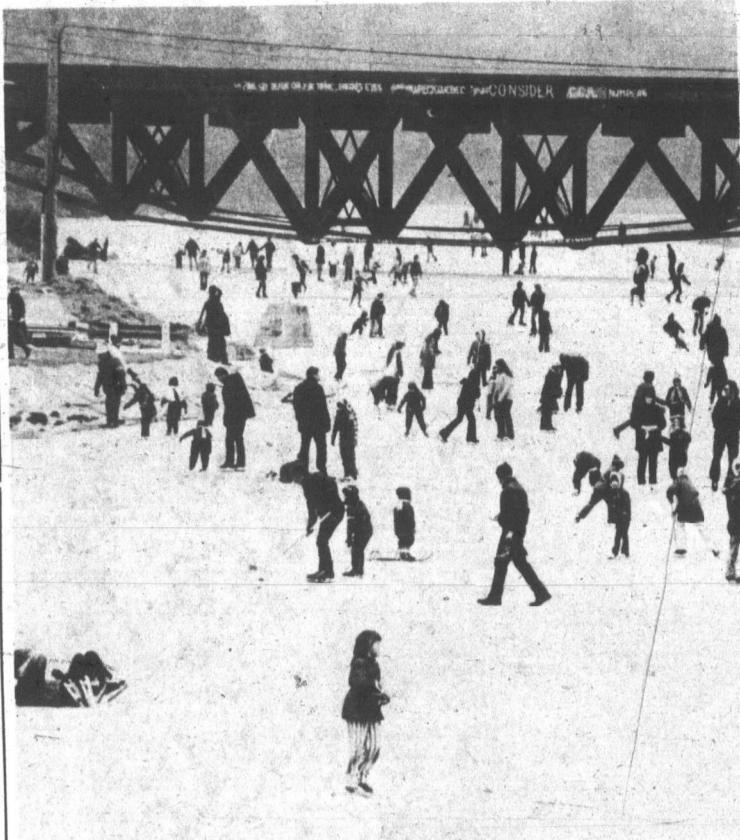


Three men charged in copper wire theft

Mississauga police have charged three men in connection with the theft of \$30,000 worth of copper wire from a Malton trucking firm. Thieves broke into the Sure-Way Transport Limited garage at 3355 Elmbank Dr. Jan. 2 and stole a truck containing the wire. They gained entrance by breaking the glass in a bay door window. The truck was recovered the next morning on Highway 400 just south of Highway 7. This week police arrested Johannes Venhorst, 28 of

Rabbit Lane in Islington and Donald Harold Barrager, 36 of Walkers Line in Burlington at their homes. They were each charged with break and enter and theft. Al Pollack of Whitby was charged with possession of stolen property after being arrested by the Whitby detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. The copper wire was recovered from a junk yard in Goodwood near Uxbridge. The three men charged will appear in provincial court Jan. 31.



Perfect skating conditions attracted hundreds of residents to Credit River north of Lakeshore Road during weekend. See editorial page 4.

Sherbaniuk re-elected planning board head

Doug Sherbaniuk has been unanimously elected to his third consecutive term as chairman of the Mississauga planning board. Councillor Ron Searle was named vice-chairman, also for the third straight year. Ward 6 councillor Jack Kehoe praised the pair on their selection, saying that in his five years on the board, he'd never seen a better executive. The board's new member

is Shirley Campbell of 3536 Golden Orchard Dr., who once appeared before the planners as a ratepayer's representative. Mrs. Campbell is past president of the Applewood Hills Homeowner's Association. She was appointed for a three year term. Other board members are Kehoe, Councillor Glenn Grice, Mayor Chic Murray, Percy Briscoe, William Newbound and Jack Harris.

LIP grant delay means lost month of wages

Peel Community Services has received a \$33,360 grant from the federal Local Initiatives Program but the delay in the government's processing of the application means 11 workers will lose a month's salary. The Peel Information Project was scheduled to begin Dec. 4 and run through May 31. But the delay in the approval means one month's salary will be deducted from the total project according to PCS executive director Phillip Leblanc. There will be no LIP funding beyond the

end of May although the project may continue. The 11 jobs include workers for the Applewood-Dundas Service Information Centre, The Peel-Halton action centre, the proposed distric centre in South Peel, as well as a worker to aid in development of community information programs for cable TV. There will also be a secretary, a secretary-bookkeeper and an overall co-ordinator.

