

One dead, two injured

Mom wounded in shooting spree

By LINDA KIRBY
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A University of Toronto history major has been charged with the first degree murder of his 73-year-old grandmother and the attempted murder of two other people, including his older brother and a young Milton mother of two.

Twenty-three-year-old John Philip Rives, of King Forest Rd., Mississauga, was arrested by Halton Regional Police Constable Carl Sapelak at 8.30 a.m. Sunday outside the McDonalds Restaurant on Mar-

tin St. in Milton after the officer spotted the accused man's car in the parking lot.

The arrest of the 6'1", heavy set man came less than an hour after Peel Regional Police made the grim discovery of Ruby Larson's body on the kitchen floor of her daughter and son-in-laws luxurious Mississauga home.

She had been shot three times in the chest.

Peel Regional Police homicide Inspector Jim Wingate said his department first received a call for help from Joel Rives, the 26-year-old brother of the accused, who had crawled to a neighbor's house

after being shot in the lower back.

Police arrived on the scene and surrounded the house only to find the suspect had fled in a car.

A few minutes after 8 a.m. Patti Ilton, 22, of Wilson Dr., Milton, flagged down a police car on Ontario St. near Main St.

She was bleeding heavily from her arm and told Milton Constable Bruce Lindsay, "I've been shot."

Mrs. Ilton was walking to the Mac's Milk Store on Bronte St. where she works when she was shot by a young motorist near the railway tracks, she told police.

Police apprehended John Rives outside of the Milton restaurant a few minutes later.

He offered no resistance, according to police.

A .44 calibre magnum rifle was seized and an 18-inch long bayonet.

Peel Inspector Wingate said the Mississauga killing was apparently sparked by a family dispute, but said there appeared to be no motive for the Milton shooting.

Mrs. Ilton, who underwent two-and-a-half hours of surgery to remove two slugs from her elbow and back, is reported in stable condition at Milton District Hospital.

Joel Rives is also reported in good condition following the removal of a bullet from his lower back.

Jim and Jeanine Rives, parents of the accused, were holidaying in the southern states at the time of the shootings.

They were scheduled to arrive home Sunday evening but returned Monday morning, shortly before their son made his first court appearance in Brampton provincial court.

He is due to return next Monday to court to have a trial date set.
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Halton Manor

CAS, Region approve planned day care centre

By STEVE ARNOLD
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Plans for a children's day care centre at Halton Centennial Manor have received further support from the Region's health and social services committee and the Children's Aid Society.

Regional councillors last week confirmed their support for the plan, which they hope will help to solve a growing deficit problem at the home for the aged.

Members of the CAS board of directors gave approval in principle to the scheme, which they will operate through a non-profit corporation to be called Family Place.

The only hurdles to the plan now are the need for the CAS and Region to finalize an agreement under which the CAS will rent a portion of E Wing at the Manor for \$1.50 a square foot, plus operating costs.

Approval from two branches of the Provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services is also required.

At capacity, the centre will provide day care services for 32 children, to be mixed between full fee paying families and "at risk" clients of the Children's Aid.

"At risk", according to CAS officials, is defined as children facing the threat of handicaps because of social, economic and biological problems, who those facing the threat of neglect at home.

The day care centre will operate on extended hours to serve the needs of shift workers, in addition to offering programs in parenting education and providing training opportunities for community college and university students.

Members of the health and social services committee confirmed their support for the project, despite the concerns raised by Oakville Coun. Fred Oliver who questioned the wisdom of mixing children and senior citizens in the same facility.

"It's not a question of them sharing the same space," commented Oakville Coun. Carol Gooding. "It's an opportunity for them to interact if they want to."

Speaking to the committee, CAS executive director Ron Coupland said there have been some studies in other areas that have attempted similar projects, all of which conclude it can work.

"We certainly want to respect the fact that there will be some elderly people who don't want to be with children, or anyone else. We will do everything we can to respect that," he added.

While details of the program to be offered at the centre are still being worked out, CAS officials say there will be opportunities for residents of the Manor to have as much interaction as they want with the children.

"The senior citizens living at Centennial Manor will also get a chance to become involved in the program as much or as little as they desire," states a CAS press release.

He referred to a similar project in St. Catharines, where a committee of residents and parents moderates interaction between the town groups and designs the programs.

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Three-part series Champion duo look at our social needs

By STEVE ARNOLD
Champion News Editor

Life among the sweet green pastures of Milton has always been an uncomplicated affair.

The demands of the farm consumed most of the waking hours of each day and, what little spare time there was, was taken up by the community—which provided wholesome activities for the entire family.

Financial problems, divorce, wife and child abuse and all the other ailments of life were something that generally affected only city residents.

The country folk who did experience such problems solved them with the help of relatives who were always within easy reach, or with the assistance of an understanding bank manager, a caring doctor or sympathetic clergyman.

A great many changes have been wrought by time however. Crowded housing developments now occupy the land were fields of corn once waved in the breeze.

