



### SANTA VISITS DAYCARE STAFF

Santa Claus got more than he bargained for during one of his last visits to Halton Hills prior to Christmas Eve. A gathering of the pre-schoolers at Halton region's daycare centre on Maple Avenue in Georgetown last Wednesday night saw the jolly fellow greeted warmly by the centre's staff once the children had been given their presents. Wishing the Santa a safe and speedy journey for Monday night's long ride were Debbie Douglas, Carolyn Koch, Willie Chartrand, Brenda Payton, Gerry Miller and Marg Hynds.

(Herald photo)



Santa Claus dropped in to visit the boys and girls at the Halton Regional Day Care Centre last Wednesday evening to distribute candy canes and gifts to those who have been good since last Christmas. Santa's visit was arranged by Regional Coun. Russ Miller. This boy looks more interested in the camera than in the gifts Santa has for him.

## Charges are dismissed against Halton cops

Charges of common assault laid against two Halton Regional Police officers were dismissed Thursday when the complainants failed to appear in the court for the trial.

Constables Jack Poot, 36, and Ray Hendry, 24, were each charged with two counts of common assault by Timothy Spurrell, 18, and Paul Bowen, 19, of Acton, following an incident June 9. Mr. Spurrell and Mr. Bowen failed to appear in court last week for the trial, prompting Judge Ken Langdon, who was brought in from Peel County to hear the case, to dismiss the case and assess court costs against

them of \$303 for each charge, or \$606 for each man. Failure to pay the costs will bring two months in jail.

The Crown Attorney, Don McLean, who was brought in from Hamilton to prosecute the case, did not call any evidence when Mr. Spurrell and Mr. Bowen failed to appear, although 13 witnesses had been subpoenaed, eight of them for the prosecution.

The charges laid by Mr. Spurrell and Mr. Bowen were in connection with an incident June 9, when Mr. Spurrell was charged with causing a disturbance, resisting arrest and public mischief. Mr. Bowen was charged with obstructing police, resisting

arrest and assaulting a police officer in the same incident.

The case against Mr. Spurrell and Mr. Bowen was heard November 14. Mr. Spurrell was convicted on all three charges, fined a total of \$500 and sentenced to one year's probation. Mr. Bowen was acquitted on charges of obstructing police and resisting arrest, and convicted on the charge of obstructing a police officer. He was also fined and sentenced to one year's probation.

Constable Poot joined the former Georgetown police department in 1967. Constable Hendry joined the Halton Regional Police force in 1976.

### Halton candidates

# Grits may have choice

Although there appears to be little doubt that Halton MP Otto Jelinek will again be chosen Progressive Conservative candidate by supporters throughout the riding, Liberal party organizers are hinting that Dr. Frank Philbrook may encounter some opposition if he attempts to regain the Halton nomination.

Oakville lawyer Doug Black, meanwhile, has announced his intention to seek the New Democratic Party nomination once again when Halton supporters meet January 3 at Oakville's Galaxy Club.

Halton Liberals will be holding their nomination meeting January 7 at Blakelock High

School in Oakville. Floyd King, spokesman for the Liberal party committee, said he knows of four people who are considering seeking the candidacy, but all have said they will make their final decision after Christmas.

Mr. Jelinek, who breezed to victory in Halton in the May 22 election, is expected to be unchallenged for the PC nomination January 8 at Oakville's Country Squire restaurant. At that time, the MP, a former world champion figure skater, will formally introduce his campaign manager, Fred Oliver, retired deputy-chief of the Halton regional police force.

Mr. Black, who finished third May 22 behind Mr. Jelinek and then-incumbent Dr. Philbrook, was also defeated in two previous NDP bids to

unseat provincial transportation minister James Snow, a Horby resident who represents Oakville riding at Queen's Park.

## Deputy retires to run campaign

Fred Oliver, deputy-chief of the Halton Regional Police force, has announced his retirement after 31 years as a police officer.

The deputy-chief's retirement will be effective January 2. He joined the former Township of Trafalgar police force June 15, 1948, as Chief Constable, and was in fact the only officer on the force.

When the town of Oakville and the township of Trafalgar

amalgamated in 1962, Mr. Oliver became chief of the Oakville police force, and when the Halton regional force was formed in 1974, he was made deputy-chief.

Deputy-Chief Oliver has been active in the Ontario, Canadian and International Associations of Chiefs of Police, having been president of the Ontario association at one point.

## Region approves 126 townhouses

Halton region has given its seal of approval for Marport Corporation Ltd. to build 126 townhouses behind Georgetown Delux Market Centre.

A bylaw authorizing the execution of a subdivision agreement between the region

and the company was passed at last week's council meeting.

The development, first proposed several years ago, will be built on the currently vacant site at the corner of Mountainview Road and Sinclair Avenue.

## Commuting population attracts industry: study

By RICHARD PETRASHEI, Herald staff writer

Almost half of the working residents in Halton region commute out of the region to work and, according to Bill Marshall, director of business development, this fact will encourage new firms to locate in Halton.

The large commuting population was one of the major findings announced the region's recently completed labor force survey.

According to the survey, conducted in late summer and compiled for regional council last week 42 per cent of Halton's working residents travel outside the region to work.

The survey shows that Halton Hills has 46 per cent (7,700

out of 16,670) of its working population, the highest among the region's four area municipalities, leaving the region daily to work.

Of the 48,000 residents who commute out of the region to work, the survey indicates that over 40 per cent have post secondary academic training compared to 20 per cent for the whole of Canada.

Mr. Marshall told council last week that this factor and the fact that there are 6,800 clerically-trained people travelling long distances out of the region to work will have a positive effect on encouraging more office building industry.

"This is important to businesses opening up head offices in the region", he said.

The survey shows that more than 3,300 residents travel out of Halton to work at skilled jobs in metal manufacturing. Mr. Marshall said that this demonstrates there is a highly skilled work force that is ready for new investment in the region.

He added that the increasing cost of commuting will encourage "these already trained, skilled individuals" to look for work closer to home.

Of those Halton Hills residents who commute, 32 per cent work in Toronto. Another 32 per cent drive to jobs in the Brampton-Bramalea area. The other major destination for the town's commuting population is Mississauga, drawing 27 per cent daily.

## Halton Hills' productivity is lowest in Halton region

Halton Hills has the lowest labor productivity and some of the lowest wages in Halton region, according to figures released in the Halton region labor force survey.

The results of the survey, conducted late last summer and released last week, show that the wages paid in Halton Hills and Milton are somewhat lower than those in Burlington and Oakville.

The survey report also included results from a Statistics Canada study, released in April, which showed that Halton Hills has the lowest productivity, measured as value per man hour paid, in the region.

Halton Hills' productivity was rated at 10.75. The highest was in Oakville which had a rating of 17.58, while the average productivity for the entire region was 15.41, which compared favorably to the Ontario average of 14.50 and the Canadian average of 13.82.

The wage results were ob-

tained, according to the report, by contacting several firms in each of the four regional municipalities.

These results were listed in a table form and compared the wages paid in Halton Hills, Milton, Burlington and Oakville for 82 different jobs.

A bookkeeper, according to the survey, can earn from \$140 to \$200 per week in Halton Hills, while in Oakville it varies from \$165 to \$210 and in Burlington the figure is a flat \$224.

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