

Halton police tell seniors to refridgerate their medical history

By JANET BAINE

Halton police have launched a new program which they hope will help them aid seniors in an emergency.

Seniors in Halton Hills will be given an emergency information vial and asked to put it in the refrigerator. The vial, similar to large plastic pill container, will hold a senior's medical and personal information that could be crucial in administering aid in an emergency.

An information sheet lists the

resident's name, phone number, OHIP number, doctor's name and next of kin. Any special medical problems, allergies or medications will be listed on the paper, said Sgt. Marty Power, crime prevention officer in Georgetown.

"But you're not supposed to put any medication in it," he explained. The vial is set inside the refrigerator door where it will be easy for an ambulance attendant to find, he said.

Power said it would be helpful if a

senior has a heart attack or a neighbor calls police because they haven't seen an elderly neighbor for a few days. The vial will be taken to the hospital along with the victim, he said.

About 18 per cent of the population in Halton is over 55 years old, and the number of older people is climbing. The program is intended for the 24,000 older people in Halton who are still living in their own homes, Power said.

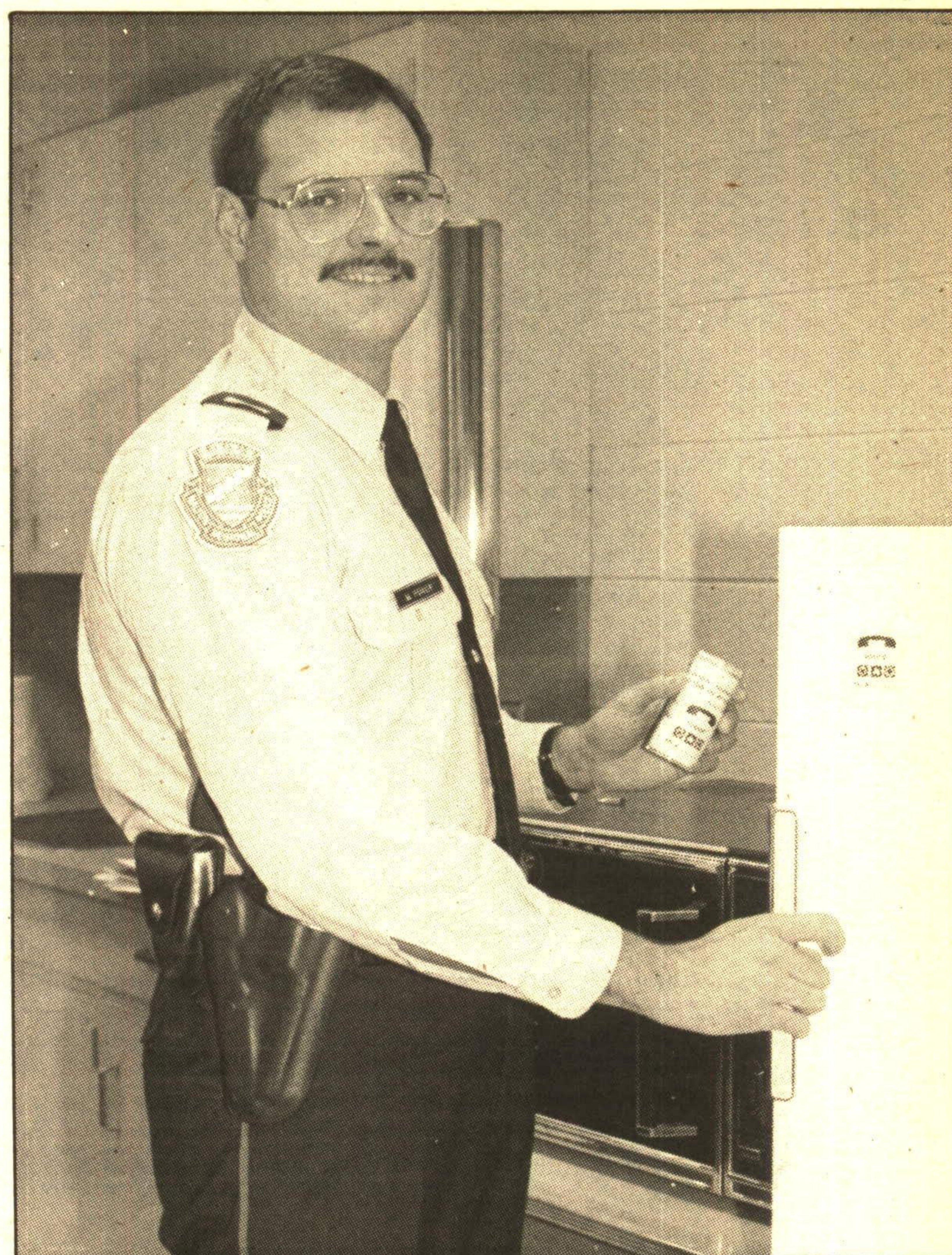
"It's not only for people on medication, it's also for healthy people," he said. A woman of 70 who has no health problems but lives alone should still have a vial, he said. "At that age, you never know what could happen."

