

People

At its recent annual meeting in Toronto, Charles Thomson of Milton Hydro was named a director of Ontario Municipal Electric Association, District 4. OMEA is an association of commissioners representing nearly all municipal electric utilities in Ontario, and District 4 covers 22 groups in Toronto and area.

Murray Harris of Milton was honored at United Breeders' annual meeting, as a new member of the "Starlite 200 Club." This award goes to owners of daughters of the Holstein bull Roybrook Starlite that produce over 200 per cent of the established average production for their age group. His cow Alfcrest Starlite Doris produced 226 per cent of breed class average.

A Milton man is the new director of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture. Robert McMahon will take over the post when longtime director Art Peppin retires at the end of February.

Mr. McMahon has been associate director of the branch since June of 1979, following 10 years' experience as a Ministry rural development officer and one year on the former Foodland Development Committee. Earlier he was a branch manager for a major farm supply firm.

Mr. Peppin has been with the Ministry for the past 18 years and is well known by many local people involved in plowing matches, fall fairs and horticultural societies. The new director Mr. McMahon will also work closely with these three groups and will serve as secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

The Waterfowl Rescue Organization, the first bird cleaning station founded in Eastern Canada in 1978, has elected its new board of directors and two Halton Region Conservation Authority employees from Milton are involved.

Robert Edmondson, biologist with HRCA, is the new president and Martin Wernaart, superintendent of HRCA's Mountsberg Wildlife Centre, is a director.

Both these men will represent WRO on a study tour to the east coast of USA, to see methods of handling oil-spill disasters. The trip will be sponsored by a Petroleum Association for the Canadian Environment grant. Training courses will also be held for Humane Society personnel and interested citizens, on cleaning waterfowl caught in oil-spills.

University of Toronto's Erindale Campus reports three students from Milton among the grads honored recently. Ann Galioto was granted a three-year Bachelor of Science degree with distinction; Karen Black a three-year BA degree, and Anne Powell a four-year B.Sc. degree.

Artist Robert Bateman of Milton recently visited Mountsberg Wildlife Centre and donated three art prints to Halton Region Conservation Authority depicting local wildlife. The American Kestrel, Great Horned Owl and Coyote are included. Mr. Bateman is well known around the world and his work is in collections on three continents.

Bus pass for blind man

By Jane Muller
All that lies between Bob Reid and a free town bus pass is Milton Council's final approval.

Mr. Reid, recently classified as legally blind by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, appeared before Milton Council's Transit Committee Feb. 4 to request a pass and received their approval.

This is the second bus pass to be given for the use of Milton Transit, according to Director of Finance Don Loughheed. The first was given to a blind girl three years ago.

"Anybody who gets a pass should be certified as disabled," suggested Mr. Reid.

Committee member Mayor Gord Krantz said, "This is not going to be a blanket endorsement."

"We're going to have to deal with every case individually."

Milton Transit is not equipped to transport those confined to a wheelchair, but the committee may look into a joint use agreement with Halton Centennial Manor's wheelchair van. Mr. Loughheed said he attempted to establish



On the job. Crime Prevention Officer Jeanette Sykes goes over literature with North Nassagaweya resident Eileen Dix.



Relaxing at home. Halton Regional Police Constable Jeanette Sykes relaxes at home with husband Don, also a police officer and family pet Argo.

Police accept wage hike

In a near unanimous decision, Halton Regional Police accepted a wage contract Thursday that will boost the salary of a first-class constable to \$29,795 by next January.

The two-year contract which provides an overall 27 per cent wage increase is considered one of the highest percentage increases in some time, according to Bill Gall, chairman of the Halton Regional Police Association bargaining committee.

"It is a good settlement."

"I am pleased with it," he said, adding the new contract falls into the pay trend with both Peel and Hamilton-Wentworth Police Forces.

At the end of 1980 a first-class constable earned \$23,447.

Under the new contract officers will receive a 9.5 per cent increase retroactive to Jan. 1, a 5.5 per cent raise on July 1 and a 10 per cent raise next January 1.

"Everyone seems happy with it," said Constable Gall.

The contract also calls for improvements in fringe benefits.

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from 75 per cent paid) allowances for plain and increased clothing clothes officers.

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Two-cop family fine with her

By Linda Kirby
When Halton Regional Police Constable Jeanette Sykes is not in uniform addressing the public on crime prevention, she can usually be found at home cleaning house or whipping up a gourmet meal.

