

## Jury Accepts Insanity In Acton Wife-Slaying



Bonnie Bryan of Gairey Drive loves to spend the summer soaking up the sun.

After working in Bramalea all summer Bonnie plans to take a trip down through the

southern United States and relax on an island in the Gulf of Mexico.

SUMMERTIME GAL (Herald Photo)

Not guilty by reason of insanity was the verdict handed down to a 28-year-old Mississauga man here Monday after a jury deliberated 25 minutes on the charge of non-capital murder.

Thomas Gilcrest Bourke of 2228 Council Ring Rd. pleaded not guilty to the charge of stabbing his 21 year old wife Colleen to death on May 8, 1973 in her Acton apartment.

Both the crown attorney, Larry Owen and the defence lawyer, Edward Greenspun summed up his case to the jury by noting that "I hope you will

time of the killing and Colleen was seeing another man. On a number of occasions, they were supposed to get together again, but she always backed out.

Until Colleen's death, Bourke tried to convince her to return with him and forget the other man. He visited her on May 8 with the other man but later returned to discuss their problems.

After the killing, Bourke turned himself in at the Milton OPP station and gave the statements. The first statement was taken at 12:10 a.m. when he admitted the killing.

### 'Aim In Life Lost'

find him not guilty by reason of insanity, it's our only defence. "Do not feel he'll walk away a free man, but he'll be taken to a place where he can be treated," he explained.

"By rendering a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity, you're not only rendering mercy, you're fulfilling your duty as jurors," Mr. Greenspun said.

Mr. Owen also asked for the same verdict. He noted that Bourke was not "mentally responsible for his actions." "I suggest you accept the evidence of the three doctors," he said.

The crown's psychiatrist, Dr. Basil Orchard outlined to the jury the procedure if Bourke was found not guilty by reason of insanity. He told the court that treatment for Bourke's depressed condition was usually "a long process of treatment for depression and tension."

"As the depression is released, Bourke will become more aware of what he has done, and as he becomes more aware, he'll continue to slip back into a depression. The whole treatment could take five years, perhaps longer," he explained.

Dr. Orchard added that the treatment would be carried out at the hospital in Penatanguishe. He described it as a "prison" where "the security is such that we've only had two escapes in 30 years."

The doctor agreed with statements issued by the two defence psychiatrists regarding the state of Bourke's mind prior to, including and since the killing. He told the court that he had examined Bourke on May 13, 1974.

"While he is fit to stand trial, I found him very depressed with no ability to project his thoughts on his future. He lost his aim in life and his feeling of love," Dr. Orchard explained.

The psychiatrist pointed out that during the almost four hours of examination Bourke showed signs of agitation, depression and anxiety. He added that the accused tended to jump from one topic to another.

"At the time of his killing, I believe Bourke was unable to appreciate the quality of his acts," Dr. Orchard said. "He was suffering from depression not just sadness but depression so bad that at times he became psychotic and lost touch with reality."

He added that Bourke was able to relate details of the actions to police during the night because "the immediate impact of his act brought him into an awareness of it."

The crown used evidence by Inspector John McPherson of the Ontario Provincial Police Criminal Investigation Division background information and allowed him to read three statements which Bourke gave during the night of the killing.

The inspector explained the Bourke's were separated at the time of the killing and Colleen was seeing another man. On a number of occasions, they were supposed to get together again, but she always backed out.



WOMEN (Herald Photo)

### ALL CANDIDATES' MEETING

HALTON'S THREE candidates spoke before the Georgetown Council of Women at St. George's

Anglican Church last Friday afternoon at an all candidates meeting. Seated left to right are Archie Brown

(NDP), Terry O'Connor (PC) and Frank Philbrook (Lib.)

## Propose Flexible Controls After Wage, Price Freeze

Halton riding residents were told Thursday that the proposed Progressive Conservative 90 day wage and price freeze would be replaced by almost two years of flexible controls and restraints.

Progressive Conservative leader, Robert Stanfield, visited the riding at the Oakville Trafalgar High School to tell a packed auditorium that the 90 day freeze would allow the government time to prepare other measures.

"During the 90 days, we'll

talk with representatives of the provinces, industries, unions and the farmers to provide some type of flexible controls and restraints for our second phase of the program," he said.

The P.C. leader who came to the riding to support incumbent candidate Terry O'Connor, added that the freeze would not affect present contracts even if wage increases were included.

