By LORI TAYLOR Herald Staff Writer

Crime prevention has become a community responsibility because of the increasing workload of the police officer and the growth of Halton's population, Halton Regional Police Sgt. Al McQueen told members of the Georgetown Llons Club last

Sgt. McQueen, public relations officer for the force, and Constable Jeanette Sykes, Crime Prevention Officer for Georgetown, Milton and Acton, spoke to the Lions Club about crime prevention and the responsibility of individuals and community groups in helping prevent crimes.

Sgt. McQueen sald there have been a great many changes in policing over the past decade, the greatest of which was the creation of a regional force in 1974.

"On the old Georgetown force, prevention was the main role," he said, "Over nine years, because of the increasing workload and the growth of the population in the area, this role has turned around," he

"The force is so involved in follow-up investigations that crime prevention must come from the community."

The cost of policing today is "mind-boggling", Sgt. McQueen said. To add one man

on the street 24 hours a day, seven days a week, costs \$135,000 a year, he said.

necessary before a crime can be committed: the desire on the part of someone to commit STILLSAFE a crime, the opportunity to "We've had a lot of bellycommit it, and a victim. aching about police protection "The key element in the

'We've had a lot of belly-aching about police protection lately, but our wives and daughters are still safe walking the streets of Georgetown at night and, gentlemen, there aren't too many places like that today.'

- Al McQueen

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Constable Sykes compared crime prevention to fire prevention, as being a risk the public must guard itself against. A crime has three components, each of which is

prevention of crime is the reduction of opportunity," Constable Sykes said.

Two crime prevention programs have been carried out in Halton Hills and other areas of the region in the past effective, she said. One program, Operation Identification, is an on-going program which homeowners can in

two years which have proven make use of an invisible pen or

> available to conduct security inspections of businesses in the area, to advise any further precautions which owners could take to protect their property from burglary. We need the co-operation of

an engraver, supplied by

police or by insurance agents,

to mark identification

numbers on items of value

which might be stolen in a

This program has proven

successful because stickers

displayed in a prominent place

which tell would-be burglars

the property has been marked

have been found to be a

deterrent, Constable Sykes

SIMPLE WAY

because if the items are stolen,

it provides for a simple system

of identification when they are

A third factor in the success

of the program has been its

usefulness in identifying

property as stolen. A police

officer who finds a television

set in the back seat of a car he

has pulled over has no way of

knowing whether or not the

driver owns the television set.

An engraved identification

number can help establish the

because stolen property can't

be proven to have been

stolen," Constable Sykes said.

program where business

owners can have a serial

number which is registered

with the provincial govern-

ment engraved on their

business machines or other

Constable Sykes sald she is

equipment.

Operation Provident was a

"Criminals have gone free

owner of the property.

The program also helps

burglary.

recovered.

the public in order for our crime prevention programs to be successful," Constable Sykes said.

Strapped? In a rush-hour subway train, a gentleman bent over

and asked the young lady standing next to him if he could find a strap for her. "I have a strap," she replied coldly. "Then would you mind letting go of my necktie," stated the commuter.

Halton Regional Police Sgt. Al McQueen showed the badge which identifies him as a police officer to Ton Ma, Song Trang, An Ma and Linh Ma, four of Georgetown's Viet refugees. Sgt. McQueen visited them at Georgetown District High School last week to explain the Canadian police system, which is quite different from the system in Viet Nam. He also arranged a tour of the new Georgetown police station for them Monday.

(Herald photo) .

Phonebooks on way

Bell Canada continues to improve its telephone directo-

ry, the 1981 edition of which is being circulated this week to some 309,000 homes and businesses throughout Halton and Peel regions and Dufferin County, about 30,000 more copies than last year.

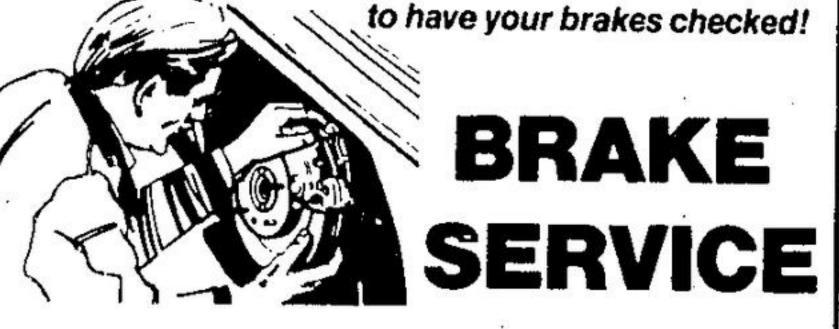
Local Bell manager Marlene Kerr reported last week that delivery of the 1981 edition should be complete by Feb. 25. Among the new directory features are a revamped Customer Complaint section, information on contacting the Telecommunication Centre for Special Needs (dis-

abilities) in Toronto and alphabetical government agency listings, now contained in a new Blue Pages section.