"After all, I am a housewife," explained the petite, 27-year-old attractive officer.

But this working household is different in more than one way. Her husband Don is also a police officer, with

the Peel Regional Police Force.

Born in Long Branch and raised in Streetsville, Jeanette Sykes had her first taste of police work when she landed a full-time job as a secretary with the Peel force in 1972.

Within three years she had worked her way up to the position of a stenographer for a police superintendent in 21 Division (Bramalea.)

By then she had also developed a keen interest in police work and began applying to various forces.

"It was something I wanted to do for a long time," she said, and it was also during this time she met her future husband.

He backed her completely in her desire to become an officer, something she greatly appreciated.

"He is not a male chauvinist, and one of the few policemen who respect women officers," she said.

On June 9, 1975 Jeanette Sykes was hired as a

constable by the Halton force and began her training.

While Constable Sykes now enjoys a fairly regular day shift schedule with the odd evening speaking engagement, Don works rotating shifts.

"For five years we were working conflicting shifts. That can be hard on your social life," she said.

She feels she has been able to deal with and accept the rigors of two police schedules, because she enjoys her job so much.

And though both she and her husband share the same profession, she said it is never boring.

"We do come home and talk shop sometimes. Like any other wife, I will sit down and ask him how his day went."

Housework in their large rural home is a pro-

blem, she said, but something that is shared by the two.

"I manage, but Don helps out as well."

While their lively careers leave them little spare time, Jeanette still finds a few spare moments for rug hooking, macrame and a

physical fitness program she has recently enrolled in.

Born of German parents, she also loves spending time in the kitchen cooking up a variety of European dishes and entertaining.

"It does keep me busy looking after my home

and my husband," she said. And eventually she would like to raise a family.

Her career as a police officer is a very important part of her life right now and something she constantly works at improving.

She has attempted to upgrade her police education with courses at Humber College, including juvenile and criminalistics classes.

"I like to think of my job as a career and I am enjoying what I am doing now."

