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## Police Week

Home security is one of those things easily taken for granted.

It doesn't really become a vital concern to us until something happens; until someone violates our property by breaking into our home and stealing our valuables.

The outrage experienced by the victim usually results in a back lash against several people.

We point the finger at the police officer, demanding to know why he wasn't there patrolling our street when this happened.

We complain to our local councillor or mayor about inadequate protection and we view every teenager on the street as the likely suspect.

The last person we look to blame is ourselves.

In too many instances, the victim has been easy prey for the thief, who had no difficulty climbing through an open window or crawling through an unattached basement win-

dow, or simply walking through the front door.

"Protect Your Future—Participate" is the theme behind this year's Police Week May 16—May 21.

With the above in mind, Halton Regional Police have put together a comprehensive display which focuses on home, business and personal security.

The display to be staged at Oakville Place for the week, will include video-audio presentation on the subject.

Officers will be on hand to discuss security problems and offer suggestions.

Effective policing takes more than a platoon of officers.

It requires a degree of cooperation from the public and a willingness to assist in protecting ourselves and our neighbor.

Take a few minutes to participate in this project—it is time citizens learned that police cannot do their jobs alone.

## Garbage money

Burlington regional councillor, Pat McLaughlin, dejectedly estimated last week that it could take upwards of \$2 million before all the hearings and reports are received and dealt in selecting the next Halton dump.

The current study has already cost three times more than Halton expected. The original \$122,000 estimated is now approaching \$650,000 and some estimates go as high as \$850,000, and that's just for a study.

The McLaughlin figure includes all the costs of hearings and fees. If McLaughlin is right with \$2 million, the final cost could be well over \$5.5 million considering \$3.8 million has already been spent in the past on picking the best dump site.

Halton got euchred when its plans to use the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) were shunted aside by the Province which said Halton must proceed under the rules and regulations of the Environmental Assessment Act. (EAA).

Basically the EPA deals with a pin-point site on a map such as Milton proposed Site F dump; while the EAA requires that all aspects, including the effect on people be included.

Halton is talking about using incineration to burn garbage and even "plasma guns" to vaporize garbage; but the fact remains a dump is needed and a dump is still the most cost-effective way of handling waste.

The question remains: Is \$5.5 million of ratepayers' money too much to spend on finding a site for a dump when a voting majority at

Halton Region already know where they want that dump to be?

The site the voting majority wants is Site F in Milton. Milton does not want the dump, nor do residents. Perhaps one of the most compelling reasons is that approval of Site F would mean the end of producing farmland which would be just another scar on the land.

So what is the alternative of Site F selection?

This newspaper has backed the National Sewer Pipe proposal repeatedly and we still do. There are some grumblings that giving over the "tippage" fees to the NSP people would be literally giving millions of dollars to people who are already millionaires.

So what?

Giving the millions to NSP should be preferable to dumping \$5.5 million into consulting and study fees which may result in Site A (NSP) being seen as the best choice because it is beside the current Halton landfill site in Burlington. Site A is a disused pit so the hole is already there. With the proper leachate controls, it really is as simple as filling the hole with garbage and covering it over.

On top of all that, NSP is ready, willing and able to take the refuse now. Milton will exercise every legal trick in the book to save Site F.

Let's have our study and then subtract \$5.5 million from the tippage fees of NSP. That still gives NSP about \$20 million in fees, and everyone should be happy.



## viewpoint Healthy rides

WITH LINDA KIRBY



Members of the Milton District Hospital Foundation wore large smiles Monday evening as they listened to Ontario Health Minister Larry Grossman announce they could proceed on plans for a \$15 million expansion to the local hospital.

Although two-thirds of that amount will come from the provincial government and \$1 million will come from the region and the hospital itself, that still leaves \$1 million to come from citizens.

The fundraising drive has not really begun yet, it is scheduled for mid-August, but word has it that more than \$100,000 has already gone into the pot, thanks to a number of donations and bequests from area people.

Bruce Dolson, manager of Rockwell International and chairman of the fundraising committee informs me the group will be approaching industry and commerce next month for some financial assistance.

Raising money for such worthwhile projects is no easy matter, particularly when it becomes clear one is competing with a number of other large and equally important projects, not to mention the various organizations who are already committed to their charity choice.

