



RETIREMENT PARTY WAS held August 31 at Building Products of Canada Ltd. for Fred G. Mellor, who is retiring after 21 years with the firm. Front row, Mr. Mellor with his wife Dorothy. Back row, Hector Daigle, president of Local 603 of the United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America; Dan Boyle, distribution superintendent and Eric Felker, supervisor of distribution. Mr. Mellor was presented with the President's Purse, a cash gift from the employees and a clock from the union. Mrs. Mellor received a bouquet of flowers. The Mellors plan to spend their winters in Florida, where they have purchased a cottage.

North Halton officers solve 54% of 347 crimes

North Halton police continue to lead the rest of the force in solving crimes.

July crime statistics released for the region, Thursday, by Halton Police Commission showed District One, Georgetown, Acton, Esquesing and urban Milton officers solved 54 per cent of the crimes reported while the regional solved rate was 40.7 per cent.

Chief Ken Skerrett told the commission that crime in Halton is up about four per cent over last year.

"Thefts are the worst right now and cars are being ripped off pretty badly, too. Thefts from cars are bad, too," he said.

Skerrett noted in a lot of cases items are being stolen from cars which are left unlocked.

"I don't think it matters much. Locked cars aren't much of a deterrent these days," chairman Glenn Magnuson, Georgetown, said.

Skerrett disagreed that locked cars aren't a deterrent. He said when it comes to professionals a locked car won't help but for the youngster who just decides to steal something from a car he will most likely give up quickly if the car is locked.

"It is kind of hard to get the courts to convict on burglary when we catch someone with a coat hanger. We can't get them to convict with a credit card as a burglary tool," Skerrett noted.

Magnuson observed the regional clearance rate is comparable to previous years.

During July the force investigated a total of 1,655 crimes and 347 were in North

Halton. Crimes in North Halton account for approximately 20 per cent of the regional total.

District One officers investigated 88 theft cases in July while there were 621 thefts in all of Halton.

After seven months Halton Police have investigated over 10,000 crimes and solved 46.6 per cent.

North Halton police arrested 132 men, 29 women and 35 juveniles in connection with the 347 crimes reported in July.

Services

A truck travelling down John St. at 5 a.m. Saturday morning ripped the electrical services from the Norton home at the corner of Church and John. The noise and flash woke neighbors.

Carrier

Mrs. Gerry Butler is the new letter carrier for the part-time walk, called walk six. She is replacing Lene Larsen, who is attending Seneca College taking a course in outdoor recreation.

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Schwartz concern

There have been six fatal accidents in North Halton so far this year and that is an "exceedingly high rate" Halton Regional Police Superintendent Floyd Schwartz said in an interview this week.

"I am very concerned that in District One, (Georgetown, Acton, Esquesing, and urban Milton) which isn't really very densely populated that we should have six fatal accidents in eight months," Schwartz said.

He appealed to all motorists to exercise more care when driving and urged bicyclists to obey the traffic laws.

Schwartz said some of the fatalities have involved bicyclists and noted there are more and more people riding bikes these days so both motorists and bicyclists must exercise more caution.

"I have seen people riding bikes who are going down the road the wrong way, going through stop signs and riding at night without adequate lights," Schwartz pointed out.

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