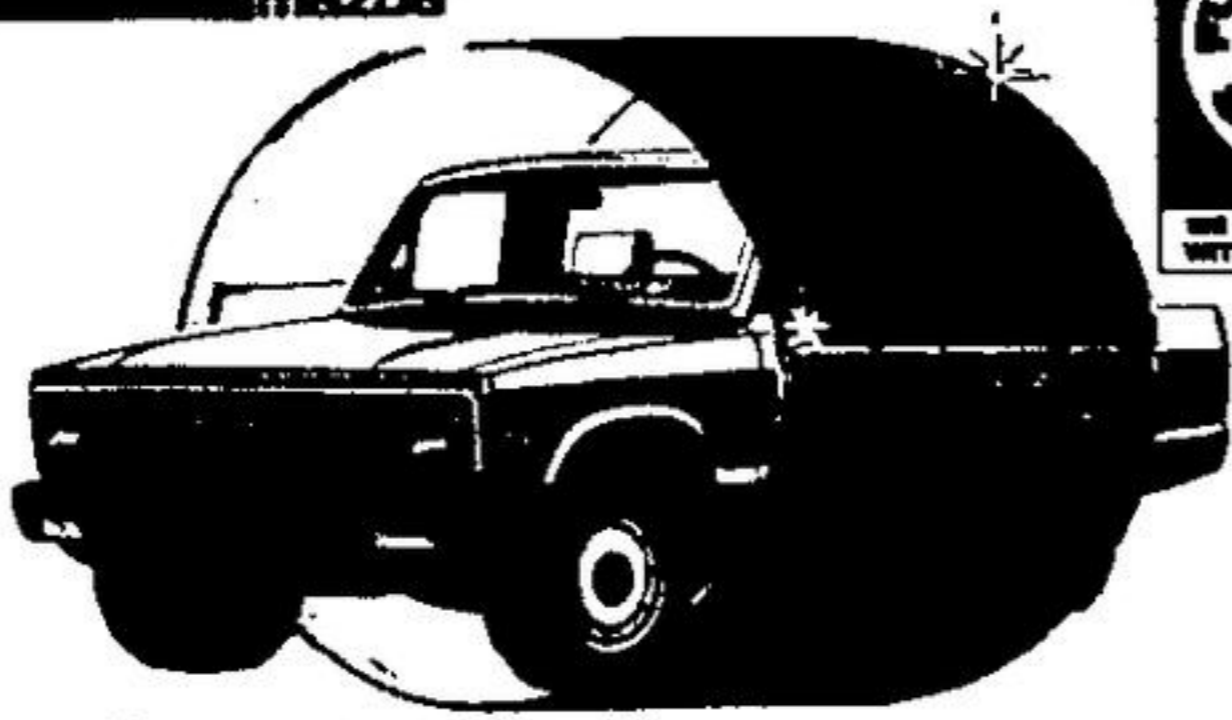


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as it applies to persons in possession of land within the Town of Halton Hills. Unless noxious weeds are destroyed by June 11th, 1984, and as often as necessary throughout the season to prevent the ripening of their seeds and dispersal of their pollens, the Town of Halton Hills may enter private property and destroy these weeds. The costs will be charged against the property owner and collected in the manner of Municipal Taxes. Goatsbeard, Thistles, Chicory, Poison Ivy, Ragweed, Wild Carrot, and Milkweed are among the weeds considered noxious, and must be destroyed wherever found. Complaints regarding Dandelion and Goldenrod will not be accepted as these are not considered noxious under the terms of the Weed Control Act. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted. KETH LESLIE, WEED INSPECTOR TOWN OF HALTON HILLS 877-4841

North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded

Annual General Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1984

Herigate Inn
161 Chisholm Avenue
Milton

7.30 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING

8.30 P.M. RECEPTION

A brief business meeting will be followed by a special recognition of individuals and groups who gave exemplary support to NHAMR during the past year.

An informal reception will follow.



