

Obituary

Sgt. Mervin Robb

A ceremonial police funeral was held in Milton Thursday in honor of Sgt. Herbert Mervin Robb of Picton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, who died on Monday, Dec. 31.

Full police honors were accorded at the funeral service held in McKersie Funeral Home and the burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Milton. Over 90 members of the OPP attended, including Deputy Commissioner Bird; Supt. Keast of Belleville District 9 headquarters and four staff superintendents.

Born at Milton Heights, Sgt. Robb was well known in this area. He attended school at Milton Heights and Milton High School, then worked at P. L. Robertson and the railway before joining Georgetown Police Department about 30 years ago.

In OPP 27 years He joined the OPP 27 years ago and served at Dundas, Hannon, Newmarket,

Glencoe, Timmins and finally Picton, where he had been for the past five years. He had been a Sergeant for about 11 years.

Rev. R. W. Foster of Grace Anglican Church officiated at the funeral service. Pallbearers included Constables Ron Hudd, Bob Willmott, Bill Bourne and Jim Redpath of Milton OPP and four officers from Picton OPP. The casket was draped with a flag and two uniformed officers carried Sgt. Robb's cap and insignia on a pillow. Sgt. Robb died suddenly, in his 60th year.

He is survived by his wife Anne Patterson and a stepson James Hamilton of Burlington. Also surviving are brothers Robert and John of Milton sisters Bertha Dennis of Campbellville, Annie Buck of Milton and Marjorie Disher of Pittsburgh and three grandchildren.

Conservation Authority remains separate body

Regional Chairman Allan Masson assured Halton Region Conservation Authority it will remain as a separate body and will not be absorbed into the regional government structure, per se.

The local municipalities will still be responsible for representation to the board. Although not in agreement with this policy Mr. Masson said, "I am just one vote; even though I am chairman." The region will ask the four

Halton municipalities to make recommendations for appointments to HRCA, he told HRCA's board members at their meeting Thursday evening.

More involvement "I'm glad it's staying as an authority," Mr. Masson continued, "but there will probably be a more direct approach and involvement by the regional government on the cost alone. There is general criticism that the

conservation authority has uncontrolled spending ability not controlled by taxing authorities. How far the region will go, I can't tell you."

Mr. Masson projected that the regional government will be extremely busy for the next three years but couldn't definitely predict the future for the individual members of the authority.



FULL HONORS were given Thursday when Sgt. Herbert Mervin "Merv" Robb of Picton OPP was buried in Milton. About 90 members of the OPP attended the funeral to serve as pallbearers, insignia bearers, honor guard and escort. Above, the bearers carry the casket to the grave at Evergreen Cemetery while members of the honor guard, officers and escort come to a salute. Below, the pallbearers proceed from the funeral home through the ranks of the honor guard.

(Photos by R. Downs)



Lake Simcoe tops for ice fishermen

One of the best spots for winter ice-fishing is Lake Simcoe where each year more than 4,000 fish huts dot the frozen lake.

A variety of sport fish is available, including lake trout, whitefish, herring and perch.

Bait and tackle can be purchased at stores in the fish-hut colony. Tie-ups and rods can be rented.

Rented huts, located in a choice area and moved from time to time as the fish move, are equipped with bunks and lanterns for round-the-clock fishing.

100,000 fishermen It has been estimated that Lake Simcoe accommodates well over 100,000 fishermen every winter, and that they catch several thousand lake trout and over a quarter of a million whitefish, to say nothing of herring, perch and pike.

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Drumquin Visitors from Sask.

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson Mr. and Mrs. Keith McDougall of Caronport, Saskatchewan were holiday visitors with their grandmother Mrs. Amy Merry, Sixth Line, and also with their parents Jim and Lois McDougall and family at Oakville.

Get well wishes to Mrs. Clarence Ford Sr., a patient in Milton Hospital with the flu.

Rev. Lynne Curtin, minister at Bethel United Church gave an inspiring message to a large congregation for their worship on Sunday, Jan. 6. The sacrament of holy communion was observed.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin of Bloomingdale entertained for the New Year's day festivities for the descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chester Featherston. Attending from this area were the Carlyle, Rolf and Willard Featherston families, also guests from New Brunswick and Kitchener. Twenty-five members enjoyed the happy family party.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. John Greenfield, Clarence Ford Sr., Donald Featherston, John Alderson, Marilyn Ayres, Nancy Sim and Ross Needham.

