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## Respected Campbell says goodbye to his force and the public

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In a scant four months or so, Halton police Chief Peter Campbell will walk out of his second floor office at headquarters and not look back. He will be closing the door on 36 years of law enforcement and taking on new challenges to fill his days.

But while he's obviously content with his decision not to continue in his post, Chief Campbell, 55, makes it known he's leaving behind a rewarding career that started in 1962 after responding to an OPP advertisement.

"I was only going to do it for a year," he said with a smile, "and then I was going back to school."

Sometime during that year, Chief Campbell must have decided a future as a police officer was worth pursuing. It wasn't until 1974 — through an OPP sponsorship program — that Chief Campbell went back to school. This time he received his Bachelor of Commerce degree.

When Chief Campbell agreed to be interviewed for this story, he wanted to make sure it reflected policing — its rewards, its disappointments — and was not solely about him.

Chief Campbell, while highly visible in the community, has managed to keep his private life private and even though he answers all questions openly, one gets a sense he would much rather be discussing his beloved force than his retirement plans.

Yes, he spoke of exciting travel plans with his wife of 30 years, Liz. And yes, he will be keeping busy curling, golfing and playing bridge. But you can see his thoughts are still firmly entrenched with the Halton Regional Police Service.

Chief Campbell spoke with pride when he reflected on the hours of community work police personnel give so freely to the various groups and organizations throughout Halton.

"They have enormous commitment to the community," he said. "There are thousands and thousands of volunteer hours from the organization."

As an example, he talked of the Ontario Special Olympics Spring Games held in Burlington and Oakville this past spring.

"Many (officers) took holidays to be part of the Games," he said.

He also spoke of the police officers who seized the initiative to set up a skateboard park for youth in Oakville and are working on doing the same in Georgetown. He described the 550 members of Halton police (about 415 are uniformed members) as people who go beyond their line of duty to help make Halton a better place in which to live.



Peter Campbell

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## Appealing apparel

Katie DeCaire was one of the real life models who helped show off back to school fashions recently at Milton Mall. Here she sports some wears from Ricki's/Bootlegger.

## Woman hurt in car rollover

A McNiven Road woman was sent to hospital with minor injuries after the 1989 Ford Bronco she was driving rolled over at Derry and Twiss roads early Monday morning.

At 12:10 a.m. the vehicle, westbound on Derry Road west of Twiss Road, left the roadway and rolled 60 metres into a wooded area, Halton Regional Police

said. Nearby residents heard the impact and rushed to the scene. They pulled the occupant from the crash as gas leaked from the vehicle.

The 20-year-old driver was taken by ambulance to Milton District Hospital. The accident is under investigation, said Det. Sgt. Jackie Gordon.

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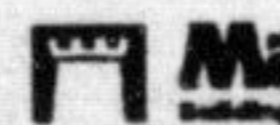
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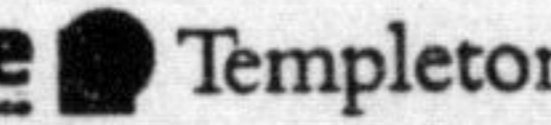
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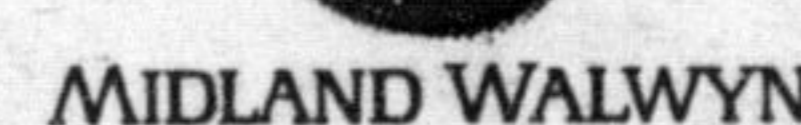
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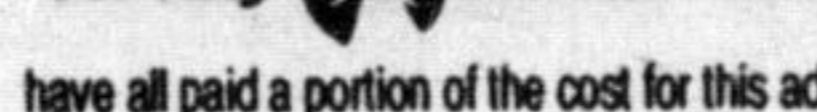
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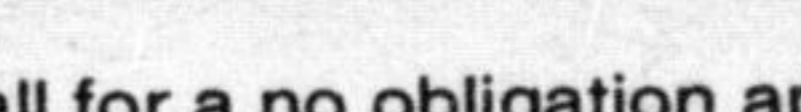
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