

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS



This young lady is one of the Grade 3 students who recently spent a week at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto getting some experience of what things were like in "the good old days" of the pioneer past. The students studied in the fashion of the day with drills, and wrote on slates, as well as getting a chance to try old-fashioned techniques such as making butter. This is the first time students from Halton County have been invited to participate at Black Creek, which is usually restricted to students from Toronto. (Photos by Bob Briehl)



These Grade 3 students from Pineview Public School are operating an old-fashioned printing press. The students spent a week at Black Creek Pioneer Village recently and learned what life was like in the late 1800's. This is the first time Halton students have participated in a program at Black Creek Pioneer Village, which to date has been restricted to students from Metro Toronto.

## Money returned to happy store owner

Young Kim, owner of a Georgetown convenience store, was surprised and happy to learn that there are still many nice people around me.

Mr. Kim lost a paper bag full of cash from his store Nov. 29, but the money—\$963—was returned to him last Wednesday.

The bag of money was dropped by a worker in the store who was on the way to the bank. Colleen Leadly of Georgetown saw the bag on the street with some money

spilling out while she was out on an early morning fitness walk. She turned the money over to the Georgetown office of Halton Regional Police.

Downtown insurance agent Rick West read a story carried in both The Herald and the Independent about some money being found. Mr. West knew about Mr. Kim's loss and phoned to tell him about the story, and Mr. Kim was able to claim the money.

Mr. Kim met with the Leadly family and insisted on giving them half the

money as a reward, although the Leadlys were reluctant to accept it.

"I was so happy, I wanted to give them half the money as a reward, but they didn't want to take it," Mr. Kim said. "Frankly, I didn't expect to see the money again."

"That makes me believe very much there are still so many nice people around me. You hear bad things on television every night and read it in the newspaper every day, but there are still nice people around."

## Firefighters' fund nears halfway mark

The Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters' Association has raised about \$4,094 towards the \$10,000 cost of a piece of rescue equipment. It plans to donate to the town, but donations from the public are still needed.

Fund-raising committee chairman Don Maveal said local businesses and industry have been very responsive to requests from the association for donations.

The public is also invited to contribute by making a donation to the Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters' Association Rescue Tool Fund at the Canada Trust Bank on Main Street in Georgetown. Donations can also be mailed in.

The piece of equipment the association hopes to purchase is known as the Hurst Jaws of Life. It is a hydraulic rescue unit, powered by a gasoline engine which powers hydraulic oil. The tool has 12,000 pounds

of force when being used as a spreader and 10,000 pounds of force when being used to cut or tear.

The Jaws of Life will be used to free people trapped in automobiles. The Halton Hills Fire Department is already equipped with rescue equipment for such a purpose, but the new equipment will speed the rescue, and shorten the interval between the accident and treatment, Fire Prevention Officer Larry Brassard said.

**CALLS INCREASE**

Mr. Brassard pointed out that there has been a dramatic increase in the number of rescue calls to free trapped accident victims from automobiles over the past three years, from three in 1977 to ten as of November, 1980.

"We average one serious accident a month now, and the trend is on the rise," he said. "Better equipment will mean

we can get the people out of the cars faster and thus into an ambulance and hospital faster. Time is a critical factor."

The fund has received two donations of \$1,000, one from a private citizen and one from the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Brigade, who have said this equipment will benefit them as much as the fire department.

A donation of \$25 was received from a woman who lost her husband in an automobile accident.

Proceeds from the donkey baseball game between the firefighters and local politicians also went into the fund.

Mr. Maveal said at this point, the committee is debating further fund-raising activities. In the meantime, donations from private citizens, local businesses and industry and service groups are welcome, he said.

## Extra manpower in north not justified, chief says

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officer, Inspector John Barratt, who lives in Acton, addressed the Chamber of Commerce in Acton last year, and the Chamber promised if any problems arose to contact the chief, but Chief Harding so far as he is aware, no complaints have been received.

Many of the problems in policing in District 1, which includes Milton and Halton

Hills, are caused by the large distances which must be patrolled, the chief said. District 1 includes "everything north of Highway 5", he said.

"Because of the size of the area and the distances which have to be covered, it's difficult to maintain a police presence, but we can't flood the area with officers just to increase our visibility when the workload in the district

doesn't justify it."

The chief estimated that of the workload through the region, 28 per cent comes from Milton and Halton Hills, 28 per cent from Oakville and 44 per cent from Burlington. He pointed out that even though District 1 has only 26 per cent of the calls, it has 31 per cent of the force's manpower, mainly because of the size of the area.

**NOT ENOUGH**

"The Ontario Police

Commission had suggested (in its report on the force in 1979) that men should be pulled from the north because the workload didn't justify the extra manpower, but we decided against it."

