

Thursday afternoon

# One dead, six injured two two-car crashes

One man is dead and six others injured after two two-car collisions at Highway 24 and County Road 27 Thursday afternoon.

Jack Cooper, 71, of R.R. 2, Rockwood, survived the first accident with no injuries. However, only five minutes later, he was struck and killed during a second accident.

Guelph Ontario Provincial Police explain that Mr. Cooper was driving on County Rd. 27, turning onto the highway. A car driven by Walter Carpenter, 70, of Guelph was southbound on the highway and swerved to miss the Cooper vehicle.

jumped the boulevard, and into the front window at Stratton's Garage, at the corner of the intersection. The Cooper vehicle also swerved, and crashed into a mailbox. Minor injuries were received by Mrs. Winifred Cooper, Mr. Carpenter, and his wife Barbara. This accident took place at 2 p.m.

Police say Mr. Cooper and his wife left their vehicle and walked across the road to see if anyone was hurt in the Carpenter car. Five minutes later, according to police, Mr. Cooper crossed over the highway to shut the engine of his car off.

As Mr. Cooper was returning to the garage, a car

driven by Anna Brunemeyer, R.R. 4, Rockwood, was northbound on Highway 24, and making a left hand turn into Stratton's. An International milk tank truck, driven by Emerson Martin, heading south swerved to avoid the Brunemeyer vehicle. It turned sideways and rolled over three times, striking Mr. Cooper in the process. He was killed instantly, the police said.

The milk truck, valued at \$27,000, was totally demolished. Another \$1,000 damage was sustained to the Brunemeyer vehicle. A total of \$500 in estimated damages was sustained to the two vehicles of the first accident, al-

though there was \$5,000 damages to Stratton's building. Rockwood and Eramosa fire department was called to put out a fire in the truck and to water down the road. The truck had spilled gas on the pavement as it was rolling.

Taken to St. Joseph's hospital with minor injuries were Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Brunemeyer, and her one-year-old daughter Naomi.

Mrs. Arthur Whitwood (Violet) all of Norfolk England.

Funeral service was held at McIntyre and Wilkie Funeral Home, Guelph Saturday. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Over the years, the corner has been the scene of several fatal accidents. The death record prompted Eramosa township council to petition the Ministry of Transportation and Communication for a flashing light at the corner. This was installed about two years ago, along with rumble strips on County Road 27.



THIS CAR SWERVED ACROSS the parking lot and went through the window of the general store in Stratton's Corners Thursday. Driver was not

hurt in this accident, but was killed moments later in a second accident on the same corner.



CAR AND MILK TRUCK collided in a second accident at Stratton's Corners Thursday.

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CATHY UPTON, Acton high school student, was guest speaker at the Rotary Club dinner meeting last Tuesday. Cathy represented Acton in Ottawa at the Adventure in Citizenship project. See page 6 for her story.

## Countdown on weekend fun

The count down is on for the second annual Back to Acton Days weekend, June 30, July 1 and 2.

Organizers are arranging an exciting array of events bound to keep a smile on everyone's face.

A few items will be happening Friday evening, but most of the action takes place Saturday and Sunday. Music will be piped out to the street from the 747 dining lounge and anyone wishing to do so, may dance to their hearts' content out on the sidewalk Friday evening. Acton's Citizens' Band will also be performing in front of the municipal buildings.

At ten the next morning, a Calithumpan Parade will be departing from three locations around town, picking up people in its wake. The three parades will meet at the Mill and Main Streets corner for the official kick off of events.

The dictionary describes calithump as a boisterous parade with blowing of tin

horns and other discordant noises, also a burlesque serenade, a charivari. Everyone in town is welcome to join in the parades. They leave from Beckers Plaza, Lakeview and Kingham at 10 a.m.

Meanwhile, while the townspeople are hopefully flowing into the business area in the parade, there will be skateboard demonstrations and contest in front of J & T Sports. This will run for most of the morning.