Every year more and more new residents come to the town, many from the city, hoping to find a simpler life style here—a way of life they have never known.

Today, the balance of Milton's population has shifted. There are more urban than rural people. Families are now separated by an entire continent, rather than by a fence post or a concession road.

A great many problems have been caused by these changes as well and the traditional ways of solving problems have been shown to be inadequate for the new demands.

Family doctors, caught in a never ending pay battle with the Provincial health insurance plan, confine themselves more to the treatment of numbers of patients than individuals.

Church attendance, once considered compulsory by the community, has plummeted from its highs of bygone years as people reject the restrictive values of another age.

As the problems of life grow and traditional ways of dealing with them prove inadequate, people have been turning to modern services such as family and credit counsellors, group homes, special schools, associations for the mentally retarded and the schools.

Unfortunately, many of these services appear to be lacking in the sweet, concrete pastures of modern Milton, and it is a lack that is being sorely felt with each passing year and with each unsolved problem.

Where do the Milton residents of today go for help with the problems of their lives? Where are the helping agencies they left behind in the big city?

Perhaps, rather than being the victims of an unwillingness to help, the residents of modern Milton find themselves caught in an effort of making the change from self-sufficient country town, to metropolis.

This is the first of a three part series on social services in Milton—what exists, what we lack and how the situation developed.

The second and third parts will examine the problems that are caused because of the services that do not exist and the steps being taken to correct the problems.



Your Winter Carnival hosts

Suzanne Tompkins, 5, a kindergarten student at Sam Sherratt Public School, and Jason Dent, 6, a Grade 2 student at J.M. Denyes Public

School, are the Princess and Prince of this year's Milton Winter Carnival. They'll be looking for you at the carnival on Feb. 12, 13 and 14.

The weather

It's a legitimate topic

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

The majority of local residents heeded severe weather warnings Sunday and stayed off the roads, resulting in fewer accidents than could have been expected.

The Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to fewer calls Sunday than Saturday—when only six cm. of snow fell.

Halton Regional Police abandoned car patrols and only responded to calls Sunday. About the only action the local force saw in town was several cars off the road on Derry Rd. late in the afternoon. Those who called the station for road condition reports were discouraged from driving.

Those who did stay home caused some problems for Milton's public works department. Department head John Matthews said a lot of people are parking cars illegally on the streets.

"I don't wish to see people parking in front of their driveways," Mr. Matthews said.

Cars on the road make it "awkward to plow the

snow, and we're not going to go back and double plow once cars are moved," he added.

Halton Regional Police were called to have six cars towed which were parked on the street beyond the three hour limit, according to Mr. Matthews.

This weekend's 21 cm. snow accumulation helped to further deplete the town's snow removal budget. Mr. Matthews will be asking for an increase in funds due to the severity of the winter when budget talks begin at the end of the month.

Snow routes in town are not currently designated, but signs restricting parking to allow for snow removal will be in place by next winter. For now, Mr. Matthews has ordered several signs which will stipulate the three hour parking limit.

Climatologist Brian Smith with Environment Canada said the snow fall was not a record in the area, but "just a lot of snow."

Milton received six cm. of the total accumulation Saturday with a further 14 cm. Sunday followed by 1.5 cm. through the night and into Monday morning.



Milton Chamber of Commerce honored its top individuals of the year on the weekend. From l. to r. are Tom and Carol Chudleigh (rear), Ross Calder, Zella Bonin and Gary Thomas (rear).

Chamber honors top individuals

By JOHN CHALLINOR
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Vowing she would continue to work actively for the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA), local businesswoman Zella Bonin gracefully accepted plaudits Milton Chamber of Commerce and others bestowed upon their new Citizen of the Year.

Mrs. Bonin was one of four outstanding residents honored by the chamber at a dinner and dance at Milton Memorial Arena Saturday night. Gary Thomas of Miltonown Realty was honored as Businessman of the Year, Tom and Carol Chudleigh of Chudleigh's Apple Farm were honored for having the Business of the Year and the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association was honored as Organization of the Year.

Hailed by lawyer and DBIA chairman Barney Henderson as "a doer" and "forthright—she always speaks her mind, but not to make points," Mrs. Bonin was the subject of admiring dissertations by Mr. Henderson and Milton Mayor Gord Krantz.

"There isn't a harder working person on the committee (DBIA)," Mr. Krantz said. "She comes by it honestly—her father, Ron Harris, always got involved and never stopped getting involved with Milton as long as he lived here."

