

### Fashionable designs



April 25 marks the beginning of Catholic Women's League Week in Halton Hills. Siena Van Hoekelen, Noreen Michm and Rita Christensen have been working on this Lone Star quilt to ready it for the Women's Leagueazaar Nov. 5 when it will be raffled away. (Herald photo)



The Terra Cotta Inn was the perfect setting for a fashion show Saturday that featured both casual and formal ladies' wear. Wearing the nautical look, from Petals Fashions of Georgetown, are, from left (standing) Donna Kerby, Dale Cation, and Jean Derksen. Seated, and wearing original creations by Nancy Stewart are, from left, Carol Maas, Melanie McLaren, and the designer Nancy Stewart. The show was coordinated by Betty Burgoyne. (Herald photo)

## OUR HOUSING CRISIS

### A six month search for affordable home

This is the fourth in a series of five articles focussing on the need for emergency shelter and affordable housing in North Halton. The cases presented are true cases but the names have been changed. The articles have been prepared by the North Halton Housing Committee of the Halton Social Planning Council. The Halton Social Planning Council is a non-profit organization involved in research, planning and community development activities in North Halton. For more information, call Elaine Eastman at 632-1975 or 877-3219.

The problem is further complicated by "Sammy", their beloved dog. "We have no family and very few friends," says Ruth. "For the past ten years it's just been Henry, Sammy and me. Sammy's like family for us. I can't bear the thoughts of parting with him." Time is running out for Henry and Ruth. If they don't find something soon, they will almost certainly have to leave town. Henry and Ruth's situation is indeed a difficult one, it is nothing new or unique. Every month, families in Milton, Acton and Georgetown are facing similar dilemmas. There is an urgent need for more low cost housing in North Halton that will not go away.

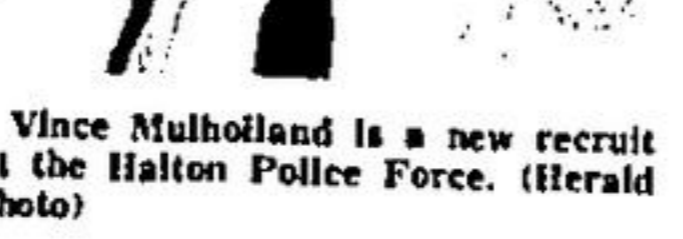
### Georgetown posting

## Maritime native joins Halton force

**By CHERYL MOODER**  
Herald Staff  
New recruit Vince Mulholland may be new to the Halton Police Force but he has a history of policing behind him. He spent two years at Georgian College in Barrie taking a law and security program, graduating with honors. As part of the co-op program, he spent time with the Barrie City Police working as a cadet. After graduation Mr. Mulholland joined the Wolfville Police Force in Nova Scotia where he worked as a constable for a summer before accepting a position on the Kentville Police Force in the Atlantic province.

He applied to the Halton Force and came on board as a cadet in November. Last winter he spent two weeks in class training, and five weeks on the road before taking a nine-week course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer. Mr. Mulholland is on the road again, this time with a coaching officer for a month, practising what he learned in Aylmer. In two years he will be sent back to the college for a three-week update course. The recruit found the course intensive, challenging and demanding. "They expect a lot out of you," Mr. Mulholland said. "You are there because they believe you can handle it."

added up to a lot of memory work. Born and raised in Nova Scotia, Mr. Mulholland had no doubt he would reach his goal of wanting to be a police officer. "I had known in early high school," he said. "There was no doubt in my mind. It was a goal I strived for." Through high school he worked as a security guard in a Halifax hospital at nights and carried on after he graduated to save money for college. In high school Mr. Mulholland was an avid weight lifter and did a lot of running in college. "I love the outdoors," he said. "Camping, fishing, hunting - anything to do with nature."



Vince Mulholland is a new recruit at the Halton Police Force. (Herald photo)

Right now, the recruit runs and lifts weights in order to maintain a certain level of fitness. The 25-year-old is married, and his wife does not seem to worry about her husband's profession, the recruit said.

