

Krantz says social services...

...must be solved by region

Town turns over Knox food request to Halton

A request to Milton council for \$1,000 to help needy and destitute people of Milton was referred to Halton Region, over the objections of Councillor Harrison.

Knox Presbyterian Church made the request to provide food vouchers. The intention by church spokesman Karl Reichert was for this to continue on an annual basis.

Mr. Reichert said no one had ever been turned away for food or shelter from the church. People are eventually referred to social programs or until they can support themselves.

Councillor Harrison said that even though this was a regional and not a town responsibility, council should comply with the request.

Mayor Krantz said he sympathized with the request and guaranteed he

would raise the matter in the region committee dealing with social services.

"The mechanics of funding social services," said Mayor Krantz, "is at the regional level. No one in Milton has gone without food for two or three days because I'm the one they contact. You can be sure this will be raised at the region."

Milton Council decided against accepting the lowest tender in a contract for a new tractor Monday.

The decision to pay \$363 more for the vehicle costing \$11,406 (with a trade-in) from Milton Equipment has Town Administrator Roy Main concerned.

Three businesses responded and submitted tenders which complied

with the requests of the tender. When the trade-in was discounted, the cost of the vehicles, with different brand names but all made in Japan, was \$11,177 from Arnold's Lawn & Garden Supplies (the lowest tender); \$11,439 from Milton Equipment; and \$11,723 from Penson Farm Equipment.

Mr. Main explained that the tractor from Milton Equipment had six features, which come as standard equipment, which the other businesses couldn't match, either in availability or price. The other two businesses were contacted, he said.

He said all businesses met the qualifications of the tender, though.

"I'm concerned we may be setting a dangerous precedent of not accepting the lowest or any tender," he said, "even though that is stated in

the tender forms. All three tractors met the criteria of the tender call."

Council members grilled Mr. Main and parks supervisor Dick Henriksen on the value of the additional features. Mr. Main said he felt the Town "was getting more value for its dollar."

Council approved the request.

Robert Kerr, who joined an elite number of fire fighters with 25 years of service on the Milton department, received a town certificate Monday from Mayor Gord Krantz, a former fire fighter himself.

Attending the presentation were Mr. Kerr's former fire chief Babe Clement and his former captain George Penson.

Council briefs

The battle between the Ontario Jockey Club and four Ontario municipalities is on again.

The Jockey club received a court decision recently which allowed them to claim themselves as a non-profit organization. This, in effect, eliminated the business taxes they'd been paying to Etobicoke (Woodbine), Toronto (Greenwood), Fort Erie (Fort Erie race track); and

Milton (Mohawk Raceway).

Both the City of Toronto and the Regional Assessment Commissioner have appealed the decision in an effort to have it overturned. Treasurer Jim McQueen indicated he will be watching this situation closely. The Town of Milton has also appealed the decision.

Milton lost about \$33,000 in revenue from the decision.