Goy remembers D-Day

(Continued from page 1)
the shelling, the tons of shells we threw at them, there were still a lot of those guys left and they were able to make life miserable."
So as the infantry hit the beaches, the artillery was firing from their landing craft to keep the Germans' heads down. Then, the artillery hit the beaches, too.
Goy remembered that because of the wreckage on the beach, the artillery's exits were blocked so they wound up being deployed on the beach for about four hours. The infantry was relaying back various targets to the artillery and John estimates that between the action from the water and on the beach, his gun crew fired off about 900 to 900 rounds.
For D-Day John was a bombardier, he became a gun sergeant about four or five days after D-Day and continued in that job for the rest of the war. As a bombardier he commanded part of the gun crew while the sergeant's half of the crew rested.
One of the slightly humorous, if anything could be humorous in the life threatening situation, our troops found themselves in that day, episodes involved checking for mines on the beach.
It was the job of Goy and an officer to start sweeping for mines as soon as they hit the beach, however they had a hard time finding any since the machine never stopped screaming because there was so much metal lying around. "Not a very efficient

way to find mines."
For the 45th, D-Day wasn't that big a problem, they took their beatings in various inland villages in the following days. On D Day out of about 250 men, 19 were killed and another 50 to 60 wounded from the 45th. Because many of their officers hit the beaches with the infantry, Goy recalled the brass "took a bit of a beating."
With all the firing going on, one would expect the din to be so intense that it would have been difficult to even think. Not so, John says. The noise was something they all got used to pretty quickly. One necessity was to promptly learn the difference in sound between the Allied guns and German arms.
"There was so much confusion and gunfire, you weren't really aware of all the noise. You tended to disregard it, you just got used to the noise pretty quickly."
While many veterans are going to Europe for several weeks, John's trip is just for a dozen days, and only six will be spent on the mainland.
His regiment has a full bus load for the trip and while they be going to Omaha beach, where the Americans landed, for the big service and ceremonies today, they'll also be visiting the beach where they landed. John said his unit would be visiting at least two Canadian cemeteries, as well as attending a big reception in Caen put on by our federal government. He expects they'll get within 100 yards of where they landed and he's looking forward to seeing the many little monuments on the beach marking where various regiments from all Allied nations landed, including the 45th.
Part of their trip will also take members of the 45th to little hamlets such as Authie, Rots and Buron where "we and the infantry had a particularly bad time. It was worse on D-Day plus four, D-Day plus five and D-Day plus six than it was for the actual landing. They (the French villages) were dirty little holes and we were in noisy battles there."
For many veterans it will be a tremendous emotional experience because it's their first time back to those beaches.
However, John doesn't expect to be quite as moved since he returned in 1969 with his wife Eleanor for a visit and toured all the war scenes.
At the same time he expects he'll be remembering fallen comrades. He says it's highly emotional to walk along a row of identical graves and markers and realize out of 25 men the oldest was perhaps 22.
John observed that to most people a veteran is some old guy sitting around guzzling beer, but the real veterans are all those hundreds and hundreds of young men who were killed.
"Someone you soldiered with for four years was killed and you were struck by the sudden finality of it. It gets to you."
That first night John's unit didn't get to its primary objective of Caen, but they did wind up at Barville, their secondary objective. While the infantry had managed to move five to seven miles inland, the artillery was only about two miles in from the beach.
Another reason this week is a highly charged emotional situation for so many men is that it means seeing old friends for the first time in years—and maybe for the last time. Goy noted that 10 years ago the 45th had a mailing list of over 850 men. Today it's down to 390. How big will the mailing list be in another 10 years? he wonders.
In summing up some of his feelings, Goy pointed to a stanza of a poem written by a padre who was there for D-Day, Stanley Higgs who hailed from Oakville.
"They do not ask a golden casque or a tower of graven stone, But that men may live in a world set free from guilt by their blood atoned."
"You know the veterans of World War I spoke of keeping the 'torch of freedom' lit. World War II veterans were similar, but we said we wanted a free world. How do you relate these thoughts to the 1980s? I think those in military graves are telling us today that if we can't find some way to peacefully share this planet then we can all share their graves. They will have died in vain."

