

News digest

Wilful damage

Halton Regional Police are investigating a number of wilful damage incidents reported to them last week.

Vandals smashed a window at Neilsen's Clothing and threw eggs at the window of the 747 Lounge. Damage to the clothing store window is estimated at \$300.

A number of stop signs were bent to the ground in the Glenlea subdivision during the past week.

\$15 stolen

Halton Regional Police are investigating a break-in at a Rosemary Drive home. The incident was reported to Police Friday. Small bills totalling \$15 were stolen in the break-in.

Kerr undecided

George Kerr, a veteran provincial politician who for a number of years represented Acton in the Ontario Legislature has denied rumors he plans to retire. He says he is undecided. Kerr represented Acton as MPP for first Halton and later Halton-West and served many years in the cabinet holding various posts including environment and solicitor general. He has denied he won't run under the Tory banner in Burlington-South in the next provincial election, adding he will likely run if the vote is this fall. The same reports that have Kerr retiring also have Halton Region Chairman Jack Raftis carrying the Conservative flag next time out in Burlington-South.

Storey Dr. break-ins

Two homes on Storey Drive were hit the same day by thieves. Police say they received reports of a break, enter and theft, Thursday after jewellery was stolen from one home, and a ring and Olympic coins taken from a second home.

Value of the stolen articles is unknown. Halton Regional Police are investigating.

Raftis undecided

Jack Raftis won't reveal until later this month if he will seek a second term as region chairman. Candidates for chairman don't have to declare their intentions until after the November 10 election. The chairman is selected by regional council after the vote and doesn't have to hold an elected office. In 1978 Raftis was re-elected for a third term as a regional councillor and Burlington alderman and then resigned both seats when he captured the chairman's post. Raftis says he is undecided about his Political future.

Legion Ladies holding bazaar

Phyllis Angell

Acton Legion Ladies Auxiliary held their October meeting October 2nd, 1980, Comrade Jean Earle in the chair.

Comrade Joan McKnight received her Past Sargent at Arms Bar.

Much was discussed about the Bazaar October 18th hoping that every member would participate and donate.

A report was given by our president on the convention in Ottawa, Comrade Jean and Comrade Kathy, our first Vice President, represented our auxiliary. 11 other Comrades joined with them on the trip.

A letter was read from the Over 60 Club from Toronto, Branch 42, thanking us for a lovely meal and a good afternoon in Branch 197.

Thanks were also received for the remembrance of our oldest member Comrade Margaret Buchanan who celebrated her 100 birthday in September.

The Remembrance day Parade will form up at the Post Office on November 9th at 10:45 a.m. Come on girls let's have a good showing. There are many banquets for the months of October and November, please try to help. You can phone Comrade Fernie Shultis to get a time to help. See you at the meeting 8th November.



Have broom will travel. Laurie Cook, in charge of church decorations at Trinity United, outdid herself for Thanksgiving. Assisted in the harvest trappings by Edna Nellis, Ann Jerrard, Helen and Nancy Dubeau and Eldon and Betty Comfort. Mrs. Cook had the church looking like a farmers market.

Farm labor scarce

by Kelly Frank
In the midst of rising unemployment and factory layoffs, there are jobs for people in Halton. But, these jobs are only for those willing to work on the end of a hoe.

According to Henry Stanley a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Halton farmers could use a helping hand to harvest this year's bumper crops. Stanley says most vegetables are flourishing because of the hot wet summer we have had and that the jobs are there for those who want them. "The problem is, evidently no one wants to do physically hard farm work, a fact farmers have been aware of for a number of years.

Stanley feels part of the reluctance to do farm labor is due to people being spoiled with high job opportunities in and around Halton. "People have the cream of the crop around here as far as jobs go," he said. "Because it's a high industry area there's usually a lot of factory jobs that pay better and mean less work."

But, Stanley says farmers pay good wages, too. However, he admits that over the years farmers have been wary of hiring local help because they're simply too unreliable.

"The young people, the ones who try to do the work, just don't seem to hold up," he said. "The first day they get out on those fields and work like a ball of fire but, the second day they don't even bother to show up."

"At the first sign of a back ache or sore muscles, they quit!" Because their help has become so unreliable farmers have, over the past ten years, planned for their growing season without local help in the picture. Stanley says many area farmers have resorted to the use of expensive farm machinery to replace manual labour.

"It's a shame really. Here we have able bodied people who won't do the work and farmers paying an arm and a leg to do the work with tricky machinery," said Stanley. Farmers have also begun hiring help from the West Indies who stay the full season. And they don't walk off the job,

according to Stanley. Stanley says it's a shame that local labor isn't more readily available because it means farmers have become reluctant to expand operations. "Farmers are afraid to grow more in case they can't get enough help to harvest the crops which end up rotting in the fields."

His concern has sparked the Ministry of Agriculture and Food into assessing the possibility of starting a farm labor training program. He admits no immediate plans to implement a program are set but when they are he says the benefits would be great.

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Change of scenery for new music teacher

A change of scenery is what brought Lenora Vickery, the new music teacher at Robert Little School to Acton.

Mrs. Vickery, who has lived in Acton for 22 years, spent the last 15 teaching music and grade six at Brookville Public School.

Mrs. Vickery said she decided she would like a change of scenery and when applied for a transfer, was "lucky enough to come to Robert Little School".



Lenora Vickery

"The children are nice, co-operative and willing to learn," she said, listing the pleasures of teaching at Robert Little.

She has three sons, one working, one attending college and the youngest a student at Acton High School.

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