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## Vests only when needed

Halton Police Chief James Harding wouldn't wear a bullet-proof vest, given the choice.

He feels the garment is a step in the wrong direction, an indication that law enforcement means a gun and bullet-proof vest.

He is right. But common sense also dictates some means of protection must be provided for our police officers.

Chief Harding is quick to agree certain situations demand an officer be prepared with the vest. Several months ago, he conducted a survey among officers on the Halton force to see how many would be in favor of having the added protection.

He received a "limited response", but a more recent survey has shown 75 per cent of the officers in favor of having the vest.

Perhaps not all police wish to wear them, that should be their decision.

But the vest should be available to all.

Why not carry two in the trunk of every cruiser, making them readily accessible when there is a need.

Domestic calls are probably one of the most dangerous situations for a police officer. It would be simple enough to pull out a vest when a call merits the need.

## Foreign owned farm land

The Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee (HAAC) has noted some of its members are concerned with the growing number of foreign buyers coming into the region to purchase farms and agricultural property.

When a fence needs to be mended, a Halton farmer might find out he has to contact a company somewhere in Ontario or even Switzerland, before he can get permission to get the fence fixed.

What the farmers are not saying is the surge in foreign ownership means land is being purchased and then rented out, while the owner sits on it—hoping one day to get a zoning change and build houses or apartments.

The HAAC has made it very clear it does not like the erosion of good land away from farming and into development. Although the current Halton Official plan pro-

jects farm land, no one knows what a future council's interpretation of the official plan might mean.

The farmers have noted continually their protests against land severances of agricultural lands are not being heard. They feel they do not count when it comes time to decide between keeping lands in agriculture or letting them go to a developer.

The HAAC is asking for a list of owners (i.e. anyone owning but not farming) on lands in Halton, not only so they can contact the owners if work like fence repair must be made, but so they know who they are up against.

It is a modest request which should be proceeded upon. We need the farmers and they need to know they are still wanted and a necessary part of the makeup of Halton Region.

## Hamlet tow away zone

Campbellville residents have been told not to expect a traffic signal to go up at the intersection of Campbell Ave. and Campbellville Rd., but another suggestion has been offered which holds promise for the people who live in the hamlet.

The call for the traffic signal is predicted on the disregard for no parking signs and areas. This is particularly true at and around the Opera Emporium. On the weekend and during the Mohawk Raceway season, traffic is heavy and parking rules are not observed. Numbers of cars illegally parked coupled with a flow of traffic from the raceway do cause problems.

So the solution is to enforce the parking regulations. But is it wise and fiscally possible to have a Halton Regional Police Constable

always on the scene, handing out parking tickets? In addition, the recent Supreme Court of Ontario ruling may make parking tickets worthless if the ruling is upheld.

Therefore, Councillor Bill Johnson has suggested the area around the Campbellville intersection be made a tow away zone. It is a novel suggestion in that tow away zones have never been tried in Halton before.

Halton Regional Solicitor Dennis Perlin is now looking into the possibility of enacting legislation which would create such a legal entity.

It is an interesting possibility which holds a solution to the traffic congestion in Campbellville. And it could set the trend for the rest of Halton and areas where a better parking control system is needed.

## Emergency plan needed

We note with interest a move on the part of the Halton District Health Council to expand its aims and objectives in 1981 by including a call for an emergency plan.

With the Mississauga train derailment still fresh in our minds, it is a blessing the accident did not happen in Milton. While Halton Region and the Halton Regional Police are ready for any emergency, a major chlorine tanker spill could have had serious repercussions if it had

happened anywhere in Milton due to the very close proximity of residents to the train tracks.

We do have the services, but the Halton District Health Council is perhaps correct in pulling all these services together in one comprehensive plan.

We need an emergency plan for all of Halton Region and we would urge those involved in drafting the plan to investigate every eventuality and have an appropriate plan ready.



## Viewpoint

with LINDA KIRBY

### Boxing Day sales, January sales, end of the season sales—they sound so convincing.

Almost legitimate, and few actually are. Caught in the wave to save a dollar, find the "incredible" buy or make the once-in-a-lifetime investment at "unreal" prices we hunt and chase down every sale tag.

We place absolute trust in those gaudy, brightly colored tags that promise us a wealth of savings if we should buy the product.

Globe and Mail columnist Richard Needham once said the best way to save money is not to spend it.

When all is said and done, he's right. More often than not the fact an item is on sale is the only excuse we need to buy it. Clothes are a prime example. You buy something you never dreamed of pur-

chasing, because it is now less than its original outrageous price and is therefore, no longer outrageous.

