

Area police "tops" again, solve rate above average

Halton regional police in District 1 serving Halton Hills and urban Milton have a better crime solve rate for theft-related crimes during September than has the entire region, according to statistics released last week by police.

"I'm pleased with the department's performance," Superintendent Floyd Schwartz said in an interview after releasing District 1's September statistics.

Where the region's crime solve rate for break and enter into houses was 12.3 per cent out of a total of 65 occurrences, District 1's rate was 34 per cent in 12 incidents.

In car thefts, the District 1 force had a 52 per cent solve rate in six thefts while the entire region solved only 12.5 per cent of 48 car thefts.

District 1 police solved 30 per cent of 72 thefts under \$200 in comparison to 10.8 per cent rate for 62 cases across the region.

In the shoplifting category the local police had a 133 per cent solve rate obtained by

solving shoplifting occurrences which occurred during August, Schwartz said. Regional police solved 66.6 per cent of 69 shoplifting occurrences in September while District 1 police solved four cases, three of which occurred during the month.

Of three robberies in the region, District 1 police solved both which occurred in the area for a 100 per cent solve rate. The other robbery was remained unsolved at the end of the month.

Similarly, in possession of stolen goods, District 1 solved both cases in its area while a third elsewhere in the region remained unsolved.

But in the categories of break and enter in shops, theft over \$200 and frauds, they did not fare as well as the regional average. Although District 1 police solved 11 per cent of nine shop break and enters in comparison with 10.1 per cent for 59 across the region, the solve rate for theft over \$200 was 12.1 per cent for the region

and zero per cent for local police. In frauds the local police solved 34 per cent of 12 cases compared to the region's 42 per cent solve rate in 42 frauds.

Of a total of 346 actual incidents, District 1 police had a solve rate of 49 per cent compared to the region's 47 per cent. Local police investigated 366 reported incidents.

Other crime in District 1 included one rape and another sex offence. There were 11 incidents of assault.

Offences against the criminal code numbered 97 in District 1 with an addition of 14 drug-related crimes and 42 liquor offences.

There were three incidents of possession of offensive weapons.

Police investigated 32 infractions of municipal bylaws. During September, 177 males and six females were apprehended. In juvenile crimes, 38 persons were apprehended.

Recently married couple now reside in Willowdale

The Russell-Niven wedding took place on July 31 at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams with Canon John Thompson officiating at the double ring ceremony. The bride's cousin, Mrs. Vera McCready presiding at the organ. The bride, Dorothy Ann Russell is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Russell, 28 Stevens Crescent, Georgetown. The groom, William Bruce Niven is the son of Mrs. David Williams of R.R.1 Georgetown, and the late Thomas Niven.

Given in marriage by her mother and father the bride was attended by her maid of

honour Miss Ella Kolvund of Toronto and bridesmaids Fran Lamonte of Brampton and Laura Hunsell, sister of the bride. Gary Lenglet of Kitchener was the groom's best man. Penny Muse, cousin of the bride was the flower girl and Douglas Crawford the bride's three year old nephew was the ring bearer. Ushers for the service were Andrew Murphy of Georgetown, Gerald Williams and Jamie Russell brother of the bride.

A dinner reception and dance followed at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Georgetown. Honoured guests

were Mrs. M. Niven, grandmother of the groom; Mrs. D. Tyrell, grandmother of the bride and Dr. and Mrs. C.V. Williams.

Prior to their wedding the bride was honoured at parties given by her grandmother, Mrs. D. Tyrell and her aunt, Mrs. Eleanor Muse of Toronto; her sisters Mrs. Carol Telford and Mrs. Cindy Crawford; neighbour Mrs. G. A. Phillips and the nursing staff 1 North Toronto Western Hospital. Miss Fran Lamont and Miss Leigham held a barbeque at the Lamont home in Mississauga. A presentation was made to the couple by fellow students of East "D" University of Waterloo.

Dorothy is a registered nurse at Toronto Western Hospital. Bruce, a recent graduate of Waterloo University is an agent with the Mutual Life Assurance Company in Toronto. Following their honeymoon to Vancouver the couple are now living at 6061 Yonge Street in Willowdale.



MR. and MRS. BRUCE NIVEN

Region preparing tax brief

Halton Region is preparing a brief on the impact of the proposed farm property tax reforms both from a planning and treasury viewpoint. Planning committee chairman Coun. Mary Munro said last week that a meeting is being attempted between members of the regional staff, council and Agricultural Minister William Newman and Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough. No date has been set.

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