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Well, I've done it! Yes, the last of the 'hold-outs' has finally succumbed to the siren call of a paycheque and I am now a member of the vast majority known commonly as 'working mothers'.

Having been contained within the comforting cocoon of hearth and home for a considerable number of years, I was understandably hesitant about accepting the job when it was offered. How would my family manage without me? Wouldn't everything fall apart without my experienced hand at the helm?

So, when I tossed the idea into the conversational dinnertime pot one night, I fully expected outraged cries

Instead I received: "Right on mom!" - "Hey,

If I had not become so adept over the years at reading their transparent little minds, I might possibly have felt hart at their cavalier response, however I knew

For Teresa, it meant the possibility of finally making it to Disneyland. (The fact that I have alreay worked two weeks and she hasn't made it there yet, has proven to be a

For Louisa, it was visions of endless shopping trips, all designed to fill her closel with the latest of teenage 'in' fashions - meaning blue jeans for every occasion, all bearing the right manufacturing labels of course

And Richard? - Well, what else? Having only the best interests of his hard-working mother at heart, he concluded that the glorious era of convenience foods have finally dawned. Within seconds he had the perfect menu

chicken night and Tuesday would satisfy the urge for pizza. Wednesday he was quite prepared to tolerate a bean sprout in Chinese food. Thursday we would all give in to the pangs of a Big Mac attack and Friday - well, we could possibly squeeze by on submarine sandwiches. That would only leave him the weekends to suffer his mother's typical junk food cooking of soups, slews and roasts.

Reality set in with the advent of the first Saturday, when one child was banded a dust cloth, one the vacuum cleaner, and the youngest was expected to wear her tender little fingers to the bone drying dishes, all without a sign on the horizon of a pair of Ziggy's, a Colonel Saunders or

explain to children that a working mother today does not put one ahead of the financial game, but merely allows a family the luxury of remaining in the inflationary race for

To my amazament, however, I am actually enjoying the challenge Monday now has a definitely different personality to Saturday, a distinction that cluded me in my pre-working days and, having just completed my first two weeks, am quite elated to discover that I have neither been fired, nor yet driven my employer into a speedy bankruptcy. Of course, there is always tomorrow.

Abandoning the nest

of: "No mother, we need you!" and "You can't abandon us, don't go!"

alright" and even. Why not?"

exactly what they were thinking

bit of a bummer for her)

Monday would undoubtedly be Kentucky fried

Mickey Monse

While I hate to disillusion them, how does one survival"

^{\$}9 million police budget council debate today By SUSAN De FACENDIS

Halton region council will be asked today (Wednesday) to approve a \$9,122,500 budget for the police department, eight per cent more than in 1977.

The police budget has been "cut right down to the bone," police commission chairman William Hourigan told the regton's administration exhibit tee last Wednesday.

He said operating ext mes in 1978 were projected to be 2.1. per cent lower than in 1977, a result of better "policing" of expenditures, especially in vebucle service costs and maintanance of buildings

The force, which last year bired (2 additional officers and 13 civilians will be taking on only two summons servers this year, Mr. Hourigan said.

Police chief Ken Skerrett told the committee that because the police budget was required earlier than usual, he was unable to include in it a number of roadside breathalizers. But the general level of service will be maintained, he

Oakville Coun Carl Eriksen said the cost of unifying the police force had been "staggering" but ratepayers don't see an increase in the level of service. The increase in the budget is not within the regional guideline of 5.4 per cent. he said, and wondered if the commission were prepared to go back and attempt to be within the guidelines. "The increase in the budget is not

related to the crime rate." Mr. Hourigan said doing that would put the commission on the horns of a dilemma, "But there's no question that the cost of policing in Halton is low

Chief Skerrett said there was a 20 per cent increase in calls for service last year and that maybe the towns will have to hire animal control officers and increase the staff of the social services because the force can't keep up with dome-

by comparison with other reg-

stic disputes. The chief said that survey of Burlington residents indicated there were no objections about the level of service

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become a way of life now,"

the chief said, adding that In

providing service to combat

vandalism, "we have failed

Regional chairman Rle Mor-

row said the chief's statement

may be misinterpreted. "Pol-

ice don't cause vandalism. We

have created a society that

creates vandalism. We must

accept the blame for it and

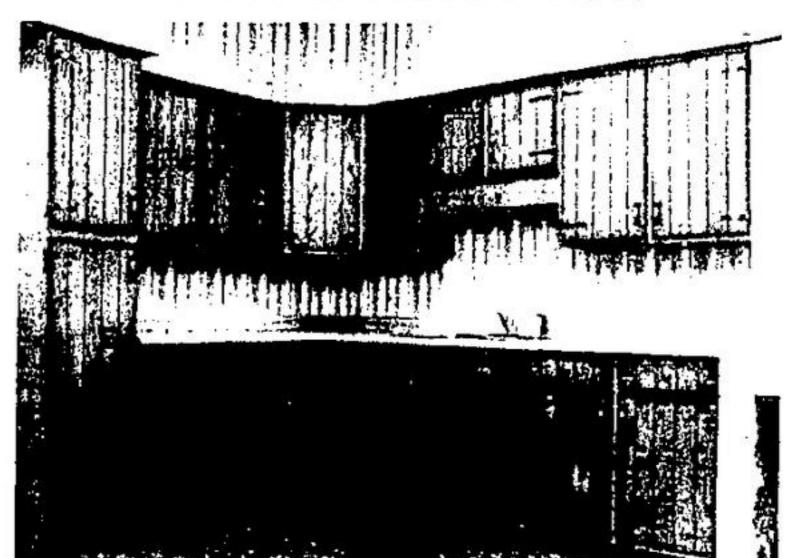
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Motel, apartments proposed Plans for a motel-apartment complex on the east end of

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Georgetown were sent to the planner for a report following last week's planning board

Phil Carney who brought the new proposal to the board on behalf of Galaxy Holdings said that originally a motel-hotel had been planned for the site on Guelph Street adjacent to Georgetown British Cars. Now the group feel a multi-storey motel, apartment complex would also suit the site but as yet no formal plans have been prepared for the project.

The complex would contain approximately 48 motel units and an equal number of onebestroom apartments. It would be divided into two structures. by fire walls with one portion being reserved for residents. and the other having a banquet room and or restaurant, and desco lounge on the ground

floor and motel units above. Mr. Carney noted that he did not want to imply that these were the final plans. They were simply suggested uses for the structure, he said.

Mr Carney said that the apartments might be sold as a building and rented out individually. It seemed more possible, however, that they would be sold individually as condominium apartments to individual investors and then rent-

\$10,000 donated to hospital

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary presented a \$10,000 cheque to the hospital Wednesday to go Joward the purchase of a new x-ray machine.

. Total cost of the new equipment is about \$200,000 administrator Fred Morris said: It will be financed through deprecration and whatever donalions might be made to the hospital.

The new machine will replace one in service since the hospital opened in 1960 and will offer a number of diagnostic procedures that the hospital can't now give Mr. Morris

The hospital is also in the process of renovating part of the obstetrical and medical wards to allow the addition of eight medical beds. The project is expected to cost about \$50,000 and is financed through the ministry of health

357 dogs destroyed

Halton Hills canine control officer had to destroy 357 dogs in 1977, according to statistics released Monday at finance administration committee.

There were 500 dogs impounded during the year and 190 were reclaimed and 43 were placed, Jon Kirley, animal control officer said in his year end report. There were 2,822 calls answered or almost eight per day.



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