

Special defensive stick adopted by Halton Police

By Alex Matheson
The Halton Regional Police Force is on the verge of adopting a defensive tool that started out as a rice grinder.

Three police officers have been trained as instructors in the use of the manodnok stick and expect to begin training other members of the force this week, said Sergeant Gary Bogue.

Bogue underwent his training about a year ago with Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police,

who have been using the tool for about four years, longer than any other Canadian force.

The 24-inch-long, two-piece heavy plastic can be used to ward off blows of an assailant using anything from shovel to a knife, said the sergeant. Attacks can be parried and the assailant rendered into an arresting position with a minimum of pain inflicted, added the officer.

It would be possible for an officer, proficient in

the use of the tool, to protect himself from attack by three people wielding five-foot long, two-by-fours.

Trainees will get to use pieces of wood like this in their instruction, he said. The stick can be used to deflect blows, knock the weapon out of the attacker's hands, or as a lever to render an assailant into an arresting position.

Called the PR 24, "a protector", the stick has a handle running per-

pendicular to the shaft, eight inches from one end.

The police version is designed to withstand 7,000 pounds of pressure per square inch at its weakest point, said the officer.

It is not a riot stick, stressed Sgt. Bogue.

However, it could easily ward off an attacker with a riot stick, he added.

The manodnok stick gives the policeman a tool against attack, which has more effectiveness than the hand but less finality than a gun. He contrasted the manodnok stick as defensive with the lead-filled "billie" which is offensive.

As a defensive tool, the stick is to be used on attackers by police from the elbows down, he said.

It can also be used to effectively release the steering wheel grip of a motorist unwilling to get out his car, he added.

The stick can be employed by an officer as a tool in climbing chain link fences while pursuing fleeing suspects, he said.

The forerunner of the stick evolved in Thailand where it was a tool for grinding rice. Social unrest and wars is the area led to its being used as a weapon by the peasants, he said.



Secured. The manodnok stick assists police in holding a suspect for arrest. Here Sgt. Gary Bogue uses it to apply a hammer-lock so that one of his hands is free to use the handcuffs.
Photo by Alex Matheson

Now, hundreds of years later, an American policeman has developed it into a tool employing martial arts techniques, to facilitate defense and arrests, he said.

The item costs about \$28 and fits on the regular police belt.

It can be carried incon-

spectuously in the officer's hand extending up the back of his arm.

Where deterrence against resist-arrest or attack is needed, it could be shown more prominently.

A person resisting, knowing the policeman will not use his gun, could

be handcuffed with less effort using the stick than barehanded, he added.

Officers will be certified to carry the stick only after passing a 16-hour training session, he said.

Every officer is capable of learning how to use it, he said.

It will be more than an equalizer for a 120-pound policeman attacked by a big man, he added.

As a deterrent the tool should reduce the number of assaults on the police. They are currently running at over 100 annually.



Blow blocked. Sergeant Gary Bogue demonstrates the use of the manodnok stick in blocking an attack where an assailant is using a large club. The would-be assailant here is police constable Paul Cormier, who along with Bogue and one other officer, will be instructors in the use of the stick for Halton Regional Police. When fending off the blow of a large weapon, the officer moves close where the force is less. With a small weapon, such as knife, defense is from a greater distance.

Police get approval

The Halton Police Commission (HPC) has approved the introduction of defensive batons on an experimental basis to study public reaction and gauge the practicality of their use.

The 24-inch batons are being issued to nine officers for an unspecified period of time. The department stresses the batons are defensive in nature and that each of the officers have received an extensive 16-hour training program in their use.

"When you get an individual who is armed with a weapon, whether

it's a 2x4 or a baseball bat, the officer is trained to instinctively deflect the blows, no matter what direction they come from," explains instructor Sgt. Gary Bogue.

Called a Monadnock, the batons offer police an alternative to using a firearm. "The main purpose of the Monadnock is it gives an officer an alternative to use when he is faced by a situation that calls for using less force than is needed by using a firearm," says Bogue.

To qualify for the program, an officer must pass a practical test showing he can manoeuvre

properly and quickly and that he can execute moves such as the wrist-lock and the running arm lock.

The baton is held by the handle with the shaft running along the forearm and is not held like a club. They will replace the traditional billy-clubs which are of little use due to the short reach they provide, he adds.

If the report on the batons is favorable, each officer will be issued with one. The batons are already being used by the Peel Regional and Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police forces.

You get more Mazda for your money at Achilles Motors!



YOUR COMPLETE LINE DEALER!

mazda
The more you look... the more you like!

am achilles motors

SALES and SERVICE
347-351 Queen Street, Acton 853-0200

CLEMENTS MOTORS OF MILTON LTD.
500 Bronte
878-2328

AMC

McCuaig

INSURANCE
208 Main St., Milton
878-2894

Home Hardware
385 Steeles Ave. 878-9222

RICHARDSON CHEV-OLDS
"A GOOD PLACE TO DO BUSINESS"
Hwy. 25 & Derry Road
Milton 878-2393

