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Area resident fined \$1,000

By BEN DUMMETT

The Herald

Campbellville resident Douglas Draper was fined \$1,000 at a Milton Court hearing last Thursday in connection with the construction of a house on Sideroad 17 south of Acton, said Bob Ustrzycki, Town Bylaw Enforcement Officer, during an interview following the hearing.

Mr. Ustrzycki said the fine was issued because Mr. Draper failed to correct all of the 34 building deficiencies within a reasonable amount of time, found by Town Building Inspector John Holmes during a final inspection of the house in January 1990.

At the time of the hearing there still existed several building deficiencies, he said.

At the time of Mr. Holmes' inspection, said Mr. Ustrzycki, Mr. Draper was issued an order to correct the deficiencies (forthwith).

"When the Town issues an order that says forthwith, the work is to be done immediately, not a year later," said Mr. Ustrzycki.

The deficiencies included the improper installation of a fireplace, floor joice and flashing, he said.

These were some of the major problems said Mr. Ustrzycki. He said Mr. Draper was ordered to correct the deficiencies forthwith because the house was occupied. "When people's safety is jeopardized by an unfinished house, the Town becomes very concerned," he said.

At the hearing Mr. Ustrzycki didn't specify what the fine should be, but "we did ask the court for a substantial amount because of the length of time," he said.

"We could see it was turning into a cat and mouse game," he added.

Mr. Ustrzycki explained Mr. Holmes carried out 15 inspections following the January inspection and yet Mr. Draper refused to make all of the corrections.

"There is no reason the general taxpayer should be paying Town staff to carry out this many inspections," he said.

Mr. Draper couldn't be reached for comment at press time. However, Mr. Ustrzycki said the Campbellville man tried to argue before the court that the charges should be dismissed because the Town charged the wrong person. He argued he was only an employee of the corporation that constructed the house. Therefore the corporation should be charged for not correcting the deficiencies.

This argument was rejected because the corporation is under his mother's name, said Mr. Ustrzycki.

The court also rejected Mr. Draper's argument that the Town had issued an occupancy permit in connection with the house.

Mr. Ustrzycki said the Town had no record of the permit being issued. As well, Mr. Draper couldn't produce his copy of the permit for the court.



Distracted driver

A Georgetown woman managed to crawl out of this wreck of a car after it rolled on the 8th Line south of 27 Sideroad Friday afternoon. Driver of the car, Tricia Lyne Payton, was distracted when a wasp entered her car and she collided with a telephone pole, tipping the 1986 Plymouth Horizon

over. Firefighters were called to extricate the woman but she had managed to crawl out on her own and was taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and treated for minor injuries. (Herald photo)

Water conservation policy in effect

Halton Hills residents who contravene the Region's water conservation policy will face a maximum fine of \$2,000 according to a Halton Region press release.

The same fine will apply to all residents throughout the Region who ignore the policy.

According to the release, which was authored by Regional Engineer Vince Suffoletta, effective immediately, people living in houses with odd numbered municipal addresses will only be permitted to water their lawns on odd-numbered calendar days. People living in houses with even numbered municipal addresses will be permitted to water their

lawns one even-numbered calendar days.

The policy only affects those homeowners serviced with municipal water, said Mr. Suffoletta.

As well, the water restriction policy applies to commercial and industrial properties, all municipal-owned property, and golf courses on municipal water service, he said.

Halton Region Public Works staff will be enforcing the water restriction policy, said Mr. Suffoletta.

The program does not apply to the following: car washing, and flower, garden and tree watering

by hand, water uses via hand held spray nozzles, and newly placed sodding within the required maintenance period, said Mr. Suffoletta.

He explained water conservation initiatives will assist greatly in reducing peak demands for water and thereby delay the need for water plant expansion, reservoir construction and reduce some operating costs.

The program is being taken as a precautionary step in order to maintain the levels in reservoirs in Halton in case reserves are needed for a major fire or an operating emergency, said Mr. Suffoletta.

OBITUARY

Harald J. Newman

A veteran of two World Wars and well-known painter, Harald J. Newman, died at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, Thursday, the day he turned 92.

A former resident of Ballinfad, Mr. Newman was well-known in the area not only as a painter, but as a man who took part in his community, be it teaching painting, or serving as the Director of Recreation in Georgetown in the 1950's and the curator of the Halton County Museum from 1962 to 1973.

Mr. Newman was christened Frederic Harald John Battenberg Newman at birth in 1899 in Montreal. He studied at McGill University in Montreal and received a Ph.D in psychology from Cambridge. He served as a volunteer late in World War I.

At an early age he became interested in painting. For that reason, he attended the London

Polytechnic School as well as the Ecole des Beaux in Paris where he lived in a small studio in Montmartre.

Hal Newman, as he was called by his friends, came to Toronto in the late 20's. There he met the painter Fred Brigden who became his teacher and sketching companion.

Some of these sketches, along with his landscape paintings and portraits, are on display in the Art Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre on Church Street in Georgetown. The exhibition, called Paintings from Six Decades opened June 5 and will run until July 6.

Aside from painting, Mr. Newman joined archeological and historical research teams in the South Seas and North America and wrote papers about his field work.

Mr. Newman was also a Scout

Master and for many years, the secretary of the Dufferin School Old Boys Association and Dominion Genealogist for the United Empire Loyalists Association. He became a member of the Executive of the Toronto Board of Trade.

In 1934, he received recognition from Toronto City Council for his part in organizing the Toronto Centennial Celebrations.

Mr. Newman served in World War II and was discharged in 1944 with a war injury.

He became Personnel Manager of Rogers Majestic, a Phillips Company engaged in war work. In 1945 he moved to Ballinfad with his wife Marjorie and his step-daughter Rosemary. In the late forties he became the Director of Recreation for the Town of Georgetown.

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Town's sincerity under fire

By BEN DUMMETT

The Herald

The Town's sincerity in fighting the Acton dump proposal is being questioned by Georgetown resident, Paul Young, a member of local environmental group Protect Our Water Environmental Resources (POWER).

During an interview last Thursday, Mr. Young questioned why the Town isn't taking legal action against Indusmin or its parent company Falconridge, the original owners of the proposed dump site location. The dump is being proposed for the Acton quarry located south of Acton by Reclamations Systems Incorporated.

Eagle workers strike

The Eagle Dominion Company in Acton has been put under pressure by its workers who are striking for higher wages.

Since Friday, an undetermined number of the company's workers were picketing outside the company building on McDonald Blvd. in Acton. A company spokesperson said the workers are divided since many employees are crossing the picket line.

Eagle Dominion finishes leather products for use by other manufacturers and employs 75 people who belong to the United Food and Commercial Union, a Halton Regional Police report stated.

According to an agreement signed between the Town and Indusmin/Falconridge during the early 70's, the quarry company agreed to re-route the Third Line through the quarry once all quarrying activity had been completed. To begin quarry operations on the property the Third Line had to be re-directed around the site.

The agreement indicates Indusmin would rebuild the Third Line so it would travel down one side of the quarry and then up the other side.

Mr. Young said if the Town really wanted to stop the dump proposal then it should force In-

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