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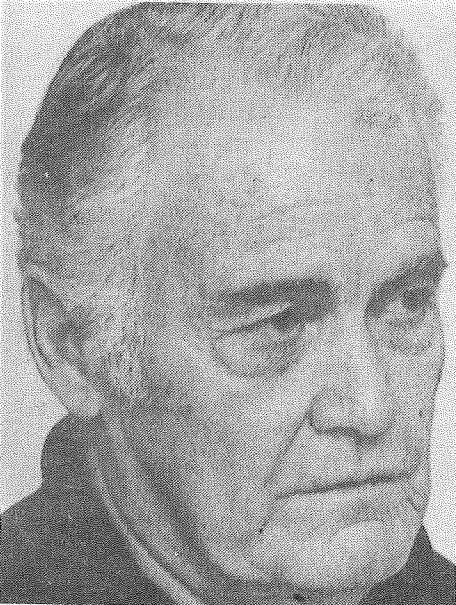
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# The former town's last police chief

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## what are they doing now?



Bruce Kivell, Mississauga's police chief for two years in the early 1970s, is now enjoying retirement.

Bruce Kivell, chief of the Mississauga police for two years in the early 1970s, joined the force long before there was a Mississauga.

The time was the spring of 1946 and the area, known then as Toronto Township, was mostly rural, the population small and the police force a tiny group of six.

"Of course in those days, we didn't have any murders and very few armed robberies," recalls Kivell. "In fact, it seems to me that it's only since I had to retire in 1973 that the violent stuff really started."

Kivell, 63, joined the force "as soon as I got out of the army."

"In fact, I had the job lined up before I got my discharge," he said.

He had nearly joined the Ontario Provincial Police, but changed his mind after hearing from a friend that the Toronto Township force was hiring.

"That sounded like a pretty good idea because I'd had enough travelling during the war, and I wasn't really looking forward to being shipped all over the province in the OPP."

He entered the force as a constable, but

his days in uniform were short-lived. In just over a year, Kivell became the county's only plainclothesman, the first in a series of promotions that led to his appointment as deputy chief in 1958 and chief in 1972.

However, he was forced to retire about a year later, shortly after he turned 55, when his eyesight failed.

"I could see enough to get around, but not enough to, say, be able to identify people or read. I have no doubt if my eyes hadn't gone, I would have been there until I was at least 60."

He says that, after years of total involvement in police work, he at first missed the force.

"But for the first period it was more like an extended holiday."

Since then, Kivell has found retirement allows him more time with wife Dorothy and his mother, daughter and three grandchildren.

And, though limited in vision, he enjoys neighborhood walks and an occasional game of golf with long-time friend Gord Stanfield, another veteran of the force.

Ironically, retirement has also allowed Kivell to keep up with his "reading," through talking books from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

"In fact, I've gone through more books in the last nine years than I had previously."

Of course, Kivell says, he's not as mobile as he was or would like to be. But while he's legally blind, he remains thankful for the partial vision he does have.

"When you see some other people with their problems, I think I'm lucky."

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