A sticker is on the container, and a second sticker with the emergency number is put on the refrigerator. When someone is called to an emergency, they will look for the sticker on the fridge door and then find the vial inside. They can then make sure the vial accompanies the patient to the hospital, Power said.

Only one vial will be distributed to each family, but it contains information sheets for two people.

The program started in Kitchener Waterloo and numerous counties in Ontario have already been using it.

Power said the vials can be picked up at police and fire stations. Seniors groups are also being asked to distribute them, he said.



Acting Sgt. Marty Power holds a vial like those being distributed to seniors this month. The vial contains information which will help ambulance and other emergency personnel called to the home of a senior. The vials should be stored on the shelf inside the refrigerator door where they can be found easily.

Halton Hills hams wired for new course

Amateur Radio, also known as "ham radio" is communicating. Hams, who are licensed by their governments, operate two-way equipment from their homes and cars. They communicate with other hams across town or across the world.

Just about anyone can be a ham - there are no age limits. Getting a ham license is easier than you may think. The radio regulations have recently been changed and now include an entry level license that does not require knowledge of Morse code.

The Halton Amateur Radio Club (HARC) is planning to run a course this fall and would like to hear from any interested persons. The course will cover basic elec-

trical and radio theory as well as radio operation and regulations. You do not have to be a genius to pass. People from all walks of life, including grade school children, are hams.

HARC performs community service throughout the year and assists the Red Cross with communications during emergencies. If you were at a Crazy Boat Race, Boy Scout Triathlon or Mayor's Road Race the people with the radios were hams.

If you would like more information on the course, the Halton Amateur Radio Club or would like to attend a HARC meeting please contact Bill Hobbs 877-2040 or Mike Davis 877-9665.

