



No foul play in truck crash near Dufferin picket line

By Linda Kirby
Halton Regional Police have ruled out foul play in connection with a serious truck accident at Dufferin Aggregates on First Line in Milton last Wednesday morning.

A 28-year-old Woodbridge man was rushed to Milton District Hospital in a police cruiser after crashing his 1978 Mack tractor into the side of the escarpment on a roadway on Dufferin property.

According to police, Dennis Duffy had left the quarry weigh scale and was travelling south on a steep descent when he lost control of the loaded vehicle and turned over into the cliff embankment.

The driver is one of approximately 30 non-union truck drivers crossing a picket line daily to deliver stone.

Striking truck drivers have formed their picket line at Dufferin entrance gates, approximately one mile away from the accident scene.

Several non-union drivers suggested

the mishap was caused by picketers throwing a stone from the top of the escarpment.

But according to Richard Prevost, private investigator with the quarry company, the accident may have been caused by the driver travelling too fast or being inattentive.

Police searched the area and found no evidence suggesting someone had thrown a rock at the victim.

Police also reported there were no skid marks on the roadway where the truck collision occurred.

The tractor trailer valued at \$80,000 was completely destroyed.

Mr. Duffy was treated for facial cuts and bruises.

George Kourelakos, shop steward for the striking truckers, said it was unfair to blame the incident on the picketers.

"We don't like anybody getting hurt," he said, adding the union had nothing to do with the mishap.

He suggested the accident may have been caused by improper loading at the

quarry. "The trucks are being filled by amateurs," he said, adding the particular load may have been too heavy on one side, causing the truck to flip over.

Shortage of revenues won't buffalo HRCA

Anybody want to buy a buffalo? Several of that species, elk calves and a horse are among the animals for sale at Mountsberg Conservation Area.

An expected \$16,911 shortage in revenues this year at Mountsberg has prompted Halton Region Conservation Authority members to sell off surplus animals.

Further money-cutting measures include the cancellation of all Saturday public programming and the increase of student program fees.

Fees will rise from .75 cents per student for a partial day program to \$1, and from \$1.50 to \$2 for full day

programs effective July 1. Authority members also agreed to cut back on maintenance and repair work on buildings and the upkeep of trails.

A part-time maintenance position has been dropped and the cleaning contract for the Wildlife Centre will be amended to slice in half the frequency of cleaning.

It was suggested the daily vehicle entrance rate be raised from \$3 to \$3.50 during the busy season, but it was decided program cutbacks would not justify higher rates.

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Noted criminal lawyer...

...takes Esplen case

Manslaughter charged

By Linda Kirby

A preliminary hearing date has been set for August 25 for Robert Marshall Esplen, 49, charged with manslaughter in the shooting death of a 24-year-old Milton man.

Mr. Esplen was originally charged with criminal negligence causing death.

But according to Halton assistant crown attorney Larry Owen, who is handling the prosecution, the charge was changed to provide a broader scope of activity that could constitute criminal negligence causing death or any unlawful act such as careless use of a firearm causing death.

The hearing, scheduled for 12 noon at Milton provincial court, will attempt to substantiate the charge to commit the accused to trial.

Mr. Owen said he expects Esplen will be tried by a judge and jury.

David Humphrey, a high profile Toronto criminal lawyer, will be defending Esplen.

A conviction could result in anything from a suspended sentence to life imprisonment.

Esplen is free on \$100,000 bail.

Andre Wysman of 101 Heslop Rd., Milton, died in Milton District Hospital 14 hours after being fatally shot in the back while fishing on a private farm owned by Esplen.

The farm is located on 10 Sideroad near Hwy. 25 and has a sign stating "No Trespassing."

According to Halton Regional Police, Mr. Wysman was fishing in a farm pond with his brother Leo Wysman and George Beaulieu, of King St. Milton.

At least three shots were fired from a .22 calibre rifle. One shot entered the victim's back.

He was rushed to Milton District Hospital and given emergency surgery. He was listed as critical, but stable and later died.

Mr. Wysman worked at Maplehurst Correctional Centre.

Preference charge laid

Nelson Crushed Stone, a division of King Paving and Materials will take the stand in an Ontario Labour Relations Board hearing into charges laid by members of the Mount Nemo Trucking Association.

The complaint lodged Monday against the north Burlington quarry includes charges that the company has not bargained in good faith with the trucking employees and that preferential treatment has been given to a non-union broker, Nick Torres, head of Torres Transport, contrary to a collective agreement between the two sides.



Concerned for Canada's future

Speakers and participants at the annual flag-raising ceremony at the Chamber of Commerce information centre in Unity Park Saturday were of common accord—all expressed concern for Canada's future and pledged their allegiance to our country and our flag.

Among the flag-raisers were Guide Lisa Fowler, Pathfinder Monique Hadley, Brownie Jodi Merek, RCMP Const. Tom Baldwin, Scout Mike Lanois, Cub Robbie MacKay and Halton Regional Police Const. Lee Smith. Story, photos on pg. 6.

Minister scuttles Milton Site F ploy

Provincial cold water has been dumped on a Town of Milton request to have Site F and Site A discussed together at an upcoming Environmental Assessment Board hearing.

Ontario Environment Minister Harry Parrott has told Milton Councillors that a hydrogeological study of using 200 acres in Burlington owned by National Sewer Pipe is not completed, so that to include both at the hearing would hold up the process of review.

The Milton request had read: "That the Ministry of the Environment be requested to direct any hearing board established to consider the regional landfill operation located at Site F to consider at the same hearing submissions made in support of establishing the regional landfill operation on the lands of National Sewer Pipe Company in the vicinity of Site A."

It has been Milton Mayor Don Gordon's contention that any Environmental Board hearing must consider what is environmentally best for Halton Region. To this end, he has contended Site A is by far the best

as it is not near people, is located between two existing dump sites, and will probably prove to be hydrogeologically better.

Dr. Parrott, however, said that while he is aware of preliminary testing at Site A, "it is my understanding that the National Sewer Pipe Company application for a waste disposal site has not yet been developed sufficiently to support an application to the Ministry of the Environment, which is a prerequisite to holding a hearing with the Environmental Assessment Board."

He also said that since Halton Region is responsible for waste disposal within its boundaries "it is they who must decide whether the National Sewer Pipe Company site is an alternative to Site F or simply a site that may complement the regional waste management program."

In conclusion Mr. Parrott states, "it would not be prudent for this Ministry to delay due process which the Regional Municipality is pursuing in an attempt to secure required approval... at Site F."



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Cold water...



Just keeps on winning

Michael McConnell of RR 2 Milton, a 10-year-old grade 5 student at Milton's Holy Rosary School, just keeps on winning trophies and certificates. His fire prevention poster was tops for the boys' division when he entered it in the Milton Fire Department's annual poster contest, then it won the Halton contest and recently was awarded an honorable mention in the all-Ontario contest. Michael and Fire Chief Jim Coulson are pictured at the Central Station, showing off his collection of prizes. "Michael's poster certainly went a long way, it's a real honor for the town to have an entry in the top five in Ontario," said the fire chief.

Inside Today

Dominion fun

Dominion Stores has launched Fun Trek, a chance for the whole family to enjoy a number of Ontario attractions and events. Pg. 2

Emergency meeting

Milton Council wants an emergency meeting with Oshawa Wholesale to resolve the Amendment 7 question. If the meeting is fruitless, council is ready to go to court. Stories Pg. 3

Memories of Holland

A Milton resident writes from Holland to describe the triumphant parade of second war vets, and touching cemetery services on the 35th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands. Pg. C1.

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