



CLAIRE MCKAY, deputy-clerk for King Township for five years, began work at his new job as deputy-clerk of Halton County on April 3. Mr. McKay is married and the father of two pre-school children. The new deputy replaces Jim Andrews who resigned to take the post of deputy-clerk at Guelph. Mr. McKay, 31 years of age, plans to move into the county in the near future. (Staff Photo)

Harley committee drug study seeks to lower cost of drugs

After a 13-month study of the drug industry and drug prices in Canada, a special committee headed by Halton M.P. Dr. Harry Harley tabled its report in the House of Commons last week.

Dr. Harley reported consumers' drug bills could be slashed by one-quarter or even one-third if the committee's recommendations were implemented.

The report urged quick action to lower prices because of impending medical care insurance and other welfare measures which may cover drugs.

It was the finding of the committee "that the price of drugs in Canada is at least higher than it need be."

It proposed protective barriers against cheaper imports should be lowered through legislative and administrative action on patent, tariffs, trade marks and taxes. At the same time the government safety checks should be increased and a program should be launched to convince doctors and patients that drugs sold by chemical or generic names are just as safe as more expensive brand-name drugs.

The committee in addition urged consumers to shop for the best price in having prescriptions filled, since prices vary.

Dragstrip on rural roadway signal of youth's ingenuity?

North Halton's well-paved back roads, often lined with trees and sparsely populated, have for some time been ideal spots for lining up two or three "hot" cars and deciding who's really fastest.

Authorities, however, take a dim view of quarter-mile tests on public roads, and the races are held for only a few minutes at a time so noise and speed won't attract prowling cruisers.

Something of a more permanent nature has developed on the Seventh Line of Esquesing, though.

About a mile north of the Base line on this road, some dragster with a sense of organization measured off a one-quarter mile stretch of road with good visibility. At the southern end, he has painted in broad yellow letters, a line running from shoulder to shoulder and two-foot letters saying "Start". Understand-

ably the other end says "finish".

Who could possibly say Canadian youth doesn't have ingenuity?

High damage toll in March accidents

Milton detachment of Ontario Provincial Police report 38 accidents occurred in the North Halton area during the month of March, resulting in 14 injuries and \$65,560 property damage.

The large damage figure is due to one accident on Highway 401 in which a transport truck rolled and burned, with a loss of \$45,000.

The March accidents bring the year's tally so far to 123 accidents with 40 injuries, three fatalities, and \$107,950 property damage.

Busy North Halton thieves raid cottages, steal phone

During the period April 2 to April 8 inclusive, personnel of the Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, worked a total of 87¼ hours and patrolled a total of 8,802 miles on area highways. As a result of patrol, 45 traffic charges were preferred and 63 traffic violation warnings were issued, as well as 41 convictions registered and 35 vehicles safety-checked.

During this period seven property damage accidents, one injury accident and one fatal accident were investigated, resulting in one person being injured, two persons killed and approximately \$4,200 in property damage.

Causes of accidents investigated were adverse road conditions, excessive speed, cutting in and impaired driving. Sgt. W. J. Grant reported. There were 38 occurrences re-

ported, including break, enter and theft at Hornby Garage Hornby, in which one Wright Power Blade saw was stolen; at the cottage residence of Dr. S. G. Coleman, Con. 5, Nassagaweya Twp., where a lamp, light bulbs and a vintage dollar bill were stolen; theft of a boat, property of F. Bard, Con. 2, Nassagaweya Twp., and same recovered; theft of pay telephone at Durant's Service Station on 25 Highway; theft of net and fish from Ray Olan Fish Hatchery at Campbellville; one assault; four premises found insecure at night; and one person charged with "Impaired driving as a result of an accident. The remaining occurrences were of a minor nature.

SKYWAY REPAIRS

Traffic over the Burlington Skyway will be restricted to two lanes, one lane in each direction, beginning today (Wednesday). Workmen will resurface the bridge deck in the two south-bound lanes, which is expected to take about a month, then the north-bound line will be resurfaced.

Nixon heads list of speakers as Liberals kick off campaign

Halton East Liberals officially kick off their provincial election campaign with a rally at Hornby Golf and Country Club Saturday at 7 p.m.

Ontario Liberal Leader Robert Nixon will head the list of speakers, which will include Robin Skuce, the Liberal candidate in the new riding.

Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal member of parliament for Halton, whose parliamentary committee recently brought in a report on drug prices, will also speak.

Liberals will hold a reception for the guests of honor, followed by a dinner and a dance.

Maurice Manderson of Georgetown, president of the Halton East Liberal Association, said tickets at \$5 each are still available.

"We are limited by the facilities to about 300 persons," Mr. Manderson said. "With Mr. Nixon, Dr. Harley and Robin

Skuce as our guests of honor, we expect to have a full house." Campaign workers will begin a blitz Thursday and continue at through Friday and Saturday handing out campaign literature in the shopping malls

throughout the riding. Derek Mason, Skuce's campaign chairman, said about 75 volunteer workers will be canvassing the shopping malls with literature about Skuce and the Ontario Liberal Party.

Dalton McQuaig president of Rotary Club of Milton

Dalton McQuaig was elected president of the Rotary Club of Milton for the 1967-68 year during the club's annual meeting on Tuesday of last week. He will succeed the current president John Brown on July 1.

Other officers elected at the meeting were vice-president John Brown, secretary Mike Ledwith, treasurer Bill Wood

and directors Don Kennedy, Lachie McKersie, Norm Pearce and Bert Porter.

During the meeting members authorized a further study on the possibility of constructing a Senior Citizens' Housing Project in Milton as the club's centennial project. The club directors were authorized to name a committee to investigate the details of such a plan and explore the local need.

The annual peanut blitz was approved in the same format as last year, with all members indicating a willingness to participate. The club also agreed to continue its sponsorship of the Milton Figure Skating Club.

Reports were also presented on the club's finances that indicated a deficit still outstanding. The Crippled Children's Easter Seal drive, plans for a Grade 13 trip, Scout Troop sponsorship, safety signs and other details of club operation.

—Three new houses under construction on Highside Dr. are the only residential projects under way in Milton these days.

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Abbie Anderson is 90 recalls farming days

Since 1821 there has been a member of the Anderson family farming on Lot 6, Concession 7 in Nassagaweya Township.

Albert (Abbie) Anderson, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Thursday of last week, is the third string of Anderson farmers.

Although his sight is failing and he's confined to a wheelchair, Mr. Anderson claims, "I'm feeling fine, there's nothing too much the matter with me."

A resident of Halton Centennial Manor, Milton, since last July, Mr. Anderson can recall vividly his days on the farm. Farming methods, like everything else, have changed he said, but not all the changes have been for the better.

"You can't work the land as good as you used to be able to," he says. "You can't get onto it early enough in the Spring, the machinery is too heavy. I always had good teams and good workmen and they always did a good job."

For one year — 1918 — Mr. Anderson served on the Township council and although he enjoyed the work, "I soon got off it. It took up too much time." For serving on council he received \$45 for the year.

In 1914 he purchased a Ford car — the first farmer-owned car in Nassagaweya. Forty-five years later in 1959, he sold the car for \$100 more than he paid for it, a total of \$300. "It was as good as the day I bought it, but it would only go 15 miles an hour," he chuckled.

The farming tradition on the Anderson homestead is being carried on by Mr. Anderson's son, Ralph. Mr. Anderson's only other child, a daughter Ethel (Mrs. W. C. Dodds) lives in Mount Forest.

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