

Police beat Officers nab suspect

A 43-year-old Acton man was charged with theft under \$200 after he was observed by police carrying 34 pieces of lumber out of Toronto Woodtreating Company on Wallace St. Saturday at 11.15 p.m. Police say the lumber is valued at \$40.

Three Guelph youths aged 20, 21 and 22 have been charged with theft over \$200 in connection with the theft of a \$600 truck cap.

Police observed the men carrying the cap out of Toth Motors on Queen St. Friday at 1.55 a.m. All were charged with possession of stolen property in addition to the other charge.

A 17-year-old Acton youth was confronted by a truckload of angry youths after he got into a scuffle early Friday morning on Brock St.

The youth and a friend were walking along Brock St. when they saw two males throwing around a ten speed bicycle. Police say a scuffle ensued, when the 17-year-old sustained scratches and bite marks to his arms.

Near Main and Brock St. he was approached by a brown pickup truck with occupants. The 17-year-old youth and his friend ran to a home on Main St. South, followed by their attackers who pounded on the door and smashed a window.

Police estimate damage to be about \$20. A 29-year-old Acton male has been charged with common assault level one in connection with a domestic dispute on Main St. North Saturday evening in which a female victim was pushed twice.

Police say there was also damage to the furniture. A Union Jack flag worth about \$25 was stolen from a porch of a residence on Mill St. East sometime overnight Friday.

Police say a rock was thrown through a window, allowing thieves to get into the porch. There was \$25 damage.

About \$100 in damage was caused in a domestic dispute on Kingham Rd. Sunday morning, police say. There were no injuries in the dispute.

A 17-year-old Rockwood youth was charged with trespassing at the Acton High School Friday morning.

Police responded to a domestic complaint on Holmsway Pl. Saturday evening, but there were no injuries or damages reported.

A 38-year-old Toronto man was charged with impaired driving Monday June 6 at 10.12 p.m. on Holmesway Place.

Nine people were charged with liquor re-

lated charges over the weekend in Acton. Eight of them were males, one was female.

A mailbox was damaged, possibly with a sledgehammer, sometime overnight Saturday, police say. Damage to the mailbox at a residence at RR 4 Acton is estimated at \$50.

A toilet was ripped apart in the men's washroom at Olympia Restaurant on Queen St. sometime overnight Sunday. Damage is estimated at \$150.

A 35-year-old Acton man was arrested Tuesday at 12.59 a.m. while drinking in the Sit 'N Bull Pub. He was charged with being intoxicated in a public place.

At 10.15 that same evening, a 37-year-old man was arrested in Prospect Park and charged with being drunk in a public place.

At 3.20 p.m. that day, a 23-year-old male was charged with driving a motor vehicle with liquor readily available, on Mill and Frederick St.

Police are looking for a suspect in his 20s after someone kicked in the door window at the Bank of Nova Scotia Monday. The suspect is approximately 6 feet tall, 160 pounds with blonde shoulder length hair. Damage to the door was about \$100.

About \$200 in damage resulted after someone scratched the entire left side of a 1983 Mazda while it was parked in a drive-way on Brock St. Police say two male juveniles were found to be responsible.

About \$80 in cash was taken from an Elizabeth Drive residence June 3 sometime between noon and 4 p.m. The investigation is continuing.

About \$20 was lifted from a pair of pants hanging in the locker room of the gym at Acton High School Thursday morning.

Vandals knocked over the Acton Curling Club sign and a spotlight and tried to pry open screen windows Monday evening. No entry was gained into the building, but damage is estimated at \$75.

Police responded to a domestic dispute on Main St. North Monday evening, but no injuries were reported.

A 15-year-old Oakville girl escaped with minor injuries after the horse she was riding reared up, then fell on top of her at noon hour Sunday.

Police say Karen Baylis was riding in the woods near First Line, opposite the Brezces Trailer Park, when the horse reared and fell on her.



Brookville students examine some of the many home computers on display at the school's computer fair last Wednesday evening.

Guilty pleas, remands for 13 charged in bust

A rural Halton Hills man has pleaded guilty to trafficking in a narcotic and similar charges against his wife have been dropped.

Richard and Noreen Pester, RR3 Milton, Highway 25, were each charged with one count of trafficking in a Halton-wide drug bust which saw 19 arrested. Two other Halton Hills men, and a Rockwood man were also charged.

