



**Constable's suicide**

**Police cleared of negligence**

The Halton Regional Police Commission has decided that the superior officers of Constable Bar y MacDonald, the Halton Regional Police officer who committed suicide at the graveside of his girlfriend, did all that could be reasonably expected to determine the constable's state of mind, prior to his death.

Constable MacDonald's girlfriend had committed suicide a week earlier, and the constable was granted three days compassionate leave in addition to his regular two days off. On his first shift back on duty, he drove the cruiser to the cemetery where his friend was buried, and shot himself in the chest, while standing beside her grave.

Commission chairman Harry Barrett said the officer's superior officers observed him after he returned to duty, and he showed no signs of strain. As a compassionate gesture, another officer was assigned to patrol with Con-

stable MacDonald, "in case he wanted to talk", but Mayor Barrett said the officers had no reason to think he was unduly despondent, other than what would be normal under the circumstances.

Mayor Barrett said he does not anticipate any changes in policy regarding compassionate leave, or any other policy connected with bereavement. He expressed the regret of the commission and its "deepest sympathy" to the families of the two young people. Constable MacDonald was 21, and had been with the force for three years.

Mayor Barrett said the force conducts psychological testing of recruits before they are taken on strength, and periodically during their career, if they are up for promotion. Constable MacDonald had tested "well above average" in his tests.

Mayor Barrett said an officer who wishes any kind of

counseling can make a request to his superior officer, and if an officer's superiors, his fellow officers or the association feel he needs assistance, arrangements can be made. Chief Ken Skerrett said in the past arrangements have been made for officers and their families to receive family

counseling or debt counseling. Halton region is one of the more progressive groups as regards to the use of psychological testing, Mayor Barrett told reporters. He said there are many areas in the province which don't employ such methods.

**LEGION'S DONATION**

The residents of the senior citizens apartments on Dugham Street in Georgetown were once again the grateful beneficiaries last week when members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, turned up with a brand new color television for their rec room. Branch president Harold Badham made the official presentation to Mary Robertson and Homer Dingman of the building's tenants committee, while Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy looked on. Mayor Pomeroy and Legionnaires Denny Wright, Bob Waites and Ernie Peasey chatted with residents and toured the modern apartment building after sharing a first peak at the new television.

(Herald photo)

**GLT thriller real hair-raiser**

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Larry, as portrayed by Simon Joyner, is dramatically surly as Susan's suspicious boyfriend, then threatening as the doctor summoned to sedate her. Never smiling in either character, he silently signals the audience that the play is about to explode and that he will probably be lighting the fuse.

**SWITCHED EASILY**  
Susan McGowan and Joe DelGuidice also take double roles, switching easily from a mild-mannered Irish couple in their later middle age to a much younger, much more serious husband and wife team who verbally assault one another as frequently as they do the characters who become their adversaries.

The auditorium at Wrigglesworth, housing its last Little Theatre play, seemed to vibrate with the impassioned shouting of the various characters. Anger was the prominent emotion toward the closing moments of Veronica's room, and all four actors deserve superlative credit for their conviction they brought to their roles.

While this reviewer is a relative newcomer to the always-laudable efforts of the Little Theatre, it seems that Veronica's Room, produced by Dorothy Hunt, may well herald a new peak in its presentation of drama.

That in itself is an exciting aspect when the Little Theatre's forthcoming season is considered. Already well-planned, the season is scheduled to debut Oct. 12 at the Little Theatre's new home in the Sacred Coeur Church hall on Guelph Street.

**EVALUATE SITES**

The hall is expected to serve the Little Theatre for its four performances in the 1979-80 season, after which plans remain indefinite. Halton Hills council is currently in the process of evaluating sites and facilities that could provide the community with a long-awaited theatre and cultural centre.

Plays selected for the forthcoming season are There Goes the Bride, a comedy by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, Mother Goose, based on the old fairy tale, Separate Tables, a drama by Terence Rattigan, and Relatively Speaking, a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn.

Season passes for the season cost \$7.50 for single memberships, \$15 for doubles, \$3 for students and \$20 for families. Those who join before June 16 will be eligible for a free membership subscription, the winner of which will be chosen at the Little Theatre's annual dinner.

Production staff for Veronica's Room were: stage manager Gerry Eggleton, assistant stage manager Louis Moniz, set design Ron Hunt, set construction Les Heed, Ron Hunt, Gord Hunt, Chick Henderson, Norman Hamilton, Cy Waters, Tom Johnson, Joe DelGuidice, set decor Perriane Waters, set painters Perriane Waters, Pat Joyner, Dorothy Hunt, set furnishing and dressing Nancy Waters, special painting, trees Linda Roe, castle Heather Duff, lighting Derek Joyner, Pat Joyner, Mary Waterhouse, sound Michael Edwards, Michael Macdonald, properties Kelly Crawford, Marie Cleaton, Edna Ferguson, costumes Sonja Bell, Mary Goebel, Joyce Holland, Val Stoddart, script assistant Tiffany Hamilton, make-up Heather Duff, Debbie Duff, Michelle Howe, Mary Goebel, Maureen McGowan, front of house Greta Lee, ushers Margaret Eggleton, Joyce Holland, Mary Rae-Maine, Val Stoddart, refreshments Peggy Arcuri, Audrey Duff, Joe Heed, Susan Longworth, Cathy Hunt, Vera Macdonald.

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