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## NEWSLINES

### New info on line

Information Milton is expanding its services to the public through a new automated database.

An information centre, run by an Information Milton volunteer and Village Constable James Barnes, will be set up at the village constable's office at Milton Mall to provide community information to the public.

Information will be available on community groups, sports and leisure activities, and all levels of government.

The office will be manned by a volunteer Wednesday mornings, with additional services being provided by Constable Barnes.

Brochures and directories that list services and community groups in Milton will also be available at the centre.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Marion Wagner at 875-4636. The requirements include experience with computers as well as with dealing with the public.

### Firefighting open house

It's not too often the public gets to see the inside of a working fire station but that opportunity will be available tonight (Friday) as the Milton Fire Department plays host at an open house for Fire Prevention Week.

Two fire halls, the central one on Steeles Avenue and the number three station on Derry Road are taking part, and will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## INSIDE

### Milton Alive

If you live in Urban Milton, Milton Alive is inserted in today's paper. Milton Alive contains information on numerous activities and groups in town.

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## Currie sentenced to 3 years

By KAREN SMITH

The Champion

Charles Currie was handed a three-year federal penitentiary sentence along with a 10-minute lecture by a Milton general division court judge Wednesday.

"I would hope you would have the good sense to stop this sort of conduct," Judge Patrick LeSage told Mr. Currie, 37, of Campbellville. "If you continue to make a dishonest living, you're just going to continue to go to jail."

Mr. Currie was found guilty of fraud over \$1,000 Sept. 22 in connection with a shady business venture.

Judge LeSage told Mr. Currie, who has a history of fraud convictions, to change his ways for his mother's sake, if not for his own. The judge said he has a great deal of respect for Mr. Currie's mother, long-time Campbellville businesswoman Oriena Currie, as a result of past dealings with her.

Mrs. Currie, a former federal Liberal candidate, sat in the courtroom with her son's girlfriend at the sentencing.

A Campbellville antique dealer, Mr. Currie defrauded partner Edward Marion of \$23,000 in the development of a Hamilton comedy club last year.

Court heard Mr. Currie lied to Mr. Marion about how he used \$23,000 of the \$25,500 Mr. Marion gave him for business expenses, and that Mr. Currie didn't financially fulfil his end of the deal.

Judge LeSage told Mr. Currie that he may have a psychological deficiency which causes him to be deceitful and advised him to seek therapy when he gets out of jail.

At the sentencing Wednesday, Mr. Currie also pleaded guilty to fraud over \$1,000 for issuing a worthless \$1,500 cheque to Susan Beckstead when he bought antique furniture from her in January, 1993.

Mr. Currie wrote the cheque on his bank account, which had been closed. Crown Attorney Laurie Jago said, and Mrs. Beckstead never received the money. The furniture, however, was eventually returned to her.

He also pleaded guilty in September to breach of probation when he defrauded Mr. Marion.

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Susan Roser, 40, of Tremaine Road researched her family history and discovered she's a descendant of the Mayflower settlers. She has since written several books on the subject.

## Ancestors sailed on the Mayflower

By KAREN SMITH

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Susan Roser was a bored housewife looking for something different to do.

So the history buff decided to follow the advice of her parents and trace her family tree.

When she started, she had no idea what she was about to discover. Following two years of relentless research, she learned that she is a descendant of the Mayflower settlers.