Pester was sentenced to three months in jail on one count of trafficking recently in Milton Provincial Court. Federal Prosecutor Angelo Serafini later withdrew the charges against Mrs. Pester.

The court was told she sold four ounces of marijuana to an undercover agent after receiving instructions from her husband to proceed with the deal. He was not home at the time when she sold the drugs, but during a telephone call to her, he told her to go ahead with the sale.

The value of the drug was estimated at \$120.

Richard Baker, 18, of RR2 Rockwood, charged with one count of possession of marijuana, has also pleaded guilty and received a \$100 fine. He is also due to appear in court on other drug conspiracy charges.

A 21-year-old RR3 Milton, Halton Hills man, Timothy Copeland will stand trial June 30 on three counts of trafficking in narcotics, three counts of theft over \$200, two counts of use of a stolen credit card, two counts of uttering a forged document, two counts of forgery, two counts of impersonation, one count of attempted theft and one count of possession of stolen property.

Glen Edwin, 33, of Highway 25, Halton Hills, charged with conspiracy to trafficking in narcotics and trafficking narcotics, appears in court July 11 to set a date for trial.

Milton people charged are: Robert Deslaurier, charged with six counts of trafficking, one count of conspiracy to traffic in narcotics and one count of conspiracy to traffic in a restricted drug, will appear in court July 11 to set a date for his preliminary hearing; Gary McGuire, 16, facing five counts of break and enter, one count of conspiracy to traffic in a restricted drug, and one count of trafficking in a restricted drug, appears in court June 28 to set a date for trial; Robert Brinkman, 20, charged with one count of use of a stolen credit card, is tried June 20; Christine Jones, 21, faces a forgery charge trial August 9.

Remanded to July 11 to set a date for trial were: Alan Cooper, 25, charged with one count of trafficking in narcotics; Donald Brent Pickett, 19, one count of trafficking; Mark Wesley Bennett, 22, one count of possession of stolen property and one count of possession of marijuana; Clifford Bill, 21, one count of conspiracy to traffic in cannabis resin, all of Milton.

The high schools are unique, Alanna says. A student can enter the school and come out fully trained to be a nurse, teacher, etc., by taking the necessary training while in secondary school. She herself graduated from the second level of the three level structure.

Now that she's home, Alanna plans to just take it easy for the summer, and look for a job in the fall. She's got no plans for university or college yet. She's been bitten by the travel bug and has to take the necessary medication to get cured.

But for now, she says, its good just to be back home in her own bed, with her own family.

Meanderings

by Mabel E. Barkman

It was a soggy Monday morning. I began by watering the indoor plants. The outside ones already had too much rain.

My spirits lifted when I saw a beautiful white flower on my gardenia plant. A month ago I was almost ready to throw it away as it was losing leaves and looked miserable.

Just by chance I happened to read an article saying that if a person lived in a hard water area to give gardenias and azaleas some vinegar. It suggested adding two tablespoons of vinegar to a quart of water and pouring a cupful or so around the base of the plant every two or three weeks until it perked up. I did so, in addition to giving it plenty of water nearly every day.

It began to improve soon after and as I said, I was rewarded with a gorgeous bloom today.

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On the Leavell

With Helen

Mark this weekend if you like good old fashion fun.

On Saturday, the Nassagaweya Community School Association is having a community fun fair from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be handmade crafts, home baking, puppet shows, pipe bands and many activities designed especially for the children's enjoyment.

The fair will be held at Brookville public school on the Guelph Line.

And then Sunday, music lovers are invited to attend a supper concert at the Band Hall from 6 to 10 p.m. where the Acton Citizens' Band will play everyone's favorites. Folks are invited to bring picnic suppers and sit under the shade trees and enjoy fine music, good food, and hopefully nice weather. Tables and chairs will be provided.

Memoirs of John Henry Haines Root have been presented to the Wellington County Museum and Archives by John H.H. Root of Erin Township in memory of his ancestors.

The Root family ancestors left Switzerland in the 1600s with the Brethren, later called Mennonites, for religious liberty in the German Palatinate. They left Germany for that same reason in 1717, going to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, a British colony at that time. The British Queen Anne assisted them and thousands of other people who wanted religious liberty.

