported in ambulances so their injuries won't get any worse.

Candidates to debate at R.L. school Thurs.

A Meet the Candidates night will be held at the Robert Little auditorium tomorrow evening (Thursday) September 4 at 8 p.m., according to Chamber of Commerce organizers. The three candidates have agreed to take part in a debate and question period here that evening.

The Chamber traditionally sponsors the Meet the Candidates night here before an election.

For the three men, Gary Dawkins, Bill Johnson and Julian Reed, it's the second of seven public meetings scheduled.

The first is tonight (Wednesday) in North Burlington; the third Friday in Georgetown; sponsored by the women's council; the fourth in Milton at the Martin St. school Sept. 8 sponsored by the Milton Chamber of Commerce; the fifth in Milton at the school for the deaf Sept.

9 sponsored by the Renaissance committee; the sixth in Burlington Sept. 11 in the afternoon at the Estaminet restaurant sponsored by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and the sixth in Georgetown Sept. 11 at the high school sponsored by the Georgetown Jaycees.

In Acton there will be a panel discussion followed by the answering of written questions from the floor.

Change bus route

An Esqueving township school bus route was changed before school began Wednesday, following calls from parents in the area. The bus had originally planned to travel in a reverse direction from last year. This required most of the children to cross the road before boarding.

Last week it was agreed the bus would change direction and most of the 18 or so children involved will now board and leave the bus on the same side of the road as their homes.

The area effected is a large block including No. 7 highway, the 6th and 7th lines south from the highway.

Norton bus lines takes the youngsters involved to Limehouse school.

Broken glass

Broken glass at the beach area and throughout the park has had some parents concerned this past summer.

Rain, fog and dark, deserted streets faced the first patrol of Halton Regional Police out on Acton and Esqueving roads, after the official turnover of jurisdictions Sunday at the stroke of midnight.

The last O.P.P. officer turned over a "quiet" shift to the two men of the Halton Regional police on duty, and the night stayed that way.

Ontario Provincial Police had assumed policing duties for Acton in 1949. The O.P.P. from Milton detachment patrolled Esqueving and Nassagaweya.

Now as a result of regional government, Halton Regional Police has taken over policing everywhere but in Nassagaweya and along Highway 401.

The men of the Acton detachment of the O.P.P. were honored as the town's Citizens of the Year last spring. They all moved out after their last shifts last week.

They were Corp. Bob Arbour, Cons. Bruce McArthur, Bob Willmott, Ron Barrett and Jerry Gibson who transfer to Milton; Dave Boyes who goes to Guelph; Gary Lee who goes to Burlington; Murray McCrea and Duncan McAleese who go to Simcoe.

They are replaced by Staff Sergeant Bernard Ward, Cons. Rod Donaldson, Tom Roduck, Burrell Gailing, Allan Dayack, Derek Marshall, Barry Holland, Alex Pearce, Bruce Lindsay, Michael Michalski, Edward Carlstrom and William Piper.

Ceremony Deputy-chief Fred Oliver of Oakville was present for the turnover of authority and spoke a few ceremonious words at midnight.

"I hope we can police as well as you have in the past, he told Corp. Arbour. All police have problems, but we can deal with them... You've done very well. I'm sure we'll have no problems."

Staff Sergeant Ward stated he has had nothing but the fullest co-operation from Corp. Arbour. "He has been a fantastic help."

Others present for the auspicious few moments at midnight were Inspector Allan Stansbury, Oakville, and Sgt. Waller of the Criminal Investigations Branch of No. 2 district, Oakville, two reporters and two citizens.

Smiling Corp. Bob Arbour handed over the keys to the office to Staff Sergeant Bernard Ward. The staff sergeant expects to be in the Acton office mornings.

Patrol change The last O.P.P. officer officially on duty here was Cons. Jerry Gibson who is now transferred to Milton. He said the shift was quiet. The last call he had, about 11:45 p.m. reported a fight at the Mill-Main corner. He arrived to find a rain-swept deserted corner. "Maybe somebody just wanted to see my face again," he quipped.

The first two men out on patrol at midnight for the regional force were Cons. Mike Michalski, Toronto and Cons. Barry Holland, Mississauga. Both of them have been with the Toronto Police Department.

The night proved peaceful. First recorded item by the new force was a morning arrest, on a warrant, at 8 a.m. Monday.

No incidents The new police force has had a "quiet" few days here so far, according to Staff Sgt. Ward.

About noon Monday they went to Fairy Lake to check out groups of juveniles gathered there around picnic tables, but there was no problem.

There were no accidents to be investigated as of Tuesday morning.

New number The new police number is 878-5511, which gives the central switchboard. Calls are relayed out to the relevant regional force.

Phone calls to the old Acton number are now automatically relayed to the new number.

A phone has been installed outside the police office door in the town hall, for emergencies. It puts the caller directly in touch with the police switchboard.

A notice listing the new number was sent out to every home effected.



DARRAN Edmundson was the prime organizer of the muscular dystrophy carnival held in the arena on Thursday.

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Weather station for Halton Hills

Halton Hills is to have its own weather station situated in the picturesque Silver Creek gorge.

The project is being completely underwritten by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority at a cost of \$3,000. The Authority now depends on Toronto International airport at Malton for weather

reports. Members want a more accurate weather analysis for this area.

The first part of the project involves installing rain gauges and low meters in the Silver Creek gorge. In the next couple of months the remaining equipment to record temperatures, humidity, precipitation and wind velocity will be installed to complete

the weather station.

The Authority feels they will have better warning of floods such as those which almost annually afflict Glen Williams during the spring run-off if they have more accurate information from the area of the Niagara Escarpment where flood conditions often originate.