

Police blotter

Cash taken

Thieves made off with \$120 cash from a desk drawer after gaining entry to Maplewood Veterinary Hospital last week.

Halton Regional Police said the culprits got in via an insecure rear door, and proceeded to ransack the office area.

The incident occurred overnight Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the 491 Main St. location.

Jewelry taken

Halton Regional Police are investigating the theft of jewellery from the home of a Campbellville resident.

Police said the theft of six ladies' rings was reported Friday morning by James Whitney of 150 Jessie Ave. The rings were valued at \$500.

Burglars nabbed

An attempted burglary of The Muddy Duck Restaurant by two teenagers ended with their arrests early Tuesday morning when police paid a surprise visit to the restaurant.

Halton Regional Police responded to the scene within one minute of receiving an alarm call at 2.25 a.m. to the 360 Steeles Ave. location and spotted two suspects inside.

The youths inside the building surrendered peacefully to police.

Charged with break and enter are 16-year-old Gary McGuire of no fixed address in Milton, and Randy Alfred Bennett 17, of no fixed address, from Fort Erie.

Both are scheduled to appear in Milton Provincial Court Monday, Dec. 13.

Store robbed

Milton recorded its second variety store heist in four days.

Approximately \$80 cash was stolen from Mac's Milk at 16 Bronte St. Monday evening at 9.14 by two men, one of whom was armed with a knife.

Halton Regional Police said store clerk Tom Snow, of Milton, was working alone in the back room of the store when he heard the front door buzzer.

He returned to the front of the store to be confronted by two men. One held Mr. Snow at knifepoint while the second man scooped the money out of the cash register.

Police arrived within three minutes of receiving a call from Mr. Snow. No arrests have been made yet.

On Friday morning a safe containing \$2,000 was stolen from a 7-11 store located at 433 Main St.

Four people were later charged and the safe recovered.

—Linda Kirby

Four charged in "robbery"

Halton Regional Police have arrested and charged four people in what turned out to be a bogus armed robbery of the 7-11 Food Store at 433 Main St. Saturday morning.

The arrests of three men and one woman included a 19-year-old store employee who told police she had been "slapped around" by the alleged robbers and held at knifepoint.

Halton Regional Police received a call to the store shortly after 7.30 a.m. and were told two men had made off with an orange "Tech" safe containing an estimated \$2,000 while the clerk was held at knifepoint.

Police 30 minutes later discovered three male persons at the dead end of Bell School Line (north of Steeles Ave.) standing beside an orange colored safe.

Police said two of the men ran away but the third was apprehended by Constable Virgil Booth.

Constable Dave Hamer, arriving immediately behind the first officer, chased the other two suspects on foot and apprehended them three-quarters of a kilometre later.

Charged with theft over \$200 are: James Allen Day 20, of no fixed address; Gerald Floyd Whetham 21, of no fixed address; Errol Wesley Ezard 38, of 235 Ontario St. and Laurie Ann Scott 19, of Prince St.

Miss Scott is also charged with public mischief. All four are due to appear in Milton Provincial Court Monday, Dec. 13.

Fee cut to hurt Board

The Halton board of education stands to lose \$7,400 a year through a provincial revision of the tuition fees system.

In past years, the board would charge Ontario residents living outside Halton \$131 a month to attend elementary schools and \$176 to attend secondary.

The new regulation calls for \$50 a month for either secondary or elementary.

This compares with an average local tax of \$58 per month, said a board report.

In the past, the amount charged outside

residents reflected the average per-pupil levy on the taxpayers, said the report.

Ron Chapman, superintendent of educational services, estimated that there are only about 14 students fitting into the category.

Most are here as a result of temporary relocation because of difficulties at home, although a few are hockey players attending school while they play on teams, he said.

It is not often that somebody is here specifically for educational advantages, he added.

Plan review

Regional staff will get a chance to have their say on a plan to evaluate their potential for promotions.

Council decided last week to circulate the new plan to affected workers before approving it for general use.

Dennis Perlin, chief administrative officer, had proposed the plan as a way of cataloguing the skills regional staff currently have, the types of training that are needed, and to identify those staff most likely to be promoted.



Cuddles

When Marcia McGill goes to a petting zoo she takes the name of the exhibit seriously. She and many other local youngsters had a chance to have an up-close visit with the many animals displayed at Milton Mall last week.

