

Separate School Costs Rising 15% This Year

204 CHARGES PROCESSED LAST MONTH

Georgetown police laid 204 charges during February according to the department's monthly activity report just released. The figures show that 2170 fines were imposed, 12 arrests made, and 81 summonses issued during the month.

There were 12 break-ins, three of them involving takes of over \$50, one fraud, seven missing persons listed under Occurrences. In all, the force investigated 215 complaints.

Thirty-three motor vehicle accidents resulted in nine persons injured and nine drivers charged.

Routine night time security checks found 21 businesses with doors unlocked.

Michael Noonan, chairman of Halton county Separate School Board's finance committee said Tuesday that preliminary estimates indicate a current operating budget about 15 per cent higher than last year's.

The preliminary figure set by the committee in a session, March 7th was \$4,600,000, compared to \$3,800,000 which was spent by the board for 1969-70.

HOPES TO CUT

The committee will present final budget figures for the county at the board's April meeting.

Noonan said the committee hopes to cut the budget down to \$4,200,000 before making its presentation to the board next month.

MILL RATE

The local mill rates will depend much on the new formula for provincial grants, he pointed out. Last year the average mill rate for communities in Halton was about 22.

Noonan said the committee is confident it will be able to keep the per-pupil cost within the ceiling level imposed by the department of education in the new grant formula.

LOPPING SERVICES

The total county levy for last year was \$50,000 for the 7,500 pupil system.

The initial session of the finance committee was an 'information meeting,' Noonan said. The meetings between now and April will be 'lopping sessions,' he said.

LARGEST CHUNK

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Esquering Council Briefs

A letter from Halton County road engineer D. J. Corbett told Esquering council Monday the increase in traffic caused by the proposed Halton Raceway would necessitate the reconstruction of roads in the base line and 4th Line area.

He recommended Halton Raceway share the cost of the road construction, and of all additional signs needed.

A request by Wm. Carr, engineer and surveyor for the Golden Horseshoe Driveway, for a building permit for the washroom facilities at the driveway, was turned over to the Planning Board.

Avoiding excessive exposure to sunlight is one way to prevent cancer, according to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Scotch Block Dam Adds \$100,000 To Budget

Halton Conservation Authority budget is \$378,000 for 1970, — up nearly \$100,000 over last year.

The budget was brought down at the Authority's meeting last week.

Authority treasurer Max Hatherly says construction of Scotch Block dam accounts for the big jump in the budget.

FLOOD CONTROL

The dam is situated west of Hwy. 25, halfway between Milton and Acton and is part of a long range project by the Authority to provide an adequate flood system control on the Sixteen Mile Creek.

Cut from the budget by Authority members was \$24,000 which was to have gone towards Authority office renovation, development of conservation areas and future land use projects.

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CARDS OF THANKS

BARRAGER — In the midst of our sorrow we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many relatives, friends and neighbours, the Ladies of the Lions Club and Eastern Star organization. We especially wish to thank Rev. R. Scrivens and the donors of the many floral tributes and charitable donations — Doris Barrager and family.

COPLAND — I would like to thank all my friends and relatives for kindnesses shown to me during my stay in Georgetown hospital. A special thanks to Dr. Engelbrecht and Dr. Whittaker, the nursing staff and the whole staff and the candy strippers — Mrs. Carol Copland.

CRAWFORD — I would like to thank my relatives and many friends, for cards, gifts and flowers I received while a patient in Georgetown hospital, and since returning home, thank you all very much. — M. Crawford.

DICKENSON — My thanks to friends and neighbours for cards, gifts and visits while I was a patient in Georgetown hospital, and to Dr. Engelbrecht and the nurses, Canadian Legion and fellow employees at Smith & Stone — Fred Dickenson.

GIBBS — I would like to thank my friends and relatives for the visits, cards and flowers while a patient in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. A special thank you to Dr. B. R. Duff and Dr. F. Richards and the nursing staff — Mrs. Ivy Gibbs.

HANCOCK — I would like to thank my friends, neighbours and relatives for their cards, gifts and kindness while I was a patient in Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital. Thanks to Dr. Panabaker, Dr. Macintosh, nurses, candy strippers and staff at the hospital — Mrs. Irene Hancock.

HOLDEN — I would like to thank all my kind friends & relatives for the visits, phone calls, cards and other gifts I received while I was a patient in the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and since returning home. Special thanks to Dr. Macintosh, the nursing staff and the candy strippers. — Anne Holden.

KNOX FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE — would like to thank Mackenzie Lumber, Comfi Interiors, Georgetown Decorating Centre, Morettes Furniture and the manufacturers who contributed to the success of their recent Mini Home Show.

PRICE — The family of the late Harding Price is sincerely grateful to their many friends and relatives for the kindness extended to him, and them during his illness, and at the time of his passing.

FRIDAY HOLIDAY

The Herald office, like other businesses will be closed tomorrow, Good Friday.

The office will be open as usual on Monday.

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NORTON — I would like to thank those who remembered me with flowers, cards and visits and for the good care I received while I was a patient in Georgetown & District Memorial hospital. — Mrs. Lillian Norton.

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