## McDermid wants PC youth help

Herald special

The spirit is high and compaigners are ready for a federal election, Brampton-Georgetown Progressive Conservative federal candidate John McDermid told a gathering of Young PC's last Tuesday in Brampton.

Mr. McDermid addressed the annual meeting of the local Progressive Conservative Youth Federation at the Centennial Recreation Centre in a bid to recruit campaign workers for the upcoming federal election.

PREDICTSEND

Mr. McDermid predicts the end of what he calls "the longest campaign I've been in on" Monday, June 18, the day he says voters will go to the polls to elect a new federal government.

Mr. McDermid, batting zero for two in recent predictions, having previously called for votes in June, 1978 and October 1978. He now says the Liberals will announce the election in

April. He told the youth federation

Peter Campbell, Fire Prev-

ention Officer of the Oakville

Fire Department, was return-

ed as chairman of Halton

Region Fire Prevention Com-

mittee, at the group's annual

Three other 1978 officers

were returned to the same

executive positions for 1979 -

Insp. Wayne Smith of Oakville

is vice-chairman, Insp. Larry

Brassard of Halton Hills is

treasurer, and Roy Downs of

Milton is secretary and public

The Committee includes five

prevention personnel from the

five Halton fire departments.

Members meet monthly to

plan region-wide fire prevent-

Founded in 1957, the Com-

mittee has just completed its

22nd year of service and Chair-

man Campbell called it "Anot-

her year of excellent co-opera-

tion between departments" in

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relations officer.

ion programs.

Halton Region.

Local

realtors

honored

Five members of the

Georgetown Johnson Carney

Ltd. Real Estate Office receiv-

ed achievement awards for

1978 at the recent Johnson

Carney Annual Seminar and

Awards Day at the Airport

Ellen Hogg, June Carson,

Margaret Parker, Herb Spitz-

er and Alice Pokluda placed in

the Top Ten Achiever's Group

out of a 185 person sales force.

Of particular note was Ellen

Hogg who was the highest

volume salesperson in the

Johnson Carney system for

1978. She was awarded a Carl-

bean vacation for two. Herb

Spitzer was designated a

Grand Master for career ach-

ievement in Real Estate sales.

Hilton Hotel.

meeting.

members that their work in the upcoming campaign will be

very important. He said the federal riding association has drawn up a 60-day campaign master play they will exercise once the

election date is set. He told The Herald that about 100 of the 200 members in the youth federation will be

#### very active in the campaign. ANOTHER FIFTY

Another 50, McDermid said, will probably help out on a part-time basis.

He said that young people should have a great interest in the campaign and who is elected because the economic policics of the federal government will greatly affect federation members in the future.

McDermid said that even though Liberals, probably know the date of the election, they will not get a jump on

Conservatives. "They don't have an advantage over us now because we know it (the election) has to

come soon," McDermid said.

helped reduce the tragic incid-

ence of fire, throughout the

region," he said in his annual

During the past the commit-

tee made plans, initiated prog-

rams and purchased educatio-

nal literature, films and equip-

ment to further public educat-

ion in the cause of fire safety

Highlights of 1978 mentioned

in the chairman's annual rep-

- Coloring books, spring

clean-up posters, Christmas

tree tags, kitchen grease lab-

els, fire door stickers, fire

"devil" posters and cloth

crests were purchased under

-Four new films and a rear

projection screen suitable for

use in public displays at mails,

libraries and fall fairs, were

purchased. Also McDonald's

Restaurants donated three co-

pies of a film "Home, Safe

Home" for member depart-

ion programs;

the heading of literature;

art include:

and fire prevention, he said.

Halton firefighters

elect new officers

### Jails too far

# Police Chief wants Milton jail re-opened

Halton Regional Police Com-mission is looking into the possibility of asking the province either to re-open the Milton Jail, or increase compensation for the work put in by Halton Regional Police officers acting as prisoner escorts and turnkeys.

Police Chief Ken Skerrett noted in a letter to the commission that having three court locations and detention centres in Metro and Hamilton adds to the confusion and inefficiency of the operation in relation to court procedures

and the escorting of prisoners. As it stands now, Chief Skerreit said, it's over 100 miles a day to pick up prisoners. At one time, the force received \$15 a man for the duly, but it has since been changed to payment on a mileage basis,

which is a reduction.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the comission, suggested that a report should be compiled on exactly how much it is costing the commission to perform duties related to court security and prisoner escorting.

CHIEF'S LETTER

Chief Skerrett recommended in his letter that the Milton Jail be re-opened until the completion of the new detention centre at Maplehurst, which is scheduled for 1981. Failing the re-opening of the Milton Jail, he suggested the opening of the complete facility at Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre, which at present is not operating its full complex. The chief suggested that by doing this, all Halton prisoners could be accommod-

ated there, instead of sending some to Metro West Detention Centre.

The chief also suggested that the region's court facility be confined to one or at least two buildings, as opposed to the three now operating.

Chief Skerrett admitted that It is probably wishful thinking to believe that the province would re-open the Milion Jail. but if the Hamilton-Wentworth centre was opened up, that would go a long way to relieve the problem. He aid Hamilton-Wentworth can handle the prisoners being sent there now, but it would not be possible to have all the prisoners from Halton accommodated there.

Commissioner Alfred Oliver asked for an explanation, for the benefit of the newer members of the commission, of the reasons for the closing of the

Militon Jail.
"Public pressure," Mayor
Barrett repiled, He added that the condition of the jail was a major factor in the closure. "The transporting of prisoners all over the region has become very onerous and exp-

ensive," he said. As chairman of the property committee for the county, Mayor Barrett said he was familiar with the building and there had been no sudden decline in the condition of the building prior to its being closed.

Milton mayor Don Gordon said the biggest plus for the Milton Jail was that it was clean. The cells are six feet by four and a half feet, and shaped like cells in a dungeon, be said. However, in spite of these problems, the building is structurally sound, he added. Chief Skerrett said that he was only suggesting re-open-ing the cell block area of the iall and not the administration

"We have a good courthouse in Million, but it's our manpowgoing," Chief Skerrett said.

The Milton Jail was closed last July, and the commission voted to have staff draw up a report comparing costs for the six-month period prior to that, and the six-month period following the closing, to compare



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promoting seasonal safety messages; - The committee continued its program to maintain regional standardization of fire safety recommendations in schools, Children's Aid homes, regional day care centres, nursery schools and detention

home smoke detectors, and in

homes for juvenile offenders. -- Again a poster contest was conducted for children on the theme "Fire Prevention in the Home" and Natalie Jenner of Oakville and Torben Jensen of Milton were named top winners. Honorable mentions went to Ed Stanley of Halton Hills, Kenneth Cliffe and Lisa Dawe of Burlington, and Glor-

In Marchesich of Milton; - Members participated in the annual conference of the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officer's Association.

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