Police beat

The Becker's Milk Store at 1251 Alexandria Ave. was held up Friday night in the first of three armed robberies over the weekend. Police say three men entered the Becker's store at 10 p.m. Friday wearing nylon stockings over their faces. One of the men was carrying a sawed off .22 calibre rifle. They ordered the proprietor to give them all the money and escaped in a car with \$370. Fifteen minutes later, Constables Nick Bodnar and Ed Roulton arrested Michael

Byrne, 18 and Greg Kelly, 20, both of Brampton and Gary Johnston, 21 of Bramalea. The money was recovered and the rifle was located Monday. Two thieves wearing brown balaclavas over their faces walked into the T.I.M. Variety at 1173 Lakeshore Rd. E. Saturday morning, pointed a gun at the 52-year-old woman behind the counter and demanded the money from the till. They got away with \$465 and 30 cartons of various brands of cigarettes. Police are still investigating. A cab driven by Charles Olive of High Park Road in Toronto was robbed Sunday

night after he picked up three youths who asked to be taken to Mississauga. Olive picked up the fare at Bloor and Keele Streets in Toronto. When he got to Crediton Parkway a thong was thrust around his neck and he was forced to hand over \$61. The three riders ripped the microphone from Olive's car, took his car keys and left in his vehicle. A few minutes later, constable Bruce Crocker stopped a taxi and recovered a wallet containing \$61. Charged with robbery with violence are Ken Amof, 17, Bill Julian, 18 and Helen Jolicoeur, 19 all of 227 Indian Rd.

1973 'most critical year' says new board chairman

This year will be "the most critical year" yet for the Peel County Board of Education, newly-elected chairman David Currey says. Currey, at 32 the youngest man to ever lead the largest county board in the province, was acclaimed to the one year post. He is director of placement services at the University of Toronto and trustee for Mississauga Ward 6. Currey emphasized his promise to keep up "a continuing effort by the board to evaluate the programs taught in Peel's 130 schools." He predicted that 1973 would find the board beefing up the teaching curriculum

in the early grades of elementary school and said that the board will be investigating the possibility of launching a Junior Kindergarten program for four-year-olds. These statements come in the wake of poor basic skills performances by many youngsters in their primary years in comparison tests conducted in 1971. Currey foresees a "critical" year in 1973 because of expected provincial belt tightening, particularly in the area of new school construction. The supply of funds may be reduced to a trickle despite a steamrolling enrolment figure. Currey was first elected to

the board in 1971 and during his first two-year term served as chairman of the board's salary committee and as a member of the lands and building committee and a task force which recently launched a pilot program of multiple entry dates to Kindergarten. Dr. Ted Humphreys defeated Garth Burrow for the vice-chairmanship. Burrow served as vice-chairman of the board in 1972. Humphreys is a professor of education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and represents Mississauga Ward 2 on the board.

Use of rezonings concerns Searle

Some developers are obtaining rezonings from Mississauga planning board and then selling their land to other owners who have no intention of building on the basis of the submitted site plan, Councillor Ron Searle has charged. "I'm concerned that site plans are being used to sway this board for speculative purposes," Searle complained, "when the owner has no intention of developing as the site plan applies. The only object is to get a rezoning for a turnover (sale) of the land." "It may not have happened in this case, but it has happened in others." The board was dealing with an application by West

Rose Construction Limited. A rezoning was approved in July of 1971 on a three acre site at the southeast corner of Dundas Street and Southcreek Road. The site plan called for a nine-story office building with a bank and restaurant on the first floor and offices on the other floors. A one storey building for furniture sales was also included in the rezoning from highway commercial and greenbelt to industrial. In December last year architect Ralph Goldman informed the planning department that the land had been sold and the new owners wished to change their application. They asked for a 47,975 square foot industrial warehouse with

more than 12,000 square feet for retail sales. The new site plan showed a two-story building on Dundas and a single-story warehouse behind it. Goldman argued before the board that the new application was in fact "a less intense use" than the original application. But Searle said he was very concerned with the principle involved. He noted that the board is greatly influenced in considering rezonings by a site plan and when it approves a change it often is on the basis of that plan. When land is sold and a different site plan prepared, the board is in effect considering another rezoning, he claimed.

"If this site plan was presented at the original time of the application, we might have made a different judgement," Searle commented. "I think we should take a very, very close look at this." Board member Jack Harris remarked that he would "hesitate to suggest that people would appear on rezonings to deceive the board." "Don't be naive," interjected Councillor Jack Kehoe. The board approved the West Rose application with the proviso that there be only right turn lanes in and out of the site from Dundas Street.

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