

Three-year jail term for milkstore robber

By LINDA KIRBY
Staff Writer

A 22-year-old Milton man who took part in harassing a variety store clerk and eventually robbed him at knife-point, has been given a three-year jail term.

Richard McCoy, 22, of Highway 25, pleaded guilty last week in county court to a charge of armed robbery in connection with the August 20 incident involving 21-year-old store clerk James Brownridge.

The court was told how Mr. McCoy along with co-accused Glenn Koks of Millside Dr. entered the 7-Eleven store at 443 Main St. at approximately 1:30 a.m. and for the next

two and a half hours, taunted and threatened the clerk.

Evidence in a preliminary trial into the charges revealed that the pair first suggested that Mr. Brownridge assist them with removing a cash safe.

He was told not to call police and threatened with harm by Mr. McCoy who flashed a six-inch blade knife at him several times.

According to the testimony of the victim, the pair had been drinking and during the session in the store, were carrying a bottle of liquor.

At one point, Mr. McCoy threatened the knife into the counter and cut his own hand.

Friends of Mr. McCoy who were in the store at the time, helped themselves to bandaids and bandaged the injured hand, the court was told.

According to the evidence, Mr. McCoy also shoved Mr. Brownridge against the cash register and told him, "you had better do what I say..."

The co-accused, Glenn Koks, punched the store clerk twice in the face, scraped a can opener against his chest and dropped a lighted cigarette down his shirt front.

According to Mr. Brownridge, a lighter, lighter case, chocolate bar, carton of cigarettes, some Wintario tickets and bandages—total value under \$35, were taken from the store by the pair.

Mr. Koks has also received a three year jail sentence.

The court in sentencing Mr. McCoy, was told that the young man had a lengthy criminal record including 17 prior convictions for break-ins and other offences.



Don Wood, of Milton, is shown with his daughter, Jessica, 3½, during father's day held Saturday at the Hornby Nursery School. Jessica is showing daddy how to use playdough.

Seal Fund is starting

The Halton Lung Association is about to make its sole annual appeal for funds in a way which has been a tradition since 1927.

Christmas Seals will be mailed to approximately 16,000 homes in Halton Nov. 1, in an effort to raise money to support the many free programs operated by the organization.

Among the association's commitments are smoking withdrawal clinics, better breathing clubs and seminars.

These programs are made possible through the purchase of Christmas Seals as are the occupational lung disease and air pollution programs which require \$130,000 in order to expand.

The 33rd annual campaign will kick off Mon. Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. with a reception for volunteers, dignitaries and media people at the Region of Halton building.

Guest speaker will be Dr. James Edney, president of the Ontario Lung Association. Campaign Chairman Cec McFadden will outline objectives of the 1983 campaign.

First winner

The first Lions Club of Milton house draw winners were picked recently.

Joseph and Paul May, of Mount Hope, were winners of \$500 in the first of the elimination draws held by the Lions.

Apple Day

Friday evening and Saturday morning will be Boy Scout Apple Day in Milton. The Scouts will be out Friday from 6.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. and they will be joined on Saturday by the cubs at most plazas and they will also be going door-to-door.

All money raised will be used to buy equipment, supplies and other materials to foster scouting in Milton.

Auger resigns Halton Board chairmanship

By ALEX MATHESON

The chairman of the Halton Board of Education, Len Auger, is resigning from the Board effective Nov. 1 as he is to take on a new job in Ottawa.

Mr. Auger's resignation comes just a month before the end of his second one-year term as chairman.

He has been the separate school representative for Oakville to the public board since 1973.

For Mr. Auger, going to Ottawa is in a

sense a trip back home. He grew up within six blocks of Ottawa Civic Hospital where he will work.

During 16 of the 17 years Mr. Auger has lived in Oakville, he has worked for McMaster University. He is resigning there as director of planning and construction and management planning. At the 950-bed hospital he will be assistant executive director of physical resources.

His work in construction has taken him from places as far removed as California

and Seven Islands. He described his 17-year stay in Oakville as relatively long.

Mr. Auger was prompted to run for the school board by the introduction on an experimental basis of the credit system in Oakville-Trafalgar High School.

In the past two years he has been pleased at the way the Board has come together as a team with pride restored in the system despite school closings. In the future, he says, it will be interesting to see where the Board will go with the restructuring.

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