CO-OP

"EVERYONE'S WELCOME TO SHOP CO-OP"
Corner of Main & Bronte Road
878-2391

SHERMAN SAND & GRAVEL LTD.
7204 WALKER'S LINE
MILTON, ONTARIO
878-8801 - 844-1441

WEST INSURANCE LTD.
107 Martin St.
Milton
Home of Assurance 878-1616

Karen's FLOWER SHOP
Milton Mall 878-2881

HERIGATE INN
878-2825
161 CHISHOLM DR.
MILTON

GALLINGER MOTORS
is a drive in the right direction Ltd.
655 Main St., Milton 878-2883

THE MILTON and DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AND THE TOWN OF MILTON

ANNOUNCE

1981 HOME and FARM BEAUTIFICATION COMPETITIONS

Competitions Will Be Held For:

1. URBAN - Constructed prior to 1975
2. URBAN - Constructed since 1975
3. RURAL - Non Farm
4. RURAL - Farm

Judging will be based on the following point system:

RESIDENTIAL (Urban & Rural)	FARM
Landscape Design	General Plan and Design
Suitability	Design of traffic system (pedestrian and vehicular)
Execution in total plan, continuity	Location of main turf areas
Ease of maintenance	Location of plant masses (wind breaks, tree groupings, perennial beds, foundation planting, kitchen garden)
Selection and arrangement of plant masses	Suitability and selection of pattern
Design of traffic system (pedestrian and vehicular)	Execution in total plan, continuity
Use of Landscape Components	Ease of maintenance
Walks, walls, patio, privacy screening, general lighting, pools, water movement	Appearance and Condition of Property
Condition of Garden (plants and hard materials)	Upkeep of buildings, fences, gates and driveway
Trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals	Health of turf, plant material, absence of weeds, plants showing good nutrition
Masonry, carpentry, upkeep	Use of Landscape Features
Freedom from disease, insects and weeds	Treatment of defined areas, fences, avenues of trees, hedges, privacy screening
Lawns	Choice of building materials for walls, walks, patios, screening and pools
Freedom from disease and weeds, of good color, dense growth, well cut and trimmed	General lighting
15	100

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. Entries must be entered by Owner or may be entered by Friends and Neighbours, however Owner's consent must accompany the entry.
2. All Homes and Farms in the Town of Milton and surrounding area are eligible for competition in 1981. Winners in 1981 and subsequent years will not be eligible for competition for a period of three (3) years following year of award.
3. Entries must be in Secretary's possession by July 15, 1981. Judging will be completed in mid-August. Entrants will be advised of date one week prior to judging of their property.

Beautification competitions are also being held for Service Stations, Large & Small Industry & Commercial Businesses. No entries are required for these competitions. Overall Winner in these competitions will be awarded a Red Maple, courtesy of Bouwman Nursery, Milton.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

PLEASE ENTER THE ABOVE PROPERTY IN THE _____ COMPETITION

Signature of Owner _____

Mail To: Milton & District Horticultural Society
c/o Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food
17 Wilson Dr.
Milton, Ont. L9T 3J7

Name and address of person making entry (if other than owner) _____

This message is made possible through the generosity of the businesses listed on this page.

GLASS - MIRROR - ALUMINUM WINDOWS - DOORS REPAIRS
KOSKI GLASS
W. J. KOSKI LTD. 601 MAIN ST. E., MILTON
878-9452

Bonin's ESSO
5 Main Street East
Milton, Ontario
878-5323

When you buy insurance... the key word is **choice.**

There are lots of insurance companies in Canada. They sell thousands of insurance policies. But how do you find the policy that is the right one for you?

You ask an insurance broker. We are not employees of any insurance company. We shop the market for you. To find the right insurance... from the right insurance company... at the right price... for you.

And we help you when you have a claim. When you deal with a member of the Insurance Brokers Association... you have

"ALL THE CHOICE IN THE WORLD"

McCuaig Insurance Limited

208 Main St., Milton, Ont.
878-2894

Member: Insurance Brokers Association, Ontario
Serving Milton & Area for Over 50 Years

METROPOLE INSURANCE AGENCIES (MILTON) LTD.
17 Wilson Drive
Suite 11
Peter Sherry
TORONTO LINE 826-0501
878-0573

AQUAFINE WATER SOFTENERS
844-9781

F.W.B. FITZGERALD INSURANCE
216 Main St., Milton, Ont.
YOUR INDEPENDENT AGENT
SINCE 1934
878-2326

TRAFALGAR FORD
409 MAIN ST. MILTON, ONT.
Sales, Leasing and Rent A Car

MILTON EQUIPMENT CO. LTD.
SALES, SERVICE, RENTALS
3183 Steeles Ave., Milton
Phone 878-2121 - 878-2122
Representing Massey Ferguson Farm, Industrial & Recreation Equipment, Long Tractors, Homelite Chain Saws, Valvoline Oils and Kubota Tractors & many other lines of equipment.
WE SERVICE OUR SALES

MIKE'S BARBER SHOP
148 MAIN STREET, MILTON
878-3916

willie's QUICK PRINT INC.
GENERAL PRINTING
103 Steeles Ave. Unit 9
West of Hwy. 25
Milton, Ontario
878-0515

St. Clair The Paint and Paper People
Milton Mall
878-2629

MILTON MALL
55 Ontario Street, Milton

DATSUN
THERE'S MORE FUTURE IN A DATSUN Ltd.
NORTH END DATSUN Ltd.
PHONE 878-2671 811 MARTIN ST.