



INSPECTOR MATT MACPHERSON

Police appoint district head

Inspector Matt MacPherson has been appointed the district commander for the Halton Regional Police district encompassing Georgetown, Acton and Milton.

Acting Inspector John Barratt, who has been filling the position of district commander, has been assigned to the duty inspector's office in Oakville.

Inspector MacPherson, 44, is a native of Cape Breton Island. He joined the Burlington police force as a cadet in 1955. He was promoted to the rank of inspector in 1978.

During his career as a police

officer, Inspector MacPherson has worked in the uniform section, identification, the criminal investigation section and internal investigations. From 1975 to 1978, he was a staff sergeant in charge of the criminal investigation section in Burlington, which included responsibility for drug investigations, the youth bureau and identification.

Since April, 1979, Inspector MacPherson has been assigned to the duty inspector's office.

Inspector MacPherson lives in Burlington with his wife and their three children.

Taxpayers face small increase

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bill is only 3.3 per cent. This is explained in the budget through comparative assessment figures.

In 1979, a house in Acton assessed at \$4,498 had a tax bill that included \$181.53 for general town purposes, and \$27.57 for urban services, for a total of \$209.10.

In 1980, that same property will have a tax bill that includes \$186.98 (up 3 per cent) for general town purposes, and \$35.30 (up 28 per cent) for

urban services, for a total of \$222.28 (up 6.3 per cent).

In 1980, the tax situation for a house in Georgetown assessed at \$5,638 would be similar to the house assessed at \$4,498.

The Georgetown house would have a 1980 tax bill that included \$186.90 for general town purposes and \$35.30 for urban services for a total of \$222.20, with percentage increases over 1979 being identical for the Acton house. A house in Esqueving

assessed at \$4,638 would have a 1980 tax bill that only included \$186.91 for general town purposes, since no urban services are involved.

The big increase of 28 per cent for urban services is attributed to higher garbage disposal and collection costs, the increased energy costs for streetlighting, and to provide funds for the upgrading of streetlighting systems in the urban areas.

Flood warning issued all along the Credit

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) issued a flood advisory Monday morning to the municipalities along the Credit River.

Rainfall Monday raised some concern about possible flooding and the situation was monitored by the authority overnight. Rose Menyes of the CVCA staff said the warm temperatures, rainfall and ground conditions are all factors which could lead to flooding problems.

Ms. Menyes said there is already localized flooding in culverts and ditches because the ground is frozen deeper than usual and the rain is not being absorbed into the ground.

The CVCA has issued warnings to the municipalities to prepare for possible abnormal

conditions on rivers and streams because of the lack of snow cover. The authority says this lack of snow means the frost has penetrated further into the ground than usual, and if a significant rainfall comes

while the ground is still frozen, most of the water would run off immediately to the rivers.

The CVCA adds that any snow accumulation would only add to potential flooding problems.

Talks resume to avoid strike

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"We won't call a strike until we've reached the board and they tell us they won't negotiate. All they want is mediation-arbitration," he said. "Or we get no response at all."

A strike won't be called until late in the month, if then, Mr. Ness said, and added angrily

that it has nothing to do with the fact that pay checks won't be available until after the March break, as has been implied by some people.

Bruce Lindley, board superintendent of business and finance, says that if a strike occurs, the board will not lose any money in grants. Grants are based on pupil enrollment rather than on attendance as was once the case and thus would not be affected.

The school term can't be extended into July or August to make up for time lost in the event of a strike, says Milton trustee Bill Lawson. The closing date of the school year is set by law to be no later than June 29 and therefore it can't be changed.

He said that he and other members of the OSSTF negotiating team would be available to meet with the board later next week.

The teachers turned down the board's final offer last month which would have given a level four teacher with maximum experience allowance \$29,999. They are asking a settlement that would come closer to the provincial average for new agreements over the past year, which is about \$30,500.

Agreement has not been reached over changes in the pupil-teacher ratio or on the board's attempts to curtail entry into a retirement gratuity scheme.

Architect picked for headquarters

The Halton Regional Police Commission has chosen John Harkness of Burlington as the architect for the new Georgetown police building.

The commission has also approved a motion Thursday to ask the region to proceed with the purchase of the site on Highway 7, in front of Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Police Chief James Harding was to meet with Mr. Harkness on Friday to discuss the force's requirements for the Georgetown building which will be the headquarters for the district encompassing Acton, Georgetown and Milton. Chief Harding said he hoped Mr. Harkness would have the preliminary drawings ready in about two weeks.

The commission is hoping to move into the new building this fall.

Mr. Harkness has worked for the Halton Regional Police force on two previous commissions. He was the architect responsible for the renovations of the police building on Elgin Street in Burlington and the renovations on the new building in Milton.

MOVE DELAYED

The town's parks and recreation department's anticipated move to the old Georgetown ambulance building is being delayed because suitable alternative accommodation has not yet been found for the present tenants of the building, according to clerk-administrator Ken Richardson. The department will have to stay in the Gordon Alcott Arena until suitable accommodation can be found for the Georgetown Little Theatre and Red Cross, which presently use the old ambulance building. "One possible site had been suggested, but was found unsuitable," Mr. Richardson said at the last general committee meeting, in response to questioning from Coun. Harry Levy.

