

War memorial gets donation

The Juno Beach War Memorial recently received a \$1,500 donation from the students at Centennial Middle School, after they ran fund-raising activities like bake sales in their individual classrooms. On hand to present the cheque were Centennial studets (from left) Natalie Cook, 12, Spencer Troop, 13 and William Gwynne, 12.

Photo by Ted Brown

Police association says service is '60 officers short'

Continued from pg. 1

Factors influencing the mounting workload, Atkinson continued, range from a host of mandatory and prescriptive legislation outside of the service's control to growth, onerous evidence collection requirements and adequacy standards.

"These are just a few issues that have caused extreme increases in workload and to fulfill the obligations of these, the front lines of policing have been continually depleted to supplement these increases," said Atkinson, who is concerned about officer safety and burnout.

The most recent statistics show that Halton officers respond to 95,000 calls for service a year, 18,000 of which are criminal offences. Officers must also provide court protection and prisoner transport plus deal with hundreds of calls at Milton's Maplehurst Correctional Facility. The impacts of this include increased stress, longer response times and rampant overtime.

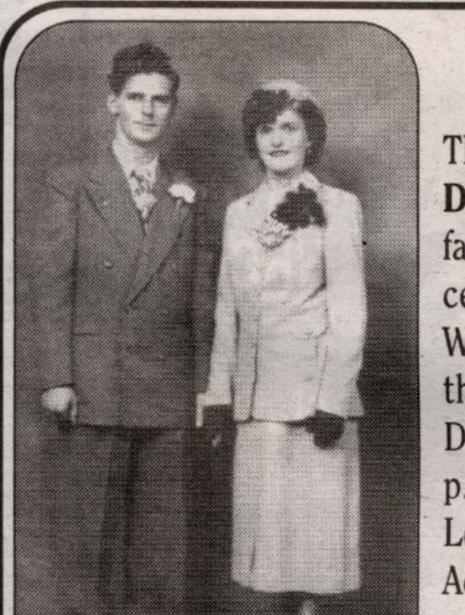
"(Officers) are tired and tired of it," says HRPA administrator Paul La Course, who added that issue is far from new. "Staffing has been a topic at association AGMs since 1998 and we have voiced our concerns with

management since 1999."

The budget is "conservative at best" at addressing front-line strength already depleted by officers being seconded for police work elsewhere which— while important, says La Course—leaves the streets underprotected. He said the hiring of 60 officers— even over the next two or three years— would only cover current shortages on the front line not including retirements and resignations.

"The association and its members recognize the police service has done a good job of hiring replacements for retirements and resignations, however, we believe a workload and staffing analysis is necessary to update the criteria that is used in determining what the real authorized strength should be," said Atkinson.

Adds La Course: "We are at least 60 additional officers short in providing the community continued good policing while offering a safe working environment for our officers."



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The family of Merv and Doris Barber wish to invite family and friends to join in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary of their parents, Saturday, December 7, 2002, 1 - 4 Royal Canadian Legion, 15 Wright Avenue, Acton.

Your presence would be a treasured gift and we respectfully request no other.

In addition to police brass, the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) had 282 First Class constables, as of September, plus 38 Second Class constables, 22 Third Class and 53 Fourth Class. Of this 395-officer total, says La Course, constables staffing the front lines currently number in the "low 200s."

Atkinson— who pledged to play an active and constructive role in any study— is adamant that the HRPA's appeal for a workload and staffing analysis is not some union muscle-flexing but a request born of concern for officer and public safety.

"Something has to give," he says.

La Course explained that the HRPA has requested, and been granted, a meeting with the services board to discuss the issue. If the board is not supportive of a staffing and workload analysis, says Atkinson, the HRPA will decide what steps the association must take to affect the necessary improvements.

"They need to face reality and deal with it," added Atkinson. "But it will be money well-spent for a region that deserves it."

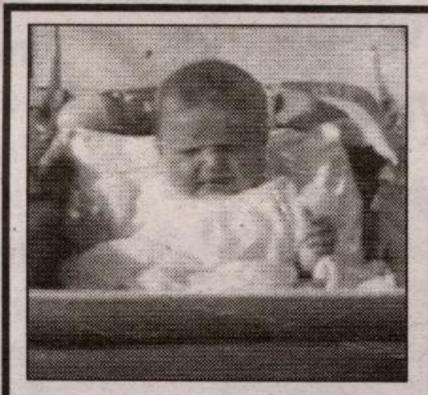
—By Howard Mozel, special

Police blotter Stolen caddy torched

A stolen Cadillac was found burning on Five Sideroad between Winston Churchill Blvd. and 10th Line early Sunday morning. Firefighters arrived to find the car fully engulfed. The 1994 Cadillac STS had been reported stolen from a Burlington bar earlier in the evening.

The vehicle was destroyed and damage is estimated at \$16,000. Halton Police are investigating.

A \$2,500 Yamaha generator was stolen from a trailer during a break and enter at Safe Self Storage on Winston Churchill Blvd. late last Thursday or early Friday. Entry was gained into the outside storage area after a hole was cut in the fence.



Now all these years later,

Mary Scott looks like this!

Mary Scott even put

on a clean house dress

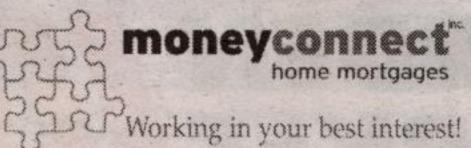
for the photo!

Happy Birthday Mary Scott!

How does it feel to be fifty years old? You were such a cute baby! What the heck happened?



Best Wishes! Gotcha Big Time 12 Maria Constitution of Dianne **Introducing Moe Forget** Mortgage Consultant



moneyconnect home mortgages



- · Buying a home? Let me do the mortgage shopping for you. I will bring Canada's best lenders to your home.
- I'm an expert at finding ways to say "Yes" when others may have said "No". Especially for those self-employed!
- Starting to think about buying a home? Talk to me first. I'll walk you through the process, every step of the way!
- * And, there is no cost to you for my service! OAC

Call: (905) 877-2426

301-16 Mountainview Rd S., Georgetown

CIMBL ICCPH To learn more: www.moneyconnect.ca

Quality, Freshness & Friendly Service at

GEORGETOWN FRUIT MARKET

(Home of Fresh Fruits & Vegetables)

Are all one when it comes to produce. We offer a great selection of the freshest quality fruits and vegetables in town, along with a line of groceries, dairy and bakery.

Come on in and see for yourself. You're guaranteed to be satisfied.



Joe, Owner & Proprietor

Assorted Colours

BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS



6" Pot

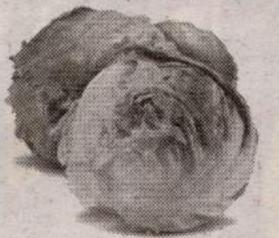
Product of U.S.A.

FRESH BROCCOLI



Product of U.S.A. No. 1

HEAD LETTUCE



Ontario Grown #1

COOKING ONIONS



140 GUELPH ST. 877-8882

We reserve the right to limit quantities. Sale Prices In Effect from Saturday Nov. 30 to Friday Dec. 6/02