Many "sales" are not only frustrating, they are insulting to the intelligent person. A girlfriend and myself set out Boxing Day to unearth some "bargains."

There was the record store that had a line-up half way around its interior. They were offering \$1 off \$7 and \$6 record albums.

Then there was the shoe store that promised "clearance" prices with 10 per cent off \$80 and \$90 shoes.

We barely got in.

Too many people and too many sale signs.

There are sneaky shops that mix low priced inventory (specially brought in for the sale) with supposed sale items.

Impossible as it may sound, few people check the original price. So unless you know what you are looking for and its approximate value, you are at the mercy of a store manager's judgement of "sale."

Not all stores suffer such a lack of ethics.

We found one shop that offered all of their merchandise 50 per cent reduced. There were no exceptions, everything was half price.

A patient shopper will usually come out the real winner.

If you can wait until the end of January or sometimes the first weeks of February, you can look forward to a healthy reduction in the prices of most goods.

Patience and a little self-discipline and you can save a bundle in the end.

### At Delacourt's

## The finer things in life

Despite rising inflation and the devalued dollar, people are still willing to buy the finer things in life.

With price tags from \$30 a place setting in stoneware to \$175 a setting for Royal Doulton, Vera Delacourt, owner of Milton's first fine dinnerware specialty shop, admits her goods require a large investment.

She is quick to add that china is an investment, making it well worth its price.

Her shop, located at the corner of Main and Martin Sts. is one she has always dreamed of.

"It's something I always wanted to do. It started a long time ago in Ireland," she says, revealing a trace of Irish accent.

As a young woman she left her homeland for England where she trained in London to be a china buyer.

It took until last June for her dream to become reality. With her husband John's help and encouragement, the former parks and recreation department's bookkeeper and registrar was on her way to owning an elegant shop which she feels only women can truly appreciate.

The corner location was ideal and was undergoing a face lift.

"We felt it was the right place as opposed to a mall. It's a good traffic area," she says.

"I'm pretty optimistic about the future of downtown Milton. People are looking for personal service and they want to feel

they are known."

She says the cosmetic improvements to the building's exterior made by landlord Brad Clements really lend itself to her shop.

Its large corner windows are dressed in virgin white cotton curtains with lacy trim swept

back and tied to expose the neat interior. The display shelves made of pine by her husband line the walls with settings sensibly displayed so patrons need not fear acting the part of the bull in her china shop.

Three small round tables allow for further

display area. It is here she likes to show off the true beauty of the products she sells. Place settings are arranged, matched with silver or flatware and lead crystal accented by table cloths, some which Mrs. Delacourt has made by hand especially for the shop.

Popular brand names which mean quality such as Waterford crystal and china by Wedgwood are among the selection at Delacourt's.

Surprisingly, new brides and brides-to-be do not make up the bulk of the shop's clientele.

"A lot of people who have been married a few years have shown quite an interest in the shop," Mrs. Delacourt says.

When a future bride decides on a china or flatware pattern, a decision which Mrs. Delacourt encourages to be made carefully, she enters her name in a bridal registry along with the pattern and pieces she requires.

For easy wedding or shower gift buying, all the information is kept on hand at the shop and as each piece is purchased, it is stroked from the registry to allow no risk of duplication.

There are 100 settings on display at Delacourt's, as well as an assortment of gift items.

The shop's proprietor holds a Wedgwood china cup to the light, pointing out its translucent characteristic.

"The more bone ash content, the more translucent and the better the quality," she explains. Stoneware, usually

disher, microwave and oven safe is gaining in popularity and can be used for both every day and special occasions.

"Young couples today are more sensible," says Mrs. Delacourt, a mother of two.

The 22-year Milton resident says, "People were going out of town before we opened. We've got to get business back in Milton."

"I'm sure people prefer to shop in Milton if they can. We need more specialty shops," she suggests.

She says she is pleased with the results of the Main St. revitalization project under the direction of the Downtown Business Improvement Area.

The china shop neighbors Montgomery Clocks and Milton Music. These three stores act as a semimall with access to each where they meet in the centre of the corner block building.

Collector plates are a popular item, according to Mrs. Delacourt. She carries among others a four-plate series by local artist Gerda Neubacher called Happy Days. The artist will be at Delacourt's Saturday, Feb. 7 to autograph the plates which depict children at play.