Statts Overhold, who was a Loyalist, came to Clinton Township, in the Beamsville area, in the 1770s. Henry Rott (Root) came to Canada in 1799 and married Mary Overhold, the daughter of Statts. They are buried in the Beamsville Baptist Cemetery.

Henry and Mary's oldest son was John Roots great-grandfather John Rott who, with his sister, Nancy, Mrs. Mathew Smith and their families were living in Erin Township together with other pioneers, several years before the City of Guelph was founded. John and Nancy and a brother, Isaac, and many of their descendants are buried in the Coningsby Cemetery.

Early this year freshman Councillor Rick Bonnette in his first real address to council raised concerns about the care of our Fairy Lake fowl, particularly the swans.

It got a lot of laughs at the council table and out in the community. His stand was also staunchly supported by many in Acton who don't care for them that much but realize it is an important part of this community.

But did you know the birds, ducks and geese in particular, are performing a valuable service to the taxpayers.

Every summer when it's hot algae forms on the surface of the huge pond at the sewage treatment plant.

The taxpayers never have to pay staff or for wear and tear on equipment or for power for the equipment to have this algae removed. The birds eat it up.

Regional staff, during their open house at the sewage plant recently, made a point of drawing our attention to the valuable service the birds perform, adding that their service makes up for the fact the grounds are also covered by their droppings.

I'd say it's worthwhile keeping our fowl population healthy and happy just so they can clean that pond.

Editor's desk ..

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sound like he remembered vaguely Pocklington mentioning such an idea when they talked just moments before, but nothing firm had been arranged, no details were nailed down. Well on the road to victory, he still preferred to be evasive instead of straightforward.

I can't see Pocklington going to Mulrooney unless he had a firm deal, considering how passionate the Orlers' owner is about his proposal. The deal was made, I have no doubt about that. So why would Mulrooney play games afterwards?

Mulrooney talks well, but never seems to say much or commit himself to anything.

He has style, charm, looks and charisma (no more charisma than Crosbie I'd say). I'm fed up with those qualities. Mulrooney isn't just dreadfully inexperienced, he's, I fear, a fake, a facade.

I want politicians who tell it straight, no matter how painful the news may be. I want honesty and humility. I want a person, not an illusion and an image.

This country has had enough of the old tried but increasingly no longer true method of playing political games with people.

Mulrooney was number three of the big three in Ottawa with his speech, much lower in the policy sessions. I felt. His victory address, the one he left the hall to write, didn't inspire me a bit.

Sure Clark would lose, I stationed myself in his end for the final ballot results to see the reaction. Mixed in with the gloom was lots of bitterness, even hate and contempt. After the convention a lot of Mulrooney boosters seemed subdued, like they were pondering if they'd made a mistake.

Forget the scene on the stage or outside caucus Monday or in the House later the same day. Mulrooney faces a big unity problem, bigger I suspect than if Clark had returned and certainly much larger than had Crosbie won.

And the Liberals, who are admittedly pretty bright men, must be rubbing their hands with glee waiting their chance to make mincemeat of so shallow Mulrooney.

I expect Trudeau will be staying on for some time more, just so he can make a fool of Mulrooney on the evening news on a regular basis. The federal election won't take place until 1985 I believe, they'll want to give Mulrooney lots of rope and time to hang himself.

The Tories picked him because of two factors. There was a big anti-Joe feeling and some PCs felt the only way they can win a majority is by picking a Quebecker.

Never mind someone bilingual, to many only a Quebecker would do.

I think if it's Mulrooney versus Turner the PCs could find themselves with more seats in Quebec but fewer in the rest of the country.

So why didn't Crosbie win? In Quebec the language issue wasn't as big a deal as it was in English Canada, one French journalist told me.

This chap, after hearing Crosbie's French at the convention, speculated the poor man has been trying to learn the language all along but with his accent (the best joke I heard was Crosbie doesn't speak either official language) it has been tough slugging. However, this journalist thought that while Crosbie's French was labored and phoetic, it was understandable and his economic platform and genuineness could carry him in Quebec in an election, especially if his French improved.

I've always believed the notion that Joe, for all his faults, really believed in the party and Canada first.

After Ottawa, I'm not so sure. Following the second ballot when his strength hadn't grown a bit, fewer people had voted on the second ballot and Joe was down slightly, everyone in the room, save maybe Joe and Maureen and a few advisors, knew he wouldn't and couldn't win.

