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### Concerns aired at police HQ

## Police to station 12 men in Acton

**Herald Special**  
Acton will get 12 police officers to call its own, as well as an opportunity to meet key members of the Halton regional police force at a meeting set for next month.

Police Chief James Harding promised concerned Acton residents Thursday he would assign 12 officers to patrol Zones 10 and 11 on a permanent basis, enabling residents to get to know the officers who cover their area.

These men are already working in District 1 (Milton and Halton Hills), the chief said, but instead of rotating through the various zones in the district, these 12 officers will remain in Acton and get to know its residents.

The chief also promised to come to Acton with Deputy Chief Bob Middaugh, District 1 Commander.

Matt MacPherson and other key members of the force for an open house session "as early as possible" in January. He will have Acton's 12 officers at the session so people can come in and meet the men they claim they want to know.

Although the chief could not give a date or location for this meeting, he promised to be present from 10 a.m. to noon and from 7 to 9 p.m., with other

details to be released as soon as they are finalized.

The Acton meeting is Chief Harding's attempt to bridge the communication gap some residents have noted, as expressed in a letter to the chief from Acton businessman Lorne Doberthein last month. The chief said discussions with Mr. Doberthein and other Actonians leave him with the impression residents aren't too dissatisfied with the number of officers around or the work they do. They are mainly uncomfortable because they don't know these men. While Burlington and Oakville citizens don't care who they get when they need an officer, as long as they get one, Acton people want the man they know.

Public relations officer Norm Ryall said Thursday he has had 49 requests for police speakers and similar involvement from Halton Hills. Only seven of these requests have come from Acton and five of those were from schools. For whatever reason, Acton residents have not taken advantage of the department's availability to get to know how the force works.

Chief Harding pointed out that he wants to hear any complaints residents may

have about the force.

Chief Harding said District 1 already has more manpower than its workload justifies and he is constantly defending his decision to keep 29 per cent of the force in an area that only handles 26 per cent of the calls. He says the great distances involved in District 1 are his reason for keeping 67 men there (11 in Acton) when Oakville and Burlington both need more. Recently he has adjusted the district boundaries and moved them north so that District 1 officers won't have such a large area to patrol and response times should be better as a result.

Chief Harding listed computerizing the records department, adding a morality squad to handle such things as drug trafficking in schools, a fraud squad to handle investigations stemming from such things as the 14 to 17 known key Mafia figures living in Halton region (see story this page), a traffic unit and a mounted unit for park patrols are among the future additions to the force.

After a slide presentation on how the Halton department works and discussion with several members of the force, Chief Harding conducted a tour of police headquarters. Only three merchants, including Mr. Doberthein, Acton's three municipal councillors and three members of the press attended the meeting.

Chief Harding said he feels now that it may have been worth the effort because the problems in Acton are coming into the open where they can be discussed and hopefully solved.



### HERALD ANGEL OF THE YEAR

(Herald photo)

This little Christmas fairy was among the students at Limehurst Public School who performed for parents Thursday evening. Short Christmas plays such as "The Littlest Angel" were produced by younger students as well as the senior grades and everyone joined in for Christmas carols which followed the show. There were school productions throughout Halton Hills

as kids and parents were swept up in the Christmas spirit and judging by our photos on pages A6 and A7 everyone had a good time. But the excitement is far from over. Youngsters throughout the world will have difficulty sleeping Christmas Eve, waiting to catch a glimpse of this fat guy in a red suit and his eight tiny reindeer pulling a sleigh full of goodies.

### SANTA'S MAILBAG FINAL INSTALLMENT SECTION B

### 'Mafia' in Halton

Police Chief James Harding says there are 14 to 17 "key Mafia" members scattered throughout Halton, but that's all he's saying. Contacted by The Herald Friday for clarification of a remark made in passing during Thursday's Oakville meeting with concerned Actonians, Chief Harding declined to elaborate further except to say that "known" Mafiosi live throughout the region. He refused to confirm whether these people are under investigation. Police officials elsewhere in Ontario have previously acknowledged the existence of Mafia-type organized crime in Guelph, Hamilton, Burlington and Kitchener.

## Halton corporate plan aims for better service in region

A five-year, \$200 million corporate plan for Halton should be ready next fall, a regional spokesman said last week.

Ed Babb, policy manager for the region's planning department, told councillors the region is prepared to spend the money to bolster services offered by its 10 departments: The police commission, Children's Aid Society and the Halton Regional Conservation Authority are not included in the five-year plan.

A corporate plan, similar to the five-year capital budget forecast already in use, is needed to arrange new programs and determine how

much money should be spent in each department and how the money should be spread over the plan's time frame. And, like the budget forecast, it would be reviewed and renewed each year.

"Council has two awesome responsibilities," Mr. Babb told the public works committee Wednesday. "You have to decide what, when and how much money should be spent and where the projects fit in the overall scheme of things."

Using the region's health department as an example, Mr. Babb said that nutritional services, a VD clinic and a student screening program would likely be provided in the

first stage of the five-year plan.

