

Stabbed neighbor seven times

# Man a 'definite threat to society' judge says during sentencing

An Acton man has been sentenced to 10 years in a penitentiary for attempting to murder a woman who was his neighbor.

George Edward Nurse was found guilty of attempted murder Oct. 8, 1985 and was sentenced in Milton District Court Friday. The murder attempt was made on Kim Ellerby Oct. 1, 1985. Mr. Nurse was 36 years old at the time.

Crown prosecutor John Ayre recommended Mr. Nurse be sentenced to 12 to 15 years. The defence recommended four to six years.

Because of wounds inflicted by Mr. Nurse, the victim, then 18 years old, was hospitalized for several days. Wounds were to her upper torso. Mr. Nurse and the victim lived in

the same apartment building at 200 Churchill Road South in Acton.

Kim Ellerby was stabbed twice in the back and five times in the front, Mr. Ayre said. Mr. Nurse attempted to drag the victim into his apartment but she escaped, he said. After her escape the victim was chased down the hall and caught when she fell.

Mr. Ayre said it was then she was stabbed seven times. She escaped once more and the police was called.

During the 17 months Mr. Nurse spent in the custody of the police, he was sent to Penelag for psychiatric assessment. He spent 60 days there.

It was not the first time Mr. Nurse spent time in a psychiatric institution when he was 14 years old, he spent four years in an institution for slapping a neighbor in the back, Mr.

Ayre said. Between 1963 and 1967 he remained at the institution.

In 1971 Mr. Nurse was charged with 14 break and enters and three other criminal charges, Mr. Ayre said. In 1978, after choking a woman, he was charged with assault causing bodily harm. The assault on Ms. Ellerby was in 1985.

Judge James Clarke noted that crimes committed by Mr. Nurse were seven years apart. "There seems to be a pattern," he said. The judge recommended that Mr. Nurse undergo further psychiatric tests.

Mr. Nurse "appears quiet on the surface, but is a definite threat to society," Judge Clarke said. Mr. Nurse was not identified as psychotic.

## The trick in giving a badly needed face-lift to an 1858 map of Halton

Cleaning off an old map isn't a simple task, not when that map dates back to 1858.

Keith Felton of Felton Bookbinding on Guelph Street has taken on the job of restoring George Tremaine's Map of the County of Halton.

Donated to the Georgetown Public Library by Mrs. Marion Young, the four feet by five feet map was originally mounted on a linen backing. Unfortunately, the paste used in those days wasn't acid free and it is causing the paper to yellow.

The Georgetown bookbinder will be removing the linen backing after he has cleaned the map surface with methyl hydrate. The methyl hydrate does a good job of cleaning all the dirt and varnish off.

What happens when all the linen has been peeled off? Mr. Felton will de-acidify the map with magnesium bicarbonate. Then, an acid-free tissue will replace the linen backing.

Of course, without the linen, the map won't be as stiff as it used to be. "That's what makes it crack,"

Mr. Felton said, pointing out the pale yellow lines where cracks have developed in the county map. "Once the tissue is on the back, I'll try to fill in the long tears and the bits that are missing on the surface."

He explained these gaps have to be repaired with old paper or paper he dyes himself, say with coffee, to get just the right color to match the color of the map.

The final task will be to encapsulate the map between two large sheets of plexiglass then into an antique gold frame from The Framing Centre.

The Esqueping Historical Society helped raise the money for the restoration and proper mounting of the map.

The historically significant county wall map has fine engravings of local homes and notable features around the county, including the home of James Barber of Georgetown, and the Stewarttown Town Hall.



Keith Felton (left) of Felton Bookbinding gets a helping hand from his assistants Willie Alblez (centre) and Steve Ford as they prepare to clean off years of dirt and

varnish from the dark surface of an 1858 map of the County of Halton. The project has been sponsored by the Esqueping Historical Society. (Herald photo)

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