## OPP—on the road 75 years

The OPP is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, and for the first 13 years of its existence, its officers used any means of transportation available to patrol the million-square kilometer area of opera-

Travelling into the remote areas of Ontario, they were allowed \$4 for hiring a horse, 13 cents a mile for using a Ford or 17 cents a mile for larger cars.

In fact, in 1917, the OPP purchased one

bicycle for \$30 to save the horse-hire costs.

Officers took trains, streetcars, borrowed cars and, when all else was unavailable, they walked through the countryside.

Dahn Higley, retired chief superintendent and author of the Ontario Provincial Police History being published this year as part of the birthday celebrations, said most of the cars used by the Force were not high quality.

"Many were seized from rumrunners or were turned back by the courts following convictions," he said.

A request for motor vehicles was made in 1920, but it wasn't until 1922 the first cars were purchased. An inspector of automobiles was appointed then to supervise the 17 vehicles.

However, the small fleet still didn't quite meet the Force's growing requirements and, until the war years, officers continued

to drive their own cars while on duty.

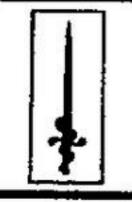
In 1940, the first marked cars arrived and by the end of the 1940s, the Force was using black and white cruisers for highway patrol.

Present day cars are ordered two or three times a year and, when the odometer reaches 140,000 kilometres (87,000 miles), the vehicle is sold. In all, 700 cars are replaced each year by the Force.

### Pair injured as car rolls

An Erin driver and her passenger escaped serious injury when the 1978 Concord they were riding in went out of control on the Tenth Line just east of 17 Sideroad, entered a farmer's field and rolled over.

Valerie Perron, 20, of Dundas Street in Erin and passenger Paul McArthur suffered minor injuries in the accident, which took place early last Friday morning and result-



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### **PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE** STEELES AVENUE

RECONSTRUCTION OF STEELES AVENUE FROM 9th LINE SOUTH WINSTON CHURCHILL BOULEVARD

A Public Information Centre will be held at the North District Operations Centre, 1600 Steeles Avenue West, Milton, Ontario.

> THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1984 from 7:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m.

This information Centre is being held to provide the public with an opportunity to review the detailed design drawings for the reconstruction of Steeles Avenue from 9th Line South to Winston Churchill Boulevard including Intersection improvements and widening at Winston Churchill Boulevard and Steeles Avenue.

Interested persons are invited to drop in to the Information Centre and comment on the proposed work.

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### LET'S CARE & SHARE

Community Justice Week in Ontano challenges you to care about victims.

Our justice system has a fine tradition of protecting offenders. However, we must all recognize that victims have rights and needs too.

Victims and their families need help at the time of crisis. They need information and guidance on how to use the justice system. And, they need support and care to deal with the aftereffects of crime.

The Ontario government has undertaken several initiatives to help victims. But personal and community involvement is essential.

Get involved. Participate in community-based crime prevention programs and services. Contact your local police or provincial court, or write to the Provincial Secretarial for Justice, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 2A1.

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