During the second phase, the health department would work towards providing dental care in schools and a screening process for seniors, checking for early signs of glaucoma and diabetes. After five years, health officials hope to have an infant health care program and expect to receive provincial accreditation to show that it has the standards of a future provincial health protection act.

Meanwhile, regional staff have already been peering into the future, searching for

indications of changes in Halton's population and employment trends which could affect the region's ability to deliver services in the 1980s. Departments have already begun to submit project plans for the future and how they would like to see them phased into the region's objectives over a five-year period.

A draft of the corporate plan should be ready by next spring, speculating on new programs for the future but initially attaching no price tag to them.

By late 1981, the completed corporate plan should be ready for council to adopt.

## Re-negotiate plan without OMB - Booth

Regional planning committee chairman Roy Booth is hoping that parts of Halton's official plan, successfully challenged by the Halton's aggregate producers before the Ontario Supreme court last month can be re-negotiated without going to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

The court decision, heard before a judicial tribunal instead of a single magistrate at the region's request, said that provincial housing minister Claude Bennett exceeded his authority by refusing to let grant an OMB hearing on the official plan to the Halton Region Aggregate Producers' Association, adding that the

producers' case would have "substance" before the Board.

While the aggregate producers objected to the policies in the plan giving the region control over where gravel can be quarried, how it will be extracted and the amount of truck traffic from the gravel pits, Mr. Bennett refused to grant an OMB hearing on the matter arguing that the producers' complaints were minor. The producers' association reacted with a law suit leading to the three days of supreme court hearings last month.

"What the (Supreme Court) decision means," Coun. Booth told The Herald Friday, "is that we have more work to do on the plan. We have to sift through all the items they requested for referral to the OMB. Hopefully, we, meaning members of the planning department staff and the planning committee can sit down to negotiate with the producers without a referral to the OMB."

But, Coun. Booth said, "certainly we expect some problems about which we can't negotiate," and he did not rule out the possibility that an OMB hearing over the aggregate industry portion of the plan may still be necessary.

Council has to decide whether or not it wants to appeal the Supreme Court decision and as of press time Saturday, there was no indication if the ministry of housing would also challenge tribunal's verdict.

Despite the court's ruling, the aggregate producers are obliged to abide by the plan signed by Mr. Bennett Aug. 1 at least until any changes are made following negotiations with the planning department

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### SHARING THE SPIRIT

Santa's elves never looked like this in the story books. Patty Barber helped hand out carol sheets for the guests at the Kinsmen Club's seniors' tour of the Christmas lights. The St. Andrew's United Church Choir led in the carol singing which followed the bus tour through town.

(Herald photo)

## Labor board tackles long list of Maple Lodge grievances

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The list of charges of union busting practices facing Maple Lodge Farms Ltd. of Norval is said to be one of the longest ever brought to the Ontario Labor Relations Board.

The United Food and Commercial Workers union signed its first contract with Maple Lodge Farms Oct. 15 after a bitter month-long strike, but since then the union alleges the company has systematically harassed employees who took part in the strike in an attempt to break the union.

The board decided in preliminary hearings to hear charges of harassment and unfair dismissal of employees who took part in the strike, and

a complaint that over 80 employees who struck have not been recalled although the company has hired new employees and continues to employ those hired during the strike.

One of the allegations says Vietnamese immigrants are working at the plant, probably for lower salaries than those paid to Canadian employees. During the strike, a number of immigrants were taken into boarded-up windows to work in place of striking employees.

Maple Lodge employs about 325 people, 221 of whom were members of the union during the strike.

Keith Coulee, general manager of Maple Lodge Farms, says the agreement with the union doesn't say that

no striker will be displaced with workers hired during the strike. He also claims the company didn't agree to re-hire the strikers.

The union has also charged that employees who took part in the strike have been recalled to jobs they aren't capable of doing, so that they either quit or can be dismissed for incompetence.

Female strikers are allegedly being recalled to strenuous jobs in the plant freezer which before the strike were done solely by men. If they refuse the work, they are sent home, and if they try, they are found incapable and again sent home.

Three men who kill chickens went on strike with the other employees, but the firm

allegedly told them they were not in the bargaining unit and fired them. Two maintenance workers whose wives struck asked that they not be required to perform struck work, and as a result of that request the company fired them, the union claims.

Maple Lodge has laid off a number of employees, claiming it is not getting enough chickens to keep the plant operating at previous production levels. The company must stay within federal import levels when bringing chickens in from the United States, and must rely heavily on suppliers in Ontario and Quebec to keep going. Company spokesmen claim the firm lost several suppliers when it had to cut production during the strike.



### KEYBOARD QUEEN

Colleen Campbell, who will be three years old Christmas Day, decided she should be the one providing the musical entertainment during the Glen Williams Town Christmas party Saturday afternoon. Along with Christmas carols, cartoons and a hilarious magical act, kids enjoyed a visit from St. Nick himself, although bad weather delayed his arrival somewhat in the town.

(Herald photo)