"It is not our intention to negate contracts presently in effect," he said.

"The purpose is to provide a period when the demands upon the economy can be considerably reduced," Mr. Stanfield continued. "We hope to defuse the constantly increasing inflationary expectation."

Mr. Stanfield touched on the role of the farmer during any price and wage freeze issued. He noted that the controls should be used on the "input costs of farm production."

"Regardless of other market conditions, until that is done, prices at the farm gate cannot be stabilized," he added.

The Progressive Conservative Party leader pointed out that NDP leader David Lewis only wants "something done on the price side" and the Prime Minister insists, "that all's well with the economy."

"Something has to be done on both sides of the issue if anything is to be achieved. It's the responsibility of good citizenship to respond to the challenge, to accept the need for restraints and discipline when the national interest requires," he remarked.

Mr. Stanfield added that the government should control its

spending if the economy is to improve. He pointed out that cuts in government spending would aid the economy.

"This government has never made any effort to save, to cut, to practice restraint, but it did make an attempt to reduce the effectiveness of the 'watch-dog' on government spending, The Auditor General's Office," Mr. Stanfield claimed.

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### Not Sticking To Procedure

Two regional councillors were upset at the lack of procedure last Wednesday when a number of works committee by-laws for projects and tender acceptance were rushed through council without time for the members to review them.

Coun. Ric Morrow and Mayor Tom Hill of Halton Hills suggested a motion that council not deal with anything which is not in the councillors' hands at least 48 hours prior to a meeting, unless an emergency.

"We went through stuff here today that I didn't even have on my desk to look at," complained Mayor Hill. "It's not fair to anyone here, the councillors, the public or the press."

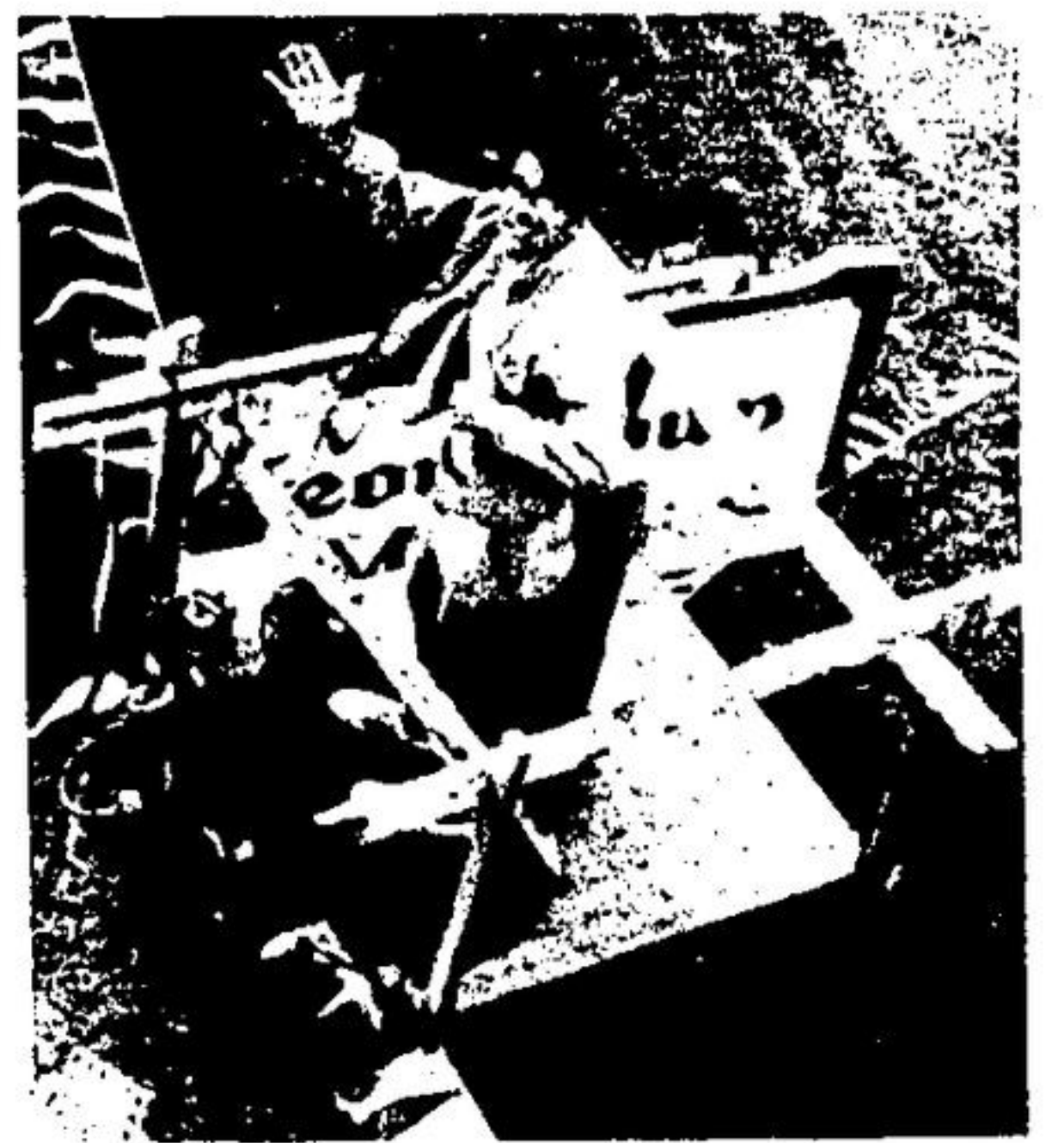
Coun. Morrow added that he "could not agree with the mayor more." "What we did here is improper, and not legally constituted according to our procedure by-law," he added.

