

Success rate improves solving fraud cases

Police beat

Major crime statistics for March show Halton regional police were down 26.7 per cent in solving sex offence cases, but up 25.2 per cent in solving frauds, over last year.

Released Thursday, the statistics show there were 20 sex offences reported this March compared with 12 last year. Thirteen cases were solved this year and 11 last year.

There were 302 frauds reported last March of which 236 were solved. This March, frauds were down to 213 reported and 220 cleared.

Break and enters have increased over the same time last year, up from 498 to 546. The success rate of solving them has decreased from 48.2 per cent to 37.7 per cent.

There was one attempted murder last March in Halton and two this year. All three were solved.

There were no murder or manslaughter cases reported last March and none this March.

There were 244 assault and wounding offences last March compared with 251 this year. Of them, 156 were solved last year and 190 this year.

Three of 12 robberies committed last March were solved, and five of 17 this March, improving the rate by 4.4 per cent.

Auto thefts were down by 17 to 120, over last March, with police solving rate up one per cent.

Although theft over \$200 offences went down from 500 to 460, theft under \$200 offences went from 887 to 970. Police solving rate of these crimes went down two per cent over last year.



WALK, JOG MAY 7

The Y sponsors are hoping their Walk-A-Jog-Athon won't be held in the rain like the scene here in a promotional picture taken last weekend. The event is for everyone, youngsters and adults alike as they strive to raise money for a Peruvian Y project. Seen here are (front row, left to right) Christy Lightowers, John Lightowers (back row, left to right) Scott Lightowers, Fred Dobbin and Michael Dobbin.

(Herald photo)

Optimists Raising funds for GDHS lift

By JOHN KESTELOOT

All our members along with about 100 students and members from G.A.R.A. are at present doing the door-to-door canvassing to raise funds for the elevator for the disabled in our high school. We are attempting to raise \$60,000.

The canteen at the fairgrounds is open for another season. The club intends to have the booth open whenever there are activities at the park. We ask and appreciate the public's support. We thank the Parks and Recreation Department for the sign they installed.

Sat. May 7 9 a.m. is what is known as NOW Breakfast. Any mature male in Georgetown and area is invited to attend and join us in a free breakfast. At this breakfast we explain what the Optimist Club is all about, how it came about, what our objectives are and what our philosophy is.

Statistics prove that for every Optimist 22 kids



When you win "Swift and Silent", you're winning a Rick Berghammer (left) original leathercraft painting. The Brampton artist employed in Georgetown, donated Monday the painting and four prints to Optimist chairman of the lift for Georgetown District High School committee Jim Broughton. The works will be won in a draw to be held Dec. 13. Names for the draw will be put in a barrel when donations are given towards building an elevator at the school.

(Herald photo)

benefit in one way or another. Please phone Optimist John Horning at 877-8045 and tell him you are coming so we can cook you bacon and eggs.

Bang-o-Rama is coming on May 23. I believe the biggest news for kids is the BMX races. Entry forms are available at Zellers, Canadian Tire, or call Optimist Mike Remes 877-3588.

All bikes going into the races will first have to go through the bike rodeo, where they will be safety checked and all riders are tested for skills as well as being queried on the laws affecting biking.

May 28 at 10 a.m. at the A and P we are holding our third annual shrub and flower sale. If you need a new evergreen or flowering shrub, this is where you can get them at wholesale prices, even if you buy only one. So keep that Saturday morning open if you want a bargain.

On Wednesday June 29 we are holding our golf tournament at North Halton. It will be known as Mayor Peter's Golf Tournament. I thank Optimist Peter Pomeroy for the effort that is going into this event. Proceeds of this event go to the Optimist Drug Awareness Campaign in Halton Hills.

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Incentives for region's workers

In its efforts to draw money-saving ideas from its employees, Halton region has sweetened the bait.

The region's general committee has agreed to work out an employee awards program, giving cash bonuses for suggestions which eventually make the region's administration more efficient. Halton's chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin told the committee Wednesday that awards programs have been successful in a number of private corporations.

He hopes to have the program working by the fall at which time council will know better where it can find money for the awards.

Suggestions boxes haven't been completely successful in encouraging employees to be creative and take the initiative to recommend ways of improving the region's business.

A policy statement on

the awards proposal says that it may help reduce on-the-job hazards, waste or duplication and could develop new equipment.

The program would also encourage employ-

ees to suggest ways other departments might improve their operations.

Mr. Perlin said that, if the program were started, not more than \$25,000 would be paid out in a

year for successful suggestions.

Council, he added, would have to endorse any award over \$10,000.

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Ramautarsingh wins Robert Smith award

Tom Ramautarsingh, who teaches at Georgetown District High School and served as president of Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation, received the Robert Smith Award for 1983 from the 1150 secondary teachers of the Halton District at the annual assembly of the teachers in Burlington recently.

The Bob Smith Award was created in honor of Robert Smith, who served on Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation Executive and as president of the 34,000 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

The purpose of the award is to honor the high standard of service to teachers and education in Halton.

In presenting the award, Robert Smith said "Mr. Ramautarsingh had served Bruce and Grey teachers as president of the English Teachers' Association, president of History Teachers' Association in the Lucknow, Listowel, St. Mary's District, and in Wellington, Halton and Peel as professional development chairman and later as president. He was the last president of the Halton Secondary School teachers with a full teaching load in addition to the office of president," he said.

"We owe a great debt of gratitude to Tom Ramautarsingh for his indefatigable efforts and achievements. I recall when negotiations had fallen through he single-handedly negotiated over his summer vacation and came up with a contract which was acceptable to the teachers," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Ramautarsingh received his B.A. and M.A. from Wilfrid Laurier and the University of Toronto. He has a specialist certificate in History and a major in English.

Mr. Smith quoted a newspaper editorial as a tribute to Mr. Ramautarsingh. "Whatever you think of Tom Ramautarsingh, president of District 9 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, one has to give him full marks for his zealous efforts on behalf of the high school teachers in Halton.

His militant policies during his two-year term have not always endeared himself to the Board of Education or those of the public who think teachers should be seen and not heard, but he has done a



TOM RAMAUTARSINGH



SCHOOL TOUR

Zippering around the halls of the Georgetown Christian School Chad Edwards, 3, gave a thorough going over to the school his brother Jason Edwards, 4, is planning to attend this fall. Loaded with energy, Chad gave his mother lots of exercise trying to keep up with his bright yellow caster cart Thursday evening.

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