

Police blotter

Six charged in Main St. B & Es

A 17-year-old Milton youth and five juveniles have been charged by Halton Regional Police in connection with a series of break and enters that occurred over the Aug. 1 holiday weekend.

Kenneth Birch of 600 Strathcona Court, Milton is charged with breaking and entering a residence at 57 James St., Milton, The Tackle Shoppe at 219 Main St. and The Acorn Restaurant at 8 Martin St.

He will make his first appearance in Milton provincial court on the three charges Monday Aug. 30.

The five juveniles (under the age of 16 years) have been jointly charged with 10 business and house entries.

In addition to the above three locations, Borland's Photo Centre at 207 Main St., The Canadian Champion at 191 Main St., the Milton Tribune at 181 Main St., The Drop-In Centre, also at 181 Main St., and 17 Martin St. were also entered and various amounts of cash stolen.

Police laid the charges last week after Constable Greg Braun questioned one of the suspects on Main St.

Further investigation by the officer and Det. Colin Vrooman and Constable Arnold Vanclief (youth bureau in Georgetown) lead to the subsequent arrests and charges.

Further charges are pending the conclusion of the investigation.

The juveniles ranged in age from 12 to 15 years. One 12-year-old was charged with six counts of break and enter, a second 12-year-old with five counts and a third 12-year-old with one count of break and enter.

Two 15-year-old boys have been charged with two and three counts of break and enter, respectively.

Police said a total of \$646 was stolen from the various businesses and two houses, but none of that money has been recovered.

Bavarian broken into

An estimated \$2,700 cash was stolen from the Bavarian Restaurant at Milton Mall recently.

Halton Regional Police said an office front door was forced sometime Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

The cash was stolen from a desk.

Harnesses stolen

Harness thieves made off with approximately \$3,000 worth of leather harness, bridles, bits and assorted horse equipment from Argyle Farms in Campbellville last week.

The theft apparently took place on Thursday from the Guelph Line farm.

Three charged

Three Milton men have been arrested and charged in connection with a break, enter and theft at Rossborough Canada Ltd. at 65 Court St. N., in Milton.

Jointly charged are: Neal Pollack 23, of 389 Pearl St., Douglas Meilleur, 18 of 375 Main St. and Bradley Doerr, 17 of 736 Briar Cres., Milton.

The trio were arrested and charged Thursday and are due to make their first court appearance Monday August 30.

\$40,000 in bonds stolen

Halton Regional Police are investigating the theft of an estimated \$40,000 worth of Canadian Savings Bonds from a private residence.

Police said the daylight theft occurred sometime between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Friday at the home of John McTrach on Five Sideroad in Milton.

There was no sign of forced entry.

Shelving stolen

An estimated \$10,000 worth of steel shelving was stolen from the ruins of Country Pete's Furniture Store on Highway 26 over the weekend.

A display showroom was gutted by fire last month and a second building damaged by smoke and water.

Halton Regional Police said the theft of the shelving took place overnight Friday and Saturday. It was discovered Saturday morning.

According to building owner Carlo Giangrande, it would have taken several people between three and four hours to remove all of the shelving.

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Cher's Rest Home

Region rejects inquiry

By STEVE ARNOLD
Champion News Editor

A Milton councillor's plan to have a special committee investigate charges of harassment made against Halton staff by operators of an Acton rest home has been scuttled by Regional council.

Councillors voted last week to reject the plan put forward by Milton Wards 1 and 3 Regional Councillor Bill Johnson.

Mr. Johnson had suggested the establishment of a small committee to investigate relations between Regional staff and the operators of Cher's Rest Home in Acton.

The operators, Brian and Tryphena Cheroniak, have stated they feel they are being harassed by Halton staff because they have been pressing to be paid \$4,900 they feel they are owed for care provided to three welfare patients before they had a purchase of service agreement with the Region.

Regional officials have consistently said the Cheroniak's have been paid everything they are owed under the terms of their agreement with Halton.

Mr. Johnson's motion was originally presented to council in July, but was tabled pending a possible inquest into the death of a former resident of Cher's.

It was lifted on a recommendation by Halton Hills Councillor Dave Whiting.

"I have my doubts about what this committee might accomplish but I don't want any connotations attaching to particular rest homes just because they happen to be in Acton," Mr. Whiting said.

Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkevic attempted two unsuccessful amendments that would have had all rest homes investigated in private sessions.

The motion followed a health and social services committee meeting at which concerns between Regional staff and the rest home were aired publicly between committee members and a lawyer representing the owners.

"I believe the committee, in open session, had a very positive meeting last week and I'm concerned that we should have a chance to work through the things we discussed," commented Milton Ward 2 Regional Councillor Brad Clements, chairman of the committee.

Regional chairman Jack Raftis, also spoke against the proposal, saying everything it could look into had already been dealt with by the health and social services committee.

"Everything said here has already been accomplished and done," he said, "and the good thing is that it was done openly."

"This committee's work has already been accomplished," he added.

After the meeting, Mr. Johnson said he would continue to press for a provincial inquiry into the situation if the Region would not conduct its own

investigation. Later Mr. Johnson said "I've changed my stance a little," to have an inquiry into the dealings of Halton's health and social service department with the rest home, rather than into the affairs of the home.