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### SITTING PRETTY HIGH



GERRY GETTY waves from atop his flagpole at the Optimist Club annual flag pole sitting contest last weekend. The purpose of the contest was to raise money for the optimists to use in

helping the community. From 7:00 Friday evening until 7:00 Sunday evening, various sitters spent four hours on a wooden platform 45 feet above the ground.

## Improve Recycling Plans GPP Requests of Council

Halton Hills landfill sites have a gloomy future unless town council begins an improved program to recycle paper, glass and tin wastes, reported the Georgetown Pollution Probe last Tuesday.

John Mitchell, of probe presented a brief to council outlining a number of proposals and recommended that council circulate "flyers" containing details of preparation of materials for recycling.

"Landfill cannot remain the method of disposal of garbage in the proportion that it is now. This is a problem which is not going to disappear, it's getting worse each year," he explained.

Mr. Mitchell also noted that a

works department report suggested that council encourage residents to begin recycling certain products.

"You refused to institute a paper pickup with the garbage collection and have discontinued the pickup of cardboard from commercial establishments," he complained.

"The longer you adhere to the disposal of landfill, the more you contribute to the degradation of this scenic area and the reduction of its amenity value to the residents," Mr. Mitchell added.

However, his comments did not agree with the thoughts of each councillor. Coun. Ern Hyde noted that often with this type of proposal, economics

formed the final decision. "It's highly impractical at this time to do the things that are proposed tonight," he remarked. "With the collection of bottles, we can't afford to get involved in the collection."

Coun. Morrow was upset with the works committee for dropping the cardboard collection. He wanted to know why it was dropped and why now a private firm does the collection.

"Was it because it was making money?" he asked. "If the municipality was making money we were on the right road."

Council agreed to discuss the matter of waste management policy in the committee of the whole

### NEWS IN BRIEF

MRS. DOROTHY CALDER of Prince Charles Dr. in Georgetown called police and requested assistance in removing a small dog from her swimming pool. The dog had made its way into the pool and could not get out again. Police were successful in their attempt to help the dog out.

A PUMP ACTION Winchester trap gun and a .22 calibre Remington Nylon were reported stolen from a house on Delrex Blvd. in Georgetown. The thief apparently gained entrance through a basement window. The approximate value of the stolen items is \$675.

TORONTO DOMINION chexarg has alerted police about a Chexarg card believed to be stolen which has been used to make purchases from several stores in Georgetown. The card was originally issued to a resident of Toronto.

### LETTER OF RECOLLECTION

## School Closing Is Seed Of Destruction For Community

Dear Sir: When I attended high school several years ago, I wrote a speech on "Norval", a small village of 300 nestled among the banks of the Credit river.

How very different my speech would be today! Now I am not sure if I live in Halton Hills, Georgetown, Norval, or in Halton County or perhaps Esqueping township.

Today, the Credit river is polluted and so is a good percentage of our drinking water, but before anything can be done about our polluted drinking water, a study must be done by whom I am not sure, and this could take up to two years. Meanwhile we drink polluted water.