At 11 a.m., the kick-off ceremonies will be underway. The Acton Citizens' Band and a Sweet Adeline group from Mississauga will be on hand to provide entertainment throughout these ceremonies. At 11:30, there will be a bike decorating contest. However, only bikes from the Calithumpan parade are eligible to enter the contest, says weekend chairman Ed Wood.

At noon, there will be a bike safety rodeo in front of the IGA. This is sponsored by the

newly formed Optimist club. From 11:30 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 10 there will be Bingo, sponsored by the Lions club in the vicinity of the United Church.

Dogs and cats are welcome at the pet contest from two to four at the Mill-Main corner.

The Halton Hills Recreation Department will be offering a Senior Citizens' fitness class in the Y from 1:30 to 2:30. There will also be one Friday evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Prospect Park for the children.

The Music Stop is putting on a rock concert at the Mill-Main corner from three to six.

Throughout the entire day, Mill St. will be closed off to all traffic except pedestrians. Various arts and crafts groups will be having displays in the mall. The Halton Hills Energy Conservation Group will have a booth showing the various ways to save the much valued energy and Dills Printing and (Continued on Page 3)

## Scallen found guilty of fraud

A Limehouse man, who ran a "monastery" just north of the hamlet for several years, was convicted Friday night by a jury of six men and six women of three counts of fraud. He will be sentenced July 10.

Dennis Edward Scallen, 55, who pleaded not guilty to the three charges at the outset of his trial which began June 5, said he was surprised by the verdict the jury brought in after 10 hours of deliberations but not "shocked. I've been in too many wars to be shocked by anything."

"I feel wonderful. . . It was a trial of my beliefs, not a trial of me," Scallen noted while urging the audience, to "keep smiling."

Scallen, who says he is a Roman Catholic priest, said the ordeal of the two week trial hasn't shaken his "faith" and vowed to continue his fight. "It isn't over yet," he declared. He was charged with defrauding three Oakville residents and a Brantford couple of \$4,080 while posing as a Roman Catholic priest.

His lawyer Jack Bellegem, Scallen's former neighbour when he lived in Georgetown, performed

brilliantly in a losing effort observers agreed. Bellegem said he doesn't know yet if there will be an appeal.

"There are many avenues open to us and appeal is just one that will be explored," he stated.

Assistant Crown Attorney Larry Owen, obviously pleased with the verdict, said he plans to proceed with one rape charge and two charges of indecent assault against Scallen sometime this fall. He said he could see no reason to drop the rape and indecent assault charges which were laid at the same time as the fraud counts.

Both the defendant and his lawyer were anticipating a hung jury as the most likely result of the case and for a few hours it appeared their prediction would prove correct.

About five-and-one-half hours after starting their deliberations the jury returned asking for the definition of fraud they heard that morning from Judge Alan B. Sprague in his charge to the jury. The jury asked at the same time what would happen if they couldn't reach a unanimous verdict. Judge Sprague told them that bridge

would be crossed when he came to it.

At 8:17 p.m. the jury came back again stating that after eight hours of deliberations they couldn't reach a unanimous verdict and "doubted" they could.

Sprague sent them back for further discussion and consideration and at 9:40 p.m. Halton County Court reopened and the jury came in with two messages—one that they had changed foremen and the other that they had reached a unanimous verdict.

The court sat in silence when the new foreman announced the verdict was guilty on all three counts.

Bellegem had the jury polled, with the same result.

It was decided a date for sentencing couldn't be set so late at night and Bellegem said he saw no point in a presentence report since the judge had already heard Scallen's life story in testimony.

The maximum penalty for fraud is 10 years imprisonment.

Scallen denied ordering a newspaper strip. Denial of charges by three prosecution witnesses that he (Continued on Page 13)



M.Z. BENNETT SCHOOL columnists for the Free Press this school year are honored in their own column this week. Principal Doug Magwood paid tribute to the hardworking girls: standing Lisa Gillies, sitting, Diana Dunn and Victoria Rodriguez. See page 9 for this special story.

## Halton Hills likes two tier

Halton Hills councillors are all for two tier government in Halton but don't think they should comment on what type of local government Hamilton-Wentworth needs.

