

Police profile

# Const. Rod Donaldson man of many talents

Const. Rod Donaldson of the Halton Regional Police has enough jobs and hobbies to keep him going for a while. Dubbed "the cartooning cop", Const. Donaldson used to spend quite a bit of time observing his fellow officers and drawing cartoons. Subjects could include a car accident, police meeting or something about a prisoner.

Yankees held his major league playing rights. Another hobby of the busy man is raising purebred

Doberman pincers. The artist ball player dog raiser proudly says that he sold ten pups from the last litter.



**Background**  
The artist worked in the Thunder Bay area, then Fort Arthur / Fort William for nine years on the Ontario Provincial Police force. In 1966 he joined the Georgetown Police and last September was transferred to the Acton Division of the Regional Police.

While in Georgetown, he did so many of the popular cartoons fellow workers started to put together a book which they hoped to have printed and distributed among the members of the police force.

Const. Donaldson explained that he has not done any cartoons about the men in the Acton division yet. He said he doesn't know any of them well enough yet to put his opinions down on paper.

Const. Donaldson said he became interested in drawing at a very early age and took commercial art training for four years at Danforth Technical school in Toronto.

The artist's talents are not confined to the office, however. He has done drawings for children, baseball cartoons, logos and letter-heads.

Cartooning is not his only talent. For one season he was a southpaw with the Plattsburgh, New York, baseball team in the Pony League, a Class AA minor league circuit. Unfortunately he threw his arm out in the first season he played pro and retired to become a police officer. He didn't get to wear New York Yankee pinstripes. The

CONSTABLE ROD Donaldson is a man of many talents. While working on the Georgetown detachment of the Halton Regional Police, he drew cartoons of scenes around the office. He is an ex-pro baseball player and raises Doberman pincers dogs. He was transferred to the Acton precinct in September.

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their belief in moral absolutes are getting a little upset by the present trends.

What is most significant about the present system is that it is openly said the kids are encouraged to question. Yet, when the parents question certain trends they do not understand, and when they do understand and say they don't like it, they are treated with disdain, and in the case of Dr. Meyer, almost with hysteria.

However, in spite of my 'dark ages' education I am not one to accept without questioning and although I have delved into this values education, I have still come up with nothing tangible. But I do know the application is left up to the individual teachers, who may or may not know how to apply it. Probably, they themselves would prefer absolutes.

To get back to the Board of Education. The crux of the matter is that Ken Campbell called a spade a spade. It is over such matters as the values education that he is forced to send his children to a private school. There are many in the same situation. We would ask that one grade school and one high school in Halton be made into traditional schools where our children will not be subject to such social engineering. Furthermore, the committee which was supposed to have investigated Ken Campbell's alleged crime did not at anytime consult with him or the parties who gave him the information. The statement that condemned the Halton Renaissance and Ken in particular for dishonesty was made without any investigation whatsoever. It is obvious that in calling Ken a liar they too have no faith in the Judeo-Christian values. I would like the board to state specifically any items of dishonesty persistent or otherwise. Hyperbole, perhaps may have been displayed, but never dishonesty.

Let us say that newspapers, the public, the Board of Education and others have called the members of the Renaissance, particularly some of them a lot of names. But in "daring to be a Lion" my own science is clear and I feel very good.

Finally, the intimidating atmosphere of the recorded vote on the censure of the Halton Renaissance reminded me of "The Annual Farm" by George Orwell. Poor George Orwell, what a prophet he turned out to be.

Yours sincerely,  
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## Christmas

Christmas

By Peter Cavendish

Hail! Joyous season of the year,  
Season of the Christ child's birth  
Bringing a feeling of good cheer,  
To young and old across the earth

Ring out the church bells loud and clear,  
Gay lights and laughter everywhere,  
Friendships renewed from far and near,  
Hearts full of love beyond compare

Time when our thoughts and wishes go,  
To those not quite so well as we,  
Sending a season's wish to show,  
They have not slipped our memory

Christmas is for the young and old  
In all our hearts, joy should abound  
Bearing to all like gifts of gold,  
God's gifts of love and peace renowned

# Report from Queen's Park

By Julian Reed, M.P.P. (Halton-Burlington)



Provincial rent controls proposals have been much discussed this past week, and a number of briefs have been submitted to the Legislative Committee considering these controls. Spokesmen for apartment owners have maintained that at least 10 percent increases in rents are necessary to cover higher taxes, hydro and maintenance costs.

On the other hand, others have maintained that many landlords will make windfall profits next year even if rent increases are limited to the 8 percent proposed by the government. During consideration of the controls by a committee of the whole house, the legislation was amended to include rooming houses, as well as apartment, houses, non-profit, limited dividend and public housing units and accommodation costing more than \$500 a month.

In effect, rental increases would be restricted to eight percent, retroactive to last July 30, for "any premises used or intended to be used for residential purposes." The eight percent limit would ap-

ply also to rents increased after January 1, but landlords and tenants could appeal to review boards.

Replying to a question from Remo Mancini (Liberal, Essex South) the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations told the Legislature that the Government's proposed home warranty programme will not be introduced this session. However, if the federal government does not bring in legislation on such warranties, Ontario will do so before the spring construction season begins.

