Police nab drug dealers in raids

Thirty people have been arrested on drug charges after a two-month long undercover investigation co-ordinated by Halton Regional Police.

Charges range from trafficking in Methamphetamine (speed) marijuana, cannabis, and restricted drugs to possession. In all 48 drug related charges were laid. Seven criminal code charges were also made. None of the addresses of accused are from north Halton.

Halton Police Sgt. Boris Yacyshyn coordinated the efforts of six regional officers with those of policemen from Hamilton-Wentworth police and Metro Toronto police. Halton constables Douglas McMillan and Mike Eacrett figured prominently in the investigation.

Halton Regional Police Chief James Hard-

ing, at a press conference at Oakville Tuesday said he was pleased with the results of the investigation which netted officers about \$15,000, street value, of drugs.

Officers revealed the group was selling Lysergic Acid Diethalymide (LSD), hashish and marijuana to high school students in Burlington and Oakville.

The largest seizure made by police was \$8,000 worth of speed. The ages of the accused range from 18-36.

Our main target was the speed traffickers, said Sgt. Yacyshyn. A few of the names in the list of accused were known to police prior to the start of this investigation.

"Some of these people have been responsible for bringing a lot of drugs into the Halton area," said Const. McMillan. According to officers at the press con-

the streets. "Acid (LSD) is making a comeback. We're

really making a lot of seizures on that because of supply and demand," said Const. McMillan. Acid is really making a return with high school kids, he said. High schoolers are also using soft drugs.

Speed, though, is another market. Speed was popular about seven years ago too. The price of speed on the street is about \$800 an ounce. Speed, (Methamphetamine) is sold, according to police, on a per needle basis. The value of the drug in the needle varies at between \$30 per unit to about \$80 depending on quality.

Police are finding speed users are often deeply involved in other sorts of crime. A popular drug in America, Phencyclidine

ference, much of the speed has dried up off (PCP) was also found by police in this investigation. PCP, also known as Angel Dust or "T" is suspected to have been contained in 18 packages. Analysis has not yet been com-

The survelllance by police was carried out on homes and school yards, revealed Const. McMillan. The investigation started concerning speed and restricted drugs. "When we got into off shoots, we were getting drugs going into schools," said the police officers.

Most of the accused were arrested in Burlington, some in Oakville and Hamilton. Downsview, Toronto, and Willowdale were other addresses.

About 60 per cent of the people lived in Oakville, then started moving after the investigation started, said one of the officers. Some imitation firearms were also seized

Christmas (

Elleen New was last week's winner of the merchants' draw. Betty Blain, right of

Obituary

Sandy McEachern was W.W. 2 veteran

A veteran of World War Left to mourn his loss vice was held December two. Peter Alexander (Sandy) McEachern died suddenly in Guelph General Hospital November

Mr. McEachern, of 53 Speedvale Ave., W., Guelph, was born on October 31, 1913 in Egermont township, the son of Peter and Christina McEachern. He attended schools in Grey County, and served in Canada, United Kingdom, Continental Europe and Central Mediterranean area as a gunner from 1942 to 1945.

Upon returning home from the war, Mr.

McEachern married Laverna Plester on July 20, 1946 in Elora. They

made their home in Acton for 34 years before

moving to Guelph. Mr.

McEachern was a truck

driver for Goy Cartage

for 28 years.

Forest.

daughter Eliza Lynn

McEachern. He was

predeceased by sisters

Mae Kramp, Brampton

are his wife. Laverna. 2. and the funeral was sons Rodney and Brent. held at Shoemaker Acton, and Rodger. Funeral Home December 3 with Rev. John Robert-Toronto, daughter Heather. Brampton, son officiating. Pallbearers were all brothers Jack, Mount Forest, Archie, Michigan friends and co-workers. and Herbert, Regina John Goy Sr., Mervin Saskatchewan, and one Barber, Grant Withers, sister Della Don Van Fleet and Ken Palmerston. He is also Hurren, all of Acton, and Ray Webster, Guelph. survived by one grand-

and Isla Yale, Mount Ingersoll all friends, were flowerbearers. Interment was at

Lorne

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McCutcheon.