Crosbie's people were telling the Clarkites that it didn't matter even if Crosbie went to Joe, most of them wouldn't follow and it wasn't bull. They meant it. They were right too.

If Joe knew he couldn't win but stayed on anyway it can only be because he didn't care to whom he handed the party. He knows both Mulrooney and Crosbie well, he knew who'd be a better replacement, but maybe he didn't care who took over if it couldn't be him.

Now, did Joe hand the party over to Mulrooney so he could sit in the bushes and wait for a future rebirth. If so it was not only foolish, but despicable.

Or, did Joe really believe a miracle could happen, that he could win on the final? If so it's just another example of his stupidity which he evidenced, along with some admirable qualities, repeatedly during the past seven years.

The other thing which did Crosbie in, besides Joe not giving up when it became evident he couldn't win, was when half the field quit after the first ballot. Had Wilson stayed he probably wouldn't have been below 75 votes after the second ballot so he could have stayed for the third.

Clark's team did a good job holding their ote for the third ballot, but I doubt they could have held off the hard charging Crosbie for a fourth ballot. The Clark team had tough enough a time pulling it off on the third ballot. Clark supporters would have seen further Joe slippage and I think enough might have bailed out after the third ballot to let Crosbie catch up on the fourth. Crosbie would have beat Mulrooney on a fifth ballot.

Crosbie and the ABM movement needed one more ballot to get going and overtake Clark.

Anyway, despite my strong reservations, I'm willing to wait and watch Mulrooney. Maybe I'm wrong, I have been lots of times.

Maybe the man does have substance, maybe his isn't something like a Trudeau of 15 years ago, all style and not much to back it up. Maybe now that he is in office he'll start being straight with people. Maybe he isn't a Grit in blue robes, which comparing the very moderate Mulrooney of 1976 with the right winger of today, I think he really is.

One thing's sure, the next couple of years of Canadian politics will be verry interesting.

I can hardly wait for the Liberals to pick a new leader, I'll be applying for press credentials to watch it all unfold no matter where it's held.

Besides, after years of hearing how it's only the Tories who fight among themselves, that only Tories hold bloodbaths, I'm looking forward to seeing a good Liberal fight. I figure a lot of blood could be spilled if their convention pits Turner against the likes of Lalonde, MacEichen and Chretien.



Greg Waller, 11, got a rare chance to sit in an ultralight Saturday at the library. Frank Meurer and Jeff Patterson, of Ace Aerolights, were on hand to answer questions about the world's most advanced ultralight.

Red Cole pleads guilty

A suspected romance between an Acton man's wife and a friend of the family sparked the husband to bring out his rifle. Court has been told.

Edwin (Red) Cole, 56, of Cameron St. strongly suspected that a family friend and Cole's wife Dorothy were having an affair, said defence lawyer Terry Shaughnessy during Cole's provincial court trail in Milton Thursday.

Cole pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace. The Crown withdrew another charge: pointing a firearm at his wife and the family friend on May 18.

A pre-sentence report has been ordered by the court for June 27 when Cole, who has been in custody since the evening of the incident, was arrested.

The friend brought a six-pack of beer along when he visited the Coles in their home in the afternoon of May 18. When that beverage ran out, more beer was obtained. Around dinner hour, a dispute between Cole and the others broke out.

A .22 calibre Mossberg rifle was taken by Cole in the house. According to a statements of facts read by assistant Crown Attorney John Ayre, Cole pointed the weapon at the man and woman and threatened to shoot them. Both managed to escape the house and the wife telephoned police.

For about three-and-a-half-hours that

evening and into the next morning members of the Halton police Tactical and Rescue Unit surrounded the house. Residents on Cameron St. were asked to leave their homes and those who refused were assigned an officer to stay with them until the incident ended.

Police also blocked off some nearby streets.

Attempts to communicate with Cole failed. Police resorted to using a bull horn because there was no telephone in the house.