The pie after all, is only so large and can only be sliced into so many pieces.

One of the organizations which I feel deserves some credit for ingenuity and creativity, when it comes to raising money is the Halton Region Conservation Foundation who have taken on a \$700,000 project, known as Crawford Lake.

A hospital expansion represents something vitally important to the community, something everyone can readily appreciate and therefore support with some form of financial commitment.

An Indian village? Not so easy. After all, we've all paid trips to the Royal Ontario Museum, read all about our heritage, etc., etc. In fact, sometimes we get quite upset with our American friends who think of Canadians in terms of Mounties, Indians and Eskimos.

So for some, getting excited about recreating an Indian village, no matter how old it is, is none too simple.

Yet this Foundation which kicked off their drive just one year ago, have proved to have a formidable team of dedicated volunteers and have had little difficulty in raising well over \$100,000 from the public, not to men-

tion acquiring a substantial Wintario grant. Their techniques and ultimate success lies in their ability to provide something in return for the donation.

For example, school children are selling seedling trees for a mere \$2 each, half of which will go to the Foundation and the remaining dollar for the tree.

Raffles are nothing new, but one of their latest includes a hike with Robert Bateman and his wife, and afternoon tea in his studio as a prize.

People are looking for something more than just contributing to a worthy cause. You don't have to give them an expensive prize.

A hike with Robert Bateman doesn't cost anything but his time.

Obviously, not every group can invite this talented and world famous artist to give hikes all through the countryside.

But the idea is a good one and should start other groups thinking of how they can raise money, other than just asking for it.

One suggestion offered by a colleague and I feel has definite possibilities is the idea to offer paddle boat rides in the mill pond.

According to Milton's recreation department, there is nothing stopping any individual or group from operating this type of business.

He went on to say it would require only the approval of Council and that would likely be a simple process.

He notes however, that the purchase of the necessary boats would be costly, not something the average person could afford.

It might however, be a worthwhile investment for a service club or group who have sufficient funds to buy the equipment now, run the operation for a summer or two and then resell the equipment.

Such a venture would require volunteers to man the operation, but the financial rewards would likely be well worth it.

Considering the crowds of fishermen (and women) picnickers etc., on any given warm, sunny day, there would be every reason for brisk business.

And if the rides are in aid of a cause, say the Milton District Hospital expansion, there is no telling how many people would gladly pay the price of the ride, without even taking a paddle around the pond.

## between the willows

## The moving mountains

WITH DON BYERS



It was late in the afternoon, Monday, May 2.

Earlier, vicious thunderstorms had lashed Southern Ontario, spawning tornados that ripped a narrow band of destruction through the countryside in the Sarnia area.

"Charlie" and I were sitting out on the back deck. His attention was drawn towards a well-chewed bone. Mine was fixed upon the grand show taking place in the sky. Dark, vast mountains of cumulus clouds swept overhead, their bottoms so low they became tangled in the branches of the trees atop the cliff.

At first, the bright sun backlit the great, moving mass, illuminating the slender, silver jetliners that wisely threaded their course around the towering thunderheads.

Gradually, the light all but disappeared from the sky. Fine showers drifted down, driving me with my folding chair under the eaves, and "Charlie" into the house to check out the action in the kitchen.

When you can scan so much sky, as you can from Mount Nemo, it is not hard to become a dedicated cloud-watcher. And you are re-

arded with an ever-changing scene, often of dramatic proportions.

I've described the view from the front deck many times, but not to my knowledge, the view from out back.

The woods begin about fifty feet from the house, climbing steeply to the base of the cliff. At this time of year, before the leaves have formed, the sheer rock face can easily be seen. Later on in the season, only rocky outcroppings at the very top will be visible from the back deck.

Early many mornings, eight to ten turkey vultures can be seen slowly circling over the rim of the cliff. They cry out to one another as if in conference. "O.K. Hermie, you patrol Number 4 Sideroad," I interpret. "And Eddie, you take Number 2 today."

"Number 2? I drew that territory yesterday, and there was no carrion to be seen at all! Give me a break!"

I guess, like people, you can't please all the turkey vultures all of the time. Rattlesnake Point ranges across the sky to the north. At right-angles to our mountain, it provides

another demension to the view from the back deck.

