



Board of Directors President Peggie Balkind and Mayor Peter Pomeroy cut the cake at the official opening of Halton Women's Place Thursday.

Ontario's new trespass law may curb school vandalism

Ontario's new trespass law, which came into effect recently, has been hailed "a step in the right direction" by Emerson Lavender, the director of education for the Halton Board of Education.

Fines for trespassing have been increased from \$100 to \$1,000, and in addition, trespassers can be ordered to pay for vandalism damages up to \$1,000.

Police have also been given unprecedented powers of arrest off the premises, which means an intruder who broke a school window could be pursued to his home and charged with vandalism and trespassing.

Previously, trespassers could move off school sites before police arrived, and then thumb

their noses at the law.

The new trespass act should help curb the vandalism that cost the Halton Board \$132,118 in 1979. Oakville elementary and secondary schools accounted for approximately 35 per cent of the total Halton damages.

The Trespass to Property Act, 1980, replaces the 1834 Petty Trespass Act of Ontario.

The new powers given to police to arrest off the premises has raised the question of civil rights.

However, a spokesman for the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario has said the new Act has been carefully drafted so it is not open to charges of abuse of civil rights.

Police have not been

given general powers of arrest, but must show reasonable and probable grounds of an offence, usually through a witness who is willing to testify. The arrest must also be made when the intruder is "freshly departed from the premises", and not an hour or two after the offence.

Halton school grounds are generally open to the public because of a deliberate policy not to spoil accessibility for the majority, Lavender said.

The new trespass act applies only where warnings have been issued, or notice has been posted stating which groups and which activities are allowable on school grounds.

A Board official cautioned that there

might be a gap between the theory of the new legislation, and its enforcement.

Halton schools are currently experimenting with a program to fight vandalism, called Operation Blackout.

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"The Arrowheads". Four men l. to r. Don Watson, Les Wilkinson, Richard Organ and Ron Page put their knowledge and hard work together to come up with the story of the Avro Arrow. The four were on hand at a special launching ceremony at the Peel Memorial Museum last Wednesday. Several artifacts of the Arrow will be kept in the Museum.

Avro Arrow book recalls "Black Friday"

A book just published by Boston Mills Press, The Avro Arrow, should interest those who lost their jobs on Black Friday, February 19, 1959, when production on the Arrow was cancelled, by the John Diefenbaker government. A total of 14,000 workers were affected, with 1500 in Halton.

The halt in the Arrow production resulted in a dispersal of engineers, designers and skilled help all over United States and Canada, and caused a drop in housing values in town that lasted more than two years. Many owners simply walked out of their homes and took the loss, while others sold at the same price they bought or less.

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Group grant applications

It's health and social services grants time again.

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Instruct children on Block Parents

With children on the streets heading to and from school, Halton Regional Police are advising parents to make their children aware of the Block Parent symbol, and the dangers of taking rides or gifts from strangers.

Parents should instruct

their children the purpose of the block parent program, Staff Sergeant Richardson advises. "If they run into any problems the children should be told to run to the nearest house with a block parent card in the window and notify the people at the house."

At the following Monday night Georgetown council meeting 200 laid-off workers came to seek council's help in setting up an employment bureau and to find out if council could do anything to postpone mortgage payments.

Some of the unemployed engineers, with the help of local investors, formed a company known as Avian Aviation which built a gyroplane. The first experimental plane crashed at Kitchener Waterloo airport. Some time later Thermo

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Tactical unit, Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding introduces the force's new tactical unit, a group of police specially trained for dangerous situations, during a press conference in Oakville. Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, Chairman of Halton Police Commission, is shown with the Chief.

Halton Regional Police establish own rescue and tactical squad

By Linda Kirby

Hostage-taking situations, sniper incidents and major catastrophes can prove deadly, but Halton Regional Police hope to be in a better position to tackle those possibilities with the formation of a rescue and tactical team.

Twenty-two police officers, the majority holding First Class Constable positions have volunteered their services for the unit and will undergo rigorous training for the job in the next few months.

Recent gun slayings, hostage taking incidents in Toronto, Peel and Hamilton prompted the creation of the team, according to Staff Sergeant Eric Bullock, head of the force's firearms division.

"We are lucky we haven't had those kind of things in Halton, but

there is going to be a time," he said.

The average police officer is not trained for special tactics and a team of qualified policemen is necessary, he added.

Staff Sgt. Bullock, who will be assisting with the training, said it is the hope of the force to eventually have four men in each division and one man around the clock specifically trained in rescue and tactics.

The unit replaces the now-defunct special weapons division which

was disbanded in 1978 as a result of an insufficient number of officers.

The trained team will travel with a 1966 Ford vehicle that will house equipment and weaponry devices.

Officers will receive training in gas guns, heavy duty guns and special protective vests, said the staff sergeant.

In addition to answering calls to dramatic situations, the team will respond to major disasters, fatalities and incidents such as lost children.

"Officers who undertake such a hazardous

task should be properly selected, evaluated for the role they will be asked to perform, trained to fulfill that role and be properly equipped to discharge their very demanding duty," he said during a presentation of team members.

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Volunteer chores

In an effort to re-integrate law offenders into the community, North Halton is being asked to support a new Elizabeth Fry Society program.

Patricia Haslett, co-ordinator of the new program—Volunteer Probation Officer—said the society will co-ordinate and supervise the placement of offenders with such groups as service clubs, social agencies, parks and recreation departments.



Members of Acton Arts and Crafts are preparing for their annual Arts and Crafts show this Saturday at St. Albans Parish Hall. Standing from left to right are: Rosemary Stoer, Jean Denny and Elizabeth Gathof. Sitting are: Judy Shannon, Del Howe and Laura Ditch.