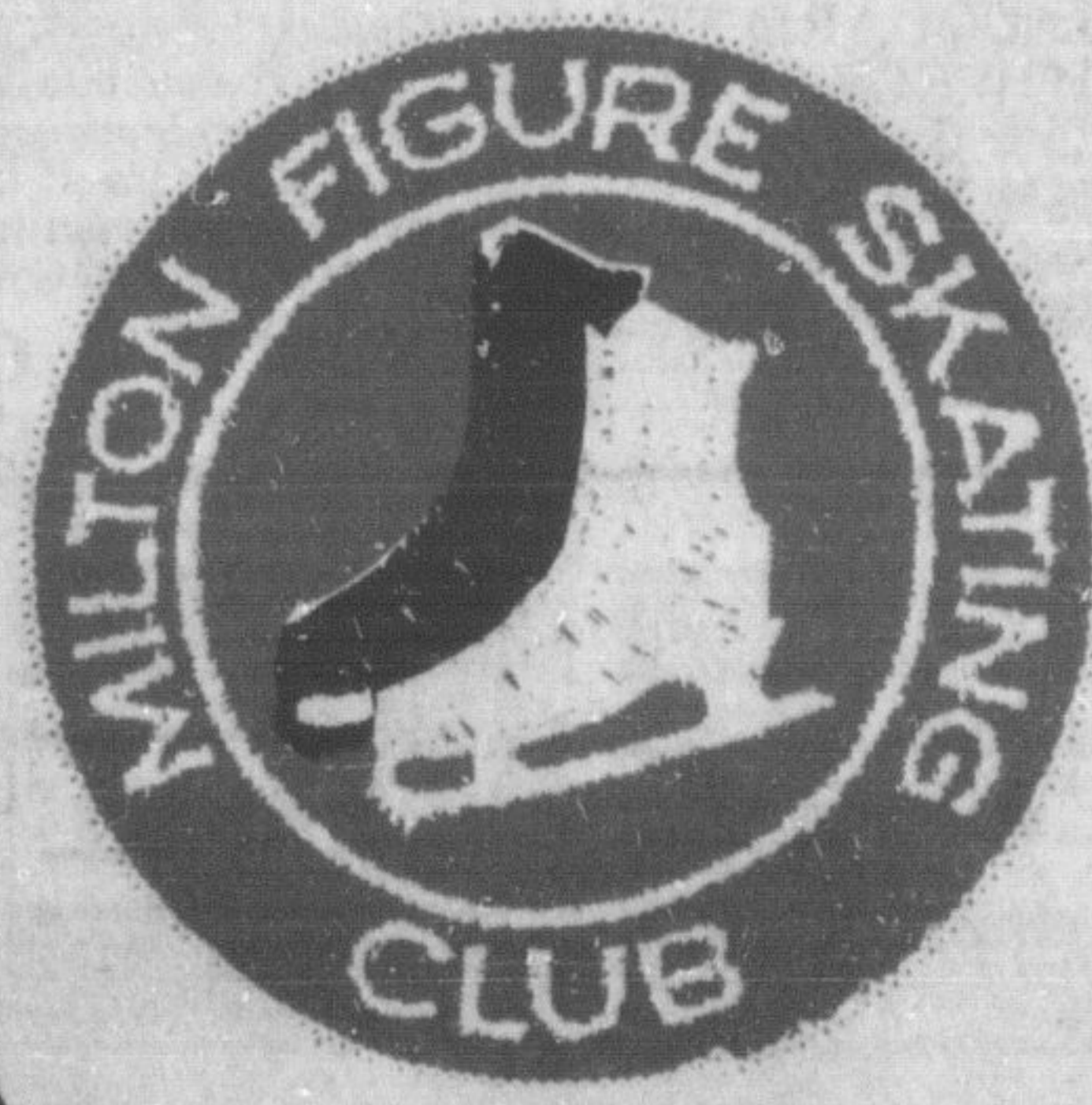
Mr. Harris, now retired, started Harris Stationery Ltd. Mrs. Bonin and her husband, B.A., now manage the downtown operation.

"The main street is our living," Mrs. Bonin told the 140 citizens in attendance. "Milton will have no sense of community if the downtown area does not survive."

Mr. Thomas, whose Triangle Square development was called "a landmark" by Mr. Krantz, manages a staff of 22 at Miltonown Realty.

Miltonown is a prominent sponsor of minor sports as well as being the owner of the Miltonown Realty Aeros, an Intermediate 'B' hockey club.

Dr. James Barrow, who gave the audience a lighthearted look at Mr. Thomas, said his real estate firm was the top producing company in its field in the area.



Inside today's Champion

Skaters ready

Members of the Milton Figure Skating Club have been preparing for the annual inter-club competition this weekend in Bramalea. See Sports C1-C7.

Kids need homes

The need for foster parents has increased more than 30 per cent this year. Much of the cause is a declining interest on the part of foster parents. The statistics came to light this week in Foster Parent Week. Story on page 11.

Wheels in motion

Groups and organizations implicated in the Civic Committee Report met recently to discuss recommendations. Another meeting has been planned. Story on page 7.

Banks not to blame

The mortgage manager for A.E. LePage Real Estate says banks are not ripping off the public in mortgages. Bill Keywan says mortgage rates are greatly misunderstood. Story on page B10.

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