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Newest veterinarian known to clients, pets

The newest vet in town is already well known to many pets and clients at the Halton Hills Veterinary Services on Main Street North.

That new veterinarian is Dr. Mary Rathlow who recently joined Dr. Ron Trenton's practice. Dr. Rathlow, however, is well acquainted with many clients because she worked at Dr. Trenton's last year.

Mary Rathlow graduated from the University of Guelph with a doctorate in veterinary medicine this spring.

Dr. Rathlow said in an interview she finds the practice here very rewarding. "The people know each other well, and take an interest in other people and their pets", observed the doctor.

A native of Guelph, Dr. Rathlow lives there with her engineer husband.

The two doctors split up their calls. And when Dr. Rathlow is on weekend duty, an answering service relays information to her. Someone can be reached all the time, said Dr. Rathlow. Each doctor works on horses and small animals, she said.

Becoming a veterinary doctor has been a childhood ambition of Mary Rathlow. She said she was impressed in her youth with the accomplishments of veterinarians who attended farm animals.

Does Dr. Rathlow hope to open a separate practice someday? "I don't think it's really the way to practise anymore", she said. The trend in veterinary services follows the example of medical doctors who pool their ideas and time.

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Police Association's morale report sparks hard line from commission

The pot called the kettle black and the kettle replied in and outside a Halton Regional Police Commission meeting at Oakville, Thursday.

The pot—Commissioner David Coons—and the kettle—Police Association chief A1 Ruelens—pointed to the snot on each other on the subject of the Halton Regional Police Association's controversial morale report.

Coons, in the first commission meeting since release of the 61-page report to commission and press, said it was his opinion the report has done serious damage. Coons made it plain from the beginning that he was speaking only for himself and not stating commission policy.

Oakville commissioner Harry Barrett said after hearing Coons' remarks he agreed with them. No commissioners objected.

Glenn Magnuson, from Georgetown, was absent from the meeting because he was on holidays, according to Barrett.

About five association members were with Ruelens at the meeting.

After Coons unloaded his remarks, the commission went into camera. Association heads huddled in a cafeteria adjoining the commission meeting room, then invited the press in to hear their answers.

First Coons. "You," he said to Ruelens, "violated a moral code." Coons, from Burlington, said he recalled clearly a commitment from Ruelens where he would sit with the commission and discuss the report.

Not so Ruelens told reporters. We (the association) said the report was coming—and that was it. There was no talk of going into camera, he said.

Then Ruelens took the offensive. "We didn't break faith with anyone," he said the commission broke faith when it advertised in newspapers for jobs before posting them within the force, as is the policy.

Nowhere in the report does it praise this commission, not that the commission looks for praise, said the Burlington commissioner, also the newest commissioner.

In the last year the force has come along way in terms of administration, said Coons. "I think the chief (Ken Skerrett) is much happier because he can now do work he's intended to do."

The chief is preparing a report on the subject of the association's report for the commission.

Nowhere in the report, continued Coons, does it mention the Halton police officer is the highest paid in the province, if not in Canada.

"I guess the point I want to make is that I've had enough of the confrontation," he said. "The board is fair and honest within the limits of human ability," Coons said.

Now that the bargaining process is over Coons said it was time to get back to police work and serve the citizens of Halton. Improvements do not

come from confrontation, he said. There should be team work.

Coons said he is not upset that Ruelens does police association work when he is on duty, but that he may have to stop that. "That's the course you're taking," cautioned Coons.

Ruelens was quick to deny Coons' charge that he conducted association business on taxpayers' time.

The three resignations that have come up since he has been a commissioner gave no suggestion of a morale problem, said the Burlington commissioner.

As an indication of the hard line the commission intends to follow with the association, Coons said the two bodies can no longer work informally. The association must write and ask to be on the agenda.

When Ruelens began to speak he was chided for being out of order.

"If you listen to me," commission chairman William Hourigan told Ruelens,

"you've forced us into this position, from here on in things will be done in a formal manner."

