

In the Courts

No break today

A motorist seen speeding along Highway 401 didn't get a break the day he pulled into the McDonald's Restaurant in Milton.

On Aug. 14, Peter Stephan, 20, of Mississauga was clocked down 132 kph in a 100 kph zone by Milton OPP detachment officers and chased along Highway 401. At the Highway 25 intersection, Mr. Stephan turned south and pulled into McDonald's where he was finally stopped by the OPP.

He was asked to blow into the roadside "alert" device and a "fail" reading was taken. He was then given a breath test at the OPP detachment and was charged with having a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit.

He was found guilty and fined \$150. He was also fined \$51 for speeding.

Chainsaw deal

When James Donovan decided to go for a walk Nov. 30 through his wood lot on Concession 1 in Acton, he heard more than rustic sounds.

Mr. Donovan, upon hearing chain saws, walked into an area to see three men cutting up fallen trees.

He went to a neighbor to call police and then blocked the exit with his vehicle.

When Halton Regional Police arrived, Louie Artuzo, 22, of Guelph was charged, along with the two others, on a count of theft under \$200.

Mr. Artuzo pleaded guilty to the charge in Milton Provincial Court and Crown Attorney Tony Vale said the three were under some impression they could go and take the wood.

But as the trees were dead and the cut up portions not removed, Mr. Vale said no actual loss to Mr. Donovan had occurred. The value of the cut wood was set at \$175.

Provincial Judge W.S. Sharpe found Mr. Artuzo guilty but gave him a criminal discharge and 12 month probation. The charges against the other two men were withdrawn.

Bubble bursts

The Bubble Bath Laboratories Ltd. has been ordered to pay \$2,399.36 fines for failing to report and failing to pay sales tax.

The 611 Main St. E. firm was found guilty of two counts of failing to file and one count of failing to pay \$2,324.36 in accrued sales taxes.

The firm was fined \$25 for failing to pay and \$10 each on the failure to report in addition to the \$2,324.36 owing.

Youth discharged

Milton Provincial Court Judge W.S. Sharpe has put a Scarborough youth on two years probation after finding him guilty of stealing a car and trailer.

Frank Bryan, 19, one of 10 children from a single parent home, pleaded guilty to taking a 1972 Mercury car with an attached trailer from the lot of Georgetown Collision Centre Nov. 10.

He was spotted on Highway 401 by Peel Regional Police after he was turning the car around to drive it back to Georgetown.

The court was told Mr. Bryan said he wouldn't have taken the car if the keys had not been left in the ignition.

Because he has no previous record and comes from a family in which none of its members have come in contact with the law, Judge Sharpe gave Mr. Bryan a conditional discharge.

Cookie Day

With full Milton Council blessing, Girl Guides, Brownies and Pathfinders will be around town from now until March 2 selling Girl Guide Cookies.

Council has also allowed April 25 to be officially declared Cookie Day in Milton.

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Ministry needs property for widening of Hwy. 25

Construction could start as early as next fall on the first phase of improvements to Highway 25, between Highway 401 and Speyside, senior project manager Allan Sulavella said at an information centre held Thursday at Speyside Public School.

It was the second information centre held by the Ministry of Transportation and Communication, which plans to widen a portion of the highway, pave the shoulders and add turning lanes between Highway 401 and Acton.

The first session, held in September, was a preliminary hearing to get

the public's viewpoint, said Sulavella. He said since then the ministry has considered the comment sheets, handed in by public and replied personally to those who had questions or requests.

He added most of the comments were positive, but a few were concerned about the possibility of increased traffic.

The Ministry plans to build a truck climbing lane at the start of the Escarpment which Sulavella said will actually make the road safer since drivers wouldn't be passing slower-moving vehicles.

Sulavella said the

ministry is at the stage where they will be making property requests. He said they would be dealing with about 20 land owners, requiring land varying from 5 to 20 feet in width.

He stated they will issue those requests next month, but it would take about half-a-year to buy the property. After that construction could begin.

In the meantime, he added, the ministry is also preparing detailed plans for contracts.

The entire five year project is going to cost \$2.2 million but the Ministry will be saving money, said Sulavella by recycling the old asphalt.

The ministry plans to plane off three-and-a-half inches of pavement to flatten the road and improve drainage. The asphalt will be stockpiled and later mixed with the new asphalt, on a half-and-half basis, that will resurface the highway. Sulavella claims the process will save the ministry \$8 a ton—a substantial amount considering they could easily use 15-20,000 tons of asphalt for the project.

The need for improvements was established after the ministry studied the accident rate on the highway. One-third of the accidents by Regional Road 9, a particularly bad driving section of the highway were caused by loss of control.

The ministry will be widening the road by two feet of pavement on both sides. There will be five lanes from the 401 to Five Sideroad. Then an 11' addition to the width of the highway's eastern rim will be added, running for two miles up the Escarpment and tapering out at Speyside.

As well, right hand tapers will be included at 10 Sideroad, Esquering Rd. 22, Regional Rd. 43 and left and right tapers at 25 Sideroad.