For the past six months, Henry has scoured Georgetown looking for affordable housing. He has left no stone unturned but to no avail. Although they hate the thought of leaving Georgetown, it may be the only alternative they have. They haven't been able to find anything for under \$600 a month and with a disability pension of \$800 a month, they would have little left to meet other basic needs. "I've lived here all my life," said Henry. "I can't believe we will be forced to leave town to find housing - it's hard to leave something so familiar and start all over again at our age."

**Legion Lines**  
By JIM HAYES

At Branch 120, spring brings our elections. It is not too soon to give some thought to the people who you feel will do the best job of steering the branch through the next 12 months. Our elections will be held on May 29, conducted as usual by the Officers of Branch 114 Oakville. CAR CLUB: Members who have not yet received their cards should contact their captains, most of the stubs have been returned and we will be having a catch-up draw when they are all in. MEMBERSHIP: Some members have not yet picked up their 1988 cards from the bar, please check with the stewards when you are in the branch. FRIDAY NIGHT EUCHE: High Lady, Lois Richardson, 2nd Junc Millar, Most Lone Hands Leanne Hall, High Men, Charlie Sharp, 2nd Peg Lewis, Most Lone Hands, Stu Hall. SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW: This week's lucky winners: Colin Gibson, R. Stott, Don Latchford, Frank Kirk, Keith Toat, Earl Stapleton, George Greig, Ted Smith, Helen Cloutier, B. Bloxam, and the roast winner was B. Bloxam. On Saturday, April 23 Bob and Corey will be entertaining in the clubroom, this means of course that it's Mini-Bingo night at Branch 120.

**Legion ladies**  
By MID BRUNSKI  
Herald Special  
It is with sadness I report that Lillian Honey died away this week. Do remember your meeting tonight, Wednesday, April 20. Tickets are still available for our super dance this Saturday to celebrate our 60 year anniversary. We would like to see a great turnout for this occasion. Remember the date is Saturday, April 23, 7:30 - 12, tickets \$4. Hope to see you all there.

## Recruit changes career goals

**By CHERYL MOODER**  
Herald Staff  
New police recruit Robert Govan is an exception to the rule. Usually it is a tough feat to be accepted onto a police force but in less than a year from when he applied, Mr. Govan was working as a police officer. The 21-year-old did not start his schooling with police work in mind when he attended Sheridan and Mohawk colleges. Mr. Govan was working towards becoming an accountant when "I just decided accounting was not where I wanted to be." Prior to talking to a cousin, who is an RCMP officer in New Brunswick, Mr. Govan had always been under the impression one needed a university degree or at least a law and security course to get onto a police force.

cluded a written exam, interview with the staff sergeant and interview with the board, within a week. "I was pretty shocked," Mr. Govan said when he was asked for his physical. "After each stage, when I was asked back, I was shocked a little more." The new recruit realizes he is an exception to the rule. "I must have come at the right time," he said. Becoming a police officer was like realizing a childhood fantasy. "I always wanted to be a police officer," Mr. Govan said.



When you are young everyone thinks about being a police officer or fireman, the recruit said. But he never thought he could do it. Police officers are always there, but you do not think about them unless you come into contact with them, he said. Instead of just coming into contact with police officers, Mr. Govan became one. "The day I was hired, it did not sink in until later that night," he said. Then he thought, "Oh my God, I made it. It is over." The recruit realized that the testing was only the beginning when he went to the Ontario Police College in Aylmer to spend nine weeks taking courses. "It was the hardest time I ever spent at school," Mr. Govan said. "I cannot believe how much I learned in nine weeks." Even though he found the courses difficult the work was definitely worth it, he said. Mr. Govan, who was born in Montreal and moved to Oakville at 14, found police work to be what he expected. "There is nothing I do not get questions about," he said. And though he may not always know the answers, Mr. Govan always tries to help the public as much as he can. Mr. Govan, likes getting out, meeting and helping people. At the moment he is out riding with a training officer, practising what he was taught in college.

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