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Police blotter

Cop still unconscious

A 33-year-old Milton man remains unconscious and in fair condition in Hamilton General Hospital following a serious car accident three weeks ago.

Doug Downs of 285 Bell St. and a member of the Metropolitan Toronto Police force was returning home after completing his shift when the accident occurred on Highway 401 west of Trafalgar Rd.

The father of two children suffered a broken neck, fractured skull and multiple injuries.

Three more arrested

Three more people have joined the list of 22 area people arrested by the Oakville Joint Forces section at the end of last month.

The trio include David Lawrence Green 23, of Milton, charged with three counts of trafficking in a narcotic and one count of trafficking a restricted drug; Howard Bosse, 24, of Oakville, charged with two counts of trafficking a narcotic; and David Lawrence Dunn 22, of Acton, charged with one count of trafficking a narcotic.

RCMP have outstanding warrants for the arrests of five other people wanted in connection with drug offences.

A total of 67 charges were laid by police following a four-month investigation by the Oakville detachment and members of Halton Regional Police.

Five other Milton men were among the 22 to be arrested early Thursday morning Feb. 25.

The investigation involved an estimated \$50,000 worth of narcotics and restricted drugs.

\$33,000 blaze

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office and Halton Regional Police are investigating a weekend blaze that ruined a house under construction and seriously damaged a neighboring building.

Milton fire chief Jim Coulson said children are suspected of having been inside of one of the two unoccupied buildings on Harvest Dr. in Milton, a short time before the fire broke out at 4:16 p.m. Saturday.

The two houses, located in a new neighborhood of Milton at 187 and 189 Harvest Dr., are owned by Skopit Homes Ltd.

Damage is estimated at \$30,000 to one and \$3,000 to the second building.

Chief Coulson said the fire started at 189 Harvest Dr. and quickly spread to the second house.

Both buildings were framed and covered in a "tentest" sheet covering, a material used prior to putting on the brick facing.

Businessmen escape injury

Two area businessmen escaped serious injury after being involved in a two car accident on Highway 25 near Speyside early Friday morning.

William Miller, 37, of 494 Seymour Dr., Oakville, driver of one of the two vehicles and his passenger Gary Thomas, 36, of 407 Gowland Ave., Milton received minor injuries as a result of a collision with a car driven by Arlene Bruce, 46, of RR 2, Acton.

Milton OPP said Mrs. Bruce was travelling northbound on Highway 25 when she apparently lost control.

Police said she veered onto the east shoulder, back onto the roadway and fishtailed across the centre line, hitting the southbound Miller car head-on.

Mrs. Bruce suffered head injuries but was released from Georgetown Memorial Hospital Sunday.

Mr. Miller is owner of Century 21 Miller Real Estate Ltd. and Mr. Thomas is owner of Mil-towne Realty Corporation.

The pair were returning from a brokers' meeting when the accident occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m.

Damage to Mrs. Bruce's 1978 Toyota is estimated at \$3,000 and \$4,000 to Mr. Miller's 1977 Cadillac.

Mr. Thomas who called police to the scene, praised Milton OPP for their quick response time.

"They (the police) deserve a lot of recognition for their response and the way they worked to clear the road and free the other driver from her car," he said, adding police arrived within five minutes of his call.

Police charges are pending the outcome of the investigation.

—Linda Kirby

C'ville school to close

By STEVE ARNOLD
Champion News Editor

Barring a population explosion, Campbellville Public School will close at the end of the next school year.

Halton Board of Education trustees voted last week to close the 55-year-old school in June 1983.

The recommendation followed a decision by trustees to reject a motion to keep the school open indefinitely, as recommended by a special study committee, and to close it at the end of the 1982-83 school year.

According to Halton Board of Education policy, schools are studied for possible closure when their enrolment dips down to 50 per cent of capacity. The Campbellville school has a capacity for 96 students and a current enrolment of about 46.

After the meeting, parents spokesman Dave Woodruff said the decision was "a reasonable approach to take, under the circumstances."

A second part of the motion approved by trustees called for an update to the study in February to check on the process of development in Campbellville.

Mr. Woodruff said he felt confident that the update would show there has been enough development in the area to merit keeping the school open.

"The projections we had in the report have already been exceeded," he added.