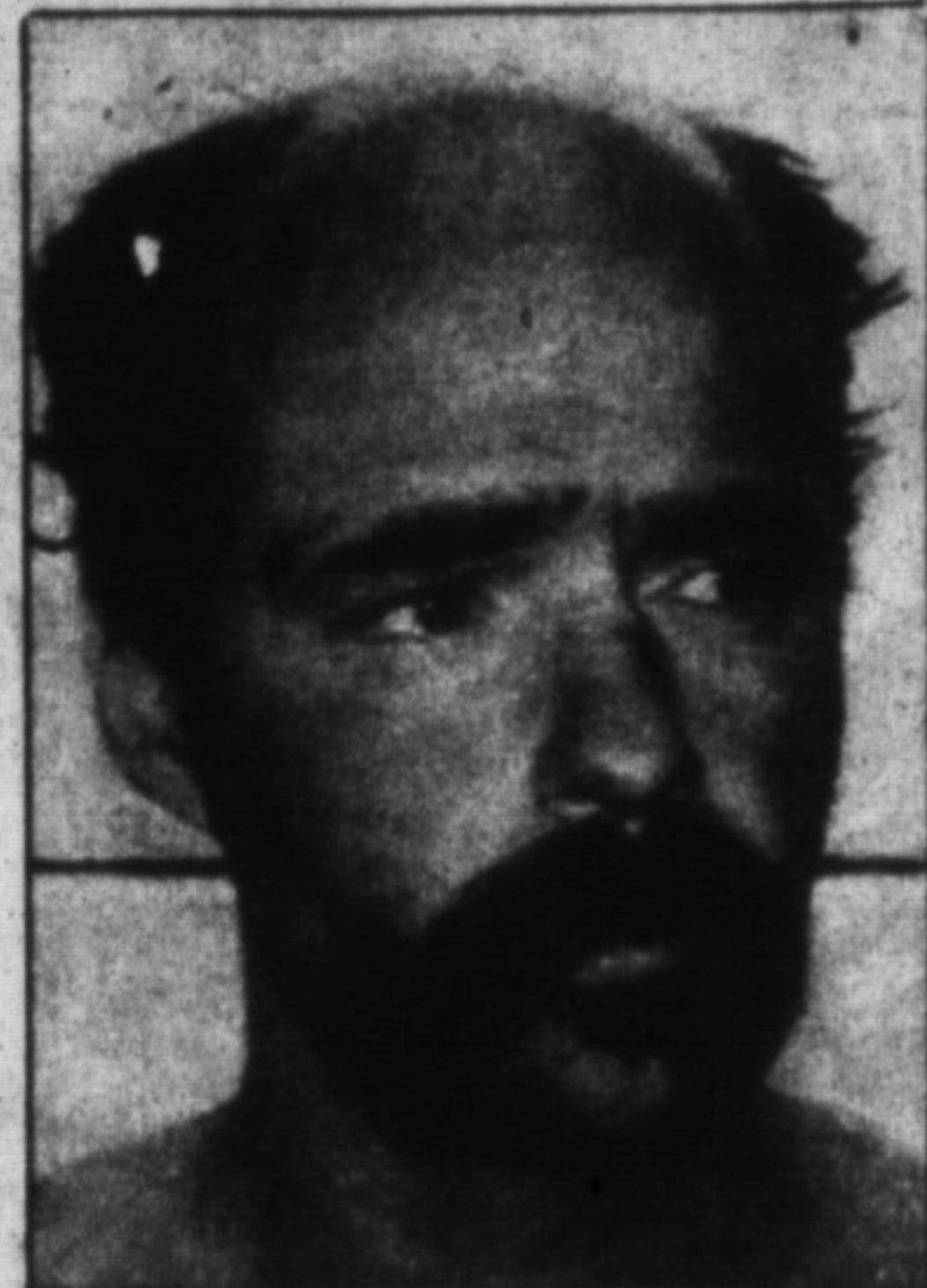
The Tremaine Road woman says her 11th great grandparents were pilgrims Isaac and Mary Allerton, who sailed overseas to Plymouth, Massachusetts on the Mayflower in December, 1620.

The finding left Mrs. Roser, 40, wanting to know everything about the Mayflower settlers.

The pilgrims were English Puritans, who left their homeland seeking religious freedom. One hundred and two passengers arrived via the famous ship, but only 48 were still alive after the winter of 1621.

During her research, Mrs. Roser became frustrated with the lack of information available (and even some misinformation) so she decided

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Mitchell James Owen

## RCMP issues warrant

By KAREN SMITH

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A Canada-wide, first-degree murder warrant has been issued for the arrest of a man in connection with the slaying of Pamela Cameron.

RCMP in Surrey, British Columbia, are overseeing a nationwide manhunt for Mitchell James Owen, 39, of no fixed address. He is considered dangerous.

The suspect is described as white, tanned, five-foot-10, 175 pounds, bald with brown remaining hair, brown eyes and a Fu Manchu mustache. He may have scratches on his forehead.

Pamela, 16, who grew up in Milton and recently moved with her parents to South Surrey, B.C., was found suffocated in a wooded area near her new home October 5.

Cst. Mark Hepburn, spokesman for Surrey RCMP, wouldn't indicate whether or not police have an idea where the suspect may be, or even if they believe he's still in the country.

"We don't want him to know what we're thinking," said Cst. Hepburn.

Police have asked the public to be on the lookout for Mr. Owen, who is originally from Winnipeg. "We're hoping he turns himself in."

The suspect is believed to have been staying with his brother in an apartment near a coffee shop that Pamela visited Oct. 4, the day before she was killed. Residents in the Vancouver area have reportedly laid nearly 150 bouquets near the murder scene, symbolizing the grief and outrage the city feels over the slaying.

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