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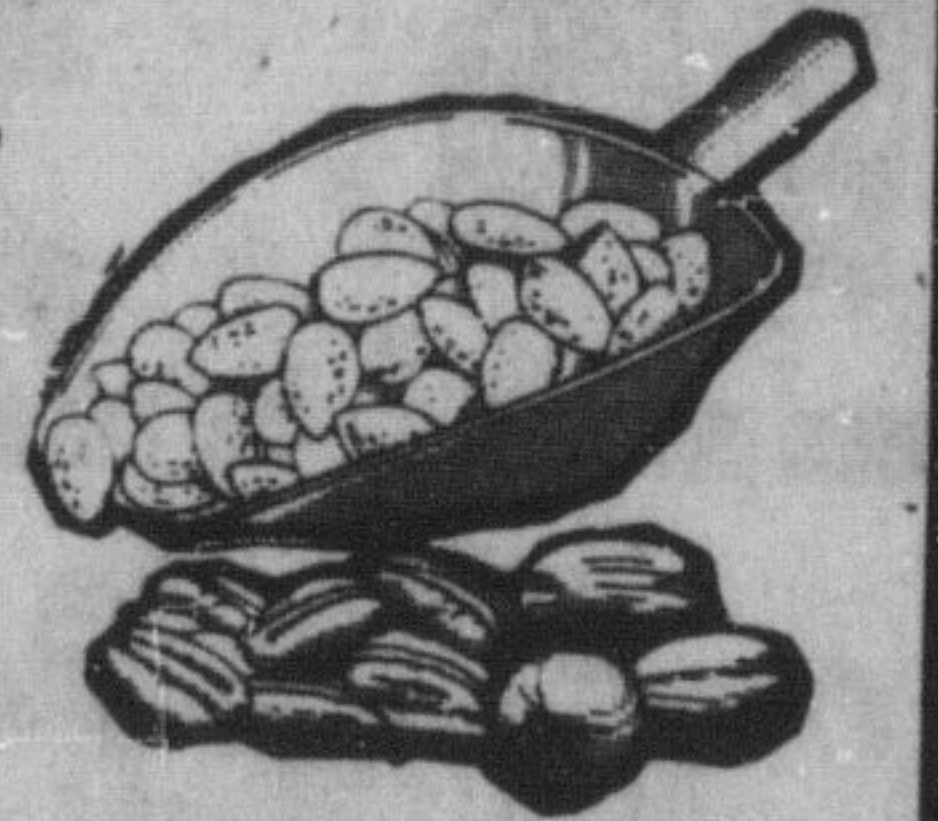
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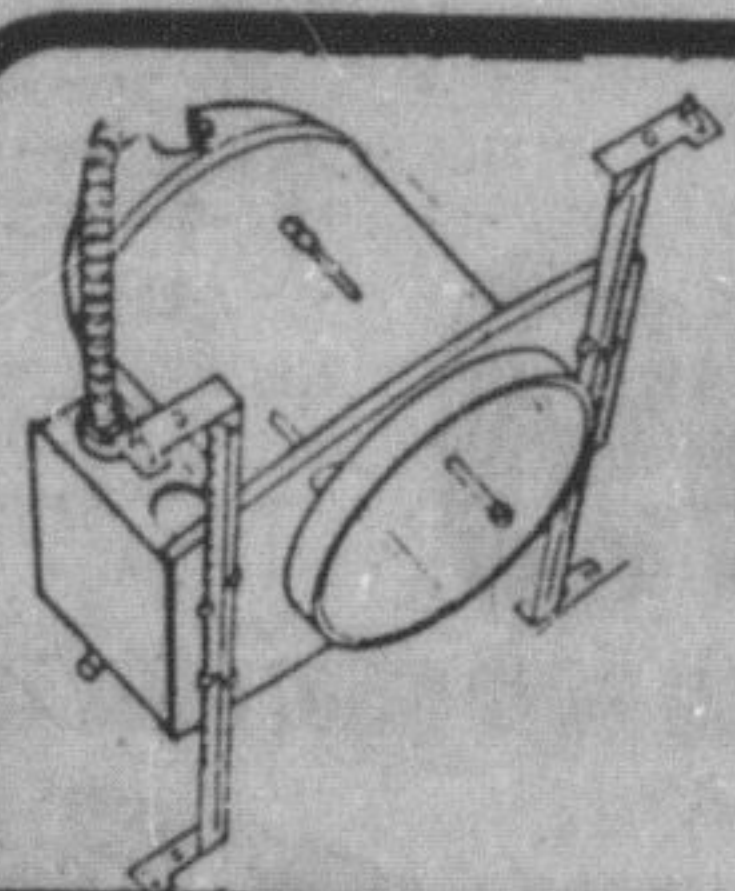