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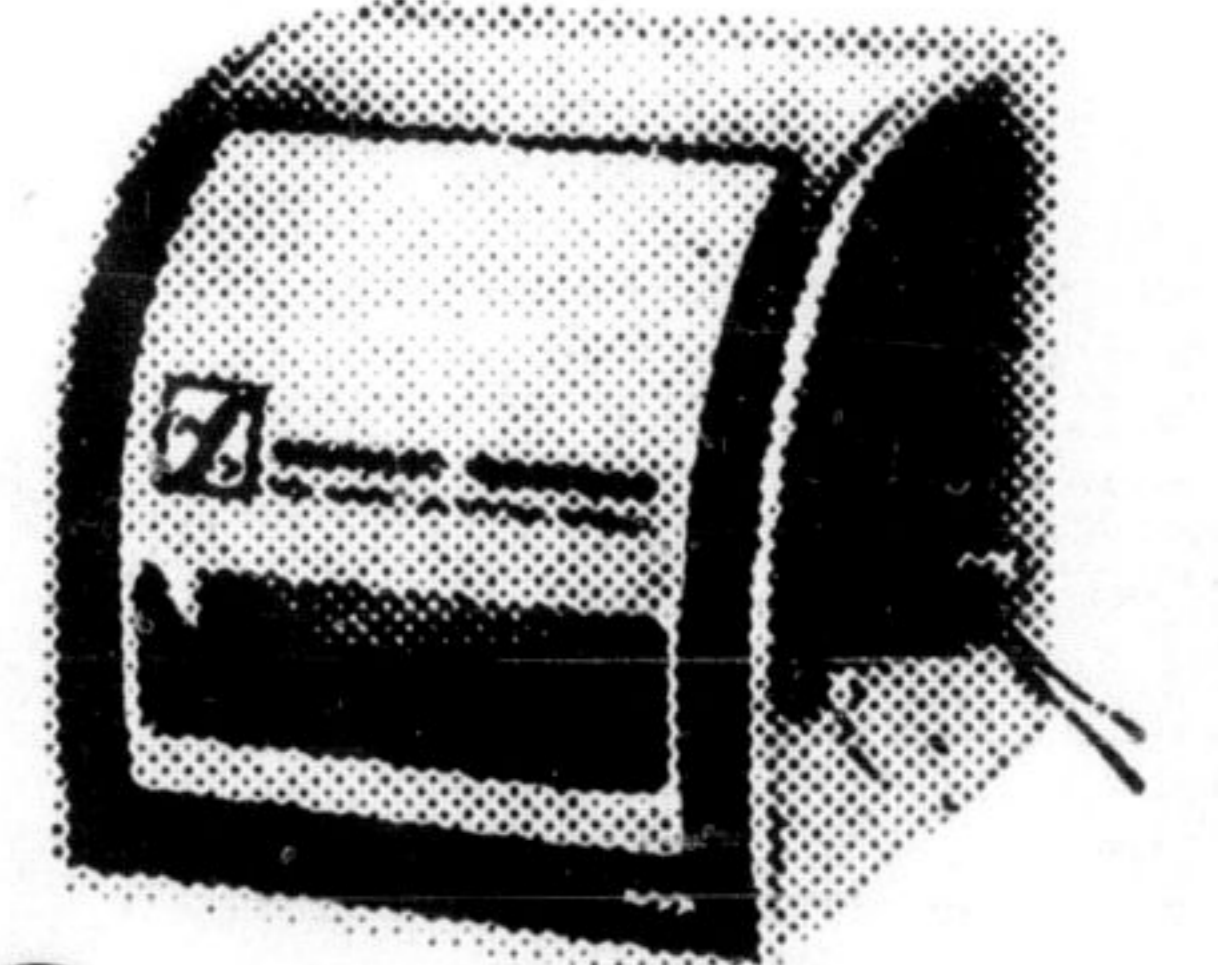


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