

Pomeroy ousts Barrett from Police Commission

Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy caused an upset at regional council last Wednesday by ousting Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett from his 10 year post on the police commission. Councillors voted 14 to 8 in favor of Pomeroy.

Saying he was "honoured" to be able to serve on the commission, Pomeroy said it did not work out exactly as planned. Initially, he had presented council with an 18 month rotation of the four mayors, but this proposal was rejected.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge," he said. "All government departments can be frustrating at times, so it doesn't worry me."

"Obviously the monetary issue will be crucial," he commented, declining to elaborate until he had a chance to have an in-depth look at the police department.

Mayor Barrett speculated that Pomeroy will have a "rough time" if he decides to get involved on the commission. "I found it a real chore—very frustrating," the Oakville mayor stated. "I think

council did me a favor."

He explained that with three provincial representatives and two regional representatives, they were often outvoted and he said it was like "banging your head against the wall."

Half the municipal tax levy the taxpayer has to fork out goes for police," Barrett stated. "I've got nothing against the Chief—he's trying to build up his department—very rapidly."

But he said it was difficult to "hold the costs down."

"But Chief Harding has a very dramatic way of presenting things—he's very forceful," Barrett said.

After a long deliberation, councillors voted for a three year duration for the commissioner before voting for two of four nominees. Pomeroy and Burlington councillor James Grieve had 14 votes each, while Barrett and Milton mayor Gord Krantz had eight and six votes respectively.



Sharon Henderson displays a handmade Christmas stocking at the Acton Co-operative Nursery sale Saturday, at St. Alban's Parish Hall.

Teachers, board reach agreement

The Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board and its 525 teachers reached a tentative agreement Friday morning, November 19, following an all-night mediation session of seven (17) hours.

Details of the tentative agreement will not be released until both sides have ratified the pro-

posed agreement. Ratification by both parties is expected to be completed by November 30.

Gene Deszka was appointed mediator by the Education Relations' Commission early in the school year to assist both parties to arrive at a contract resolution. The teachers have been without a contract since September 1, 1982.

Point system for crimes would determine follow-up

Halton Regional Police may adopt a point system that could allow them to pick and choose their cases "more accurately," according to Halton's police chief James Harding.

This means some burglaries and robberies could be dropped while more emphasis is placed on cases with sufficient information to continue the investigation.

"You don't think this happens now?" asked Harding, explaining an informal system of priorities goes on every day in Halton. "If there are three break-ins on the go and a call about a

rape comes in, you'd go with the rape of course."

Declining to comment on the Ottawa deputy chief's assertion that the number of break-ins have dropped in Ottawa by 20 per cent since using the point system, Harding said only it is "not a crime reduction program."

"All it does is use a rational means to do a follow-up," he explained. "This is to assist the police officer in setting priorities, which some criminologists may say is the use of discretion, but it's not."

The point system has recently been researched at the Solicitor-General's ministry and is based on numerical factors not adding up to 10. If the numbers don't add up to 10 or more, then the case would be dropped.

For example, there would be seven points if

Family Restaurant seeks licence change

Halton Hills Council Monday night received and noted a letter from the Liquor Licence Board informing the Town that Acton Family Restaurant has applied for a change in its licence from a Dining Room Licence to Dining Lounge Licence. The LLBO will be holding a public hearing into the application in the future.

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Greenock WI Honor Mrs. C. Storey

The November meeting of the Greenock WI was held at the home of Mrs. E. Johnston with 15 members and two visitors attending. The meeting opened with a Remembrance Day verse by president Mrs. W. Aitken.

Meditations were given by Mrs. D. Milton. Mrs. E. Johnston gave a history report of their home. It is a century home and there have been four generations of their families live in the home. Mrs. G. Wallace gave an interesting report from the Guelph Area Convention.

Plans were discussed briefly for a food booth were catering at an auction as a money making project. The roll call was "Name a Basic Freedom we Enjoy in Canada." The Program-Citizenship and World Affairs was convened by Mrs. G. Johnston, Mrs. E. Johnston, Mrs. R. Winter and Mrs. J. Vanzand. The Motto "People Born to Freedom Do Not Always Know Its Value" was read by Mrs. E. Johnston.

The committee had two interesting and educational quizzes, one a Canadian Emblems of the provinces and one in flowers of the provinces. Lunch was provided by Mrs. J. McCullick and Mrs. C. Aitken. Mrs. E. Pastern thanked the hostess and committee and invited all to the December meeting at her home.

On November 4, the WI held an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Johnston to honor Mrs. Clifford Storey. They presented her with a special honorary certificate for being a member for 35 years in 14 different branches. Mrs. G. Wallace was convenor of the after-

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