

Lakefront Is Best Viewing Point

Comet Kohoutek: tips on photography

The Stop The Comet lunatic fringe in the U.S.A. has failed in their efforts to shoot it down so Kohoutek has come to Mississauga, bringing with it city status and a raft of questions by amateur photographers on how to capture the visitation on film.

naked eye. Telescopes are not recommended because their field of view is too narrow for close bright comets.

Lake Ontario frontage areas probably offer the best view in mid December, but now is the best time for viewing before it fades from view in late February.

It appears about an hour after sunset in the southwest sky, reportedly as bright as a slim crescent moon. The best instrument for observing Kohoutek is a pair of low power binoculars or the

tripod, locate the comet and use the following exposure and time formation.

Using a normal 50 to 55 millimetre lens and a 400 ASA black and white film set the aperture at f 2.8 and expose for 30 seconds. Bracket the exposure by as much as five f-stops on either side.

If any light is present the use of a through-the-lens metering system is recommended. Moonlight also hampers effective exposure and necessitates the use of a meter.

When using a 135 millimetre telephoto lens set your aperture at f 3.5 and expose for 45 seconds when

the sky is totally dark. If an extreme telephoto lens is used a clock driven tripod mount is advised to counteract the movement of the earth. Set it wide open for two seconds.

A 160 ASA colour slide film will work if exposed for 80 seconds at f 2.8 when using a 50 to 55 millimetre lens. For a 135 millimetre telephoto lens set the aperture at f 3.5 and expose for two minutes.

For such long exposures the colour quality of the slide will be different than expected and appropriate filters should be used if proper colour rendition is desired.



Yule's last gasp! Adelmola Torfe feeds discarded Christmas trees into shredder at Credit River Park as holiday season gives way to regular routine of daily life. (Times photo by Ray Saitz).

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Three men acquitted of extortion charges

A 45-year-old Streetsville man was acquitted Thursday of trying to extort \$6,000 from a Burlington insurance agent with whom he worked.

Paul Poulin of Burnhamthorpe Road, along with two Downsview men who were co-defendants, was acquitted by Judge I.A. Vannini on the grounds that there was reasonable doubt about their guilt.

The trio were charged with threatening 29-year-old James Charles Bullock of Burlington who worked with them previously at Planned Investment Corporations in Toronto. The four men planned to start their own firm.

When the scheme fell through the other three men claimed he owed them \$6,000, Bullock testified. He denied this and said they

could sue him if they wanted. He admitted that no threats had even been made on his wife or family.

The presiding judge, in announcing his finding, said Bullock claimed Poulin had mentioned turning the \$6,000 debt over to a bill collector in a June, 1973 conversation. But the conversation was

recorded by police who had fitted Bullock with a microphone and the tape didn't show any mention of a bill collector, the judge said.

In acquitting the men, Judge Vannini termed the crown's case weak and called the evidence of the chief witness for the prosecutor unreliable.

Drugs uncovered

Morality officers of the Peel Region Police stopped a half-ton truck on Mississauga Road Monday night and a search turned up 35 pounds of marijuana hidden in a suitcase in the

vehicle. The officers stopped the truck with a lone passenger about 9:30 p.m. and made the search.

Charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking is Ronald William Roche, 26 of 180 Mill St. in Brampton. He is being held in custody for a bail hearing.

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Regional police hire own administrator

The newly-formed Peel Region Police commissioners and for the first time has hired a full-time administrator.

Staff Sergeant Rod Gilmour, on a year's leave of absence from his police position, will act as the association's administrator from an office at 208 Queen St. in Streetsville.

The president says his job is a "new concept" for Peel police.

He will be responsible for administering the funds generated from the police dues structure and will also be concerning himself with police benefits and working conditions.

"We're going to try and buy and land and build an

association building," says Gilmour who calls the item of "prime importance" at this point to the association. The building would include a health club and recreation facilities.

Gilmour says he will also act as the police officer's spokesman on issues which concern the almost 400 Peel policemen responsible for the daily investigation of criminal and traffic offences and administration of justice.

Only the police chief and deputy chief are not members of the association.

Gilmour says he believes

the full-time appointment will be a benefit to the police commissioners. "There'll be a liaison man they can easily get to and talk to whenever there are problems. We can get together and discuss them promptly."

Gilmour has nothing but praise for the "businesslike approach" taken by the commission in the recent negotiations which resulted in an overall 10.5 per cent increase in police salaries. The 30 hours of bargaining produced a total package that Gilmour says the association is "very happy" with. "Both sides took a mature outlook. They're

gentlemen," he claims. The association president says police officers are more professional in their outlook now with educational and other standards much stricter than they have been in the past.

"We think of ourselves as professionals," he says. "It takes a different breed of man to do this job."

Under the new contract a fourth class constable will earn an annual salary of \$9,158. A third class constable will be paid \$11,122; a second class constable \$12,463; and a first class constable \$13,400. A sergeant and a detective will each make \$14,740 with a staff sergeant or detective-sergeant getting \$16,081 and an inspector \$18,304.

A staff inspector is rated at \$19,646, a superintendent at \$20,986 and a staff superintendent will earn no less than \$22,186 although an exact figure has not been set.

Both Gilmour and police chief Douglas Burrows have indicated they are happy the contract was settled before the transition to the regional force actually began Jan. 1.

Peel 1972 birth rate highest in Ontario

Peel County had the highest birth rate of any health unit area in Ontario in 1972, according to a report by the research and analysis branch of the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Peel recorded 5,410 live births — a rate of 19.3 per 1,000 population. There were 2,846 boys born and 2,564 girls. The population of Peel in 1972 was 280,300.

The region of Waterloo with an 18.2 per 1,000 birth rate was closest to the Peel mark.

The provincial government report also shows Peel to have the lowest quota of unwed mothers — 4.6 per 1,000 population. It also has one of the lowest rates of stillbirths in Ontario.

The infant mortality rate was the lowest in the province at 4.0 per 1,000 population. This is attributable to "the good medical care and living standard of the citizenry" local health unit director Dr. R.D. Appleford claims.

He says the increasing population points out the future needs for services, such as schools, parks and health.

New Employment Standards

Read about these important changes...they affect most workers and employers in Ontario.

The New Minimum Wage

General hourly	\$ 2.00
Learner Rate hourly	1.90
Student Rate hourly	1.65
Construction Rate hourly	2.25
Ambulance Drivers and Helpers	
Weekly Rate	96.00
Hourly Rate	2.00

Paid Statutory Holidays

This Year, qualified employees will be entitled to four statutory holidays with pay: Good Friday, Labour Day, Dominion Day, and Christmas Day.

Next Year three additional paid statutory holidays will be added to the list: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Victoria Day.

Qualifications

To qualify for a paid statutory holiday a worker must: Be employed for the three months immediately prior to the holiday; work on 12 of the 30 days preceding the holiday; and work on his or her regular day of employment preceding and following the holiday.

If an employee agrees, an employer may, within 30 days, substitute another working day for the holiday.

If a qualified employee, who does not have a substitute arrangement, works on a statutory holiday, payment must be at the regular rate, plus time and a half. An employee who does not qualify for a paid holiday, must be paid time and a half for each hour worked on a statutory holiday.

Exemptions

There are some exemptions to The Employment Standards Act. For example, with certain exceptions, the Act does not apply to an employee on a farm engaged in the primary production of food, seeds, grain and tobacco.

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Real Estate

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