

# Halton crime up 1.6% in first six months

A comparison of the first six months of this year with the first half of 1975 shows crime has jumped 1.6 per cent in Halton.

Halton Police Commission received the news of the crime increase Thursday and Chairman Glenn Magnuson, Georgetown, indicated he was pleased with the small increase. Magnuson observed the increases were in the area of minor crimes.

Between January and June of this year, Halton Police have investigated 8,608 crimes of which the force found 251 were unfounded.

During the same six month period in 1975, police investigated 8,496 reports of crimes of which 277 were deemed unfounded.

The overall clearance rate,

or the percentage of cases solved, has dropped.

So far this year police have solved 47.8 per cent of Halton's crimes while during the first six months of 1975 they solved 49.2 per cent of the cases investigated.

Approximately 20 per cent of Halton's crimes during the first half of this year occurred in Georgetown, Acton, Esquesing or urban Milton, Superintendent Floyd Schwartz, District One Commander, reported.

So far this year police in North Halton have investigated 1,767 crimes of which 96 have been classified unfounded.

Police in District One boast a clearance rate of 55 per cent, almost eight per cent higher than the regional rate.

The same report shows police haven't been able to arrest or bring in for questioning as many suspects in connection with Halton's 8,351 crimes.

During the first six months of 1975 3,627 people were brought in while during the same time period this year 3,509 have been picked up.

Total persons apprehended shows police have made some steps forward since last year in picking up people in connection with crimes such as sex offences, assault, store break-ins, thefts, shoplifting, frauds, possession of stolen goods, drugs and municipal by-laws.

At the same time arrests for robbery, house and institution break-ins, stolen cars, vandalism and liquor offences have dropped.



G. W. (Pat) McKenzie

# Hotchen's decision..

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Nielsen, as a member of the town parking authority, could not also speak as a member of the merchants' group.

Members of the parking authority should be told if Acton merchants want the parking or not, and it is their responsibility to go further.

There must be a majority of property owners—not tenants—in favor, so the whole area can be assessed. Tenants could make their desires known to landlords he said.

After a decision is made, then the next step is financing, to be determined by the committee.

Council is protected by the Ontario Municipal Board which ensures the majority must be in favour before a decision is made.

Mr. Sykes stressed the property is not yet purchased.

Others attending as observers were Flo Charlebois, Dave and Alma Sweetman, and Corie von Merkestem.

As the group left councillor Pat McKenzie explained to them the committee would not be discussing the matter, since its proper direction now is to the parking authority.

Members of Halton Hills parking authority are Paul Nielsen of Acton, Henry Helmsent and Robert Gougeon of Georgetown.

Present at the committee meeting in the former Georgetown town offices were councillors Sykes, McKenzie, Levy and Miller, clerk Doug Pritchard, treasurer Ray King and assistant planner Ron Burnett.

# Health council members named

Members of the Halton District Health Council have been named in an order-in-council approved by the Lieutenant-Governor July 21.

The advisory committee, recommended by the Minister of Health, is to advise on the planning and co-ordination of health services in Halton region.

Designated chairman is Terence Baines Q.C. of R.R. 2, Georgetown.

### Councillors

Three are members of regional council, G. W. McKenzie of Acton, David Coons of Burlington and Mayor Harry Barrett of Oakville.

Others are Mrs. Joyce Armour, Aldershot; Mrs. Diane Ball, Oakville; Robert Burford Ph. D., Burlington; Edgar Foster, Milton; General Howard Graham, Oakville; Mrs. Vivian Kruger, R.R. 3, Georgetown; Ian McIntyre M.D., Burlington;

Ms. Estrid Manore, Oakville; Mrs. Anne Marie Russell, Burlington; Donald Russell, D.D.S., Carleton Place; and Verne Waldorf, M.D., Oakville.

Mr. Foster, a retired school principal, is chairman of Milton hospital board.

Innovation The health council is new to Halton.

Appointees applied and were interviewed.

In making the announcement, Minister of Health Frank Miller said "the council will have a very important role in the shaping of the health care of citizens of your district in the future."