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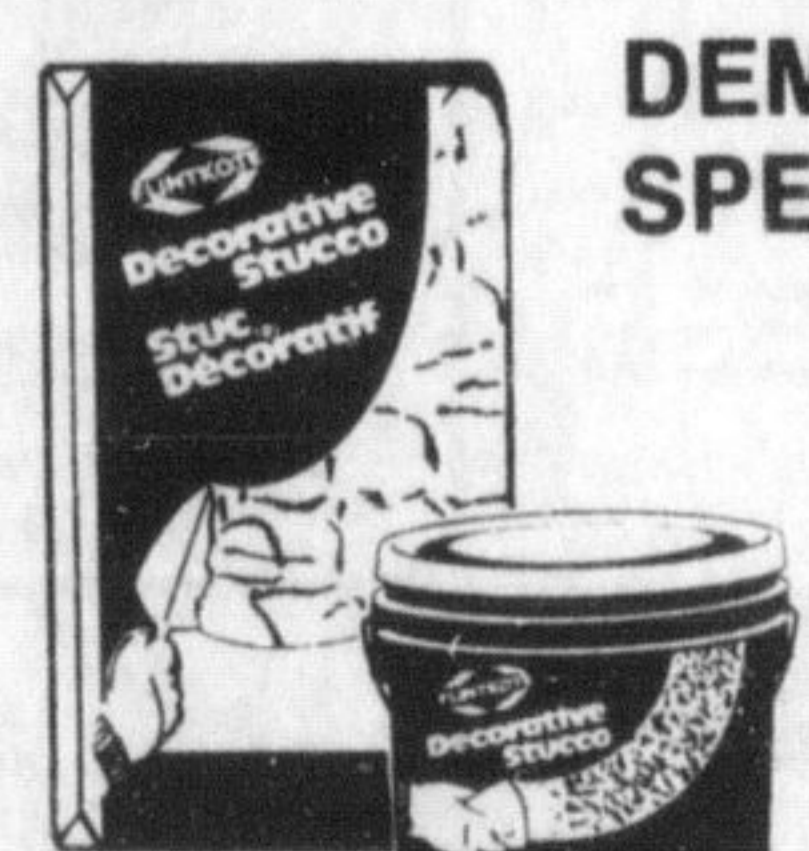
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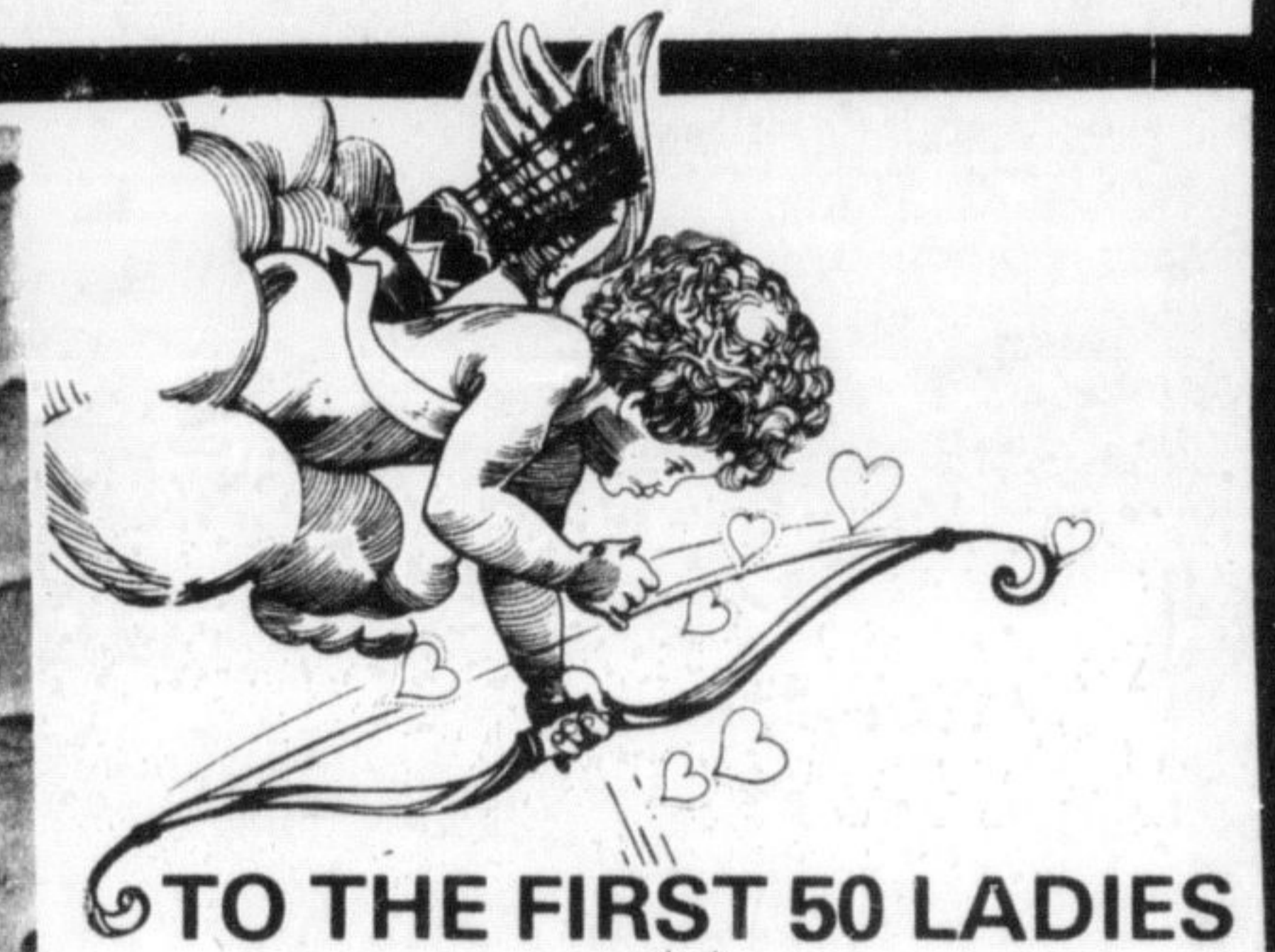
