

In the Courts

Justice for all

A Milton criminal lawyer received a verbal slap on the wrist before a class of high school students, after showing up late at Provincial Court last week.

Judge William Sharpe ordered Peter McWilliams to explain to him and a large group of visiting Milton District High School students why he was 20 minutes late.

The court adjourned only minutes after commencing at 9.30 a.m. Wednesday when Mr. McWilliams failed to appear for his scheduled case.

Mr. McWilliams, who is notoriously late on many occasions, told the judge he was busy discussing a case with a client.

Judge Sharpe informed him he had better learn to discuss matters before he is due in court.

Punch nets fine

Taking the law into your own hands is not the answer, a provincial court judge advised a large group of Milton District High school students last week.

The students were not on trial, but instead were visiting the court house as part of their criminal law studies and sat through two trials, including that of a 32-year-old carpenter who was convicted of assault.

Eugene Refuse, of Jackson Point, pleaded not guilty to the offence in which a young Georgetown motorcyclist was punched in the face.

Donald Ray 19, laid the charge after suffering a cut lip and damaged nose in the altercation which took place Aug. 20, 1980.

Ray told the court he was not paying attention to a line of slow moving traffic on Mount-Ainview Rd. in Georgetown, when he drove his motorcycle into the back of Refuse's pick-up truck.

Neither he nor his girlfriend, Karen Bruton who was riding on the back of the bike were injured, and there was no damage to either vehicle court was told.

Ray said Refuse, who was also uninjured, jumped out of the truck and demanded several times to see Ray's driving licence.

He said there were words between the pair and said he told Refuse to "f---off."

Ray said he finally decided to get out his wallet to show the licence when Refuse hit him on the nose.

Refuse told the court he saw Ray draw back his arm and said he struck the youth because he believed Ray was about to hit him.

Judge Sharpe noted Refuse was provoked but found him guilty of the charge and fined him \$100.

Roller fined

A 20-year-old Brampton man who rolled his car twice on a downtown Georgetown street last July, was fined \$400 in Milton Provincial Court.

Allan Pilgrim of 13 Meadowland Dr., pleaded guilty to a charge of dangerous driving.

Judge William Sharpe also suspended his licence for nine months.

Pilgrim escaped injury in the incident which totalled his car on the night of July 16.

A witness told police the car was travelling at a high rate of speed and veered sideways down Sinclair Ave. before rolling over.

Breaking environment law brings Snow \$3,500 fine

By Howard Mezel
Ontario Transportation Minister James Snow was fined \$3,500 in Newmarket Provincial Court recently for breaking the

Environmental Assessment Act last year.

Calling the incident "an honest mistake", Mr. Snow of Hornby said the experience has taught him some valuable lessons.

Mr. Snow pleaded guilty Sept. 11 to charges

of proceeding with the Highway 404 extension before a 30-day period for environmental hearings expired.

Deputy minister Harold Gilbert, also charged under the Act, was fined \$2,800 Friday. Both men were given three months to pay their fines by Judge Frederick White.

"What has come out of all this is that our people (the ministry) will have to be more careful as far

as dates go. I also think the Ministry of the Environment realizes that the Assessment Act has to be streamlined if it is going to work. If every decision is questioned, that would bring construction in the province to a halt," Mr. Snow said in a recent interview.

Mr. Snow also said part of the Act's liability is the lengthy delay involved in its present form.

"If a project is delayed a year, you can add 15 to 20 per cent of the original cost. In fact, out of all this the only complaint we received was that we weren't building the highway fast enough."

As for who pays the fine, Mr. Snow said, "as minister I am totally responsible for the ministry and all of my staff but I approved the Highway 404 extension as part of my duties as minister."

100 more teachers approved by 1984

A contract agreement between the Halton Board of Education and its teachers has been reached for the 1981-82 school year.

Trustees gave their approval last week to a package raising the average teacher's salary by 13.3 per cent in both elementary and secondary school levels.

The Board also agreed to hire 101 more teachers between Sept. 1, 1982 and Sept. 1, 1984, eventually bringing the pupil-teacher ratio in the system down to an average of 20 to 1.

Trustee Bill Priestner (Burlington) bemoaned the further lowering of the PTR, saying Halton was giving up something that had been a point of pride.

"Statistically, this puts us where other boards are now," he

said. "This board has always prided itself on having a slightly higher than average PTR and I'm a little disappointed to see the old numbers lost."

Trustee Anne Fairfield also expressed concern "with the number of children that we're losing from the system and the number of staff we're adding."