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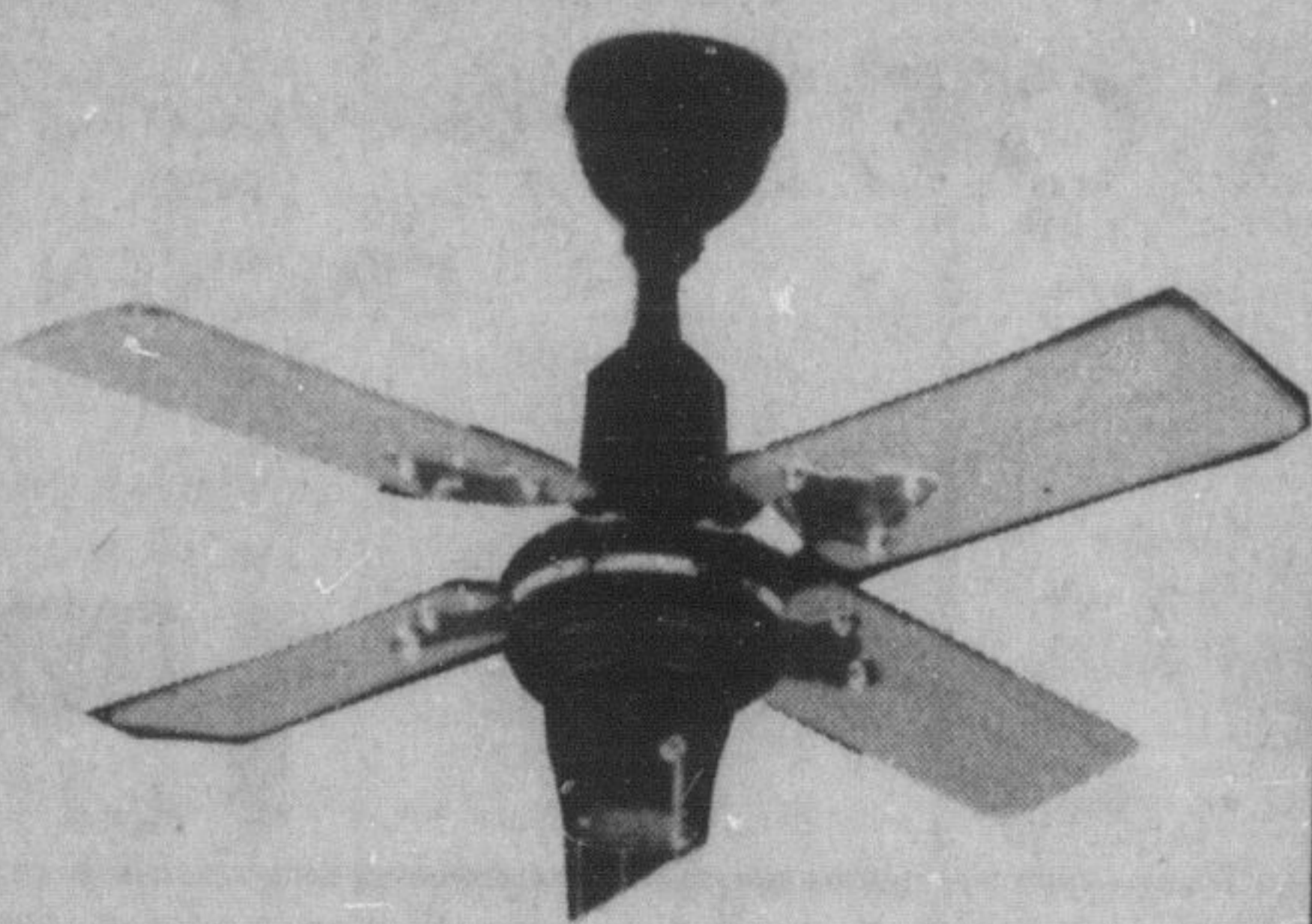
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