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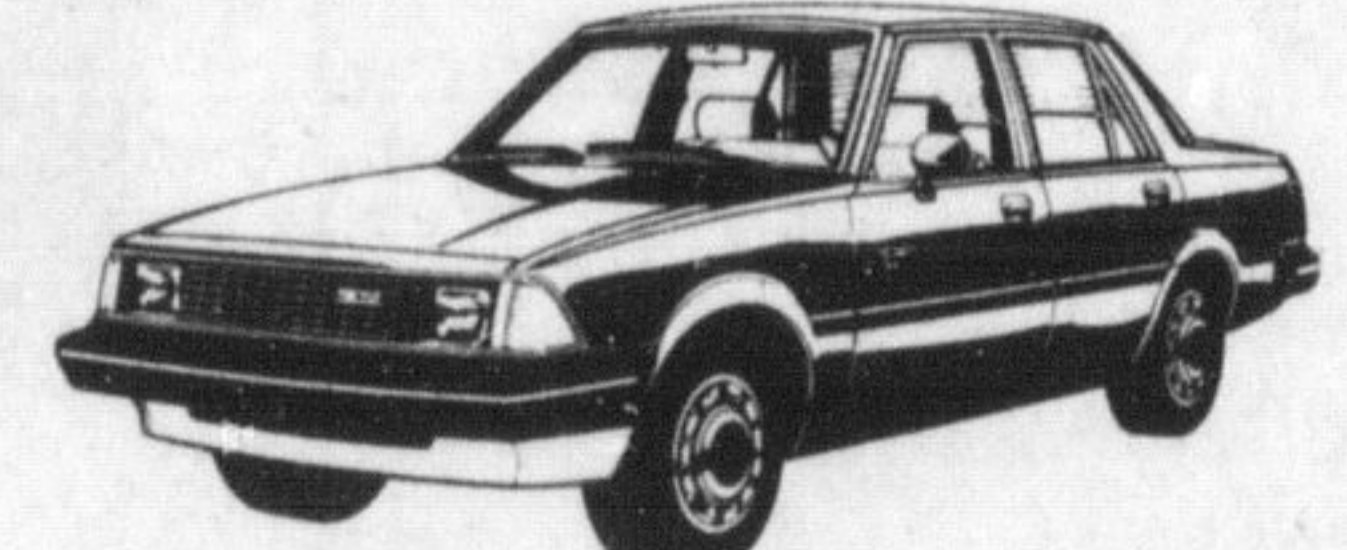
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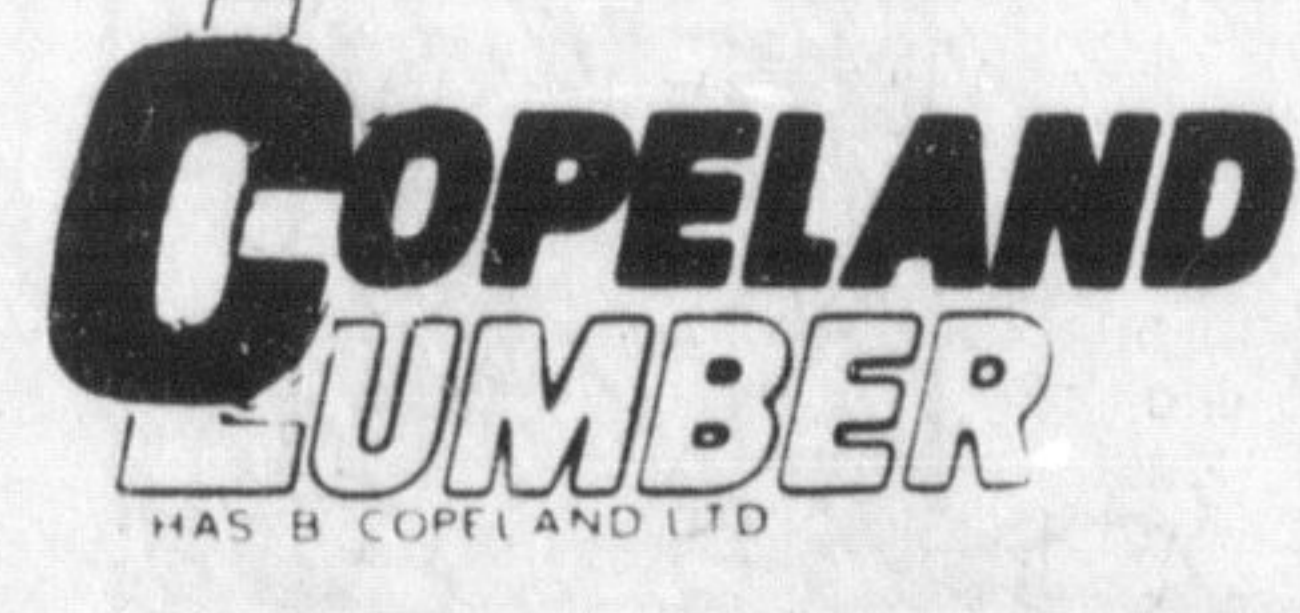
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