# Water a luxury

Halton Hills Tennis Association, the group which supervises tennis all over town, sees the need for water fountains at the courts as important, but Councillor George Malthby thinks they are a luxury.

He stated the town might install them but the clubs should pay the cost of repair and maintenance. He said vandalism would wreck them in a short time.

Councilor Roy Booth said he had seen fountains in Toronto that couldn't be vandalized without a sledge hammer. He said they are all concrete.

Malthby said there are kids playing soccer at Pineview and at the high schools, who can't get a drink because the water is shut off. "If we put fountains at tennis courts we'll have to put them at school playing fields—and everywhere else."

He contended drinking fountains are a luxury the tennis clubs will have to provide for themselves.

The committee will take no action until the recreation director's report on drinking fountains is completed.

# Solve 50% in north

Halton Regional Police in North Halton compiled a better solved crime rate last month than the regional average.

District One commander Superintendent Floyd Schwartz reported this week that officers covering Georgetown, Esquesing, Acton and

urban Milton chalked up a 51 per cent clearance rate on the 351 crimes police investigated during June. Twenty of the crimes investigated were classified unfounded.

Across the region police investigated 1,851 cases of which 51 were deemed unfounded and the officers compiled a 47.6 per cent solved rate.

Halton police investigated 718 thefts last month, 111 of which occurred in North Halton.

Of the 130 break-ins at stores, homes, schools and churches reported, 28 were in District One.

As usual, vandalism was high in Halton with 88 incidents being reported in North Halton and 387 throughout the region.

All 10 sex offences reported in Halton last month took place in the south. These were not rape cases.

Police made 45 drug arrests in June. Seven were made in the north, along with 37 liquor offences in District One and 138 in all Halton.

Seven of Halton's 39 fraud cases took place in the north and 17 of the region's 83 assaults.

There were four cases investigated by officers in the North involving offensive weapons.

One of three robberies, and one of three woundings in Halton last month, took place in North Halton.



COOLING OFF from Monday's hot sun, nine-year-old Gary McGuire and seven-year-old Joseph Nellis take a rest from their swimming. Joseph is visiting from Greenock, Scotland and will be leaving next week after a month's stay.

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# Swine flu

# Massive immunization program possible

Halton Regional Health Unit is preparing for what could be a massive immunization program to fight a possible outbreak of Swine Flu.

Director of Nursing Dorothy Craig said more details would be available after a meeting scheduled for Aug. 9.

Miss Craig said there had

been an indication that the vaccine would be available but how much is not known.

Miss Craig said the original proposal was for a mass program reaching everyone from the age of 20 to age 50 and all of those over age 65. It may be necessary to restrict it only to certain groups of the population, she cautioned.

### USA program

A massive program is underway in the United States and Canada is following suit with a program here. A major outbreak occurred in 1918 and the epidemic was severe with a high death rate. Swine Flu is a type of influenza.

While most of the details concerning a program in Halton remain unknown at this time Miss Craig said that if and when a program was held it would be held by the Health Units. "We are certainly making preparations so we'll be ready if and when the time comes."

A virus almost identical to that of the 1918 Swine Flu has been identified in parts of the United States.

# Social planning

A seven member Steering Committee with representatives from North Halton, Burlington and Oakville has been formed with a goal to begin inspecting the regional aspects of social planning sometime in August.

Nominees have since accepted their positions on the Steering Council and have agreed to work to produce a blueprint on Regional Social Planning which will be "in the interest of and benefit to all citizens of Halton."

It is hoped plans will include provisions for organized Youth Services, Networks and Day Centre.

Members of the new Social Planning Steering Committee for Halton Region are: Dr. Des Connor and Tom Tiley for the Oakville Social Planning Council; Walter Mulke-

wich and Joe Hujer for the Burlington Social Planning Council; Peter Marks and Miss Dorothy Craig from North Halton; and G. G. Heym as representative of the Halton Human Services Council.