Now the showers have stopped. A redwinged blackbird alights on the budding branch of the poplar, near Ben's pond, on the lot line, and shrieks at last year's ragged, brown bullrushes below. As if responding to the cue, a downy woodpecker flies from shelter to inspect the bark of a tree near the barn. Gradually, life returns to normal. Soon, the woods resound with song.

The storm is over.

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Now to catch up with readers' comments and queries: "Thanks, Don," said one, "for not doing your usual hate-winter column. It probably accounts for the unusually mild weather we enjoyed."

Said another: "Have you really exposed Rip Van Nemo? Or are we going to hear more about him?"

Well, sir, I'm still somewhat shook up about that encounter. At this point I don't know whether or not he will ever come back.

And that, friends, is a good note to end on.

## pages of the past

### One Year Ago

From the May 19, 1982 issue  
More staff, a new garbage packer, and inflation have all played a part in the \$5.9 million budget increase approved by Milton council Monday night. The approval means local residents will have to provide \$3.9 million in taxes to support the services offered by their local government.

One of this town's newest churches, Milton Baptist, now has an ordained pastor following a ceremony Sunday, May 9. Pastor Kelvin Mutter, who came to Milton last June, was ordained following the approval of an examining council.

Saturday's official opening of Halton Regional Police headquarters was a long time coming. Until the recent extension, the old structure was known as the Oakville Police Station and was opened on June 17, 1967. The town was undergoing a substantial face-lift at that time in the Centennial spirit and that was the same year both the downtown fire hall and the main library opened.

### 20 Years Ago

From the May 16, 1963 issue  
Workmen are hurrying to finish the change house and other improvements at the Kelso Conservation Area, so the swimming pool and wading pool will be ready for use next month. Last year the Kelso swimming pool proved to be so popular with local and visiting swimmers.

There will be no swimming in the dam this year as only 12 feet of water will be held behind the gates.

A Provincial Police Detachment headquarters will be built on the triangle park area immediately north of the Base Line, Hon. Ray Connell, Minister of Public Works confirmed to The Champion this week.

Esqueing Township ratepayers get a slight reduction in their general mill rates this year—one of the few communities in the district where the rate has gone down and not up.

All township taxpayers will be responsible for the 8.24 mills residential farm rate, or 10.94 industrial-commercial rate (both down .98 mills) as well as the 5.28 county mill rate; the 16.20 residential and 18.02 industrial public school rate; and the 3.21 residential and 3.57 industrial high school debenture rate.

### 50 Years Ago

From the May 18, 1933 issue  
The Burlington High School Board is still as poor as the proverbial church mouse and yesterday was unable to meet the April salary cheques of the teaching staff and janitor.

The board also still owes some of the teachers part of their pay for February although the March cheques were met by a loan secured from the town about two weeks ago.

Grand opening of the Halton County Baseball League, Acton Vs. Milton, at agricultural park, Milton, is on Saturday next, May 20th, at 2.30 p.m., standard time.

A special attraction will be the presence of Alex. Levinsky, Joe Primeau, Harvey Jackson, Irvine "Ace" Bailey, stars of the Toronto Maple Leafs, and Glene Brydson, of the Montreal Maroons. Bring your cameras and autograph books. Admission 25c.

About 6.30 p.m. on Saturday last, a fire of unknown origin destroyed Clarence Galbraith's barn, grain and implements on Town Line, Trafalgar Township. All the stock except a few pigs were saved.

### 75 Years Ago

From the May 14, 1908 issue  
As we go to press the digging for the foundation is already completed and stone and sand are being delivered on the ground, just east of the old cemetery. By Monday the masons will be at work on the foundation walls.

A meeting of citizens was held on Monday evening to consider the advisability of arranging for a celebration of Dominion Day in Milton. A committee was appointed to look after the matter and report tomorrow evening, after the schedule of the Halton-Peel Baseball League has been arranged.

Some two weeks ago, Francis Fisher, of Postville, was attending to a lame horse, when the animal lifted its leg from pain and gave Mr. Fisher a tap on the forehead.

He paid no attention to the matter until he had violent pains in the head.

These grew worse and finally there was a slight hemorrhage.

The result was his unexpected death early Thursday morning. The news of his sad death was a great shock to the community.