

## RCMP join Police Week

The Halton Region detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be taking part in local Police Week activities for the first time this year.

Sergeant Wayne Graham Tuesday invited North Halton residents to visit the RCMP information booth to be located on the main floor of Burlington Mall, Guelph Line south of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

RCMP work  
He said the display will include posters and pamphlets

outlining the activities of Canada's national police force, and one of the officers from the Bronte-based detachment is to be outfitted in the RCMP's famous red serge dress.

Sergeant Graham said the booth might also feature a slide presentation. It will be open Thursday and Friday until 9 p.m.

He said the public is invited to query the officers on any aspect of RCMP work. The RCMP detachment at Bronte was opened in 1974.



P.C. KEITH WOODS identifies part of the Halton Regional Police display for pupils from M. Z. Bennett school. The pupils visited the Acton precinct during Police Week. The display can also be seen in Georgetown and at the Milton Mall.

## Fire loss up first quarter

Fire chief Mick Holmes presented his first quarterly report to the general administration committee of Halton Hills council, comparing figures of 1976 with 1975.

In 1976 from Jan. 1 to March 31 there were nine local calls with \$30,000 damage. In the same period of 1975 there were seven local calls with \$11,500 damage.

In 1976 the brigade was called to two accidents in that period, involving seven deaths. In the previous years there were also two accidents, with four deaths resulting from them.

There were calls to three car fires in 1976 and two car fires the year before.

Townships  
There were no fire calls to Erin township, in 1976 and

three in the first three months of 1975. There was one fire call to Milton in 1976 and three the year before.

There were no false alarms in the first three months of this year and one the year before. There was one call to Eramosa township this year.

"It is to be noted," commented Mr. Holmes, "that the incidents are quite similar in comparison with the loss somewhat larger due to the Dominion hotel fire."

He said 11 incidents were investigated when the alarm was not sounded.

"We trust fire incidents will not increase in the remainder of the year and it is to be hoped they will decrease through the efforts of fire prevention."

## Supper concert plan for June

It's possible that Acton Citizens' Band may enter two classes of competition at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. One class presents the most difficult test piece of any of the band classes.

The band is presently divided into two groups studying and playing technical works. They are considering the possibility of entering their usual class and the most difficult category as well. Band practices are

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Because their time is taken up with technical practices, the band is not presenting a spring concert this year.

Supper concert  
Instead they are planning a supper concert with the high school band in June. "We are going to try to have more of these in the summer," says bandmaster George Elliott.

The band may have a fall concert as well as the usual popular Christmas concert this year.

## Professor says noise from duck, not UFO

Chris Purton, a professor from the Erin area, may have tossed a wrench into at least one unidentified flying object story in Erin village and township areas.

Several weeks ago, there had been many reported sightings of mysterious lights and noises in that area. Many of the accounts corresponded with each other.

Professor Purton claims to have recorded strange noises he heard in his swamp and sent the tapes to a biologist at York University. Here, the noise was identified as a peed-bill grebe, a type of duck. The duck makes a loud, monotonously repeated sound, heard over long distances.

No identity  
The professor has been discussing UFOs with Orton resident Lindy Tucker, who, at this time last year, heard a similar noise, and took a recording of it to the UFO Centre in Toronto. They in turn could not identify the sound.

Mrs. Tucker had a hair-raising experience last spring when she heard the noise constantly for several days. One night, when she and some neighbours went to investi-

gate, she says, a huge strange flying object took off from behind the barn, as if launching. The noise continued for a few more weeks, before disappearing.

Professor Purton said he saw lights over the same swamp but with the aid of binoculars, was able to ascertain the lights came from planes taking off from Milton airport. Mrs. Tucker firmly believes there are intelligent life forms existing on other planets and visiting earth. She also believes some of the visitors could be coming from other dimensions of outer space. Mrs. Tucker has agreed to act as area liaison for the Toronto UFO Centre.

The five sightings on April 7, all in the same area of the sky at the same time of evening have not yet been explained however.

Florence Wright was sitting in her Spring St. Erin home when she saw a strange object streaking through the sky. Harold Manes, Main St. Erin, brother of David Manes of Acton, was driving on Highway 24 at the same time

and saw a greenish colored object flash across his windshield. Colin Newland reported seeing a similar object at the same time and place on his way to Erin school. Marg White, a teacher at Erin public school, told Mr. Newland that same evening she too had seen an object in the same part of the sky, while heading to the school, as was Mr. Newland.

## New officer

Cons. Keith Woudstra has been assigned to the Acton and Etobicoke precinct of Halton Regional police, beginning May 24. He is transferred from Georgetown.

The detachment lost Cons. Bill Piper in March when he left the force and took a position in Mississauga. There are 10 men on the Acton force now with Staff Sergeant Bernie Ward. Cons. Woudstra will make 11.

## Bird watchers at Mountsberg

Would you like to become a bird watcher but don't know what you're looking for? Halton Region Conservation Authority is running a program at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre to teach you all about birds.

It's called Birds of a Feather, now and forever, and runs each weekend from May 15 to May 30. Bird watching workshops will be carried out to allow visitors to

become acquainted with this fast growing hobby. Visitors will be taken by horse drawn wagon to banding demonstration sites and a live bird of prey exhibit will provide people with an informative view of this important group of birds.

Bird feeding  
A bird house and feeding station display will be set up in the interpretive centre. Films and slides will include topics such as value, management and the enjoyment of birds.

Bird banding and trapping demonstrations will be set up at three locations along the lake with co-operation from local bird banders.

Cost is \$2.50 a car. The Wildlife Centre is on the Town Line, west of Campbellville along Five Sideroad.

## Offers home for wildlife

Garnet Reed of Proton Station would like some wild ducks and Canada geese from Fair Y Lake.

In a letter to Halton Hills administration committee, Mr. Reed said he had a pond and grew feed for the ducks he now has, so could look after any more birds well.

Councillor Roy Booth pointed out the town was trying to discourage the feeding of wild birds so they would resume their normal habits of migration.

Councillor George Maltby said by October there would be older birds who would not migrate even if they are not fed, and suggested at that time consideration should be given to letting anyone have them who can look after them.

Councillor Les Duby said he was more interested in making sure the signs telling people not to feed the birds were erected right away.

## Minor damage Milton plant

A fire late last week created lots of inky smoke but caused only "very minor damage" to the large Barber-Greene Canada Ltd. manufacturing plant north of Steeles Ave., a company spokesman said.

Jim Walsh, vice-president and general manager, said several canvas bags used to collect dust were destroyed, but the loss from the fire would only be several hours of production time as the plant had to be cleared due to the smoke.

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