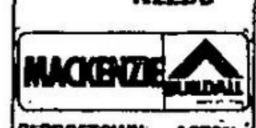
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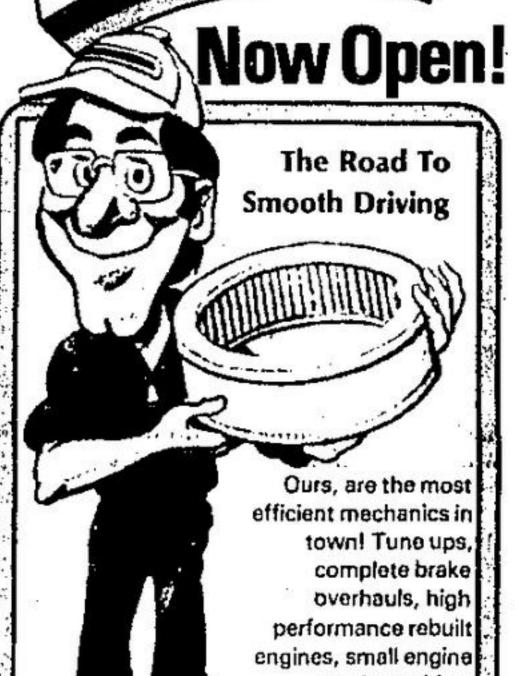
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Book on early Esquesing published posthumously

A new book, "Numbering the Survivors", of the book is a story in should make fascinating itself. reading for anyone whose families helped settle this area. It traces the history of the Standish Family from its historic Irish roots through the years of killed in an airplane settling-in Esquesing right up to present day.

The book, available in Book Shop" mentions many famillar family names in the area including the Leslies. Reeds, McCulloughs and McNamaras and gives genealogical table showing where the present day descendants are located.

The author, J. Richard Houston was the greatgrandson of a Standish, and the grandson of Wilhemina Thompson McNamara, who is bur-Georgetown in

The first of the family to settle here Joseph Standish, hosted the first Esquesing "town meeting" on New Year's Day 1821, at which he was appointed assessor.

The book's 18 chapters cover the family's settleevolution of the community, related families, the development of the

After researching his ancestry for 10 years, before the book could be compiled, J. Richard Houston, a lawyer was at Fraserdale. ten of his colleagues on the Commission for Electric Power Planning for the

The actual publication province were also killed. The posthumous publication of the work was made possible by the generous gifts and contributions of family and friends to the J. Richard Houston Publication Memorial Trust, an ongoing trust devoted to the publication of genealogical work in Canada.

Many people in the

area helped contribute material for the book, including J.C. Cunningham. Mrs. Emslie, James Fisher, J.C. Gillies, Aubrey Grant, Charlotte Ironsides, Mrs. Sydney Kirkpatrick, Canaon James Maxwell. Rev. Ruggle, Rev. Scrivens, Thompson,

Francis and Leslie Young.

On the Leavell

Halton Hills Recreation department brochures will be in the mail today (Wednesday) outlining the programs offered this winter. Keep the booklet handy for future use.

Doug Draper of Acton earned two seconds in photo contest in the Indusmin Link Photo contest. Doug got a second in the inanimate category and a second in the animate category. Congratulations Doug. Why haven't we seen your name on any of the entries in ment of Esquesing, the the Free Press photo contest at fall fair

encourages all children to participate.

Acton is getting nation wide coverage on a Canadian Tire commercial lately. A customer in the store picks up a saw, which has "Disston" written across it in bold letters. Under that, in smaller type is 'Acton Ontario.'

The Acton Free Press will be published Thursday December 27, giving staff Christmas and Boxing Days off. The next week, however, things will be back to normal with Wednesday being publication day.

And, now, Heaven's to

Besty!, someone's over-

sight, or some poor con-

fused soul forgot to tell

anyone that Ontario has

sold 19,000 square miles

of virgin forest, to Great

Lakes Forest Products

Luciano saying, "I didn't

know the gun was

loaded." The sad thing is

they will get away with it. William A. Johnson

PHONE NO. .