Board budget may rise by 15 per cent

Halton Board of Education's proposed budget is expected to balloon to near the \$116-million mark this year, according to a budget authority.

If no trimming takes place before March 5's

budget meeting at the board that's the number trustees will have before them. The increase is about 15 per cent.

Last year the board's budget was \$101,948,314.

Pair charged with robbery

Two men are in police custody in connection with the armed robbery of a Guelph man near Milton one week ago.

Halton Regional Police said K. Toth of Guelph was driving on Highway 7 Tuesday afternoon Feb. 17 and stopped to pick up two male hitchhikers.

A short distance later near Sixth Line, the two men ordered the driver to pull over and brandished a gun and a knife.

The driver was thrown out of his car and relieved of his wallet, credit cards, personal

papers and his car.

Richard Hugh Baxter, 28 and Brian Clifford Corbiere, 18, both of no fixed address were arrested by York Regional Police early Friday morning in Richmond Hill.

They were charged by Toronto police with robbery and subsequently charged by Halton Regional Police with robbery and use of a firearm during the commission of an offence.

The board received more and spent more than it expected to last year. In taxes and grants Halton received \$104,192,298. That was \$2,243,984 more than was expected.

The board also spent \$862,390 more than it planned to last year.

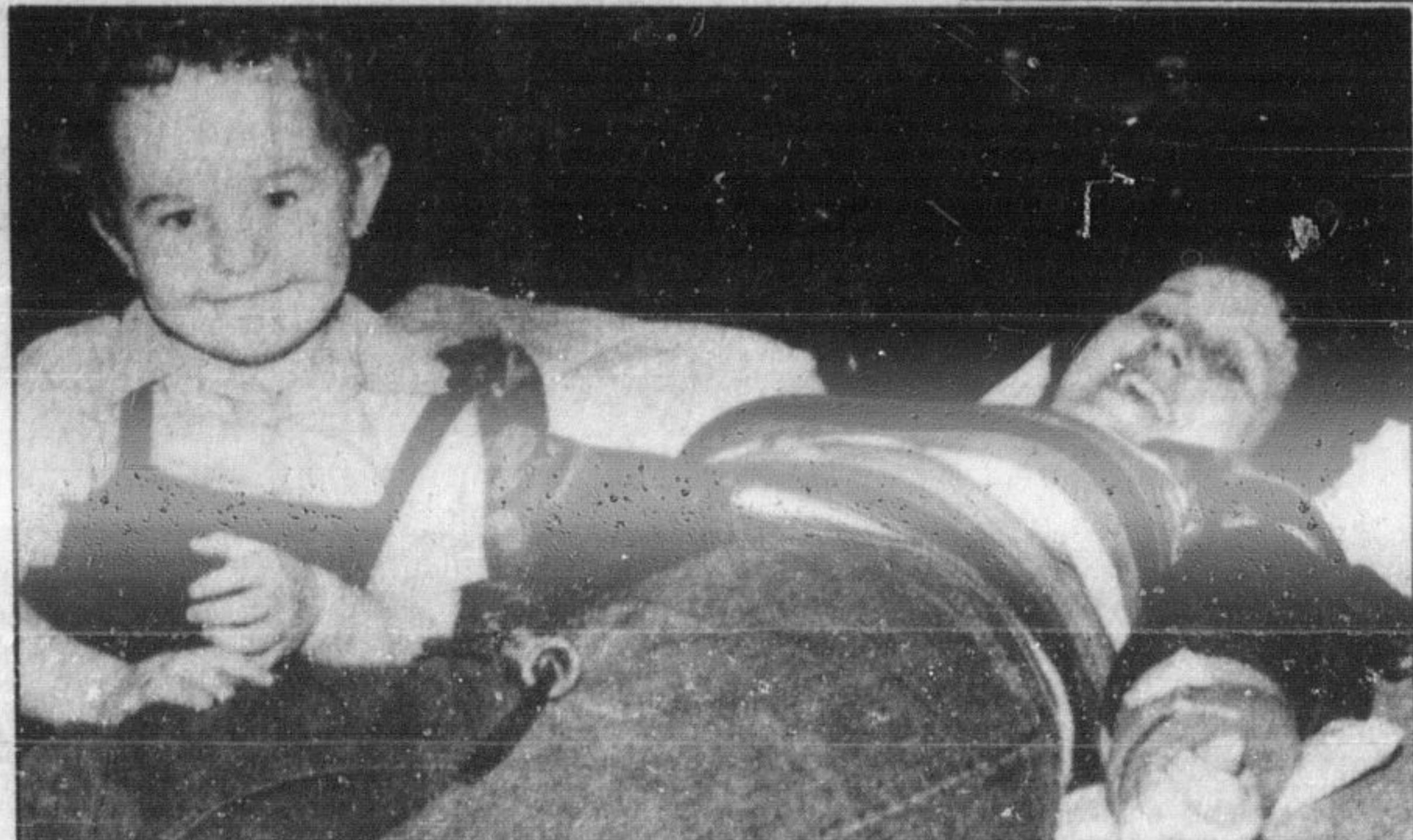
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