"If the Minister decides this isn't worth following through on, I won't be satisfied, but that will have to be the end of it," he added.

Dr. Peter Cole, Halton's medical officer of health, recently ordered the owners of the home to co-operate with his staff in regular inspections or they would be closed.

Maplehurst pays tribute to Archambault guards

By ROBERT ASHE
Special to The Champion

The flags flew at half mast last week on the front lawn of Maplehurst Adult Training Centre in Milton, presenting a silent tribute to the two prison guards slain at the Archambault, Que. maximum-security penitentiary riot July 25.

Joe Palmer, Maplehurst deputy superintendent, said the local medium-security facility reacted with "shock and sadness," but the mood of the facility remained stoic.

"In terms of any consensus here," explained Mr. Palmer, "the people here are very professional." He said the staff did not react with a feeling of rage or indignation.

"The feeling that we had here, was the same feeling experienced by the majority of the public," Mr. Palmer said he saw no way that a similar

incident could happen in Maplehurst.

"I feel comfortable with our contingency plans that are in place, that we can handle this type of situation. We have an absolute superb staff," he said. Mr. Palmer refused further comment on Maplehurst security.

As 2,000 people travelled to Ste. Anne des Plaines Friday to pay their final respects to the

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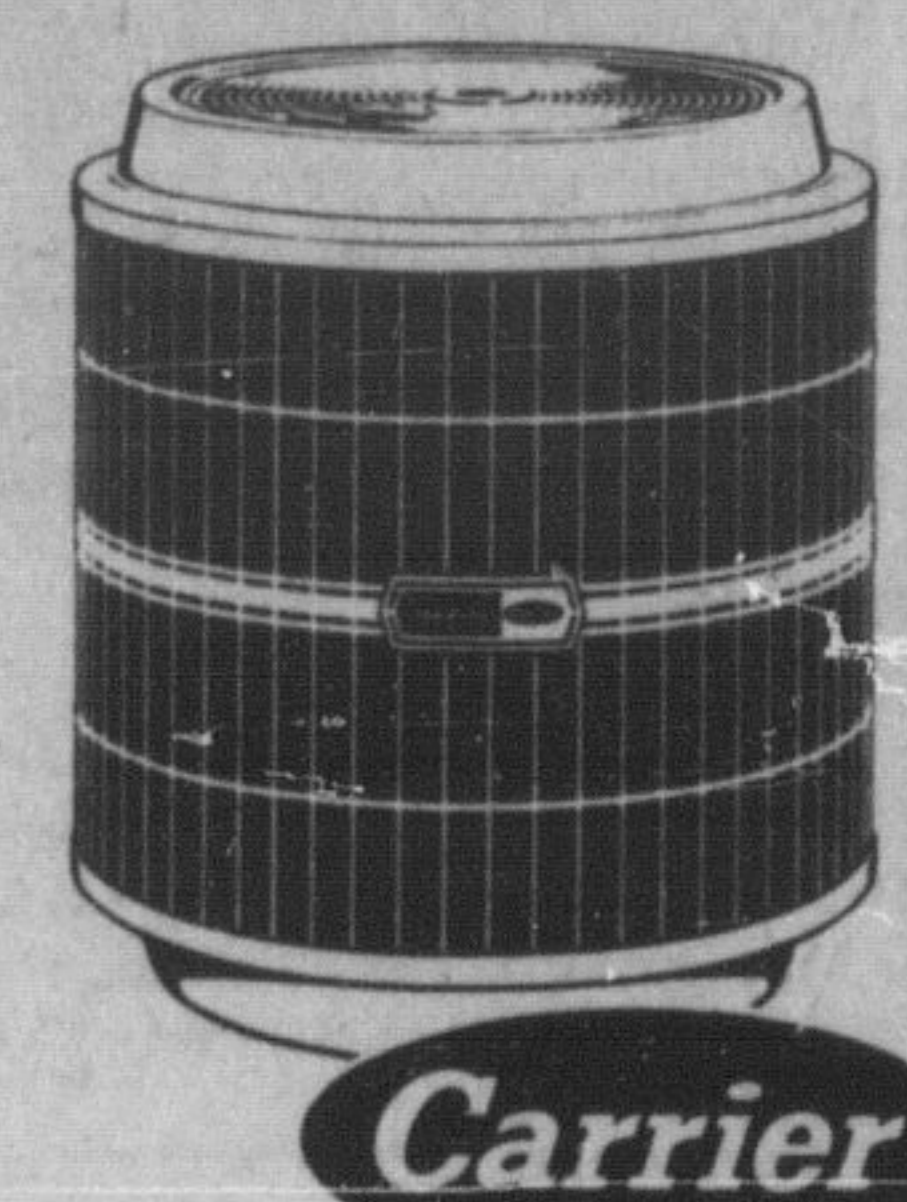
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The engineer in last week's editorial cartoon incorrectly stated, "Now, according to the Highway Traffic Act, you've got the right of way..."

The engineer should have said, "Now, according to the Highway Traffic Act, I've got the right of way..."

The Canadian Champion regrets the error.

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