In the cafeteria the association brass backed up the report and Ruelens. "This executive board will stand by what the membership wants," Ron Smith said.

I agree wholeheartedly with the report. We were under instructions to carry it out (release it to the press) and if they (the commissioners) don't believe it, they can come to the next association meeting and ask, said Smith.

Morale is better now than before the report, Constable Wayne Jessop said.

Before Coons' remarks the commission dealt with setting dates for interviews for ranks from staff sergeants to staff inspectors. Was this a sign of the commission acting on the association's report?

"It'd be a good thing to do politically," replied Ruelens. The feeling among association brass is the next move is

up to the commissioners.

Once Coons' remarks were cleared up Ruelens went on to make some points of his own. The number of men on the force, he said, has decreased by one man from last year. Last year's complement was 254, and this year's is 263, he told reporters.

Since release of the report, more information has come in from police officers. If there is enough, a second volume may be coming out, Ruelens said.

Ruelens often cast the commission within political molds. Coons is a politician and there's an election, said Ruelens. Then, he added, he too has an election this year in the association.

Near the end of the conference Ruelens tried to divorce himself from politics: "They're all political animals. We're not. We're policemen."

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Jeremy Jones

Five-year-old dies in sawdust filled chute

An hour and a half search ended tragically Thursday evening when five-year-old Jeremy Robert Jones was found dead at the bottom of a grain chute in a nearby barn.

Jeremy is the son of Alan and Edna Jones, Lot 6, Concession 5, Erin township, (R.R.2, Acton).

According to Guelph detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, Jeremy was missing from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. An all-out

search was conducted by the boy's family until he was found by an uncle, James Quackenbush, of the same address, in the barn chute.

Police surmise the boy entered the three storey barn and either fell or jumped into the five foot chute. He went in head first, they said.

The chute, normally used to transport grain from the second floor of the barn to the basement to feed the cattle was full of sawdust, used to

bed down the livestock. Jeremy had fallen into the sawdust, police say, and suffocated.

Mr. Quackenbush applied mouth to mouth resuscitation while an ambulance was summoned. Georgetown ambulance and the Acton volunteer fire department arrived on the scene together and resuscitation attempts continued by ambulance attendants.

The boy was pronounced

dead at Georgetown hospital 9:45 p.m. by Dr. A. Macintosh.

As well as his parents, Jeremy is survived by one sister Wendy, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Quackenbush of Acton and Mrs. Jean Jones of Nebraska. He was predeceased by a grandfather Percy Jones.

Funeral service was held at Shoemaker Funeral Home on Sunday. Interment was at Churchill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mac Leitch, Dave Leitch, Alex Leitch and Francis Leitch all good friends of the family.

Jeremy, who just turned five on June 24, was looking forward to starting kindergarten classes at Brisbane Public School in September. He was an active boy who welded with his Uncle Jim and ran a bulldozer with his grandfather. He also went trucking with his father, worked on motors with his uncle, and baked with his mother. Jeremy will be remembered as being an all around wonderful boy who brought happiness to everyone he came in touch with.

It was the second tragedy in the family in less than a year. Last September, Jeremy's cousin, Christine Quackenbush of the same address, was injured in a car accident and in hospital several months. The 13-year-old had to learn how to walk again.



ABOUT \$2,000 DAMAGE was caused by a grease fire in the home of William Hughes of 52 Mowbray Place Friday morning.

Kitchen damaged in Mowbray Place blaze

Deputy Fire chief Bob Hyde estimates damage at \$2000 to a Mowbray Place home on Friday.

Mr. Hyde said the fire started in the kitchen after grease was placed on the stove and left unattended.

Firefighters kept the blaze confined to the kitchen, but the rest of the house received smoke damage.

The fire was at the home of William Hughes of 52 Mowbray Place.

Rockwood boy dies in car-truck collision

A seven-year-old Rockwood boy is dead following a car-bicycle collision last Thursday morning in that village.

