

Police blotter

Fatality

A 46-year-old Toronto man visiting Milton for the day was killed instantly by a train while walking on CPR tracks northwest of Steeles Ave. and First Line recently.

Halton Regional Police said Manuel Bastos was walking on the tracks early Thursday afternoon with his dog when they were struck from behind by a westbound train.

Police said the train was travelling at approximately 28 miles per hour.

Police believe a strong wind blowing from a westerly direction prevented the man and dog hearing the train whistle.

"There is the possibility that with the wind factor, the victim did not hear the train whistle," said Staff Sergeant David Eadie of 12 Division Milton.

A shotgun and hunting articles were found near the body of the deceased. The man had apparently come to Milton to hunt rabbits.

Stereo taken

An estimated \$1,000 worth of stereo equipment was stolen from a Milton residence over the weekend.

Halton Regional Police said thieves forced a window at the home of George Evans at 511 Clover Park sometime between 12 noon and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Thieves ransacked the house and took an amplifier, tuner, stereo cassette player and turn table.

Youths flee

Thieves found little for their troubles after breaking into Kids World Recycled at 161 Main St. E. early Saturday morning.

Halton Regional Police said two young people were seen running from the back of the store at approximately 1.30 a.m.

Investigation showed they had slipped a front door lock, but once inside had not bothered to take anything.

School vandalism

Halton Regional Police are investigating two related incidents of vandalism involving two schools in the Woodward and Wilson St. area.

An estimated \$100 was caused to St. Peter's School at 700 Woodward Ave. after thieves broke into the school late Monday night, Nov. 22.

The principal's office and secretary's desk were ransacked and the contents of a fire extinguisher sprayed all over the office area.

Twelve dollars was stolen along with \$15 worth of stamps.

Two large windows were smashed at Robert Baldwin school at approximately the same time, said Halton Regional Police.

Two portable classrooms were entered and the interiors sprayed also with the contents of a fire extinguisher.

A total of \$60 cash was taken and the incident resulted in \$250 in damage.

Cash taken

A total of \$90 cash was stolen from Becker's at 55 Ontario St. in the early morning hours of Saturday.

Halton Regional Police said a steel door had been pried open.

Damage to the door was \$20.

Break-in

More than \$1,100 was stolen from the office of a Milton chiropractor last week.

Halton Regional Police said the premises of Dave Phillips at 310 Main St. were entered after a door had been pried open.

A total of \$625 cash and \$500 in personal cheques were stolen.

—Linda Kirby

Flora says

Women must get active

By BARB JOY

The United Auto Workers do it. The Canadian Labor Congress does it. So do postal workers and small businessmen.

When their business interests are threatened or they want them changed, they flock to their MPs. Women don't. Yet they should make sure their elected representatives know how they feel.

That was part of Kingston MP Flora MacDonald's message to members of the Federal Progressive Conservative Women's Caucus of Peel-Halton at a special luncheon at Oakville recently.

"Women must realize that, as long as they remain a shadow, their interests are vulnerable," Miss MacDonald said. "They must be heard in the centre of power (parliament) and on an ongoing basis."

That's why it's so important for groups and individuals to contact their representatives. Even 10 or 12 letters a month can identify the concern, convince an MP of its importance and persuade the MP it's a priority item, she said.

Because male MPs attend chiefly male club meetings, they seldom get the female point of view. Miss MacDonald on the other hand, works with men, but attends many female functions, which enables her to see both sides, she said. As concerned as she and the other 15 female MPs might be with women's economic rights, they are limited in what they can do because meetings, hearings, debates and reports take up much of their time.

"We can't cover it all. The odds are against us," she said. "You have to sensitize your own MP to the issues. My success in pushing them is dependent on that."

Describing the economic position of women today as "still in the cellar," she recounted the issues wo-

men have been concerned with for years. Pensions, for one are a major concern.

Compared to ten years ago, there are not 850,000 fewer Canadians under 17 and 900,000 more over 65, the latter representing the largest block of Canadians living in poverty.

"We don't need pension reform, we need a pension revolution in this country," exclaimed Miss MacDonald. "If we don't have it, our whole system of income security will go down the drain."

With more single households, due to a 50 per cent increase in the divorce rate in the past 10 years, and the necessity for two incomes that is forcing women to work outside the home, child care facilities are of the utmost importance.

"A second income isn't pocket money. It's a lifeline," said Miss MacDonald.

Obtaining a fair share of future employment opportunities is a third concern. In the government's re-training programs, only 27 per cent are women while its non-traditional trades training swallows up only six per cent of the available female working force.

Women are still being directed toward futureless jobs—bank tellers and secretaries—soon to be consumed by the microtechnological revolution," she said.

To turn the future to their economic advantage, women must make themselves heard in high political circles, said Miss MacDonald. As never before, they can be heard, because they represent a majority in population (and votes).

"We're at a fork in the road. We can go slowly or put the (political) awareness we have developed in the past to work and make a quantum leap forward to economic equality without which we'll always be at someone else's mercy," she said.



FLORA MacDONALD

Delegations

Public delegations have been retained in a place of honor on the Halton Board of Education agenda.

Trustees voted last week not to change their operating bylaw to drop interested ratepayers wanting to address the Board to a position on

the agenda where they would be heard only late in the evening, if at all.

