



# Police seek help in identifying body

Police are asking for public assistance to aid them in determining the identity of a woman's body found in a wooded swamp area of Chudleigh's apple farm on Highway 25, Oct. 22.

At press time, police detectives remain baffled as to the identity of the woman, believed to be a transient between the age of 55 and 65.

The small, badly decomposed body was discovered by three Malton youngsters during a Sunday hike at the popular apple orchard. It was lying face-down on a creek bank. It was then believed by the hikers and their mother, Eva Koselak, the body was that of a child.

It was later determined by the police forensic laboratory

in Toronto, the remains were those of a woman.

Police spent two days working with plastic bags recovering the body and clothing found in the area. Using a metal detector, police carried out a further search this week to find any metallic objects that might provide some clue as to who the woman was.

Police have yet to determine the cause of death, but do not suspect foul play, according to Halton Regional Police Detective Ian McNally. She is believed to have died in the woods sometime in 1977, he added, although he could not specify at what time last year.

There was no flesh left on the body, said police, and

coinage dated 1977, found in the immediate area, lead police to believe she had been in the bush for at least the last year.

Farm owner Tom Chudleigh said he had not been in the wooded area for nearly five years, after clearing out the brush for firewood.

Discovery of a variety of clothing on the woman's body and belongings nearby have convinced police detectives the woman was a "bundle lady" or transient, said Detective McNally.

In addition to several sweaters she was wearing at the time of her death, two plastic bags were found nearby with personal items and clothing.

One bag contained two

Bibles, badly rotted, and some plastic spoons. No jewellery or wallet has been found, he said.

"What is making it also very difficult is that she had no teeth," said Detective McNally. Dental records are often the only means of identification, but in this case, police do not have any teeth from the skeleton.

Remains of the Caucasian woman show her to be approximately five foot three inches to five foot four inches, with greyish blonde or brown hair.

The woman was slightly built with narrow hips, said police, and she was unlikely to have had any children, unless by Caesarian section.

Police described her as

both heavily dressed and "shabby". Examination of the bones shows she walked with great difficulty, and probably suffered arthritis.

A pair of men's glasses was also found in the leaves nearby, and police guess she might have worn glasses.

Pieces of burnt wood found beside the body indicate she may have been at the wooded site for several days, said police.

The location is within 200 feet of Highway 25.

"What is baffling us is that there are no cooking utensils or empty cans, or something to indicate she was staying here for a period of time," said Detective McNally.

During their search of the area, police recovered a pair

of brown slacks, a pair of brown socks, a blue wool sweater with wooden buttons, a red, black and white polyester suit top, a white wool sweater, a lime green and pink floral short sleeved blouse (possibly made by hand) and two pairs of shoes.

The shoes include a pair of ladies' black shoes, and a pair of low brown hiking boots.

A blue nylon jacket and a blue wool sweater were also discovered. Police said the victim was possibly carrying a white plastic bag with the two Bibles inside and may also have been carrying a red and white plastic bag.

On two occasions in the past week, police believed they had finally solved the mystery of the identity of the

woman—but on both occasions, police located the two people.

One of the two individuals turned out to be another woman whose body was found recently in Toronto, and the second woman was traced to Ottawa.

Detective McNally, who has worked with the force in the Halton district for the past 11 years, said he had never come across a similar incident in the Milton district in the time he has spent here.

Any person who may be able to provide police with information leading to the identification of the woman is asked to call Halton Regional Police, District One Investigation at 878-5511.

A FINGER BONE was discovered Monday morning during a further search carried out by Halton Regional Police Detective Ian McNally, (left) and Corporal Tom Penrice, (right) from the Burlington OPP Identification Unit, of a wooded area at the Chudleigh apple farm on Highway 25. Three hikers discovered the body of a woman in the woods Sunday, Oct. 22, but police have yet to determine the identity of the woman.

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## Rabid foxes seen on Third Line north of 7

Two dogs and a cow have had to be destroyed recently in the Acton area because they contracted rabies.

Two foxes, one a pup and one full grown, have been spotted as recently as last Friday in the vicinity of the Third Line north of Highway 7.

Incidences of rabies are a bit more noticeable now because there are some extra cases, said the veterinarian. The government documents each positive case of rabies and sends a list to area veterinarians. For example, the average number of cases in Wellington County per month is six. Once there were only three.

"There is not much one can do except vaccinate animals, said Dr. Trenton. Vaccinations should be done yearly. The one dog he put in quarantine had been vaccinated—two years ago. Not good enough, he said.

Rabies is a virus which is communicable to other warm blooded animals. It usually runs its course in about a week.

Dr. Trenton also said there was no rabies in Ontario prior to 1954.

Dr. Ben Wingrove, R.R. 1, Guelph, said Tuesday he has read that rabies peaks in cycles of ten years, and that this is probably a peak year.

As far as cases he has seen, though, Dr. Wingrove said there were quite a few five years ago. Last year he indicated he had one or two cases, and this year three in domestic animals.