June 21 was a sad day for a few village residents (thanks to regional school board). Our little three room school closed its doors to our children. Come September, instead of riding a bike, or walking to school, students will now catch a bus to

several different schools, splitting our village even more. What becomes of our school now? We would like to have the use of at least part of it for a community centre, but our regional school board won't say what is to become of it. Will our children have a playground now, or will they have to hitchhike to Georgetown for entertainment?

As if the closing of our school wasn't a "slap in the face", before the doors were even locked, our "Regional school board," made arrangements to have the old school bell removed from Cairn on the front lawn of the school, (for safe keeping they said!).

The Norval Women's Institute had that cairn built as a Centennial project, and the stones were collected from local farms, local men removed the bell from the old school, and a local man spent many long hours building the cairn.

The man who built the cairn was my late father (Fred



These are third and fourth generation children of the people who first attended Norval school: Mark Cunningham, Dwayne Cunningham, Karen Cunningham, Marilu Davis, Derek Hedley and Robert Reed. Joanne Hunter, who was not present for this photograph is a fourth generation Norval student.

Fendley), and I was among the first students to attend Norval school when it opened in 1953. My daughter left that school for the last time on Friday, and we are all proud of that cairn, as it is certainly a personal memorial to us of her grandfather.

What right do a bunch of men sitting on their butts in an office have to destroy a community!

Today, my five year old daughter asked why she couldn't ride her bicycle to school next year. Could a member of the regional school board please answer that for her, because I certainly can't give her a good explanation.

This year, Norval students collected sap, right in their own school yard, and they had pancakes and maple syrup that they had made themselves. They went on a trip to the sugar bush, and saw syrup being made in larger quantities. Can they make maple syrup at George Kennedy school—of

### CAMPAIGN TRAIL LIBERAL

Candidate Dr. Frank Philbrook greeted early morning workers at the Georgetown GO train last Friday morning and then attended the all candidates meeting in Oakville that evening. Dr. Philbrook was with Eugene Whelan, minister of agriculture in Erin on Sunday and then in Georgetown again for the all candidates meeting on Monday. Today candidate Philbrook will visit Oakville Trafalgar Hospital to meet patients and then attend a gathering for senior citizens at the Halton Manor in Milton before attending the all candidates meeting at Martin Street Senior Public School. Dr. Philbrook will be at the Trudeau rally at Varsity Stadium Thursday and at the Stewarttown community hall on Friday.

### CONSERVATIVE

Candidate Terry O'Connor attended the all candidates meetings at Oakville Acton and Georgetown last week and then stopped in at a senior citizens lawn party in Milton last Saturday. Yesterday Mr. O'Connor was canvassing in Acton and Esqueping in the evening. Today Mr. O'Connor will be visiting senior citizens in Oakville and attending an all-candidates meeting in Milton. Tomorrow the Milton Curling club will be sponsoring a public wine and cheese party and Mr. O'Connor will be spending all day Friday in Oakville.

### NDP

Candidate Archie Brown attended a Rotary club dinner in Oakville and an all candidates meeting last Monday and then travelled up to Acton for the all candidates meeting at Robert Little Public school which was preceded by a parade. Mr. Brown spent last Friday in Georgetown visiting industries and speaking before the local council of women at St. George's Anglican Church. Candidate Brown has been busy meeting citizens and speaking throughout Oakville, Acton and Milton and tomorrow and Sunday he will be in Erin and Hillsburgh. Friday Mr. Brown will be in Georgetown all day.

are the adults of tomorrow. I realize that in this "free and democratic" country of ours, we can't fight the system but we can't people start respecting the feelings and concerns of other people before destroying a community.

Yours truly  
Dianne L. Taylor

Halton Council Views Budget

Halton Regional Councillors had a chance to look at the first draft of the 1974 current budget, estimated at almost \$2 million last Wednesday.

Regional treasurer Don Farmer prepared the draft to allow each committee to review it and make suggestions of any additions required. Coun. Ric Morrow, chairman of the administration and finance committee suggested this be finished before next week.

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### Award Contracts

Varian Associates of Canada Ltd., 45 River Drive, Georgetown, has been awarded a 30,000 dollar Metro contract for the production of electron tubes.

In addition, Beaumont Knitting Co. Ltd., of 586 Main Street, Glen Williams, will be paid 25,268 dollars for the manufacture of socks.

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