

# Don't expect police immediately, chief says

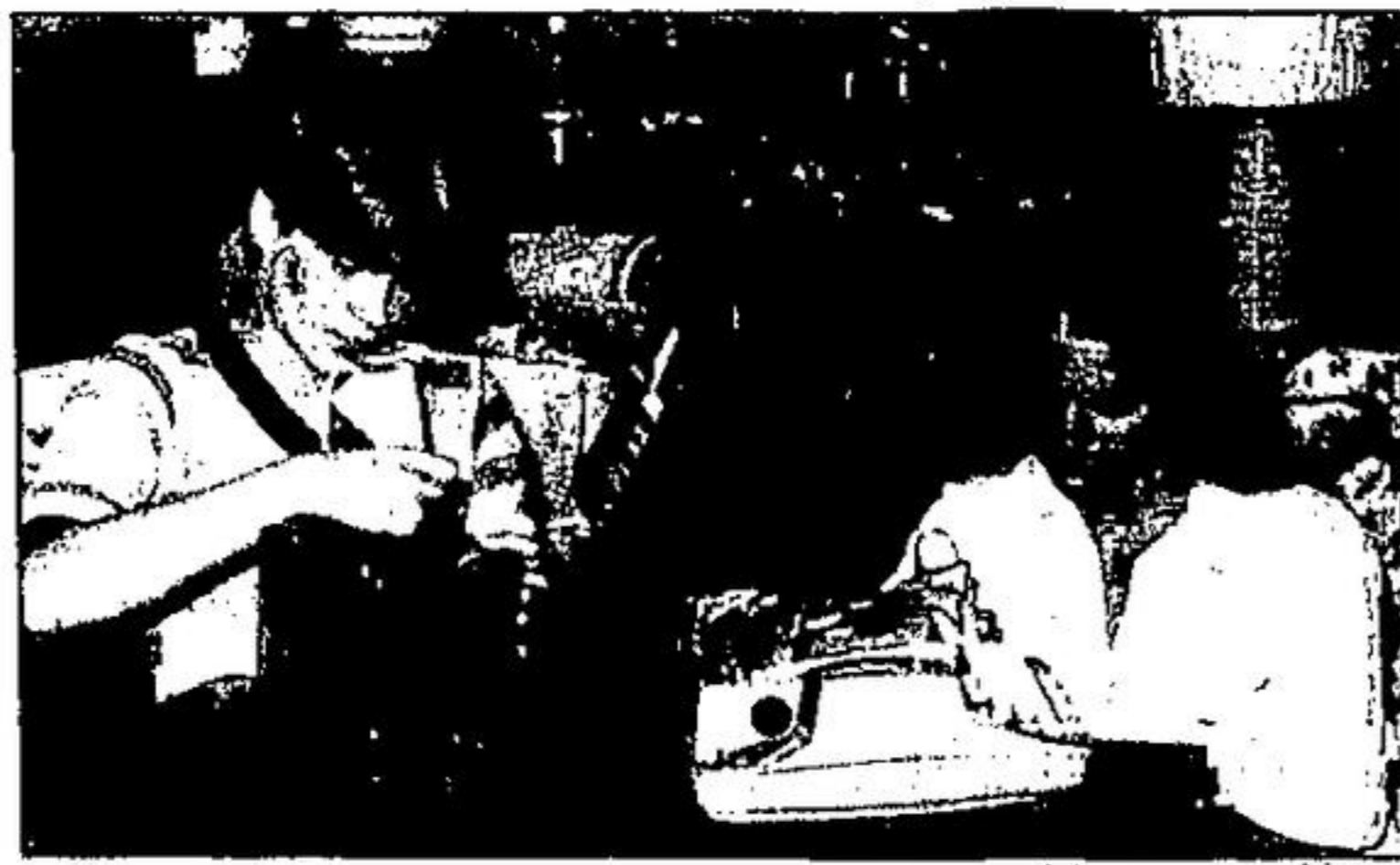
It is time to educate the public that police cannot respond realistically to every call within three minutes, according to Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding.

The demands for police service are such that calls must be answered according to priority, he said.

An individual who returns home after a week-end away to discover his house has been robbed is unlikely to have an officer on the doorstep in two minutes, explained the Chief.

"The public must realize, when there is already a delay in the call to police, there is likely to be a further delay."

He said officers respond to all calls as soon as possible, but are often engaged in dealing with crimes in progress and have to put off other calls.



Karen Paton and Christine Arble of Operation Provident mark business machines at Acton Home Furnishings.

# Crime stopper offered

By Jane Muller

In an effort to deter thieves, Halton Regional Police have created an identification system for business equipment throughout the region.

Each business in Acton, Georgetown and Milton has been given a code number which is filed with the police. This number is engraved on equipment or marked on with a felt pen which may only be seen under ultraviolet light.

The project employs six students for the summer,

but will continue as an ongoing project in the fall.

The identification system is called Operation Provident and is aimed at crime prevention. A business which is protected by this system displays a window sticker to warn thieves the valuables and equipment has a special identification number.