Windows & Doors by Ridley

6th
Annual
Fall
Sale



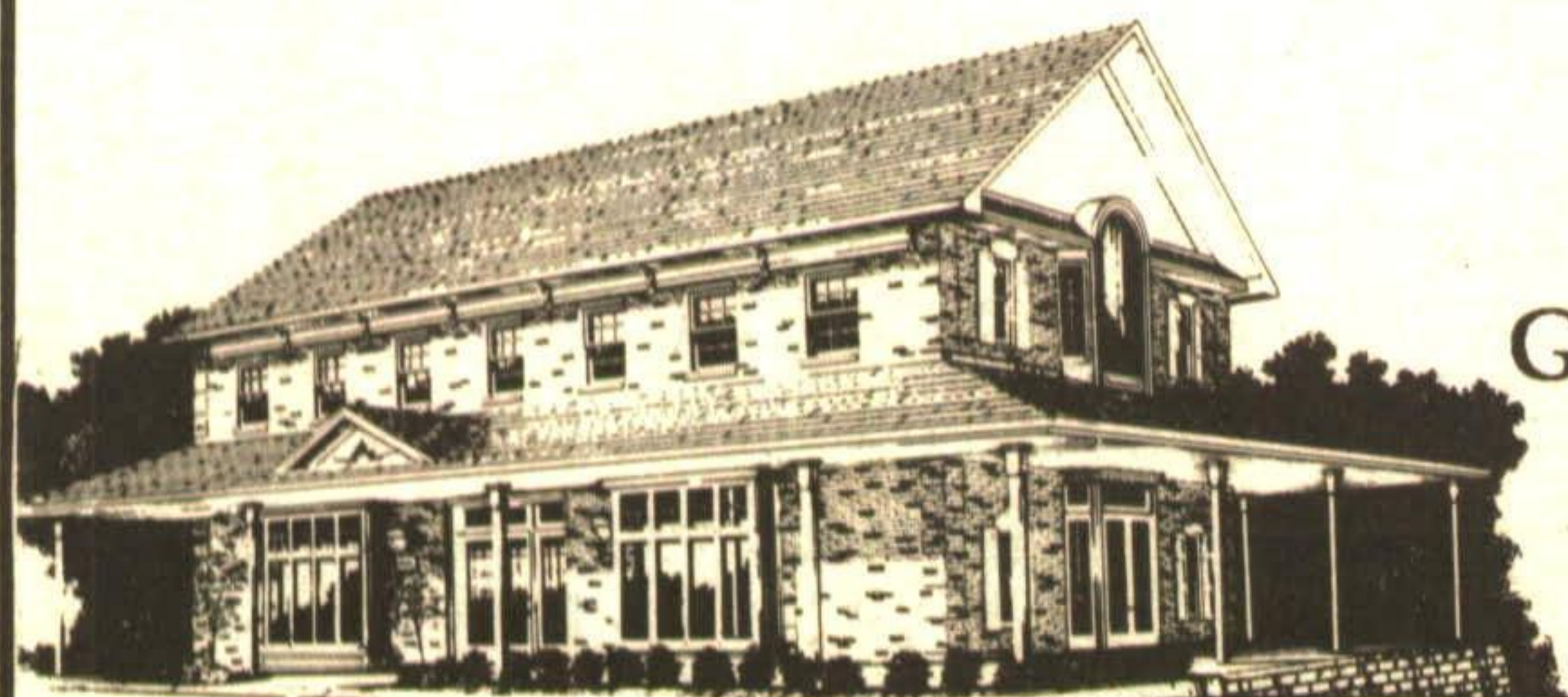
25% OFF

This year, more than ever, smart homeowners are shopping at RIDLEY'S ANNUAL FALL SALE to make every dollar count. For our sixth consecutive year we are offering honest savings on ALL of our windows, doors & architectural mouldings. **INSTALLATION INCLUDED. 25% OFF** all wood, aluminum and vinyl windows; steel, fibreglass, wood & aluminum doors; interior French doors; elegant entrances and surrounds; plus much more. If you haven't shopped at Ridley before, join the thousands of satisfied Ridley customers for all your window & door needs. **Our aim is customer satisfaction.**

— INSTALLATIONS — REPLACEMENTS
— NEW CONSTRUCTION

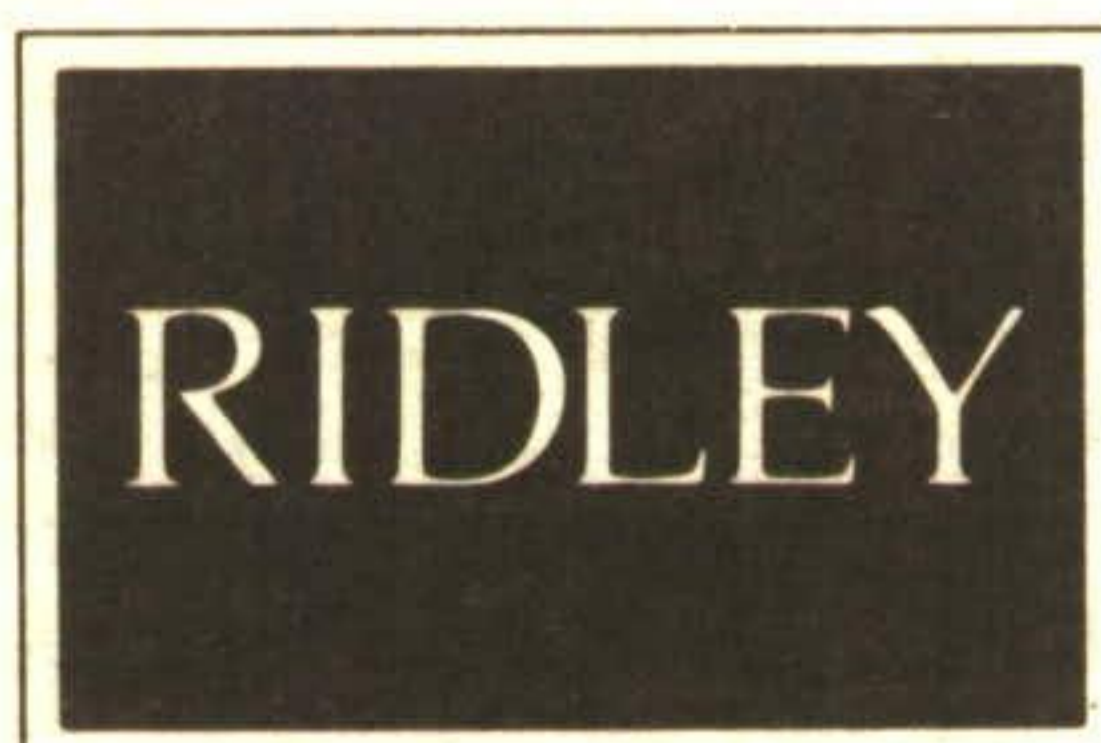
For a Free
In-Home Estimate
call:

