



Police profile

Former Metro officer getting to know people

Described by his Staff Sergeant Bernard Ward as "the brains of the division", Constable Alexander Pearce, of the Halton Regional Police, is extremely modest about his B.A. in Social Sciences from the University of Toronto.

Born and raised in Toronto, where he was on the police force for a year, Const. Pearce described how in the city he got the feeling he wanted to move out into the country like this area. This was one of the reasons why he started with the Halton Regional Police three months ago. He is, at present, living in Toronto, but hopes to move to town "in the not too distant future".

Const. Pearce's job in Toronto entailed mainly "walking the beat". He explained how he would occasionally go out in the car, but this was infrequent.

On the Halton Police, he is doing the same job as everyone else—everything

from walking to driving. He patrols all the police boundaries. Unlike Toronto, the constable is getting to know people. He explained that in the city, shop owners were the only ones you would see more than once or twice. Here it is different.

Const. Pearce's comical highlight of working on the Halton force was when he caught a 50 pound snapping turtle in Milton.

He points out that so far, the job has matched his personality, quiet and reserved.

His favourite shift is the four to 12 stint. He explains this is because he hates to wake up at 5 o'clock in the morning to be to work on time for the regular shift.

At the present time, he is doing graduate work in criminology in a three year night school course. At the end this will earn him a certificate of criminology. Constable Pearce explains

this is to enrich his knowledge and will not necessarily earn him a promotion. He feels this depends on experience.

"Education is a stepping stone, but experience is just as important." He added that one helps the other.

He explained that in Toronto, his job was much more specialized which was good for the city, but in Halton, the force is smaller

and newer, which explains why everyone does the same job.

Constable Pearce would, eventually, like to get into youth work, although not as a safety officer or similar duties.

For the division's "smartest" man, Constable Pearce likes to play down his superior's statement.

However, it is obvious to those around him that his modesty is second only to his intelligence.

• NOTICE •

On Thursday, Oct. 16/75 the town is providing a special pick up to the urban areas. This special pick up is to remove articles not normally picked up during regular collections. We would request all residents to have all unwanted articles placed at the roadside by 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, 1975.

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Council meeting

Erin calls the tune on requests for homes

'Come Back to Erin' was the theme three petitioners to Erin Township council were hoping to hear last Wednesday evening but didn't.

The first request at the monthly meeting in the township offices in Hillsburgh came from Mr. Silverstein of R. R. 3, Acton and Toronto. Through his counsel, R. R. Dodokin of Georgetown, Mr. Silverstein asked council to spot zone his farm on Five Sideroad between the Townline and First Line so that he might build a permanent residence for himself and his family on the property. As an alternate solution, he has already applied to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for a severance but as this is not really what he wants his appeal has not been heard.

Mr. Silverstein bought his farm in 1973 and as a condition of purchase named the obtaining of a permit to build a second residence on the property. He subsequently approached the clerk regarding a permit, but council stated that, since he did not then own the property, it would not make the decision. As there was at that time no by-law against a second residence, Mr. Silverstein then waived the condition.

When he bought the property, he discovered a permit could not be granted because he was not a bona fide farmer and, in the interim, a new by-law was introduced which no longer allowed for a second residence on a property.

Mr. Silverstein, who has 40

horses on his property under the care of a farm manager, Mr. Lawrence, presently commutes to his Erin Twp. farm from Toronto.

Council suggested to him that he move his wife and family into the existing frame building on the farm and obtain other accommodation nearby for his farm manager, his wife and three children and three other employees. Councillor Ormesher felt that severance would be more advantageous.

Reeve Donald Matheson said that although the former by-law had stated that an accessory building could be allowed, this had been abused by people who built the second building for themselves instead of for their hired man, while they commuted to Toronto. He asked Mr. Silverstein, through counsel, to write out an application for a spot zone change and said it would be considered.

A second request to come to Erin was placed before council by Mr. Scott representing Premier Concrete Products. Premier are seeking an amendment to zoning for extractive use for prospective quarry sites south and east of the town of Erin which they hope to develop.

Mr. Scott presented a draft of a by-law which he hopes to present to the OMB who will hear the appeal of Premier Concrete Products on November 12, 1975. Reeve Matheson referred to a copy of the resolution of council acknowledging its position in

respect to this by-law, dated August 6, 1975, which states that council rejects the revised amendment by-law and remains opposed to the by-law change.

Wrong tune
The third delegation did not have its tune played either, although they've been coming back to Erin council, with their plans for many months now. This delegation represented the Armstrong family to whom OMB has granted rezoning of land to residential from agricultural for subdivision purposes. Although it will be two or three years before any developing takes place, they would like the subdivision approved in principle.

Council felt however, that instead of the plan presented which calls for a subdivision of 33 lots of approximately one-third acre, the Armstrongs should look into the feasibility of providing estate type lots of one acre. Councillor Ormesher noted that this would not be economically as advantageous to the developers. As this delegation has been kept waiting so long, council stated they hoped to present them with a definite answer at the next meeting, once neighbouring property owners have been given the opportunity to present their case.

Offensive
Cause for concern was expressed by Councillor Ormesher over two occurrences in the Ospringe area. He noted first that a disorderly array of used building materials and a polyethylene covered building had appeared on farm land, 1/2 mile south of Ospringe on the east side of Highway 25. He also said that he was in receipt of a letter from an Ospringe resident who complained of raw sewage emanating from a neighbouring household and of an offensive manure pile on or near her property line.

Last to appear before council was Gerald Bayne of Hillsburgh. Mr. Bayne would like to have a second building permit for land which he owns but this cannot be granted because the land is not on an open road. He expressed concern that, although he had paid for the installation of underground wiring to develop the property, he might be unable to recoup his investment even if he brought the road up to standard as the township might be reluctant to take over the road.



AWARD OF MERIT was presented to Dills Printing "in recognition for dedication and service to the bowling industry". Pictured are Rose Radyk, Georgetown, YBC provincial chairman; Kay Dills of the Free Press and Ken Hulford, proprietor of Acton Bowling Lanes.

Bowlers cite papers

Certificate of merit was presented to Dills Printing and Publishing last week by Rose Radyk, Georgetown, first vice-president of the Bowling Proprietors Association of Ontario and director Ken Hulford, Acton.

This is the first year for such an award and it was presented "in tribute for the assistance of the papers in getting people acquainted with the industry," Mrs. Radyk said.

"Our bowlers appreciate the service," Mr. Hulford added. "It's a well-read column".

Apple a day

School children have been visiting Chudleigh's apple orchards. Even the nursery school children took a fun tour there.

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