It's like Lucky

R.R. 2 Rockwood

Firefighters called out

Acton Firefighters were called to the Barry Buchanan home on Acton Blvd, at Arthur St. about 9

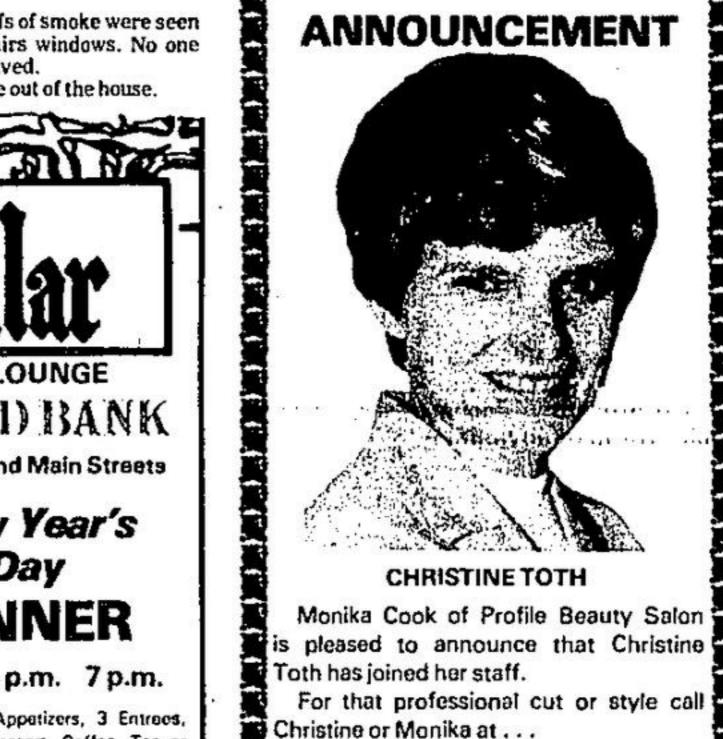
Swetman Shoes presents Mrs. New with her gift voucher.

Details are few, however whills of smoke were seen coming out of one of the upstairs windows. No one was home when firefighters arrived.



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Santa told me this week he is finally Tomorrow (Thursday) is blood donor area and 95 photographs of houses, churches, getting around to answering all the clinic day at the Legion. It takes so little letters sent to him this fall. He also time to give blood. Why don't more family members and artifacts. endorsed our coloring contest and people do it? Condemns quarry Act Dear Sir: Pits and Quarries Bill, is being bull-dozed through We hear about the odd Quarries Act if he bakery bombing, and decides you are not Queen's Park. Bill 86, Market Value Assess-

attribute it to organized directly affected. If the crime. We hear that organized crime it taking a licence, even without a over the porno business. Of course this is the tip of the right to appeal the implement. The fact that the iceberg. Organized decision. However, if the crime has gone legitm- decision adversely afate, laundering illgotten fects the gravel pit or via legitimate enterprises. It is my be- appeal to the Ontario citzen has much more to one, not a municipality, from government organized crime.

organized Organized crime operates quietly and clandes-Organized government is loud and

the Pits and Quarries Act, is a typical example, with no public hearings, and what amounts to the whole responsibility of the massive extraction business handed to the extraction industry. Bill 207 has been amended. (This Act was passed in the 1880's and protected trees from the expanding aggregate industry.) It doesn't apply to the aggregate industry any more. The Minister of Housing will be able to order any municipality to incorporate matters into its Official Plan, thus the Ministry of Natural Resources will be given legal basis whereby it can force municipalities to designate and set aside lands as aggregate resource

areas. This Bill, in fact means that no-one in North Halton can ever be sure that a quarry or gravel pit won't open up as his neighbor. In the past, as under the Environmental Protection Act, an individual could prosecute an offender. The new Pits and Quarries Act denies a person that right. He must first get permission from the Minister. No where in the new Act is there reference to "environmental conc-

erns," The Minister can refuse you a hearing under

Minister issues or renews quarry operator, he can that the ordinary Municipal Board and no-Conservation Authority, or a neighbour, has the right to participate in the hearing unless granted standing by the Board.

Government here in majority, so Bill 88 will Ontario is awfully hard to not adversely affect the Bill 127, an act to revise comprehend. Bill 127, the provincial election.

ment under another guise, has been given to public hearing no-one has the municipalities to this Bill has been given pseudodemocratic handling shouldn't fool you. The powers-that-be at Queen's Park know that residential assessment will double or more, whilst urban assessment will go down, therefore they can afford to be democratic. The town's people will love it, they are the

Typewriters help...

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Certainly the fate of prisoners of conscience is some better since Amnesty International was formed 18 years ago. In recognition for its efforts, the organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

New challenges for Amnesty International are being created by governments. The work continues. There is always room for one more volunteer. If you wish more information, contact Eric Elstone at B53-0750 or the Guelph group's secretary John Prescott at the University



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