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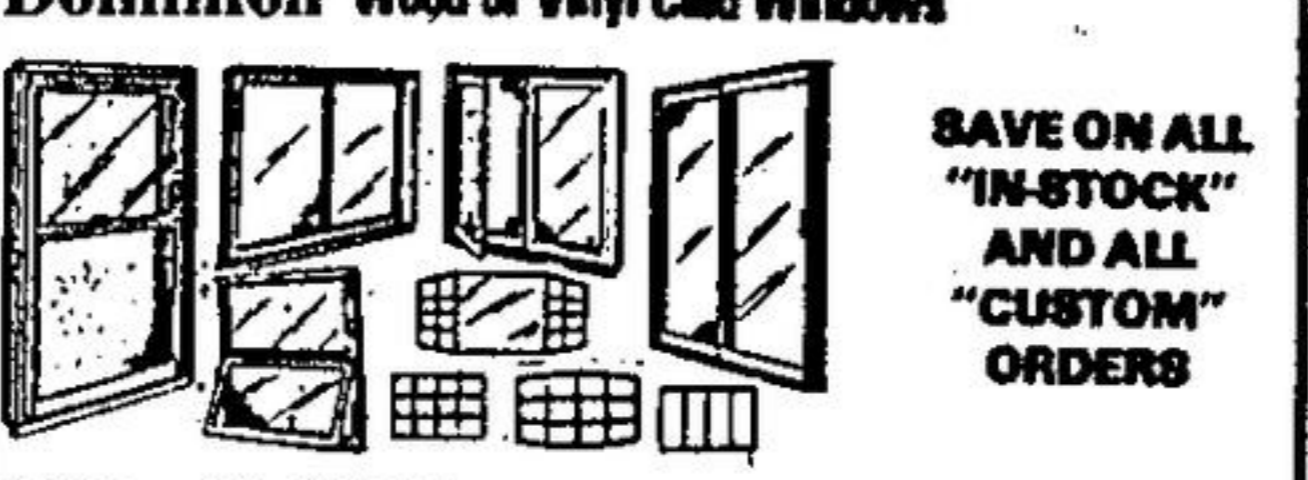
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Police beat

Police believe the same person may be responsible for two incidents of theft under \$200 that took place Saturday afternoon on Mill St. East. A shopping bag containing about \$20 worth of goods left briefly on the counter of the Acton Submarine and Donut Shop at 19 Mill was stolen at about 12.15 p.m. Just over two hours later, a Stedman's bag containing jeans and other articles valued at \$18 was taken from the front of the Royal Cafe at 10 Mill.

Police had little trouble keeping the peace at a Cameron St. residence where they were called in about a domestic dispute Saturday morning.

An estimated \$4,000 worth of damage was done at the International Peace Camp near Speyside recently, apparently by countryside partiers.

Police learned this week that sometime between May 21 and June 3 a truck was gutted by fire, two picnic tables were destroyed and a telephone was pulled off a hydro pole at the camp.

Legion happenings

by Jimmy Higgins
To facilitate any problems or requests any member may have, you are urged to contact the executive member the problem concerns.

Following are areas of responsibility for various executive members: membership, Ab Irwin; poppy drive, Harry Norton; sports and property, Fred Allen and Bob Doyle; entertainment, J. Phillip; press reporting officer, Jim Higgins; crew chiefs, E. Waller and A. Waldie; special events, Gord James; sick and visiting, Fred New and C. Baker. President Len Stone will continue to order Legion supplies.

Sergeant at Arms J. Milne has an acute problem, men are urgently needed for the color party. If you are interested call Jim, uniforms are essential.

Tickets for the annual barbecue will be on sale shortly, so keep June 23 open. It is hoped we can charter a bus for a very good musical show at Hamilton Place on June 22. Watch the bulletin board or contact Jim Phillip.

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