Doreen McCall, another spokesman for the parents, said she was "a little disillusioned by the whole thing."

"Obviously, the only things they've listened to are the ones that have gone against us," she said. "It's also obvious that several of them don't even know where the Campbellville school is."

Earlier that same night, trustees had given their approval to a \$131.9 million budget for 1982. One of the arguments raised against keeping the Campbellville facility open was the extra cost, compared to other schools in the Halton system.

"I can appreciate their point of view about the budget," Mrs. McCall said. "But there are a lot of holes in their administration. There must be somewhere else where they can find that much money."

Mrs. McCall also said she felt the February up-

date would show enough development in the village to keep the school open.

"That's what we're really counting on because it is all that we have at the moment," she said.

Earlier, Milton trustee Ivan Armstrong had urged Board members to support the study committee recommendation to keep the school open because of the support it has in the community and the potential for future development.

"The parents are unanimous in their support. They have no complaints about this facility and they feel their small rural school has many advantages for them," he said.

Mr. Armstrong also noted that there are two subdivisions currently under development in the area, with the potential for more, including five houses a year in the rural area surrounding the village.

"This school is unique in that it is a small school serving a small area. It should not be closed just because it is different," he said.

Mr. Armstrong also noted that the residents of Campbellville are currently paying for several educational and Regional services that they don't receive, "but the school and their roads are the two things they can see that they are getting for their money."

Oakville trustee Ann Fairfield said the decision facing trustees had to be made on the basis of costs, rather than emotions.

"There's no question that Campbellville School is unique and serving its community, but we've just come through the biggest budget increase this board has ever seen and I wonder if we can afford this luxury," she said.

Mrs. Fairfield also noted there have been no complaints made about the education available at nearby Brookville Public School, which she felt was the best place to offer some of the special services required by modern education.

Burlington trustee Arlene Bruce said she had "great sympathy" for the parents, "but we are going to have to look at a great many schools that are in the same position."

"If we keep on saying we can keep schools open then we aren't going to have any handle on the budget at all," she said.

Sheridan Youth Home

Admissions decline

By HOWARD MOZEL
Special to the Champion
Sheridan Youth Home experienced and eight per cent drop in admissions last year due to a decline in funds available to social service agencies.

Executive director John Cox says the home was only 72 per cent filled in 1981 as opposed to 80 per cent the previous year.

"The really significant statistic was that the total admissions were slightly down. Many of our residents are transferred from other homes, but with the lack of community resources, many of them closed down. We had fewer residents but they stayed for a longer time, Mr. Cox said.

Sheridan is an observation and detention home under contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Located in Milton, it services all of Halton and Peel regions and can house 10 people aged 12 to 16, at any one time. The maximum stay is 30 days, although this has been extended in special circumstances.

One heartening statistic, according to Cox, is that the number of readmissions or repeat offenders also dropped by 35 per cent. There was a slight drop in the number of females admitted to the home. Usually the ratio is three to one in favor of males, but last year only nine girls and 54 boys were admitted from Halton.

The most significant charge which resulted in admission was break and enter.

In Halton, there were 21 cases as opposed to 43 from Peel. Other charges included assault, which Mr. Cox says did not rise last year, theft over and under \$200 and breach of probation. Young people involved in other crimes such as mischief and shoplifting were also admitted but these were relatively few.

"The majority of the people we get were involved in some kind of property crime," says Mr. Cox.

The home could also boast the fact that none of its residents were absent without leave upon discharge.

Volunteers are needed

The efforts of 400 volunteer canvassers will be involved in the local Cancer Society fund-raising campaign during the month of April.

To kick off the annual drive for funds, members of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will be selling bunches of fresh daffodils in Milton Friday April 2 and Saturday April 3.

Although the local unit of the Canadian Cancer Society has attracted enough volunteers to embark on the campaign, Carol Kerr, campaign chairman said volunteers are always in demand.

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Milton's 39 mayors were honored Thursday evening by Milton Historical Society as its tribute to the town's upcoming 125th anniversary. The society presented the Town of Milton with four plaques containing the portraits of the town's mayors. Shown with the first of the four plaques are, from l. to r., former Mayor

Don Gordon, former Mayor Mike Ledwith, current Mayor Gord Krantz, former Mayor Dr. Carl Martin, society president Val Grimshaw and former Mayor Anne McArthur. Doc Heslop, Milton's only other living mayor, was not present for the ceremony because of illness.