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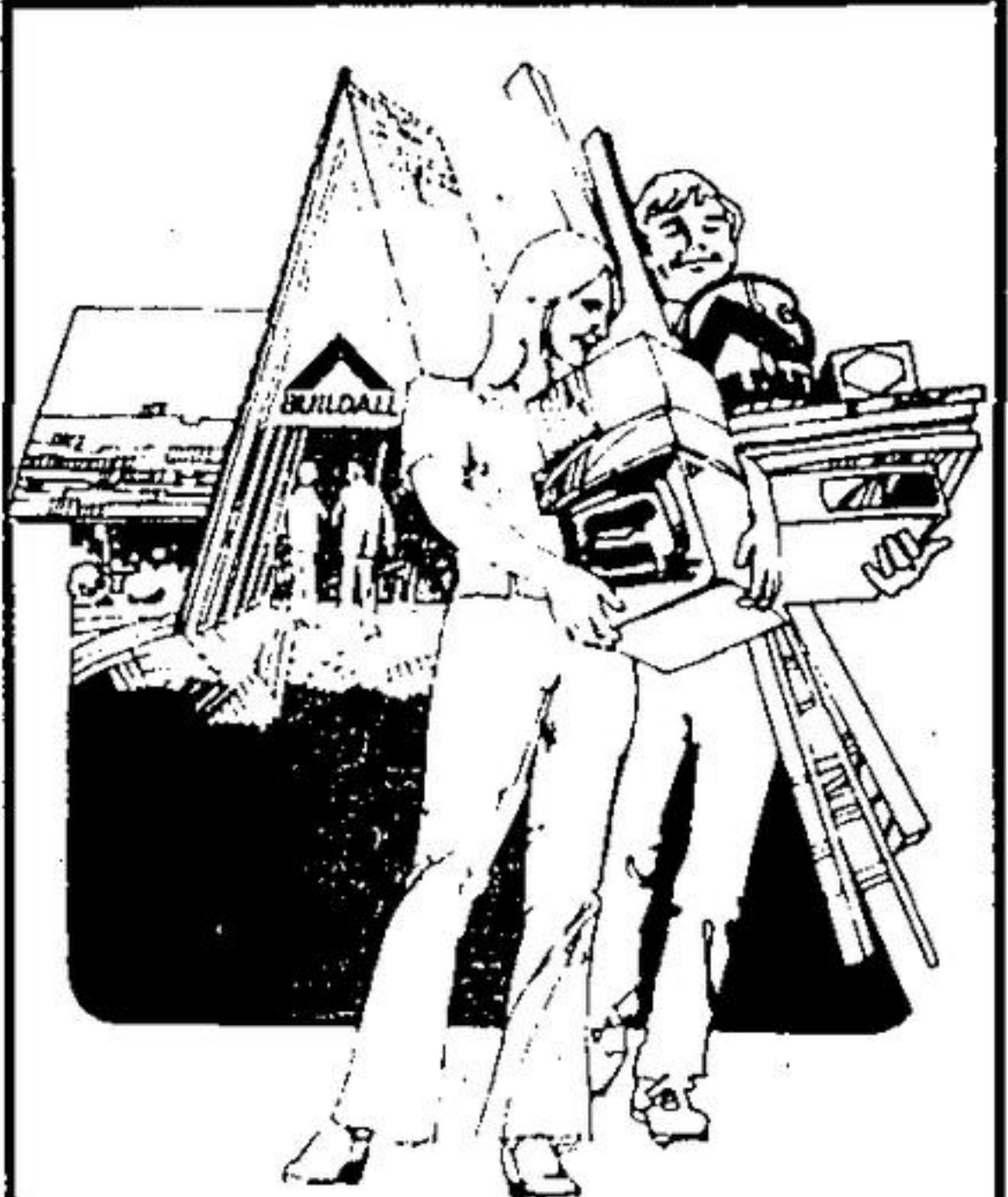
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Above, I have referred to "these many years" but really it is not so. Time has passed rather quickly because there was always time for fun in my place of business. I can think of only two days when closing time seemed slow in coming.

Many of you have wished me well on my retirement and have enquired as to my plans for the future. Frankly, I haven't any. My wife Ethel and I will probably do a little travelling and we will surely have more time to spend with our children and grandchildren and Acton friends. One thing we do know, however, Acton is our home town and we'll still be around.