"If they come, they should be heard first. I don't think waiting to hear them last is going to create the right kind of atmosphere," commented Trustee Elaine Riehm (Burlington).

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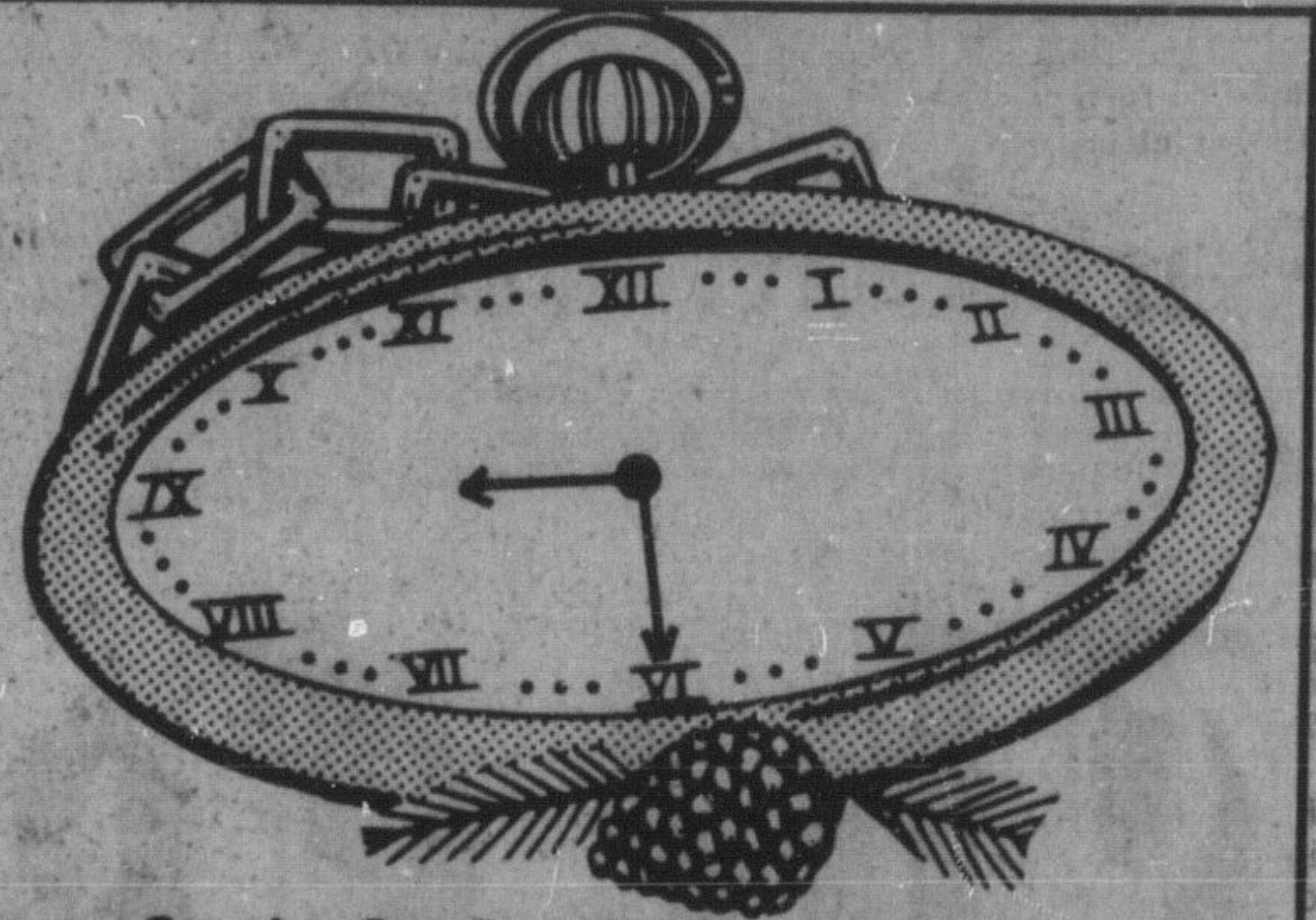
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Reed to help with budget

BY CHRISTINE STANTON

Regional council approved an amendment last week to include Julian Reed, MPP for Halton-Burlington, in the attempt to get approval for the health department's 1982 budget, as presented.

The committee recommendation included just George Kerr, MPP for Burlington south and James Snow, MPP for Oakville and minister of transportation and communications, who are being asked to assist in obtaining the necessary funds from the minister of health to recover the short-fall in the regional health budget.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said that Halton has three MPP's and all three should be included in the recommendation.

The exclusion of Mr. Reed in such regional recommendations has occurred in the past, with regional chairman Jack Raftis defending the exclusion on the grounds that Kerr and Mr. Snow are members of the provincial government, while Mr. Reed is a member of the opposition.

Mr. Raftis said that he wanted to give the government a chance to respond.

The last time the situation occurred was in August during the Region's potential day care crisis.

A special meeting of regional council members and staff with Mr. Kerr and Mr. Snow was called to discuss the funding problems for day care.

Burlington councillor Walter Mulkeiwich introduced a motion at council to include Mr. Reed was accepted by council for the current issue over the health department's budget.

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