Kidney canvas

For the first time Milton is being included in the Ontario branch of the Kidney Foundation of Canada's door-to-door canvassing campaign.

The month-long fund raising campaign, continuing through March is hoped to raise \$100,000 in the Metro Toronto area

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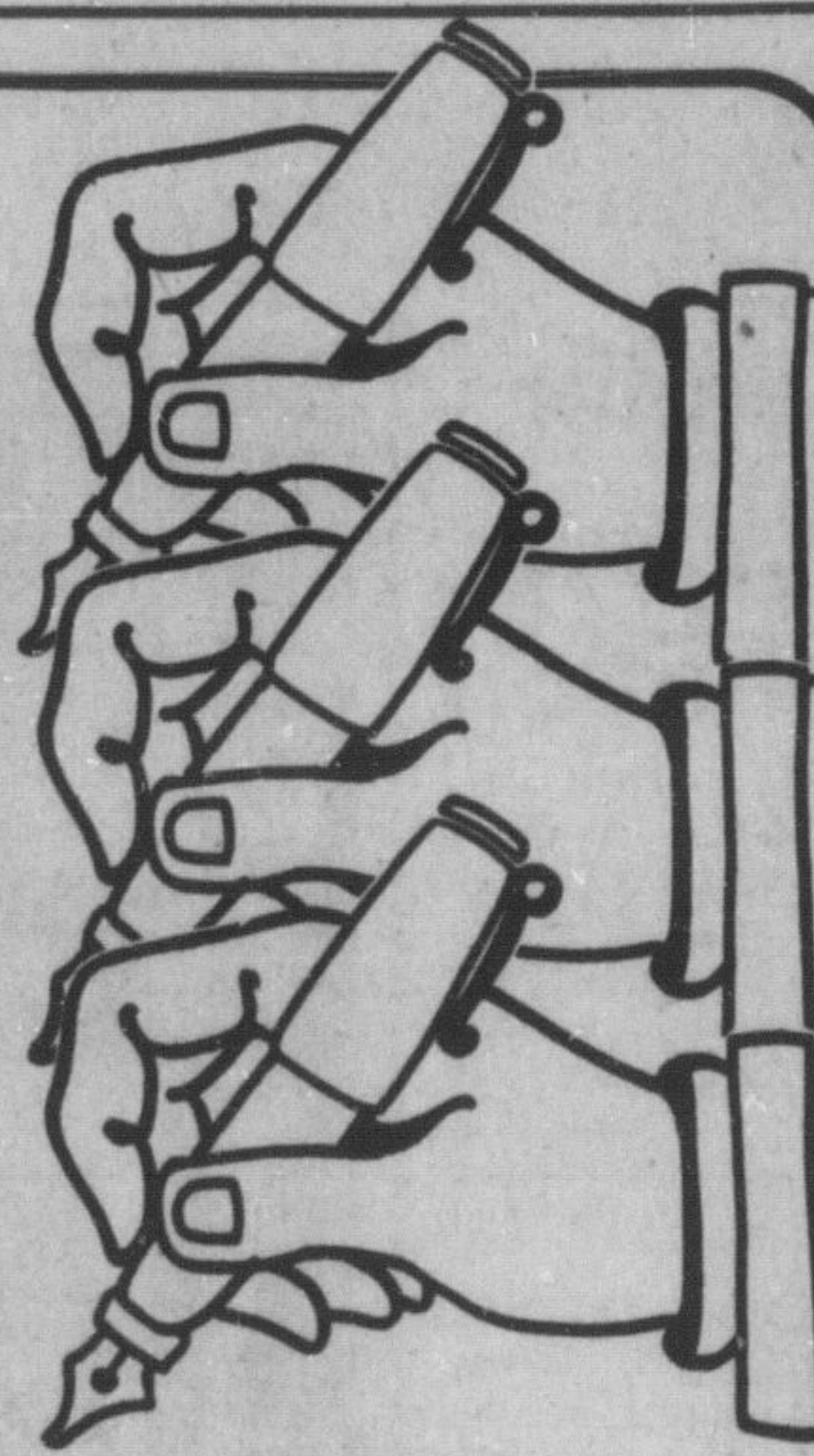
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