

More refugees expected

The Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church sponsor group has confirmed through Immigration Canada that a Lao family of four is expected to arrive this week in Montreal.

The family's name is Vongfath and includes two children, a boy seven and a girl aged three. The boy is expected to attend the first grade at George Kennedy Public School.

Barry Aucott of the sponsor group told The Herald that the 31-year old Mr. Vongfath was a silversmith in Laos and his wife was active in the garment industry as a dressmaker.

Last week, the group sponsored two Vietnamese brothers and a sister. The oldest brother, 26 year old Dang Ha, is able to speak English, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Mr. Aucott said Mr. Ha was able to help newly-arrived Vietnamese family in Glen Williams by translating for them when they spoke with their sponsors from Project Ark.

Police records aided by \$14,800

The Halton Regional Police Commission approved an expenditure of \$14,000 in the continuing re-organization of the force's records system.

The force is carrying out a major re-organization of its records department, and is contemplating the switch to a computer operated records system in the future. The commission has already approved the spending of \$20,000 on supplies and equipment.

The latest expenditure is for the purchase of a Master Name Index Carousel and associated equipment.

The records system was sharply criticized in both the report on the force by the Halton police association and by the Ontario Police Commission's investigating team.

Constable authors new guide

Constable Bill McGrath of the Halton Regional Police Force is an author as well as a member of the force's identification section.

An article written by Constable McGrath entitled "An Inexpensive Photo-Board and Mugshot Set-up," was recently published in an issue of the RCMP Gazette. A copy of the article was sent to the Identification section, and copies were also forwarded to Chief James Harding and the police commission.

Chief Harding said that since the publication of the article, Constable McGrath has drawn up another new system for quickly processing prisoner photographs to the RCMP.

Constable William Bill McGrath has long since been identified as one of our most innovative officers and one who brings true meaning to the words "professional and industrious." Chief Harding said in a letter to the commission: "He is a credit to the Halton Regional Police force."

New van for safety patrol

Halton Regional Safety Council presented the keys to a new safety van Thursday at a meeting of the police commission.

Council representatives William Little and Edna Johnson presented the keys to the new van to Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the commission, and he in turn presented them to Constable Raj Swaminathan, safety officer in North Halton.

The regional safety council supplies the vans for the safety officers in each of the three districts in Halton. The vans are used to carry the equipment which the safety officer takes into the schools for demonstrations, such as Elmer the Safety Elephant, and miniature traffic equipment for traffic safety demonstrations.

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