

# 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 co-ordinated 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 Diethylamide (LSD), hashish and marijuana to high school students in Burlington and Oakville.

The largest seizure made by police was \$3,000 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-

ference, much of the speed has dried up off 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

(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 completed.

The surveillance 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

## Obituary

### Sandy McEachern was W.W. 2 veteran

A veteran of World War two, Peter Alexander (Sandy) McEachern died suddenly in Guelph General Hospital November 30.

Mr. McEachern, of 53 Speedvale Ave., W., Guelph, was born on October 31, 1913 in Egerton township, the son of Peter and Christina McEachern. He was predeceased by his wife, Laverne, and daughter Eliza Lynn McEachern. He was predeceased by sisters Mae Kramp, Brampton and Isla Yale, Mount Forest.

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Left to mourn his loss are his wife, Laverne, sons Rodney and Brent, Acton, and Roger, Toronto, daughter Heather, Brampton, brothers Jack, Mount Forest, Archie, Michigan and Herbert, Regina Saskatchewan, and one sister Della Long, Palmerston. He is also survived by one grand-daughter Eliza Lynn McEachern. He was predeceased by sisters Mae Kramp, Brampton and Isla Yale, Mount Forest.

Funeral services will be held December 22, and the funeral was held at Shoemaker Funeral Home December 3 with Rev. John Robertson officiating.

Pallbearers were all friends and co-workers, John Goy Sr., Mervin Barber, Grant Withers, Don Van Fleet and Ken Hurran, all of Acton, and Ray Webster, Guelph. Lorne (Minute) Walters, Herb Dodds and Earl Jordan, Acton, and Jack McCutcheon, Ingersoll all friends, were flowerbearers.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

## Book on early Esquesing published posthumously

A new book, "Numbering the Survivors", should make fascinating 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 settling-in Esquesing right up to present day.

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

The actual publication of the book is a story in itself.

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

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 Memorial Publication 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. W. Emslie, James Fisher, J.C. Gillies, Aubrey Grant, Charlotte Ironsides, Mrs. Sydney Kirkpatrick, Canaan James Maxwell, Rev. Ric Ruggie, Rev. R. Scrivens, Francis Thompson, and Leslie Young.



Eileen New was last week's winner of the merchants' draw. Betty Blain, right of Sweetman Shoes presents Mrs. New with her gift voucher.

### Firefighters called out

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

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

Fans were used to clear smoke out of the house.

### On the Leavell

With Helen

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 the Free Press photo contest at fall fair time?

Santa told me this week he is finally getting around to answering all the letters sent to him this fall. He also endorsed our coloring contest and

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.

Tomorrow (Thursday) is blood donor clinic day at the Legion. It takes so little time to give blood. Why don't more people do it?

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## Condemns quarry Act

Dear Sir:

We hear about the odd bakery bombing, and attribute it to organized crime. We hear that organized crime is taking over the porno business. Of course this is the tip of the iceberg. Organized crime has gone legitimate, laundering illegotten gains via legitimate enterprises. It is my belief that the ordinary citizen has much more to fear from organized government than organized crime. Organized crime operates quietly and clandestinely. Organized government is loud and brazen.

Bill 127, an act to revise 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 specific 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 concerns."

The Minister can refuse you a hearing under

the new Pits and Quarries Act if he decides you are not directly affected. If the Minister issues or renews a licence, even without a public hearing no-one has the right to appeal the decision. However, if the decision adversely affects the gravel pit or quarry operator, he can appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board and no-one, not a municipality, Conservation Authority, or a neighbour, has the right to participate in the hearing unless granted standing by the Board.

Government here in Ontario is awfully hard to comprehend. Bill 127, the

Pits and Quarries Bill, is being bull-dozed through Queen's Park. Bill 86, Market Value Assessment under another guise, has been given to the municipalities to implement. The fact that this Bill has been given pseudodemocratic handling shouldn't fool you. The powers-that-be at Queen's Park know that rural 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, and they are the majority, so Bill 86 will not adversely affect the provincial election.

And, now, Heaven's to Besty!, someone's oversight, or some poor confused soul forgot to tell anyone that Ontario has sold 19,000 square miles of virgin forest, to Great Lakes Forest Products Ltd. It's like Lucky Luciano saying, "I didn't know the gun was loaded." The sad thing is they will get away with it.

William A. Johnson  
R.R. 2 Rockwood

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