

It's Your Business

with **JANE MULLER**

A natural way with writing

Most of us can only dream of taking a two-and-a-half month break from work to canoe through a piece of paradise at one of Ontario's wilderness provincial parks.

Kevin Callan felt he had to experience more than just a couple of weeks at Killarney Provincial Park if his book was to present something beyond just a tourist's perspective.

The result of the extended canoe trip, months of researching history books and interviewing oldtimers in the town of Killarney, is a soft-cover 'coffee table' book. It's filled with colour photographs taken by the author, except the shots of him of course. My favourite of these shows Mr. Callan sitting in his canoe, wearing a yellow rain coat out of which peeks the head of his pet ferret, named Frodo.

The book is simply titled *Killarney* and is the first of a series commissioned by Boston Mills Press, a publishing company based in Erin. Mr. Callan originally approached the publisher with a manuscript titled *Halton: The Limestone Legacy*.

Like the *Killarney* publication, it traces the area's history and tells where to hike in the region. He says the Halton book "will probably be out next year."

The next in the provincial park series will take the author/photographer to Quetico Provincial Park near Thunder Bay. He's also working on a book that will serve as a guide to canoe routes on Crown land in cottage country.

"The book will explain each route. There are dozens of them and I've got 22 listed (for the book)," he elaborated.

Mr. Callan is passionate about the preservation of "natural areas" and sees his books as "indirectly" making readers more conscious of their impact on the environment. A canoe convert, for example, is likely to sink his power boat, the author believes.

He realizes he can't stop people from going to provincial parks and other more woody destinations. He can, however, help foster an appreciation and respect for nature. That's what he's been doing since 1984 through his newspaper column, called *Nature's Way*.

He'd just graduated from college as a forestry technician and was teaching nature interpretation when he decided to take pen in hand. The column currently appears in various publications, including *sisters to The Champion*, the *Oakville Beaver* and *Georgetown Independent*.

A former Milton resident whose parents Evelyn and Patrick still reside here, Mr. Callan is employed by the Province as a habitat facilitator. His job is to encourage farmers to enhance wildlife habitat on their land.

Economic reality dictates that he must work full-time and donate his spare time to writing.

"If I can get five books behind me..." Mr. Callan says then he may take the "big huge step of quitting" his job. He knows how tough it can be after his Killarney canoeing stint.

The 26-year-old hopes a collection of children's books that feature "Dr. Nature" will butter his bread. The first is in the works and each will follow a similar format. They will be packaged as first aid kits that contain some seeds, a letter to the government expressing concern for the environment that the child can sign and mail, and the text. The first will deal with wetlands, something an avid canoeer is certainly familiar with.

Mr. Callan will be at the W. H. Smith book store at Milton Mall this Saturday (Sept. 8) from 11:30 a.m. to about 2 p.m. to promote *Killarney*. Returning to his hometown from his residence in Peterborough as a published author "is going to be different".

Fence...

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right to build a fence around it.
The two sides may see each other in court again soon if the agricultural society seeks another injunction to stop the horsemen from rebuilding the fence for the Milton Fall Fair. The Fall Fair is the agricultural society's major fundraiser.

"There won't be a third party involved this time," added Mr. Caputo, who believes the horsemen, holding a deed to the land, would be victorious. The agricultural society challenges the validity of the deed.

No court action has been taken in the dispute over ownership of the land. But Mr. Henderson said the agricultural society plans to apply for the land title.

