



### TIGHT SQUEEZE FOR 'HONEST THIEF'

You can't catch 'em all, as these two state troopers found out last week when they tried to corner escaping "hardware merchant" John Townsend at the John Street underpass. Jamming the cruisers into the underpass was a deliberate stunt

for the making of Never Trust an Honest Thief, of course, one of several filmed late last week as the production moved into its final days.

(Photo by Bob Wolff)

# Council to formulate disaster aid policy

By PAUL DOHSEY  
Herald staff writer

Whether or not variations in global climate are causing an increase in serious storms and other natural disasters is a question scientists are struggling to answer, but the question now before town council is what to do with the pleas for assistance arriving at an ever-increasing rate from other Ontario municipalities.

Two more requests for financial assistance came before council last Tuesday night and, for the first time, Halton Hills voted to take some action. A report will be prepared by clerk-administrator Ken Richardson detailing the more than half-dozen requests received so far this year and appraising the feasibility of setting up a special fund for the stricken communities.

**THREE MOTIONS**  
Council considered three motions, two to file away both requests and the other to table them indefinitely, before accepting Coun. Roy Booth's suggestion that a report should be prepared so that the situation can be examined as a whole.

A letter from Nepean Mayor Ben Franklin explained that some 600 homes in that community were flooded July 1 during "one of the most severe storms in our memory". Noting that Nepean has itself contributed to disaster funds set up for other communities in the past, the Mayor reported that the provincial govern-

ment is prepared to match every dollar donated with funds from its own coffers.

Similarly, another letter from fund-raising committee chairman George Simmons related the events which have led to the establishment of the Oxford, Brant, Haldimand-Norfolk Disaster Fund, the goal of which is \$4 million.

A "disastrous tornado" ripped through the area August 7, the letter explained, leaving two dead, hundreds injured and thousands homeless. The tornado caused some \$60 million worth of damage, he said, of which \$20 million of that amount was uninsured.

Again, the province is prepared to double donations from the public. Thus far, the fund has gathered nearly \$900,000, with the City of Toronto heading the list of donors with a \$50,000 contribution.

Commenting that he finds it "embarrassing" that Halton Hills council continually rejects such appeals for aid, Mayor Pete Pomeroy suggested that the matter should be reconsidered next spring when the town's annual budget is being reviewed. In keeping with other municipalities, he said, Halton Hills could collect funds through a special per capita levy tax levy, with any funds not used by year's end carried over into the next year.

**COLLECTION SYSTEM**  
Coun. Harry Levy, however, reported that town treasurer Ray King is already considering the possibility of setting up

such a collection system.

Like the mayor, Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson admitted she feels "really guilty" about turning requests down. The two requests before council, and particularly the Oxford County plea, should be honored through a donation from the town's contingency fund, she contended.

Coun. Booth suggested a per capita levy of from one to five cents per resident for consideration by the treasurer and clerk-administrator, possibly for inclusion in the 1980 budget. In the meantime, he said, council could advise the appropriate contacts in Oxford and Nepean that Halton Hills will be considering their requests in the spring.

"We've all got red faces now because of this Woodstock thing," he commented.

Coun. Mike Armstrong maintained, however, that meeting the needs of disaster victims is the provincial government's responsibility.

"I'm not going to support a motion dealing out the taxpayers' dollars," he said. "This is the first year we've gotten so many requests because of the bad weather, and anyone who has plenty of

money can go ahead and contribute, but in Halton Hills, we're fighting to keep the mill rate down."

#### BOTH REQUESTS

Several alternative motions were introduced before Coun. Booth's recommendation to refer both requests to the clerk-administrator was approved.

At the same time, though, Coun. Armstrong suggested that council was being "discriminatory" by voting to file away Nepean's request while voting against filing the Oxford appeal.

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# Extra parkland offered in Glen housing deal

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Secondary Plan suggests as an ideal, the two residents contended. The Chateau Belair development would carry the population far past that level, as well as opening the door to further development via a "domino effect", Mr. Smallwood said.

"Mr. Pilutti is just dangling a monetary carrot in front of your eyes, and that's money which we're getting along fine without right now," he said. Seven months after it was first requested by the residents, Mr. Smallwood complained, there has still been no traffic impact study which might indicate the effects of

the proposed development upon area roads and, particularly on the intersection at Preston's Grocery store.

"I think we have a right to know what's going to happen ahead of time," he said.

In response to Chateau Belair's contention that its development would benefit Glen Williams Public School, Mr. Smallwood suggested that committee members should try walking the route which schoolchildren would have to take to get from the Wildwood subdivision to the school. The curving, narrow, hilly highway, he noted, poses some hazards to motorists, let alone young pedestrians.

While admitting that Glen

Williams could accommodate another 85 to 90 new homes during the next few years, Mr. Minns argued that the hamlet "couldn't withstand" the effects of Chateau Belair's 61 homes and the many single family and cluster homes proposed by Desol Developments for construction nearby, both in the same year.

#### BORED TO TEARS

When the conflicting submissions had been heard, Coun. Armstrong rose to complain that he was "bored to bloody tears" after listening for an hour to comments that had been made a week earlier.

While conceding that the submissions should have been made to the planning board, Mayor Pete Pomeroy agreed with a comment from the gallery that councillors are "paid to sit and listen" to their constituents.

There was no further comment made regarding the submissions.

# Jones insane, jury declares

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er, "she had to buy them for herself because nobody else will," said Constable Richards.

Later that evening her husband David left for work. Mrs. Jones wrote letters to her friends, then distributed the gasoline containers around the house and barn.

She left to mail the letters, and when she returned she parked the family's jeep sideways in the laneway with a note under the windshield saying the family had gone to Brampton for the Easter weekend.

Back home again Mrs. Jones phoned a friend, Brian MacFarland, talking about the good times they had. She told him she couldn't take any more, and was going to kill herself. Mr. MacFarland tried to dissuade her.

That phone call ended at

about 2 a.m. on Good Friday. At 4:15 a.m. a passing motorist found Mrs. Jones walking at the end of her driveway in a dazed state, while the house burned. The motorist took her to a neighbor's farm where firefighters, police and ambulance were called.

**EXPLOSION**  
According to Constable Richards, the Ontario Fire Marshal's office believes the fire started with an explosion which could have thrown Mrs. Jones out into the clear. Glass fragments were found up to 60 feet away.

Under cross examination by defense counsel Greenspan, Constable Richards agreed Mrs. Jones' fellow workers at Jeanette's Rest Home, where she was a nurses' assistant, had noticed her physical deterioration and depression.

Mrs. Jones will be returned to the Clarke Institute's forensic unit closed ward.

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