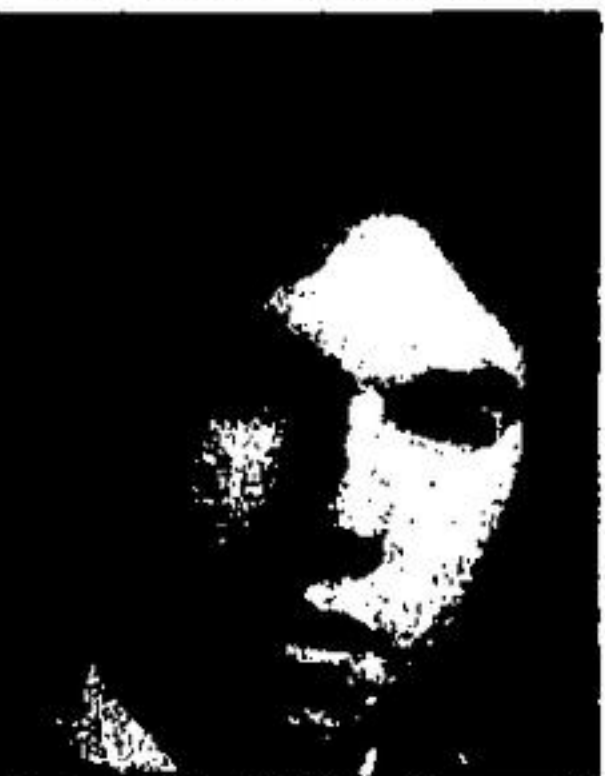
To get Cole's attention police let off a very loud fire cracker over top of the house. No shots were fired during the incident and soon after police had the man in custody.

A search of the home turned up the rifle, which according to the defence lawyer had no bolt, firing pin or ammunition.

The Crown indicated that he had concerns about Mrs. Cole's safety and also that he would be seeking a jail term for Cole.

The defence wished to have the sentencing take place on the same day as the trial because Cole has been in custody for 22 days. The marriage appears to be at an end, said Shaughnessy.

Before Judge William Sharpe postponed the sentencing he ordered that the .22 calibre rifle be destroyed and also banned Cole from owning a firearm, ammunition or explosive for five years.



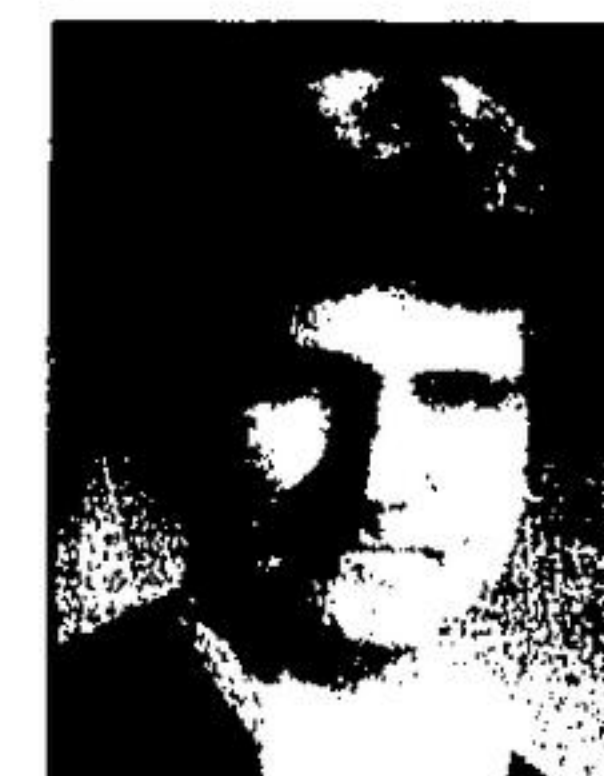
Mr. and Mrs. William Coats of 31 Young St., Acton are pleased to announce the graduation of their son, Donald Bruce Coats from the University of Waterloo on May 28. Don received his Bachelor of Mathematics degree with a Business Administration option, in the Co-op program. He is presently employed with Hewlett-Packard (Canada) Ltd. in Mississauga.



Mr. and Mrs. John Kitching of Mofatt, are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter Paula Wynne Coats from the University of Waterloo on May 28. Paula graduated in Honours Mathematics with a Chartered Accountancy option, in the co-op program. She is presently employed with the firm of Evans and Martin in Brampton. She is the wife of Don Coats.



Mr. and Mrs. Bern Van Fleet are happy to announce the graduation of their son Richard James Alexander from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Science degree (Honors Applied Chemistry Co-operative Program).



Jacob Drail, son of Mrs. Rick Drail and the late Klaus Drail has graduated with honors from the University of Guelph with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. A graduate of Centennial CVI in Guelph, he is now in private practice in Kanata, Ontario.