



The Brass Quintet, featuring musicians from the famed Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, entertained at the Acton Library Saturday afternoon.

Says manpower shortage affecting police patrols

By Mike Patton
Since the beginning of the year, Halton Regional Police officers have been able to patrol all patrol zones in the region on only 15 occasions, Police Chief James Harding said in a report to regional council this week.

"Our present resource capability has made it impossible to man the zones as required... a circumstance which has a direct bearing on the substance and volume of

New members welcomed at Knox

New members were welcomed to Knox Presbyterian Church at Sunday's Easter family service.

In-memoriam gifts to the church were distributed to the sick and shut-ins following Sunday's service.

Welcomed by profession of faith were: John Dryden, 50 Mowbray Pl.; Jessie Ann Gibson, Guelph; Sarah Elizabeth Homer, 127 Churchhill Rd. South; Brian William Nelles, 159 Mill St. West; Blake Edward Norton, 207 Mill St. East; Joel William Pink, 125 Church St. East; Ian Robert Paul, 42 Norman Ave.; and Colleen Ann Petty, 154 Christie St., Rockwood.

Welcomed by certificate were: George and Sharon Henderson, 10 St. Alban's Dr.; Terry and Rosemary Ingleston, 130 Cobblehill Rd.; Morely and Trienke Leeking, 128 Cobblehill Rd.; Ann McCord, 77 Churchhill Rd. North; Isobel Mino, 123 Church St. East; and Irene Terry, 128 Church St. East.

Both the senior and junior choirs sang at the Easter service. Norm Elliott and George Singleton were guest soloists for the Easter Cantata.

The Daughters of Knox served an Easter breakfast of ham and eggs to the church school.

Easter lilies given as

condemnation against officers of this police force because of their delay in responding to calls for service," Chief Harding said in his 21-page report.

There are fewer police officers per resident in Halton compared to the average in nine other regions. Halton has one police officer for every 873 residents while Hamilton-Wentworth has one for every 588 people.

On Wednesday, Halton Police Commission chairman Harry Barrett told regional council that

Mr. Harding's comparisons were not supported by the commission.

The police chief said if Halton's ratio of officers to population was going to be brought up to the level in other regions, 85 police officers would have to be added to the force.

This year's police budget of \$13.4 million is 19 per cent higher than last year's. Six new officers and 14 civilian staff are to be hired.

Tennis agreement struck with town

Acton Tennis Club has reached an agreement with Halton Hills recreation department for use of the courts this year, but a spokesman reports they aren't entirely happy with the deal.

Peter Marks said the club accepted recreation director Tom Shepard's offer of the club paying a maximum of \$750 from its membership dues and half of the hydro costs because it was a take it or leave it proposition.

A few weeks ago an official of the Alcott Tennis Club in Georgetown went to Halton Hills council complaining about the way negotiations were going and Shepard's offer. Tony Hull said the club felt it wasn't getting good service for its money from the town and didn't like helping pay for capital costs.

He said the Acton club supported their view, but hadn't even been to the bargaining table.

Marks said the local club has excellent relations with Shepard and area co-ordinator Joy Gwilliam. The club did discuss a new agreement with Gwilliam over the phone, but there was never any face-to-

face negotiations. Last year the club paid \$638.50 plus half of the hydro, Shepard told councilors, so the new agreement did allow for a small reduction.

But, Marks said, club members still feel they are having to help pay capital costs, such as (Continued on B6)

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