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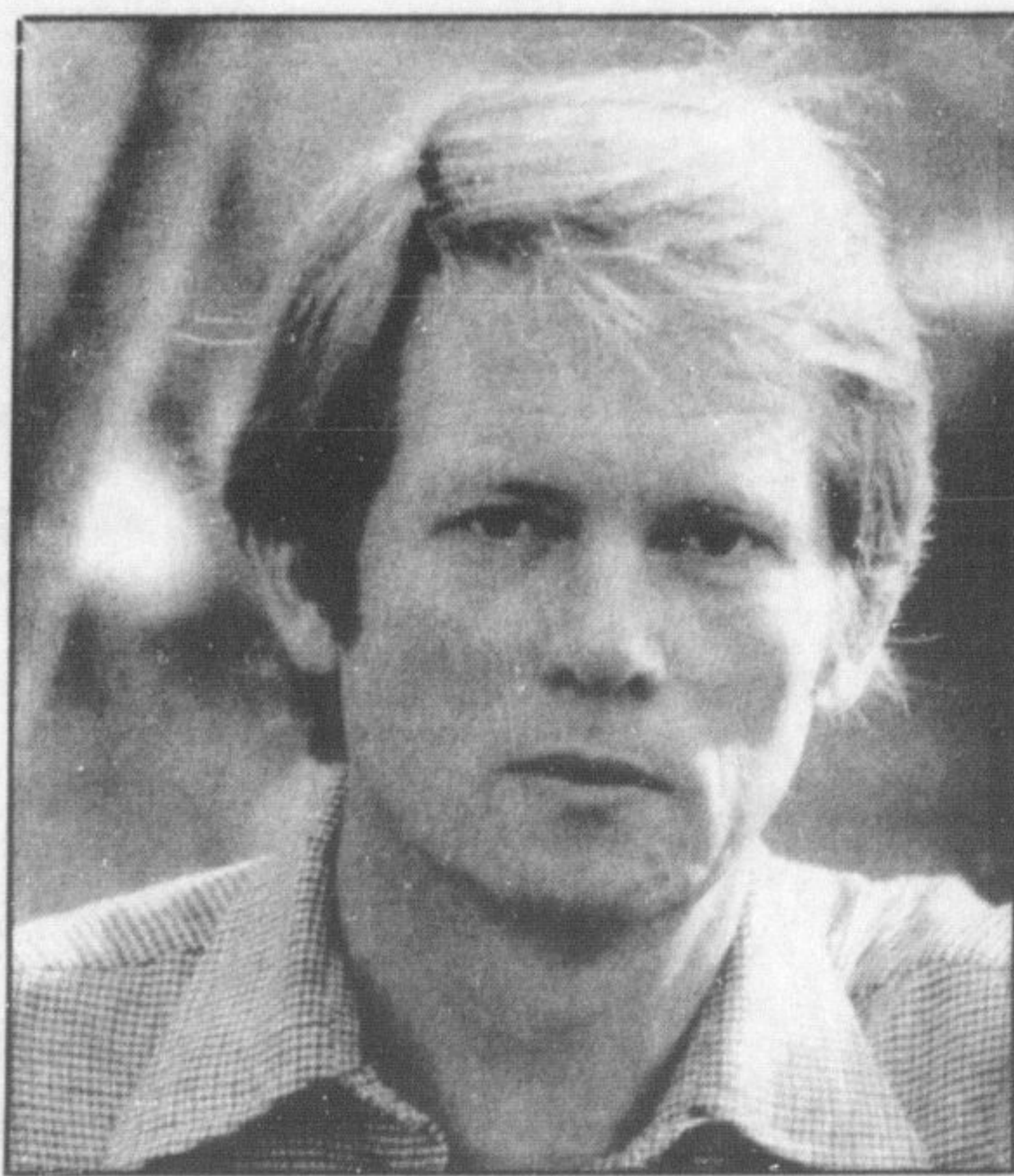
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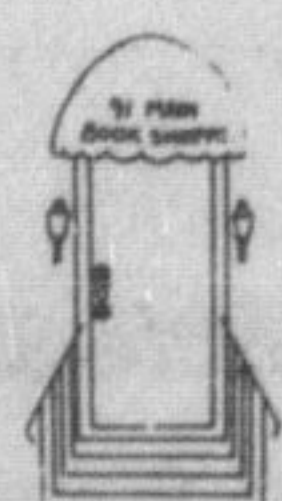
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