James Bullbrook (Liberal, Sarnia) and David Peterson (Liberal, London Centre) members of the Legislative Select Committee on the proposed 25 percent Hydro increase refused to sign the committee's report, because they feel the proposed trimming of the increase to 22 percent is not sufficient reduction. The report recommended a further reduction in the rate should the province decide to trim Hydro's proposed 1976 borrowing programme, and a \$400 million cut in Hydro's share of the Government's \$2.2 billion borrowing programme would permit a reduction in the increase to

about 20 percent. A 22 percent increase will translate into an increased cost to municipal utilities of about 16.5 percent and a jump of 13.9 percent in a "typical" residential power bill if other utility costs remain constant.

The report recommended that the Committee's term be extended from December 31 to March 31, 1976, "to allow the committee to fulfill its terms of reference in a responsible manner." The 22 percent increase in rates to the utilities and large industries served directly by Hydro is described as an "interim" measure.

The statement by the Liberal Members, disassociating themselves from the Committee's report, argued that the impact on retail sales should be held to 12 percent in the spirit of battling inflation, and suggested that Hydro's financial position could be maintained by the federal provincial Government's agreement to forgo pay-back due on their investment in the Pickering Nuclear Station and the province's non-collection of \$16 million in rentals.

The Ministry of Health has ordered all hospitals in the province to freeze salaries of senior employees, the

number of full-time and part-time staff and any planned expansion in programmes and services for 1976. Hospitals have also been directed not to submit budgets for 1976 pending further directives from the Ministry dealing with areas where government policy has not yet been established.

The salary freeze will not apply to middle management, such as head nurses and nursing supervisors, or

anyone below that level. It is directed at senior management, because these categories have received average increases of between 20 percent and 40 percent in the past two years.

Health Minister Frank Miller has indicated that some 24 provincial hospitals are to be closed down in order to cut health costs, although he has not specified which hospitals will be affected. He has stated that in areas where the government closes hospitals, workers will be assisted to find alternative employment. There have been charges that some hospitals in Ontario are unsafe, and the Minister has admitted that this is so. One obvious criterion which will be used in deciding whether hospitals should be closed or not is the safety factor, but poor conditions alone would not be considered sufficient reason to close a facility, according to the Minister.

The mediators in the Toronto School Teachers' Strike have been working around the clock in an effort to reconcile the two dissenting parties, and William Dickie, Ontario's Assistant Deputy Minister of Labor, has said "There comes a time in negotiations when the parties become very serious about getting a settlement when they know they have to make concessions. We're reaching that point now." However, the federal anti-inflation board has ruled that teachers have already been offered too much money.

Some Metro students have been attempting to be accepted at schools in their parents' cottage areas. However, on November 12, the first day of the strike, the Simcoe County Board of Education banned such attendance, in order to protect Simcoe schools against an influx of metro students. Education Minister Tom Wells has indicated that he feels such a ban cannot be justified under the terms of the Education Act, and the Simcoe County Board has now agreed to allow metro students to attend classes in Simcoe "if we get an order from the Minister".

# M.P.P. Johnson puts political career on line

Jack Johnson's reaction to recent suggestions that hospitals in Mount Forest, Shelburne, Orangeville or Fergus could be closed or their roles changed in the near future was decisive indeed. In fact, he has laid his political career on the line.

The Progressive Conservative M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin-Peel said that he would not run for his Party should drastic changes or complete shut-downs be made.

"I was elected to represent the best interests of the

people in my Riding and any cutback in health care would not be doing that job," he said. "If they make changes here they can look for a new candidate next time round."

Fighting

Mr. Johnson made it pretty clear that he will not quit in mid-term should the Ministry of Health take a different viewpoint on health care in the area. "I will be fighting any health cutbacks in the hospitals all the way," he said.

Mr. Johnson said earlier that Doug Wiseman, M.P.P.,

Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, The Honourable Frank Miller, assured him that the hospitals in Shelburne and Mount Forest are not in any danger of closing. Fergus and Orangeville hospitals were apparently never in that danger.

Mr. Johnson made his remarks following a letter published last week. The letter from Art Carr, publisher of the Palmerston Observer, suggested that area hospitals may not be closed but turned into Homes for the Aged.

# Yule log tradition make fireplace safe

The yule log is still a traditional part of Christmas for many Canadians. While it may have lost some of its original meaning, the feeling of peace engendered by a crackling fire in the fireplace is unchanged by time.

The Ontario Safety League offers these suggestions to ensure a safe yule fireplace:

Check the flue before lighting a fire. A clogged, dirty or broken flue can cause dangerous chimney fires.

For many, the traditional natural log has given way to the manufactured paper and wax fireplace log. These long-burning logs provide hours of colorful, clean enjoyment if properly used. Follow the

directions on the packaging to the letter. Keep a bucket of water and some sand close at hand. Never burn more than one log at a time. Only after the first log has burned away is it safe to add a second.

The Ontario Safety League hopes you enjoy your traditional Christmas—safely.

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