

Police blotter

Girl struck by car at game

A 16-year-old Oakville youth has been charged with dangerous driving in connection with an incident where a 2-year-old girl was struck at Drumquin Park Saturday evening. An estimated 100 people were in the park attending a baseball match when the accident occurred, said Halton Regional Police. A youth was apparently speeding up and down the roadside beside the park, when Debbie McCuaig of Milton cautioned him to slow down. Police said witnesses saw the youth then accelerate, causing gravel to fly. Karey Weston, 2 of Mill St., in Eden Mills, wandered out from behind a van into the path of the car and was struck. The youngster was thrown beneath the car and had to be pulled out. She was taken to Milton District Hospital and later transferred to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. She suffered cuts to the head, bruises and a broken arm. Police have charged Anthony George Kostrzewa, 16, of 1272 Hollyfield Cres., in Oakville with dangerous driving. He will make his first appearance in Milton provincial court on Monday Oct. 4.

Little boy found

A lost little boy made his way safely home within minutes of Halton Regional Police initiating a town wide search last Wednesday afternoon. Four-year-old Daryn Harkley of 371 Bronte St., Milton climbed out of a window at the home of his babysitter at 364 Meadowbrook Rd., it was discovered at 1.30 p.m. The youngster, who had apparently done the same thing on another occasion, was now here to be found, prompting a call to police at 3.30 p.m. A search was begun of the area, and approximately 15 minutes later, the boy turned up at his mother's doorstep on Bronte St.

Man survives hit and run

A 31-year-old Oakville man is reported in good condition in Hamilton General Hospital after suffering major injuries in a hit and run accident last week. John Marshall of 1286 Redbank Cres., Oakville was southbound on Highway 25 on his bicycle near Britannia Rd. when he was struck from behind by a car. Mr. Marshall was taken to hospital by ambulance and later transferred to Hamilton General Hospital. Charged with failing to remain at the scene is David Hubbert 23, of 425 Kerr St., Oakville.

Police respond

Halton Regional Police for the Milton district responded to 27 accidents during the week of Sept. 13 to Sept. 19. They logged a total of 179 service calls.

—Linda Kirby

Pam Skinner

Kenyan takeover ends Guide camp

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter
The connection between an attempted government take-over and Girl Guides seems remote, but for a local Guider, that relationship struck home recently.

Pam Skinner missed being in the right place at the wrong time when the day before leaving for Nairobi, Kenya, that country's government was assaulted. Many civilians were among the casualties as a result of an attempt by Kenya's air force to overthrow the government.

The attempt was successful in one respect, however. It managed to spell the end to an international Girl Guide camp to be hosted in the African country. The camp was Mrs. Skinner's destination but she didn't get any closer than England, where a fateful two-day stopover saved her from arriving in Kenya before the violence struck.

While the fighting went on in the streets of Nairobi, all communications to Kenya were cut off, making it impossible for many Guiders from around the world to attend the camp. There was no choice but to cancel the event.

The communications blackout came Sunday, Mrs. Skinner was to arrive the following day.

Red-haired Mrs. Skinner, known as Rusty to the Guiding community, described the situation as "very unusual."

Speaking from experience with international events she admits they "usually go without a hitch." Despite the unexpected turn of events, she and two Rangers, also from Canada, were able to salvage the trip.

"We still had a good time," said the Guider-in-charge, 7th Milton Guides.

The international unity of the Guiding organization, which Mrs. Skinner has long been promoting, proved itself in the rare circumstance she found herself in when her planned three-week visit to Kenya fell through. Accommodation was found for the Canadian delegates and some American counterparts at Olive House, one of the many hostels for Guiders around the world.

At the hostel she met Guiders from all over the world, including some from Kenya who gave Mrs. Skinner a chance to see the other side of the coin. The girls were unable to get home when they had planned, she was told, and their leader said she was not surprised by the events in her homeland which led to the communications blackout.

If Mrs. Skinner found it disappointing to miss the camp, she imagined that those who spent a couple of years organizing the international event must have been "really disappointed."

Travelling with Americans, Mrs. Skinner managed to attend a camp for 100 British Girl Guides, where notes were compared, ideas exchanged and their common denominator illustrated. While at Olive House Mrs. Skinner had the opportunity to meet Guiders from

Australia and Sweden, an experience which reinforced the fact that the Girl Guide movement is large indeed.

The final leg of her three-week excursion was spent in Scotland, where she visited the Girl Guide headquarters for that country.

The experience of "meeting someone from the other side of the planet and realizing you have something in common" is not something Mrs. Skinner is going to keep to herself.

"The whole idea of these trips is not just to benefit the individual," the Guider stressed.

She admits she is still doing presentations based on her first international adventure as a Sea Ranger in 1971. Her first taste of the international guiding scene took her to Greenland, Denmark and England at the age of 16. She remembers it as "a real growing up experience."

Three years later her involvement with Guiding took her to a conference in Holland.

"The big part about it to me is that this can be you. You can apply. It makes the children realize they are part of something incredibly large," says the Guider.

Through her talks she also tries to "open their vision to what Guiding is all about" as they experience her trips vicariously.

"One of my goals is to really promote the international aspect of Guiding. Someone local has gone and is bringing it home to the leaders," Mrs. Skinner explains.

She is not planning any international activities herself in the near future but hopes to plant the seed in town to inspire others to take advantage of this segment of Guiding. She contends the grapevine is still the best way to circulate information and will take full advantage of this.

Gun club faces regs

Gun clubs throughout Milton could find themselves facing stiff municipal regulations following complaints against one trap shooting club.

Town council agreed Monday night to investigate imposing regulations under the terms of the Ontario Municipal Act to restrict the operations of trap clubs, gun clubs and target ranges.

They will also investigate creating a special zoning to restrict future clubs from opening in some areas of the town.

Councillors were faced with these recommendations following complaints by a Nassagaweya resident against the CRSV Trap Club.

Leonid Osso complained that shooting for several hours every week was interfering with his property rights.



Pam "Rusty" Skinner of Milton Girl Guides almost found herself in the middle of an attempted government takeover in Kenya in August while enroute to an international Guide camp in that country.

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