"We're interested in participating in any community endeavor which would improve communications," the chief said. "We don't need the public on our backs, we need them at our sides."

## ...but cops say more men needed

The Halton Regional Police Association says the force is drastically understaffed, in spite of an Ontario Police Commission report to the contrary last year.

Association president Bruce Richards says Halton has one of the lowest per capita costs for policing in the province, and one of the highest ratios of members of the public per police officer.

The association recently

conducted a study comparing the ratio in Halton to that of Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police, and found that to have a comparable ratio, the force would have to hire an additional 130 officers. The strength of the force now stands at 275. In 1978, the ratio was 666 people to one police officer.

"It's obvious Halton is lacking in the manpower area," Constable Richards

said. "Halton officers are doing more criminal work and they have a higher clearance rate than Hamilton-Wentworth."

"If the people of Halton want well, I wouldn't say better because I think they're getting the best possible service now—but if they want more men on the street, they have to realize their taxes will go up."

Police costs for a citizen in

Halton are only \$2 more a year than what a village pays the Ontario Provincial Police for service. Constable Richards said. The cost per person per year in Halton is \$48, while the average cost per year for a regional force is \$70, he said.

"It's a matter of economics," Constable Richards said. "If people want more cars on the road, they'll have to pay more."

## No complaints to local commander

Halton Regional Police District 1 commander Inspector Matt MacPherson said he

has not received any complaints from Acton residents about police service in their

community.

Inspector MacPherson is in charge of policing in the district, which includes Halton Hills and Milton.

The inspector said he has not received any complaints from Acton residents with regard to a delay in officers responding to a call, or any other problems in service.

The article in the Sunday Sun which reported Halton police as being under fire because of poor service in Acton, was "fair and reasonably accurate", the inspector said.

Several Halton officers were concerned because a local businessman described a major break-in at his business. What was not included in the article was the fact that those responsible have been arrested and are on their way

through the judicial system.

"I think this area is relatively free of crime," Inspector MacPherson said. "We've been able to make some headway in the last month or so, with the arrest of two juveniles responsible for 31 break-ins, and a man responsible for five break-ins."

Some changes have been made in the deployment of officers to reflect the periods of time when the most calls are received, the inspector said. The majority of the calls come in during the afternoon shift, from 4 p.m. to midnight, and a change has been made recently to bring some of the officers on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift in at 8 p.m. and have them work to 4 a.m.

"That was recently adopted and it's working very well," the inspector said.

## About the Hills Dog-catching costs up

Dog licensing and animal control costs are rising in Halton Hills, largely due to transportation costs facing the local dog catcher. Service fees will gradually rise from \$1.12 per Halton Hills resident in January to \$1.25 by 1982. Licensing fees will rise from \$10 to \$12, or for spayed animals, from \$7 to \$9. Owners of wayward hounds will also face an increased charge to get their dog back if it's snatched up by the local catcher. Owners will have to pay \$15 for a first offence, \$20 for the second and \$25 for the third. The rate increases will go before council for approval at next Monday's meeting.

## Scouts need garage

The 1st Norval Scouts are looking for a small garage or shed which they can use until June to store the newspapers they collect in their monthly paper drive. Anyone with such a shed can contact Charlie Carney in Norval or Art Nice in Terra Cotta. Because of the holiday season, there will be no pick-up during the month of December.

## Ex-warden to stand trial

Former Halton County warden James Swanborough was committed for trial in county court Thursday on a charge of fraudulently converting property worth more than \$200 to his own use over a ten-month period that ended last Dec. 31. Defence counsel Morris Perozak's request for a ban on publication of trial proceedings was granted at Thursday's preliminary hearing, a second session of which is set for Apr. 31. An Oakville resident, Mr. Swanborough, 48, is a former reeve of Burlington.

## Cheltenham brick plan

Brampton Brick Ltd. will soon present plans to Caledon town council for its proposed revitalization of the Cheltenham brick industry; a public hearing would be held if plans are approved. The firm was recently given the nod by the provincial ministry of natural resources, who chose its proposal over several others on the basis of "greatest social and economic benefit to the area", according to the ministry. Ministries of environment and culture and recreation, as well as the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, will also be involved in a lengthy review and approval process.

## New Sheridan president

Sheridan College's senior vice-president since 1972, Don Shields, has replaced John Porter as the college's president. Chairman of the board of governors George Farrow announced last week that Mr. Shields, 52, will become president June 30, the date Mr. Porter will formally retire, ending 14 years of service to Sheridan.



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## COMFORTING PRIZE

Brenda Snow (right) won a large, intricately patterned quilt in a recent Blue Triangle senior citizens club raffle. Phidela Drouillard (seated) was instrumental in putting the quilt together, thereby helping the club raise \$168 in the raffle for the Canadian Cancer Society's Terry Fox fund. (Herald photo)

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