

# Police, parents search for missing 15-year-old



VALERIE JOHNSON  
15-year-old missing

Halton Regional Police in Milton have issued a Canada-wide alert for Valerie Johnson, 15, of 253 Parkway Drive, who has been missing since Tuesday, March 21.

Her stepfather Cec Rowley notified police of her disappearance last week, but police have found no trace of the five-foot, brown-haired girl. Mr. Rowley said he has personally driven miles and miles in the immediate area in search of her, but found no leads.

"We've called all her friends and relatives, and checked every plaza for miles around," said an agitated Mr. Rowley Monday afternoon. "I'm damned upset because she's not the type of girl to run the streets like this."

Police are treating it as a routine juvenile disappearance.

"Unless they can show us a reason for foul play we can't get too concerned," said a

police spokesman. "We get 10 cases a day of these juveniles missing."

The police have issued a description of the girl to all police forces across Canada.

Miss Johnson left a note in her room, and reportedly slipped out during the night through the basement window of her bedroom. She was wearing only a light pair of grey slacks and a white parka top. She left her winter

clothes behind.

Her note said simply, "Mom and Dad, I'm leaving, don't look for me."

Mr. Rowley was at a loss to explain why she would leave.

"She used to threaten to leave whenever she was disciplined," he said, "but every kid does that when they reach her age."

He said she was not a problem child, and the only

disagreements they had revolved around homework. She was always an honors student he said, but she often missed deadlines for assignments.

Mr. Rowley speculated that rules were more severe at her new school, Notre Dame Academy in Waterdown, and this may have caused the problems. Valerie attended grade nine at Milton District

High School, but changed to Notre Dame this year.

Mr. Rowley thinks she may have had help in leaving Milton, because she was apparently out of town by morning, but he has no proof.

"All we get from her girlfriends is 'maybe she's seeing an aunt in Toronto, or her brother in Guelph,' but we've checked everywhere and can't find her," he said.

Valerie was active in the Girl Guides in Milton, receiving the highest honor—the Canada Cord—last year. According to Mr. Rowley she never touched drugs or alcohol and had no steady boyfriend, although she did go to school dances.

"She's going to have to stop this nonsense of running away every time she's disciplined," said Mr. Rowley.

There will be no reprimand for Valerie when she comes home this time, he said; her family just wants her to come home.

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## Obituary

### Robert F. Newman

Funeral services were held in Lowville Friday for Robert Franklin Newman who died at Milton District Hospital March 15 following a brief illness.

Born in Toronto on April 14, 1936, Mr. Newman received his early education at Cooksville Public School and Port Credit High.

He started a company called Robert Newman Milk Transport about 20 years ago, but sold the business in 1975 to pursue other interests.

On Sept. 15, 1960, Mr. Newman married Ann Pearson of Mississauga with whom he had four children. The Newmans moved from the Mississauga area to Milton just four years ago.

Upon coming to Milton, they bought a 10 acre farm on Derry Rd., and although Mr.

Newman didn't farm the land himself, he spent many of his leisure hours there with his family.

Mr. Newman is survived by his wife and children Jim, 15, Donna, 13, Linda, 11 and Susan, age seven.

He is also survived by his mother, Sarah Newman of Cooksville and a sister, Marilyn Maxwell of Orangeville.

The Rev. Wayne Irwin officiated at the funeral service at Lowville United Church March 18.

Pallbearers were cousin Larry Cockshutt of Milton and friends Bob Detwiler, Bill Leonard, Lloyd Harris, all of Mississauga and W. Pryor of Milton and J. Curran of Sudbury.

Interment was at Lowville Cemetery.

## Liquor licence

The Liquor Licence Board of Ontario will hold a special meeting April 5 in Hamilton to review four applications for liquor licences from Milton area establishments.

The Chalet Restaurant, Highway 25, the Bayrischer-Hof Restaurant, 324 Steeles Ave., and the Milton Hills Restaurant at 175 Main St. have each applied for dining

lounge licences. The Lowville Heights Golf Course has applied for a public house licence.

Anyone who wishes to voice his objections to any of the applications can do so at the meeting, to be held at 1047 Barton St. E., or in writing to the LLBO, 55 Lakeshore Blvd., E., Toronto.

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