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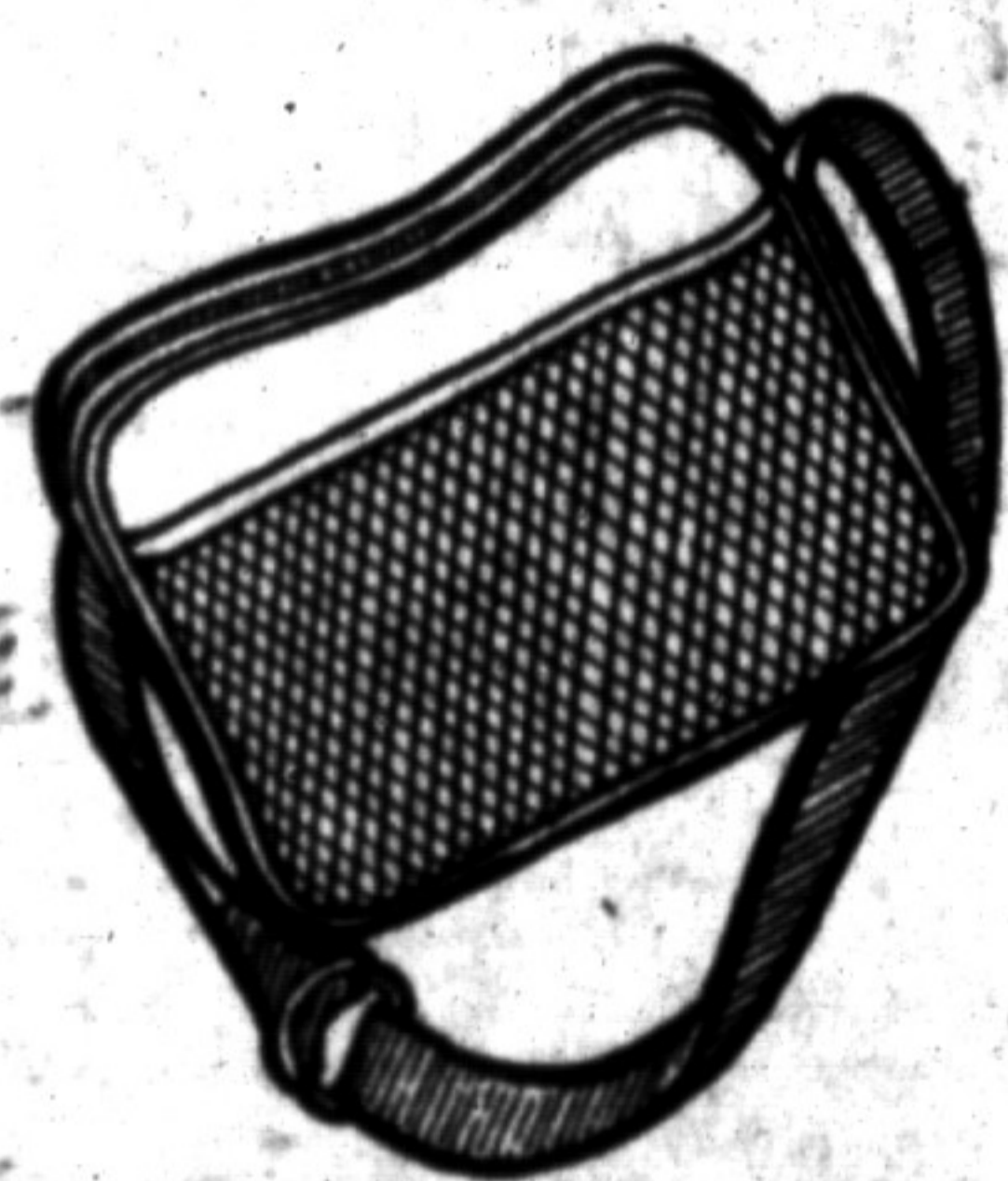
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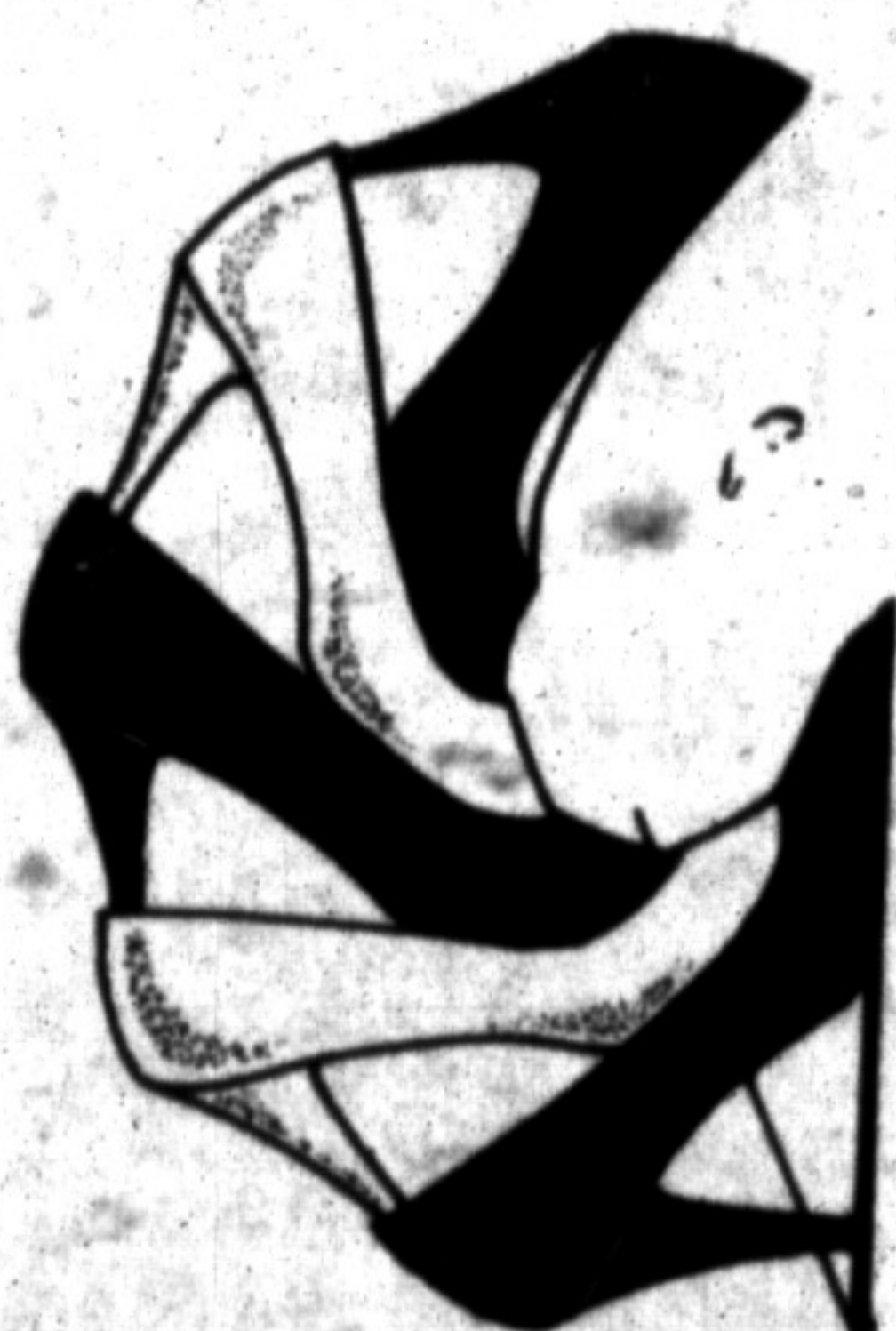
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