

## Now that's a brisk walk

Even the run-around Dale Winter received at city hall wasn't as furious as the pace she and others have to set just to cross Clarkson Road North at Lakeshore Road.

And simply making it across the street before the walk signal changes is the dilemma Clarkson residents face when crossing Clarkson Road.

Mrs. Winter, a concerned Clarkson resident told The Times she has received several complaints from adults and children about the short walk light, which she estimates is only six seconds in duration.

"You get about halfway across the road and you are in danger of getting hit by a car because the light has changed," she said. "It's very confusing and dangerous."

She said a call to city hall produced no results. She said a comment made by a city employee that no one had been injured at the corner prompted her to wonder if the city has to wait for a tragedy before repairing the light.

Tom O'Dwyer, vice-chairman of the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council (MTSC) has assured Winter the problem will be addressed by the MTSC.

O'Dwyer said he would carry out a safety inspection of the area to determine what could be done.

"The walk signal should be nine seconds at least," he said. "It's possible that the light broke down and the crew failed to check the timing before reactivating it."

# Fugitives not safe from this driver

An Esso serviceman returning home from a late night call witnessed a police chase and assisted a Peel police officer to arrest two suspects last week.

Ed Stabler of Sandgate Crescent was driving home from a service call in the Dixie-Dundas area about 2 a.m. Tuesday morning when he saw a car (later identified as stolen) being pursued by a police cruiser run a red light and crash into a pole.

Stabler saw three men flee the car and a lone police officer chase them through a field. Stabler raced to the assistance of Constable Ivan Strong, and they caught two of the men. Strong arrested Daniel Degasperis, 23, of Downsview and Garry Baker, 22, of Toronto and they were later charged with car theft.

Dorothy Stabler, Ed's wife told The Times her husband treated it as "part of a day's work."

"If more citizens took action there'd be fewer crimes," she said. "I'm proud of him."

Stabler insists there was "nothing to it. It's the police officer who raced after the three men unassisted and I was just afraid that he couldn't handle all three of them in case they turned on him," he said. "I drove my truck over and shone the headlights on one man who tried to hide behind a piece of concrete. I finally got out and told him he was under arrest."

In addition to possession of stolen property, Gordon Pfeiffer, 24, of Toronto, was charged with break and enter.

## Chief says city behind in firefighting gear

Fire chief Joe Miller says fire protection for high rise apartment buildings in Mississauga is "very much below standard."

Miller told city capital budget discussions last week that he would like to see council buy a \$195,000 telesquirt unit for the new fire hall at Cawthra Road and Third Street.

Using a slide show illustrating the number of fires along the waterfront in Mississauga, Miller demonstrated that protection in the Port Credit area is

below standard. The city's three existing 100-foot aerials are located at Erindale, Dixie and Central fire stations.

The telesquirt unit would eliminate the need for a replacement pumper for the Lakeview station this year and give firemen a 75-foot ladder to work with for high rise fires at the same time, Miller said.

The 1979 recommended capital budget for fire facilities includes \$400,000 for a new Meadowvale West station, \$48,000 to complete the training facility at the Britannia Station and the \$95,000 for Lakeview pumper.

## Council has great debate on when to pose for photo

City councillors certainly aren't camera shy but they balked at having their pictures taken on Saturday morning.

Steven Mahoney objected because he had to take his two sons to hockey that morning. Frank McKechnie objected to coming in at all on Saturday.

Margaret Marland told councillors that they'd known about the date for two weeks and no one had

objected.

Frank Bean wanted to know why the picture was needed. Public relations director Jim Kaakee explained that a portrait

taken on the night of the inaugural meeting was not official because the Mayor Hazel McCallion was not wearing the chain of office.

Since several councillors suggested they weren't coming Saturday, the photo session was cancelled.

## 'Taj Mahal' libraries are on their way out

There will be no more "Taj Mahal" district libraries in Mississauga if

Ward 8 Councillor Steven Mahoney told library board chairman Don Tough and chief librarian Noel Ryan last Friday that "we just can't go on building monuments to individuals or organizations."

Ryan and Tough presented a preliminary five-year capital budget, as yet unapproved by the library board, which set out a construction program based on the assumption that a \$6.5 million central library won't be built before 1983 as the board had hoped.

As a result, they have

juggled their building program to call for construction of a major district library in Erin Mills South over the next two years at a cost of about \$2 million. Mahoney, who represents the area, will hold public meetings about the proposal and predicted that his residents would prefer a small storefront library in a plaza rather than a separate building.

The possibility of combining the library with a proposed secondary school in Erin Mills South Common was also discussed. Tough explained that he favored the concept but there are many "inherent problems" which must be worked out.

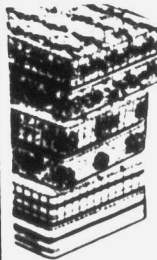
Ward 2 Councillor Margaret Marland said she wouldn't support another separate district library building unless some effort was made to cooperate with Board of Education expansion.

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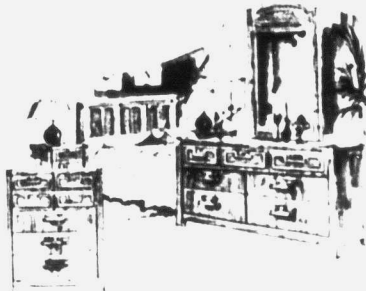
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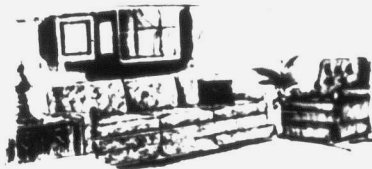
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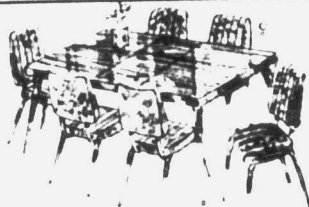
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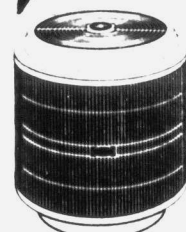
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