Monday council considered supporting a resolution to send to Queen's Park jointly by the towns of Ancaster, Dundas and Stone Creek as well as the townships of Glenbrook and Flamborough protesting a government review of the Hamilton-Wentworth region in which it was recommended two tier government be dissolved and replaced with one tier.

Under one tier government there would only be a regional

council and no local or area councils.

From time to time it has been suggested one tier might be the route for Halton to follow and hints have leaked out that the province might decide only one tier will be allowed.

In Halton one tier government would eliminate local councils in Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville and Burlington leaving only regional council.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson suggested the council could send a resolution to the province stating Halton Hills supports two tier government.

Councillor Roy Booth said if that resolution was to be endorsed the words, "in Halton region" should be added.

He said there was no way the town could know what type of local government would work best in the neighbouring region to the west. Booth suggested some areas maybe shouldn't have two tier government.

Councillor Peter Morris thought the town shouldn't be commenting on another area's form of government and suggested the letter from the Hamilton-Wentworth

municipalities be received and filed.

Councillor Les Duby said "of course" Halton Hills supports two tier government. "We wouldn't be sitting here otherwise."

Noting the provincial government has been backing off on a lot of ideas lately, Councillor Mike Armstrong said the proposed two tier resolution should be "ripped up and thrown away". He noted the province has backed off on market value assessment and setting up more regions and will likely back down on the idea of one tier government in Hamilton-Wentworth.

## Ted Tyler plants flowers at 3 a.m.

The strange night planter of last week has at last been identified—his name—Ted Tyler.

Reports came into the Free Press of someone out in the wee hours of the morning last Wednesday-Thursday planting flowers in planters along Mill and Main Streets. Further investigation revealed it was Mr. Tyler, taking advantage of a few spare hours to do the planter. It turns out, Mr. Tyler told this newspaper, that the only spare hours in his days

lately are when he would be sleeping. So, last Wednesday, with spade, water bucket and flowers in hand, he proceeded down the main streets doing his bit to beautify the town.

Actually, it was the taxpayers who paid for them, Mr. Tyler stressed. He explained that several years ago, before regional government, there was a group of concerned residents and merchants who formed the Industrial Development Commission. Members travelled to various cities

hoping to dig up industry for the town. They also worked hard to beautify and better the municipality.

Just before regional government came into being, the group had some money left over, and put it in trust "for a rainy day". Mr. Tyler said members of the group felt the rainy day had arrived and decided to buy an assortment of flowers for the present planters. It seems, they had previously purchased some of the planters. The town of Acton purchased

the rest.

About 20 planters line Mill and Main Streets, Mr. Tyler said. He should know how many, because he put the flowers in all of them. It took him from 11 p.m. to almost 3 a.m.

Mr. Tyler said he was surprised at the number of people out on the street at that hour of the morning. He had a few people come up and ask him what he was doing, but other than that, most were satisfied with just looking at him strangely.

## Halton police to table morale report

Halton Regional Police Association is meeting tonight to decide a course of action after a 60 page report on morale within the police force is tabled.

According to HRP president Al Ruelens Tuesday, the association committee, which produced the report will recommend its adoption tonight. The report contains about 40 recommendations on ways

to improve the Halton Regional Police Force, said Ruelens. It's being recommended by members who know what's going on, he claimed.

The regular meeting of the Halton police governing body, the regional police commission, may be getting the report presented to it tomorrow, Ruelens said he did not know if the document will be made public then.

Work on the report began in April following a motion at an association meeting to find the causes of "falling morale" of officers throughout the region. About 80 officers voted unanimously to set up the investigating committee.

Since then, said Ruelens, every district—including Georgetown, Acton, Esqueewing, Milton and Nassagaweya—from civil-

ians and constables to superintendents have submitted material to the investigating committee. The Halton force also police Oakville and Burlington.

"You don't get a third of the force responding and not have something wrong," said the association president.

The latest incident involving morale on the Halton force revolves around the (Continued on Page 2)