

# Home and business security concerns police



HEATHER PORTE hunts through a rack of men's trousers for a customer in her new store, Larry's House of Buys.

## House of Buys for entire family

The entire family can be outfitted at Larry's House of Buys, in the former Marilyn's Village Boutique Building. The business is owned by Heather and Larry Porte and is a long-time dream realized. The two had wanted to open a business in Acton for some time, but they could not find a suitable building. When Marilyn's closed, the couple jumped at the chance.

House of Buys doors were opened on March 31. Mr. Porte had had some experience buying clothes from wholesalers and selling them to stores, but for his wife, the store was totally new line of work. Until one week before the store opened, Mrs. Porte was a nurse at St. Joseph's hospital in Guelph.

The store offers the family a place to go to get good quality clothes at reasonable prices. Ladies' and children's clothes are selling the best, Mrs. Porte explained. She admitted they do not have much for the teenagers,

because they are so hard to fit—in between children's and adults' sizes.

Most of the clothes sold in the store are casual wear, Mrs. Porte pointed out. Layaway and ChargeX are available.

Mrs. Porte said a surprising number of people come into the store still thinking it is Marilyn's Village Boutique, in spite of the fact the signs were up for several weeks, announcing the closing. She hopes to eventually change the interior of the store from the stucco effect done by the previous owner. Mrs. Porte explained the store looked excellent decorated this way before, but now that she is selling casual clothes, it is all too formal.

Business is booming, Mrs. Porte said, in spite of the so-called recession. She does not think inflation and unemployment have stopped people buying. "People are still spending money regularly," she said.

## Another try for Chapel St. school

The possibility of the town buying Chapel Street school, and land, surfaced again at Halton Hills finance committee, Monday night.

Councillor Roy Booth raised the question when he noted St. John's United Church had bought the piece of land adjacent to the church for a parking lot. He suggested the town should reconsider buying the remainder of the property.

Last year council voted, after lengthy discussions, not to buy the land and school, and told Halton Board of Education that.

Booth claimed the residents in the area were worried about the possibility of having high or medium density homes on the land. He pointed out the cost should be less since there is now less land involved.

He said Georgetown high school students are circulating a petition asking the land be bought by the town for recreational purposes. "We should either reaffirm our position or have another look at it." He claimed there would be money available from the unused portion approved for a library in Cedarvale, now rejected by the O.M.B. He pointed out he was not suggesting the old school building be retained.

Councillor Peter Marks suggested the Board of Education may feel they have already dealt with the town's chance to buy it.

Chairman Russ Miller stated some residents were suggesting a few single family lots and the rest parkland.

Councillor Peter Marks maintained the Recreation Director said there was no need of parkland in that area. Miller contended if the town did buy the land there would be people pressuring council to keep the building as an historical site, which would mean costly renovations.

Councillor Walter Blehn said he felt the town should have bought it in the first place for \$125,000 and sold some of the land as lots. "It was a good business proposi-

All over North America, crime is on the upswing. Because of this, the Halton Regional Police have drawn up a list of suggestions on how to protect homes and business.

For home security, the police suggest the installation of proper locks, and the placement of pieces of wood in sliding window tracks. The various types of locks will be on display soon at the Georgetown police office for Police Week, May 15.

Valuables should be placed in safety deposit boxes, and marked with the owner's social insurance numbers. (Engravers are available through individual insurance companies.) All serial numbers should be recorded, and objects which cannot be marked or are of a very high value, such as paintings,

jewellery etc., should be photographed.

Anyone arriving home consistently after dark, police say, should consider putting the yard and house lights on a timer, and a radio should be kept on in the home when no one is there to discourage would-be thieves. This should particularly be done in apartments.

Police discourage home owners from leaving keys under mats, in mail slots, etc., leaving notes saying the owner is away, and leaving lawn mowers, bikes, etc., around the yard there they can be carried away.

For the country home owner, police have drawn up some individual "do's" to protect their property. It is suggested there be a controlled access to the driveway, by means of a gate.

Yard lights should be on a light sensor, and home lights on a timer. Home owners should be suspicious of anyone going door to door asking directions, selling, etc. They could be checking to see if a home is vacant.

Homeowners are encouraged to report their suspicions.

A small alarm system or a dog will also discourage thieves, police say. The final "Do" for country dwellers is, to encourage neighbors to drop by and check the property.

Friends also come in handy in the protection of the home

while on vacation. If going away for a while, the homeowner should ask a friend to clear the mailbox; keep the front steps clear of newspaper; snow (in winter) and mow the lawn (in summer); check the home for breakins, water leaks, furnace working, etc.; and park his car in the vacant driveway. Owners should also consider having a friend or relative occupy the home for the duration of the vacation. In the case of a cottage owner, frequent winter visits to check there is no break-in are suggested.

Before the homeowner leaves for his vacation, he should check with his insurance company. Some companies require a vacancy permit.

Before he departs, the homeowner should leave a phone number with someone in case of emergency, police say. Lights should also be placed on timers, a key should be left with the neighbor and the insurance company should be notified. Police suggest nine points for the small business owner.

Large sums of money should not be left around, and owners should consider leaving a dog in their business. All tools and equipment should be marked, and locked away at the end of the day so they can't be used to break into the safe or do damage.

Owners should not leave vehicle keys on the premises, police say. The cash register should be left open so thieves will not break into it and damage it, and the safe should be placed in a window with a light above it. Police explain no one is going to

break into something if he can be seen from outside. If a fire safe is on the premises, it should be latched, but not locked.

Proper locks should be installed, band used. Employers should limit the possession of keys and have the same person lock up each day. Fences should be considered to limit access to the business property and yard lights should be left on.

No one or no building can be absolutely guaranteed safe from crime, but by following a few simple suggestions, the odds can be reduced.

## HRCA considers permanent home

Halton Region Conservation Authority will hold a special meeting to discuss future plans for a permanent home for authority staffers. No date has yet been set for the meeting.

Authority staffers work from rented headquarters at Trafalgar Square in Milton and some work out of the workshop near Mountsberg.

General Manager Murray Stephen has prepared a report for the authority members dealing with the possibility of moving into the health unit building on King St. which will become vacant when the region occupies new headquarters in Oakville.

In an interview, Mr. Stephen said the health unit building wouldn't be large enough to house all of the authority's staff if all staffers are brought under one roof. He said it would be large enough to accommodate those now working out of offices at Trafalgar Square, though.

He explained the workshop location had proven to be awkward and claims it would be better for the authority if it were located closer to Milton. He says an alternative to

moving to the health unit building would be building on a site the authority owns near Appleby Line and Five Side-road.

The site is large enough to accommodate both the workshop and the office facility.

Meanwhile Halton Regional Council has put the health unit building up for sale.

Burlington Councillor Jack Raftis continues his campaign to try to force the authority into moving into the regional complex in Oakville.

But the prospect of sharing facilities went by the board when the region turned its back on Milton as the site for regional headquarters.

The authority insists that its headquarters remain at the centre of the watershed—in the Milton area.

The fate of the health unit building is part of a larger question that involves the whole block of land. The block currently houses Halton Regional Police detachment and the old county jail and courtrooms. The jail and court facilities will soon be vacant and alternate uses will be sought.



CHARLOTTE HILLIER demonstrates the Health Hustle for parents last Thursday at the M. Z. Bennett open house. Students put on a variety of displays in the gym, including both the Health Hustle and gymnastics, in front of a crowd that packed the gym.

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