None of the above

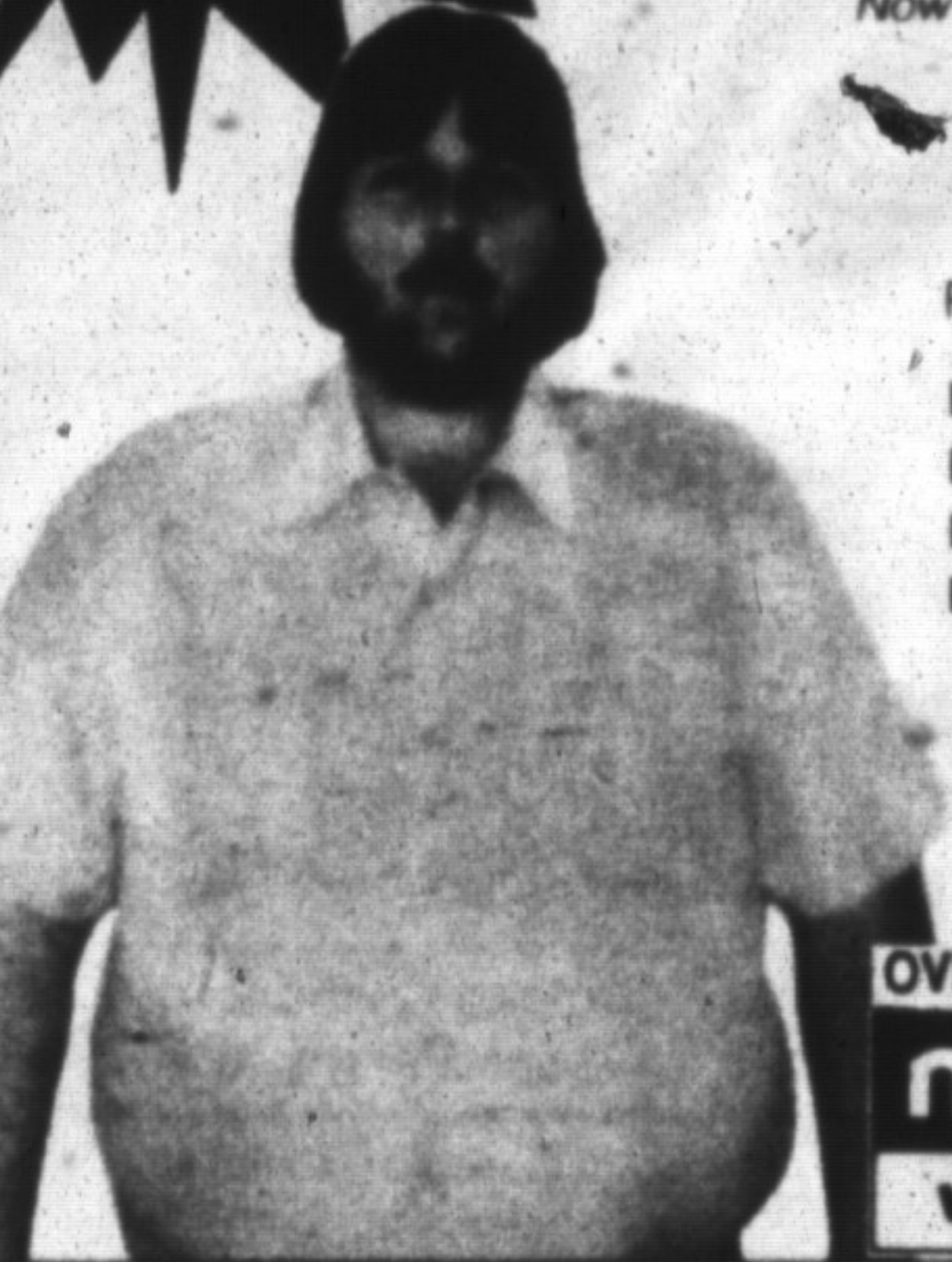
For those who want to vote 'none of the above' in the provincial election tomorrow (Thursday), there is a way to have your dissatisfaction formally registered.

Voters can go to their polling stations and request their ballots, then turn those ballots back in to the deputy returning officer without marking them. That will be recorded as a declined vote, said Halton North returning officer Don McMillan.

Any voter who follows that procedure will be registered in the voters' list as having declined to vote, Mr. McMillan said, but such information is kept confidential.

There are approximately 43,000 eligible voters in Halton North. In the 1987 provincial election there were 16 declined ballots. A further 41 were unmarked and 109 were spoiled.

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