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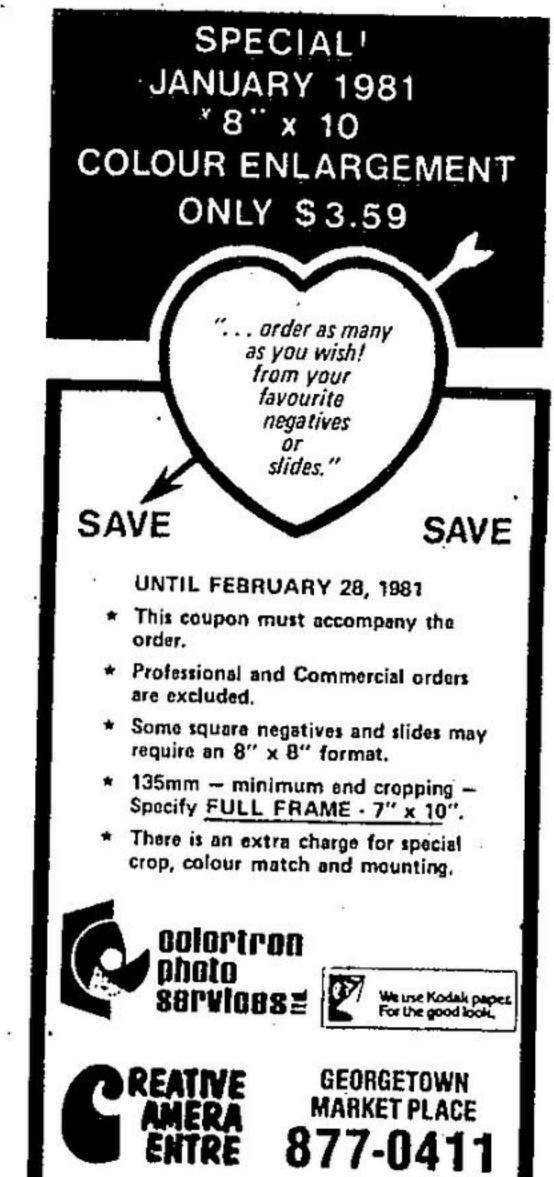
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NOT ONLY CAUSE IN '81

As well as being International Year of the Disabled, 1981 is also Year of the Breast Fed Child, an observation sponsored by the LaLeche League, whose local chapter has obtained the support of town council in promoting the practice of breast-feeding. Council passed the following resolution Dec. 16:

"Whereas the town of Halton Hills has been petitioned by the LaLeche League to declare the year 1981 as the Year of the Breast Fed Child;

"Be it resolved that the Halton Hills Council hereby declare the year 1981 The Year of the Breast Fed Child." The League's Halton Hills chapter is planning several special events and observances to help the community become more aware of the importance of breast-feeding to the health and well-being of infants.



Pet's last vaccination may not be enough

Herald Special Dog lovers relieved that their pets missed the outbreak of parvo virus last summer shouldn't get careless, because the killer disease is still around, a local veterinarian

Halton Hills Veterinary Services on Acton's Main Street North treated two confirmed cases of parvo virus during the past three weeks, said Dr. Ron

MCDERMID ON THE MOVE

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid brought, his Parliamentary Task Force on Employment Opportunities for the 1980s to Brampton's Sheridan College campus Tuesday to hear presentations from industry. associations, organizations and individuals regarding

manpower needs and critical skill shortages anticipated in the coming decade. Established last May, the non-partisan Task Force will advise the House of Commons on economic development requirements and manpower training needs for the future. Its report is expected this June. Chairing the Task Force is Warren Allmand.

Air industry assurances

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid has demanded government assurances that McDonnell-Douglas employees in his area will share in some of the work created by Canada's new fighter aircraft development program. The MP presented a resolution in the House of Commons which would have ensured that a portion of the work under the F-18A program will be carried out at the McDonnell-Douglas plant in Peel "so that existing jobs will be preserved and hopefully new jobs will be created." The contract for the F-18A has been signed with the U.S. parent company, he noted, yet the aircraft manufacturers is laying off over 700 workers "with more lay-offs expected in the not-too-distant future." His motion, which was seconded by Mississauga South Tory Don Blenkarn, was rejected by MPs who denied it unanimous consent on an oral vote required before the subject could be introduced for debate.

because the animals were not gravely ill and testing expensive, no tests were done and These are the first serious they can't be confirmed as the Dr. Trenton says he has Job skills task force

talked to several colleagues in neighboring areas who have also been treating similar suspicious cases regularly but as in Acton these cases have not been confirmed. Veterinariane pre recommending vaccionation as the

cases since the outbreak

seemed to taper off in October.

Other possible cases have oc-

curred through the winter but

best possible protection, but even that offers no guarantee. The killed vaccine, may be combined with other innoculations such as rabies or distemper. Since no one is certain how long an immunity period the vaccine provides, dog owners are urged to check with their own veterinarian to determine when vaccination should take place and how often booster shots should be given.

Parvo was first isolated as a disease in 1978 and since that time has been found in many parts of the world. The suspicion is that it may well be like distemper or rables, a constant danger to unprotected dogs which will only be brought under control by a thorough immunization prog-

Dogs suffering from parvo show symptoms of depression and listlessness accompanied by a lack of interest in food or drink, followed by vomitting and diarrhea.



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