The worst time of the year is towards the end of December, said Dr. Wingrove.

## Appoint chairman police commission

A Hamilton-Wentworth judge has been appointed chairman of the Halton Police Commission by the solicitor-general's office, according to the Ontario Police Commission.

Judge Joseph Scime will fill the vacancy on the commission caused by the resignation of Judge William Warrander and also take over the chairman's job from William Hourigan, the acting chairman. Acting Solicitor-General Roy McMurtry said Mr. Hourigan wouldn't be reappointed at the end of October when his term expires.

Hourigan is presently the subject of an Ontario Provincial Police investigation over involvement in an impaired driving charge August 26 against a doctor, who was a business partner. The OPP is studying whether he attempted to use his position as chairman of the police commission to influence investigating officers. He has said he acted as the doctor's lawyer during the laying of the charge.

Although the new appointment of Judge Scime fills one vacancy the solicitor-general will still have a vacancy to fill on the commission for Mr. Hourigan.



AMBULANCE, FIRE FIGHTERS, Milton OPP, Halton Regional Police and two sizes of tow trucks were all on the scene of a tanker truck-jeep collision Friday morning on Highway 7 one kilometer south of Silver Creek. Traffic was stopped up for a short time and diverted to one lane for several hours. One man is in Toronto Western Hospital with "major injuries".

## One man injured in collision

One man is in Toronto Western Hospital with "major injuries" after an Armed Forces jeep and a large tanker truck collided on Highway 7 Friday.

The Milton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police explained that Christopher Murray of Etobicoke was taken by ambulance to Georgetown and District hospital and later transferred to Toronto Western. They could not elaborate on the injuries.

The collision occurred about 11:25 Friday morning, according to police. Both vehicles were southbound on Highway 7, travelling down Silver Creek hill. Police say the tanker truck, driven by Laurence Bach of Burlington, pulled out to pass the jeep, which in turn also pulled into the same lane. When both vehicles came to a rest, the tanker truck was across the highway, blocking the entire northbound lane and part of the southbound lane.

The Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters were called to the scene when it was learned the tanker was filled with gasoline. They stood by with hoses ready in case of an explosion, but were not needed.

Because of the possibility of an explosion, traffic was stopped for a short time, police explain. However, traffic was soon allowed through when it was realized no explosion would occur. Traffic was limited to only one lane for several hours while police investigated the accident and a tow truck came from Milton to move the tanker. A smaller tow

truck had been called to remove the jeep, police say.

Halton Regional Police were on the scene until the OPP arrived, and then helped to direct traffic for a short time.

Mr. Bach escaped with only minor injuries, police say. The cab of his tanker had an estimated \$1,000 damage, and the jeep received an estimated \$2,000 damage according to the OPP.

Halton Hills Veterinary Services, quarantined one dog for six months, and had to destroy

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## Distribute cheques

Due to the mail strike, about 100 cheques were brought to the Community Services Centre here last week for distribution. The cheques were for welfare, family benefits and mother's allowance.

About 20 people picked them up at the office, and the remainder went in the mail on Monday.

## Truck blows tire, rolls over in ditch

Turner Roorda, a driver for United Cooperatives of Ontario, escaped major injuries after his truck went out of control on Highway 25 Friday and rolled over in the ditch.

Investigating officer Constable John Hicks, of the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, said Mr. Roorda received only minor injuries to his elbow, and attributed his good luck to the use of seatbelts.

The incident occurred at 8:57 a.m. Friday as Mr. Roorda was travelling north on Highway 25 just north of 22 Sideroad when his right rear tire blew out. Mr. Roorda lost control of the vehicle, which headed into the east ditch and rolled over. Ten to 11 tons of soybean meal spilled out of the truck upon impact, Constable Hicks explained. A representative of the firm estimated damage to the

vehicle at \$15,000, including the cab and feedbox.

Another truck was dispatched from Guelph several hours after the accident to transfer the load, worth several thousands of dollars, a spokesman for the firm said. A tow truck arrived in the afternoon, after the spilled load had been removed.

## Remembrance Day service being planned

A Remembrance Day service is being planned for November 11 in order that the living may pay tribute to the dead.

Local war veterans, firefighters, Scouts and Cubs, etc., will form into a parade at the post office and march to the cenotaph on Mill Street where a short service will be held.

Following this, a special service will be held at the Legion.

The community is urged to attend these special events. Thousands of Canadians gave their lives for their country. Is one day of remembrance too much to ask?



BLOWN OUT TIRE is believed to have been the cause of an accident Friday in which the driver of a United Co-operatives of Ontario truck lost control. The truck went into a ditch where it overturned on Highway 25. It's load of soybean meal spilled out into neat piles in the ditch.

WINNER OF THE best costume at the Scout and Guide Mothers' dance Saturday was Penny Sulyma for her portrayal of a witch. More about Hallowe'en fun inside today's big 38 page paper.