Board loses grants because it's wealthy

Herald Special
The Halton board of education faces a drop in grants this year because it is one of the wealthier school boards in the eyes of the provincial government.

Board finance committee chairman Florence Meares said Thursday the ministry of education views Halton as a wealthier board because its tax assessment has increased by about six per cent in the

past year while other areas have grown by two or three per cent. In addition to the increased tax base, Halton schools are in a declining enrollment situation.

As a result while the ministry will continue to fund the board up to certain limits, this year the grants will amount to about two per cent less of the budget than they did in 1979.

Miss Meares said the 1980

budget will put an increase of approximately 4.66 mills on residents' tax bills, an increase of 7.7 per cent. She could offer no accurate figures on exactly how the increase would effect residents in the four Halton municipalities since mill rates are calculated by each area's treasurer using information in their records, and the value of a mill varies in each municipality depending on these records.

Committee urges completion of Trafalgar reconstruction

Halton region's public works committee is recommending to council that the preparatory stages for the reconstruction of Trafalgar Road, between Maple Avenue and Highway 7 in Halton Hills be implemented after a two-year delay.

Committee approved a series of recommendations laying the groundwork for the \$40,000 project at last Wednesday's meeting.

Halton Hills Coun. Russ Miller, a committee member, told the Herald that the project had initially been proposed two years ago, but for financial reasons had been deferred.

"I'm really pleased that we're going ahead with the reconstruction," Coun. Miller said. "Now we'll have a good

road all the way from Highway 401 to Highway 7."

The actual construction, according to Coun. Miller, will not begin until 1981.

Committee recommended that following a presentation to the town, a public information centre would be arranged to explain the project to interested citizens. No decision has been made yet regarding the actual alignment of the road for reconstruction, but two options are being considered. Scheme "A" would involve retaining the present road centreline and widening the road symmetrically on either side. Scheme "B" involves shifting the centreline approximately three metres to the west.

Coun. Miller said that he preferred plan "B" and

indicated that it was his impression that the majority of committee also favored it. "By moving the road west," Coun. Miller said, "we'll reduce the number of property owners that have to be dealt with."

He added that not as many trees would have to be removed by moving the road west.

A left-turn lane, for traffic travelling south on Trafalgar Road turning onto eastbound Maple Avenue, will also be provided as part of the reconstruction.

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Jessie Hayes is again doing the cooking for the annual bantam tournament, and helping to fill all those starving hockey players is her granddaughter, Bobbi. About 700 young hockey players from all over Ontario are here for the week-long tournament, which is one of the highlights of the winter sports season.

(Herald photo)

Feeding hungry hordes is Jessie's specialty

Hockey players get hungry after they play. No one knows that better than Jessie Hayes.

The silver haired lady with the magic recipes for good old fashioned home-cooked meals, has been serving lunches and suppers to the thousands of boys who have played in the International Bantam Hockey Tournament for 19 years.

She says it's a chore she wouldn't like to miss. She says she just feeds them what every growing boy needs.

For lunches she, and her staff of six ladies in the kitchen and eight young teenage girls, serve a different specialty each day. One day it will be 300 hot dogs or hamburgers or subs or sandwiches. For dinner there will be a 100 pound roast of beef or pork or barbecue chicken

or meat pies. Each day the boys also eat 100 pounds of potatoes either boiled or freshly mashed. This is all washed down each by 60 quarts of milk and an equal amount of ice cream, not to speak of the donuts.

The boys and their parents

and coaches are each given meal tickets for both daily meals. And they can keep on eating as much as they like until they are full. Hayes says she has seen some big eaters over the years but, the winners don't eat more than the losers or vice-versa.

MCHAPPY DAY IS HERE AGAIN

McHappy Day is here again March 26. For the third year, McDonald's is holding McHappy Day with partial proceeds from each Big Mac sold donated to children's charities. In Georgetown and Milton, 50 cents from each Big Mac will go to the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, Ronald McDonald House and the Ontario Society for Crippled Children through the Rotary Clubs. Last year, McDonald's across Canada raised over \$683,000, and this year it is hoped that total will be bettered.

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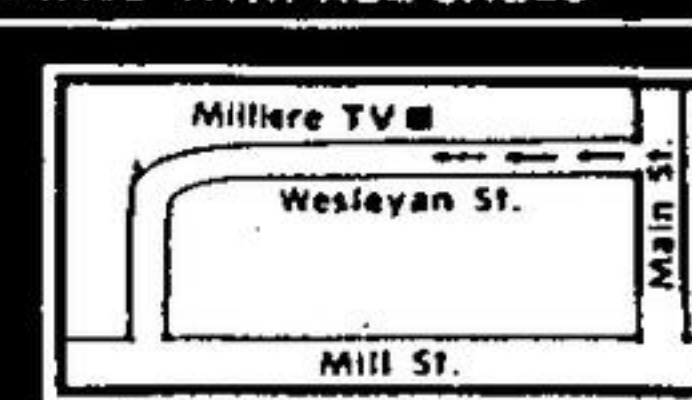
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