Raymond Scott Hennessey, of 195 Main St., was pronounced dead on arrival in Guelph General Hospital suffering from skull fractures. He is the son of Beverley Hennessey of Rockwood and James Hennessey of

Portland, Ontario.

According to the Guelph detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, the boy had been riding his bicycle north on Guelph St. in Rockwood. He lost his balance while attempting to make a right hand turn onto Main St. and collided with a dump truck driven by Charles Roadknight of Guelph, police

say. No charges will be laid against the truck driver.

Scott has one brother James. Also left to mourn his loss are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Given of Rockwood and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hennessey of Eden Mills.

Funeral service was held at Shoemaker Funeral Home on Saturday with interment at Rockwood cemetery.

Free Press wins in national contest

The Acton Free Press has been judged to have the best sports pages in Canadian weekly newspapers with a circulation of up to 4,000.

The Canadian Community Newspapers Association (CCNA) announced the win last week. It is an annual competition, open only to weekly newspapers.

The Free Press also took third place for the best spot news photo, a picture of an overturned truck with the driver looking out the window.

Sister newspaper, The Milton Canadian Champion, was judged to be the second best all-round paper in its class of 4,000 to 7,500 circulation. It also won first prize for best front page and tied for third for the best editorial page. In the special category, The Champion took two more firsts, one for the best Christmas Edition and one for women's news and features.

Another sister newspaper, The Georgetown Independent, walked off with first for best all-round tabloid in the up to 15,000 circulation class.

The three newspapers are owned by Dills Printing and Publishing Ltd.

The awards will be presented at the 1978 convention in Vancouver, British Columbia August 13 to 16.

Knife used in heist

A man and woman are sought by Halton Regional Police in connection with a knife point robbery which netted about \$500 from the Royal Variety Store on Queen Street Saturday night.

The man brandished a 10-inch knife and demanded all the money in the store. The clerk handed over between \$300 and \$500 in various denominations in a bag.

Both suspects then went east on Queen Street.

Pat McKenzie retiring

Regional councillor G. W. "Pat" McKenzie intends to retire from municipal politics at the end of this term. He has served the citizens of Acton for 12 years as councillor, deputy-reeve, and regional councillor.

"Council expects staff to retire at age 65 and I am one who believes councillors should, too," Mr. McKenzie says.

"Excellent progress has been made this term. I am

referring to the responsible budgets, the reconstruction of Mill and Main Streets, the new well in the park, the addition to the sewage disposal plant, the fire-hall, B.I.A.'s improvement and off-street parking, the Community Services' office at the Y, improved tennis courts, the three-year plan to storm sewer, curb and pave Lakeview subdivision and the fact that tenders are presently being called on our Senior Citizens' apartments.

"Acton will have a capable candidate as regional councillor in Peter Marks.

"I have always had Acton's best interests at heart and most certainly I will find ways to serve in some capacity less demanding. In closing I would like to thank the Free Press and the citizens of Acton for their support and many kindnesses over the years," Mr. McKenzie stated.



PAST PRESIDENTS at the Fall Fair Ladies board reunion are back row, Irene Swackhamer, Margaret McCullough, Mary Archibald, Irma McEnery, Carmela Cobham and Eleanor Thompson. Front row, Joan

Waldie, Ruth Linham and Ida Matthews. The women celebrated 20 years of having their own board.

Hill goes again for mayor's seat

Mayor Tom Hill will try again for the mayor's chair come election time in November.

The first candidate to announce his plans, the mayor said he was going to run again, when he confirmed there was a theatre being built in the new plaza, beside Gordon Alcott arena.

He said he had worked on the theatre a long time and decided to announce his candidacy when the signing of the theatre was completed.

Mayor Hill has been the only mayor of Halton Hills since amalgamated town was established in 1974.

Prior to regional government he was reeve of Esquesing township, and had served as deputy-reeve and councillor.