Georgetown **854-2228**
Areas to north, call
1-800-668-5156



Visit our Showroom at 35 Crawford Cr., Campbellville.
Mon. - Wed. 8-6, Thurs. - Fri. 8-8, Sat. 9-5

SERVING SOUTHERN ONTARIO



Affordable Elegance®

WINDOWS & DOORS

MP urges support for petition seeking tougher justice laws

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner urged his Parliamentary colleagues Wednesday to sign a petition demanding harsher treatment for criminals.

The petition was initiated by the parents of Nina de Villiers, the Burlington teen who was murdered during the summer. Her parents want changes in the justice legislation which would see harsher treatment for criminals involved in crimes of violence. Current jail term sentenced, they believe, do not act as deterrents to the crime, nor does they reflect society's abhorrence to the act.

Turner gave his complete support in the House of Commons and asked each member to sign the petition.

"Many Members of Parliament feel this death could have been prevented," Turner says, "and I am urging the federal government to quickly review the laws, with a view to making it clear that society will no longer tolerate crimes of violence against a person."

Turner is pressing for a package of law and order measures from Ottawa, including changes to the extradition laws making it easier to deport criminals, as well as mandatory sentencing.

Anyone wishing to support the de Villiers petition is urged to sign it at Turner's office, 27 Main St. St., Georgetown or at the office of any other Member of Parliament in the area.

Copies of the petition can also be obtained by calling the riding office at 873-4673 or 1-800-668-4322.

Search on for 'suicidal' man

Police have a warrant for the arrest of a suicidal man who barricaded himself into a farmhouse on the 8th Line near Steeles Avenue Tuesday afternoon.

Police are searching for the man, who recently moved to the 8th Line and Steeles Ave. because he allegedly assaulted his common-law wife following an argument. She is now in a safe place.

The police surrounded the house and waited for the man to come out. At 3:20 a.m. they entered the farmhouse and found a .22 calibre rifle but no one inside.

Staff Inspector Richard Kivell said the police were waiting for darkness before attempting to enter the house. There was no telephone in the house, so they threw a suitcase inside which contained a telephone. They then dialed the phone and let it ring for two hours before attempting to enter the house, he said.

People from the only nearby residence were evacuated without incident, police said. The man's car was found on the property.

The Tactical Unit went back the next day to search the area, but they didn't turn anything up, Kivell said.

Former E.C. Drury School counsellor charged with rape

A man and his lawyer were called into the Halton Hills police station Tuesday morning and charged with rape.

A 45-year-old Milton man was a senior residence counsellor at E. C. Drury School for the Deaf between May 1972 and June 1980.

The charges against him are two counts of rape, one count of sexual intercourse with a female under 16, indecent assault, assault and being in possession of a weapon, police said.

The charges resulted from assaults on three different girls while they were students at E.C. Drury School for the Deaf.

He went for a bail hearing Wednesday.

The Ministry of Education has suspended him.