Halton Regional Police in co-operation with the federal government offer the service free, but Heather Praught, a project worker, said some businesses aren't interested as they are insured for losses and can't be bothered.

# Police warn vacationers secure home before leave

Looking forward to your vacation?

So are would-be thieves and burglars. An empty home is the perfect invitation for a crime.

Constable Jeanette Sykes, the crime prevention officer for Halton Hills and Milton, warns vacationers to secure their homes and property before leaving.

She said in an interview it would be a good idea to make an exterior check of a residence, taking into consideration the landscaping and fencing. A would-be burglar uses darkness as

a cover. A well-lighted exterior decreases the risk of criminal activity.

Sykes also said to develop good relationships with your neighbours so they might keep an eye on your property while you're gone.

She said you could also give a trusted neighbour the key so they can check the premises, turn on lights, collect mail or newspapers.

Check all the locks on doors and windows, making sure they're secure. Sykes said a deadbolt lock was the best and there are several others on the market that are jimmy and pick proof.

She added it would be a good idea to change locks if you have just moved, lost a key or had a break-in. Then keep control of the number of keys handed out.

Sykes stressed you should always lock your doors and windows, even if you're working in the backyard. Sliding doors can be secured by placing a broom handle or long stick in the track to prevent it from being pushed open. Frames should be solid so a card can't slip through and hinges should be on the inside.

While you're away, Sykes said leaving on several lights and a radio or television would give the house a lived-in appearance.

And never, never, said Sykes, leave a note on the door for the milkman or paperboy saying you're gone.

"Don't advertise the fact you are going away," she said, "word gets around."

If you are leaving for any length of time, Sykes said the garage door should be closed and locked. "An empty garage means an empty house."

"Also if there are tools or ladders in the garage,

a burglar might use them to gain access to a window. You should look around for garbage pails, ladders, tools and tresses and lock them away."

In an extended absence, Sykes said you should arrange to have the lawn cut or snow shovelled, to give it "that lived-in look."

Valuables and money should not be kept at home, Sykes said, unless you are willing to pay for a safe. Even then the safe would have to be strong and heavy. But she added, homeowners could give consideration to an alarm system or electric timing device where a timer switches on and off a lamp.

Another deterrent would be to mark all property, Sykes said a program underway called identification, where she will lend anyone an engraver or an invisible ink pen to mark their property. Or you can record all the serial numbers of your belongings. That way she said, recovered articles can be returned to the owners.

Decals are handed out with the program that can be placed on windows and doors noting the house and its contents are protected.

A dog is another deterrent whether large or small. Its barking would scare any would-be thief away.

Curtains and blinds should be left open said Sykes. A dark house gives the impression no

one is home.

Neighbours should report any suspicious-looking cars or persons in the area to the police. Apartment dwellers can report it to the police or the superintendent.

Break-ins Sykes said, are on the rise over the past two years, probably due to an increase in population and community growth.

She added it was also an indirect result of drug abuse, where users break-in for money to support their habit.

She added it is difficult to say what's the more popular item on a thief's list. Many may ignore valuable electronic equipment or cameras because they're after money.

But if thieves have a way of disposing of stolen articles, called fences, then they won't hesitate to take stereo.

Sykes said the only method of securing your electronic equipment, besides making the house burglar-proof, is to mark it.

Sykes said a large amount of crime prevention material is available to the public through her or at the local police division.

Material covers auto theft, shoplifting, securing businesses and drugs. She added she'll mail pamphlets to anyone that asks.

She is available as well, to make security checks around the home or business.

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# Bluegrass festival Sat.

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Among the attractions will be Tim Daniels and the Prescott Brothers, Cody, Hickory Ridge, The Taylor County Line, the Taylor Family and the Burnt Biscuit Good-time Band.

With the appearance of the Taylor Family it is the first time gospel singers have performed at the festival.

A clog dance group, the Storey Dancers, have been added to the list of attractions at Hillsburgh this year.

The gates will open at 9 a.m. with the first act, Cody, going on stage at 10 a.m. The festival will wind up at midnight. Bands will entertain on two open stages.

A crowd of about 2,000 is expected and tickets are \$9 for the day for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens and children under 12 are free.

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# Region wants stiffer penalties

Poor operation of Halton's garbage dumps could be causing an increase in roadside litter, according to Halton's Solid Waste Management Committee.

Regional Council last week approved asking the regional solicitor to write to the provincial Attorney-General to ask for increased penalties for roadside dumping.

The problem of garbage along municipal roads was aired at the Solid Waste Management Committee meeting in June when committee members were told that many people were leaving their garbage along roadways because they arrived at regional dumps to find them closed.

"We're getting a lot more garbage along the roadways and the area municipalities are facing a greater cost because they have to clean it up," said Coun. Bill Johnson (Milton).

As well as asking for stiffer penalties for people dumping garbage on the roads, the committee asked public works staff to look into the question of homeowners being charged commercial rates to leave garbage at the dump.

The public works committee was also asked to look into providing boxes at garbage dump gates so people have a place to leave their garbage if the dump is closed.

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