

## News digest

### Cottage ransacked

A Limehouse cottage owned by a Scarborough resident was ransacked and a copper kettle stolen during a break, enter and theft recently. Halton Regional Police say the door was forced open some time during the summer. The incident was reported August 26.

### Robbers to jail

Three men convicted of knocking over a bank in Alton last winter were sentenced recently to penitentiary terms ranging from six to nine years. Over \$7,000 was taken in the hold-up of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the OPP set up roadblocks, including one on Highway 7 at Silvercreek between Acton and Georgetown. The roadblock lasted about three hours and slowed traffic on the highway in late afternoon to a snail's pace. Eldon Franklin MacDonald, 36, Eugene Allan Sebastian, 31, and Steven Harry Ree, 29, were sentenced to nine, seven and six years behind bars respectively for robberies in Alton, Elmira, Cambridge and Paris.

### Withdraw plan for studio

Halton Cable T.V. System withdrew its application to build offices, television studio and service department in Speyside.

A letter from the company's lawyer pointed out the offer of purchase expired August 15, so it would be useless to hold the public meeting, authorized by council, or to pursue the application further.

A similar letter was sent to the Niagara Escarpment Commission which was considering a development permit, but had made no decision.

### No police strike

Police shouldn't be given the right to strike says Halton Police Commission Chairman Harry Barrett. Barrett attended the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario annual convention where dissatisfaction with compulsory arbitration and police right to strike were discussed. Barrett warned if police ever get the right to strike it will leave only the Chief and Deputy-Chief on duty across the region.

### Teacher transfers

Halton Board of Education recently approved a number of teacher transfers and staff appointments for Acton and area schools.

Jeff Roche has been moved from McKenzie-Smith to Robert Baldwin in Milton. Moving from Brookville to W.I. Dick in Milton is Jim McHugh and another Brookville teacher, Roberta Herensberger, will divide her time between Baldwin and North Education Centre. Jill Kropf has been appointed to the staff of McKenzie-Smith and Norbert Axtmann will be teaching at Acton High School.

### Outers collecting glass

Acton High School's Outers Club is collecting glass during its first bottle drive of the school year Saturday starting at 10 in the morning. Residents are asked to remove bottle caps and lids and leave the refuse in cartons or bags at the end of the driveway. This year the Outers, a camping and canoe club, aim to buy tents with money from the glass. Outers Club members will conduct their bottle drive on the first Saturday of each month for the balance of the school year.



Reg DiCola is the new manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia. He has been a manager in Milton and Guelph. DiCola is responsible for the bank's staff of ten. He is a past member of the Milton Rotary Club. He and his family live in Guelph.

### Dublin W.I.

### 4H leaders chosen

Dublin WI held their August meeting in the form of a Family Picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lasby, R.R. 2, Rockwood. Being as the rain held off things were able to be held outside. A beautiful Pot Luck Supper started off at 7 p.m.

We were honored to have some of the younger generation present, the McIntyre triplets and the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Noblett.

At 9 p.m. the ladies moved inside for their meeting. Mrs. H. Besley acted as President for the evening. The meeting opened with the Mary Stewart Collect, The Institute Ode and The Lord's Prayer. The minutes were read and the correspondence dealt with. Roll Call was answered with "What did you Grow about today."

The 4-H Leaders were chosen as follows: Mrs. Judy Auty, Mrs. Betty Knapton, Mrs. Jean McLean, Mrs. Joan Johns, Mrs. Marion Hunter, and Mrs. Shirley Swackhamer. The Fall Fairs were discussed and the committees were reminded to get busy. It was decided to have a booth at the Acton Fair with the Committee being Mrs. Ann Norton, Mrs. June Hunter, Mrs. Betty Armstrong and Mrs. Mabel VanFleet.

Mrs. Edna Nellis gave a report on the progress of the Bus Committee with a trip being planned to Brantford and Caledonia on Friday September 12. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. M. Nellis, Mrs. G. McMillan or Mrs. C. Armstrong.

Silver trays have been purchased and will be presented at our next meeting to one of the 4-H girls who has completed her 18th Club.

Courtesies were given by Mrs. D. Moffat.

## Rabid bat wounds boy

Six year old Jay Lawrence of the Fourth Line, is now taking the 14 anti-rabies shots after handling a bat, which the Department of Health of Animals confirmed has rabies.

Jay, found the bat on the ground near the house, clinging to a stick and obviously injured. He received some scratches while putting the bat in a box.

Jay's mother, Connie Burt called Halton Hills Animal Control Service who picked up the bat, but brought it back later asking if they wanted it destroyed.

According to Mayor Pete Pomeroy who had been called, while visiting across the road at a 90th birthday celebration, the animal control service said if the boy had no visible wounds, it should be destroyed. The mayor said they seemed unwilling to do anything so knowing the family was worried Pomeroy picked up the bat in the box and put it in the trunk of his car, then the next morning took it to Georgetown Animal Clinic. They in turn took it to the Health of Animals Branch in Brampton, where rabies was confirmed later.

## Threat to turn off power angers Acton merchant

An Acton merchant is very upset with a threat from Halton Hills Hydro that his power would be turned off unless he paid a bill that was a couple of weeks overdue.

Cory vanMerkestein of Acton Chicken and Pizza Spot says he plans to take his complaints up with local councillors and the Halton Hills Hydro Commission.

VanMerkestein says he was called last week by Georgetown Hydro (in his mind there is no such thing as Halton Hills Hydro, just Georgetown Hydro which took over Acton Hydro) and was told if his bill wasn't paid by yesterday (Tuesday) his power would be turned off.

His complaint isn't the first of this nature heard by the Free Press since the amalgamated power utility was born at the

end of March, absorbing the old Acton Hydro.

VanMerkestein notes he has been in Acton for nearly a decade and always paid his electricity bills promptly. He pointed out bills in Acton used to be paid by the 20th of each month, but since April bills must be paid by the 10th of the month.

Anyway, he was away for a week's vacation in August and the hydro bill was inadvertently overlooked. VanMerkestein claims he never heard a thing from Halton Hills Hydro, he received no overdue notices, until he received the threatening phone call last week.

"I didn't appreciate the call. I pay my bills and don't like being threatened for being a few days overdue," vanMerkestein declared. He said he will take his

complaint up with local councillors as well as the hydro commission.

Halton Hills Hydro Commission manager Graham Farnell said in cases when people have previously paid their bills promptly it isn't normal for them to be told their power will be cut off if they don't pay. Cutting off hydro isn't something which is normally done when there are extenuating circumstances, like vacations.

"Possibly there was a misunderstanding on both sides in this case," Farnell declared. He said the utility has a "rigid" payment policy because it must maintain cash flow because Ontario Hydro needs to be paid for power monthly.

Farnell explained the new payment date of by the 10th of the month was arrived at because of the amalgamation of Georgetown and Acton Hydro and the inclusion (Continued on page 6)

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