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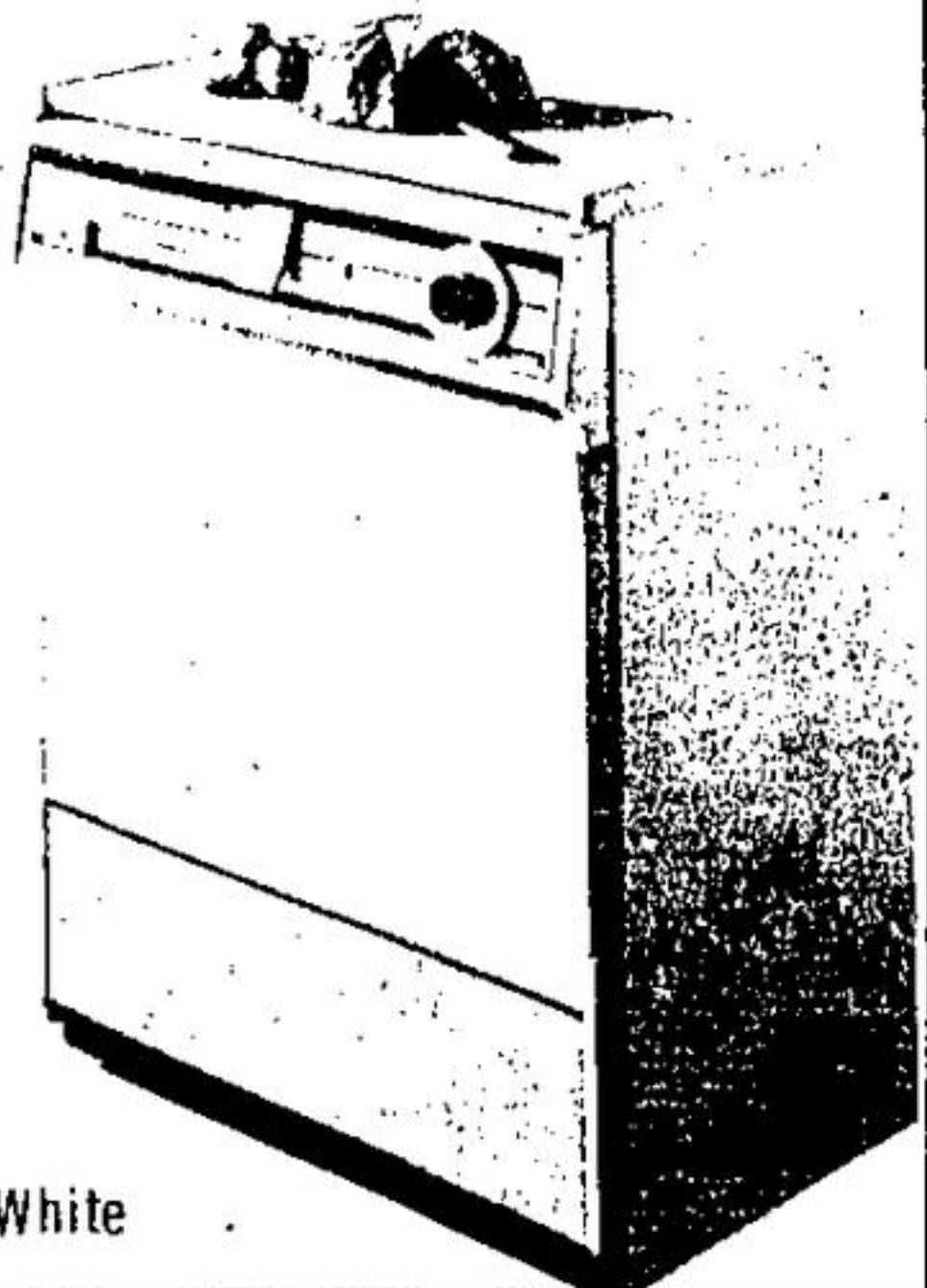
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