

Acton village constable wants a 'living poll' of the community

The Acton Village Constable's office is attempting to set up a community consultation committee to be a "living poll" of the community.

Const. Bill Riddle first arrived in Acton on a Halton Regional Police Task Force to survey what the people wanted in the way of policing the community.

He still plans to get the community's input but, because surveys take up so much time, he has started creating a committee that will "in a way, be my eyes and ears of the community."

"I perceive the committee coming up with ideas (problems) that I can solve," he said.

Even if there is a problem that is not necessarily police-related, it can be aired in the open to make sure it does not eventually become a police matter, Const. Riddle said.

He not only wants the community to become more involved in the policing aspect of daily life, but he also wants the police to be a part of the community.

The police need more input from people to decide and create the kinds of programs the police can produce, Const. Riddle said. "It's so I can create programs around their ideas," he added.

Const. Riddle has already sent out invitations to members of churches, businesses and schools to get the committee started.

Once the final membership and organization is established, Const. Riddle plans to meet with the committee every three months. He believes the group will be "a continuous living poll of the community."

If any member of the general public is interested in joining the committee they are asked to call Const. Riddle at the village constable's office, 853-2050.

Const. Riddle says the combination of the normal police work and community projects that he handles make this "probably the most interesting police work I've ever done." He has been a policeman for 24 years.

Denny Charles

Farmer helped build hospital

Georgetown and area residents were saddened by the Jan. 24 death of Denny Charles, one of the area's most respected citizens.



Denny Charles

The RR3 Georgetown man was raised in Toronto, and attended Humber College.

He later moved with his parents to the former Hugh McCall farm on the Fifth Line of Esqueping. Denny graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, with a degree in animal science.

For many years, he and his wife Evelyn Follick operated a dairy farm, and while he was farming Mr. Charles was involved

with many agricultural organizations including Norval Junior Farmers, Jersey Cattle Club, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Farm Radio Forum, Halton Co-Operative Supplies and the Georgetown Agricultural Society.

He was still actively involved in the latter organization at the time of his death.

Following retirement, he and his wife built a new home on the farm and Denny became an agent for the Co-Operative Insurance (CIAG).

Along with other dedicated people, Mr. Charles was instrumental in the planning and building of Georgetown District Memorial Hospital. He served on the board of directors for 12 years including one as president.

Prior to the introduction of regional government in Halton, Mr. Charles also served several terms on the committee of adjustment.

He was an active member of the Masonic Order for 50 years, serving as Master of Credit Lodge and being appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 1980.

Mr. Charles was also a member of St. George's Anglican Church, Georgetown.

As conservationists and great lovers of nature, he and his wife always enjoyed their home and its forest surroundings, where they observed the wildlife, and made their own maple syrup.

Denny will be remembered fondly as an outgoing and congenial person who enjoyed his relationship with friends, neighbors and the people he met in his everyday life.

Big brothers appeal for spiel '90

Celebrities, curling, and care. That is what "Appeal Spiel '90" will be all about - its purpose is to raise money to assist the Big Brothers organization in pairing up father-absent boys with caring mature men.

Teams of sponsored curlers will participate on March 24 at the Oakville Curling Club. The teams will be comprised of Little Brothers, generous members of the Halton community, and celebrities such as Otto Jelinek MP, champion harness racer Steve Condren, Doug Carrothers MPP, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Oakville Mayor Anne Mulvale, and members of the Toronto Argonauts football team.

One curling team will feature officers from P.A.C.T. (Police

And Community Together). Pledges come from local citizens or businesses willing to give money to help change a young boy's life for the better.

In addition to the fun of curling for a good cause, "Appeal Spiel '90" participants will enjoy a lunch, celebrity speeches, and a trophy-awarding ceremony.

Over a dozen teams have so far been registered for "Appeal Spiel '90" and more are still welcome. Anyone wishing to enter a team or sponsor a curler can contact Big Brothers of Halton at 847-7267.

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