Of course a woman with such a passion for fine china has a collection of her own. Vera Delacourt's is her namesake. It is the Delacourt pattern, now discontinued. She can still find pieces for sale, however.



Popular choice. Denise McCann (left) is preparing for her May marriage to Wayne Ellis by choosing her china pattern at Delacourt's. Vera Delacourt (right) says Denise's pattern choice is a popular one.

## Turning the Pages of the Past

### One year ago

From the Jan. 23, 1980 issue  
 Pressure from townspeople and Milton Council has forced a "coverup" of topless dancers.

The White Oak Tavern on Bronte St. has had topless dancers since Dec. 20, but owner Peter Fokas said he has now ordered his girls to stop baring their bosoms.

Milton Chamber of Commerce has selected the entire 250-member Milton District Hospital Auxiliary as the 1979 Citizen of the Year.

"It was a tough decision," said Citizen of the Year committee chairman Herb Crowther.

A barking dog in the early morning hours Thursday is credited with alerting police to three Milton teens stealing from the fire-gutted building of Alfonso's Fruit Market.

Halton Regional Police arrested and charges the trio with break, enter and possession of stolen goods after watching two youths running from the scene. According to Milton Constable Lee Smith, the incident took place shortly after 2 a.m. Thursday, when he heard the dog barking.

An appeal by the Canadian Cancer Society to have Milton Council recognize National NonSmoking Week by putting "no smoking" signs in the council chambers this week was flatly rejected by council.

### 20 years ago

From the Jan. 19, 1961 issue  
 Plans for a 15-man volunteer fire brigade at Kibridge, using the former public school as a fire hall, are being formulated by Burlington's fire committee. The town presently pays Milton Fire Department \$5,000 a year for protection.

A north Trafalgar farmer reported 24 head of cattle missing from his barn Monday night, and for a while the excitement was something to see. Rustling was feared. However the cattle had only strayed out on open door, they were found two miles away on Wednesday and returned home.

Plans for a local curling club appear to have died. Council discovered it cannot sell the club the triangular parksite at the north end of town as it must remain as a park.

The Kinette Club is sponsoring the January March of Dimes campaign and Reeve Mrs. Mary Pettit is the Chief Marching Mother.

Trafalgar Reeve F. Alex Phillips was named Warden of Halton for 1961. Retiring Warden is Doug Sargent from Georgetown.

A group dedicated to the preservation and restoration of antique and steam farm equipment held its second meeting at Rockwood last week, with 70 attending. The name "Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers" was chosen.

The Halton Manor addition is completed and capacity is now 241 residents.

### 50 years ago

From the Jan. 22, 1931 issue  
 Owing to the snow storms motoring has not been engaged in much for pleasure this week.

It is reported that a deer was shot recently in the northerly part of Esqueving Township. The Game and Fisheries Department is investigating.

While cranking his car, which backfired, A.R. Lanau, farmer, base line, Trafalgar township, had his right arm broken.

Jack Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Lawson, fourth line, Esqueving, was one of the winners in the essay contest conducted by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

As an award he will receive free transportation, board and lodging for two weeks while attending one of the short courses at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.

There is about six inches of snow on the level in this district at present. The Free Press says Acton has about eighteen inches.

The inaugural meeting of the county council will be held next Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m., when the first business of the session will be the election of Warden for the year 1931.

The doctors are busy with people stricken with winter ailments, notwithstanding the hourly infunctions of the radio announcers and their remedies.

Wm. J. Bowman has been appointed weed inspector for the Township of Esqueving and N.R. Thompson and Manassah Campbell, assessors.

### 75 years ago

From the Jan. 23, 1906 issue  
 On Friday last John Chapman, of Hamilton, formerly of Milton, left home to visit his daughters, Mesdames Walker and Magdock, here.

As the train neared Milton, a brakeman shouted "Milton!" Mr. Chapman got up, walked to the rear end of the rear car and stepped off, though the train was going at a rate of about 15 miles an hour.

He fell near Harrison's crossing, about 400 yards from the station. The trainman went back for him and brought him to the station, whence he was taken to the home of Mrs. Walker.

His collar bone and several ribs were broken, a shoulder was dislocated and he was hurt internally.

Though the weather was mild on Saturday there was sleighing and there was skating at the rink in the evening. During the night the weather became so mild that by Sunday morning the snow was all gone, even on the north side of the mountain where it melts much more slowly than it does on the level. Sunday was like a spring day.

John Dickin of Weston was in town on Saturday looking after his farm.

A fine new pipe organ is being placed in Knox Church this week and there will be a grand opening shortly.