

Maximum security addition begun at Maplehurst

By KAREN SMITH

Construction began last week for a \$12 million maximum security addition to Maplehurst Correctional Centre which will hold inmates awaiting court proceedings.

The new facility will ease crowding in other institutions by housing inmates from north Halton, Peel Region and Dufferin County, said Ontario Minister of Correctional Services Richard Patten.

Inmates from these areas are currently held at Metropolitan Toronto West and Hamilton-Wentworth detention centres, which have been subject to popu-

lation pressures in recent years. Maximum security means inmates are housed in cellular units which are kept locked. Entry into the facility is tightly controlled and restricted.

Patten announced last December that the Maplehurst Detention Unit would be added to the complex.

"We have been working on this expansion for a long time," said Patten. "You could write a book on how to get approval."

The minister was in town July 10 to take part in a ceremonial sod turning to launch construction. He was joined by Halton North MPP Walt Elliot, Halton Region

Chairman Peter Pomeroy and Milton Mayor Gord Krantz.

Patten said the 272-bed addition to Maplehurst, on Martin Street, will also provide a closer and more convenient location for lawyers, judges and families of inmates.

The new unit will have an annual operating budget of more than \$6 million and will employ more than 100 correctional officers, administrators, social workers, nurses, psychologists and office staff.

The addition, which will be attached to the existing complex, is expected to be completed next summer and should be ready for

occupancy by the winter of 1991.

The Ontario Ministry of Government Services is overseeing construction of the addition which is given high priority.

"We will be using a design/build approach," said Government Services Minister Chris Ward. "This method allows the supplier to provide all design, development and construction services necessary for the completion of the project."

A medium security facility, Maplehurst Correctional Centre has been in operation since 1975. It currently houses up to 432 adult male offenders sentenced to less than two years.

CRIMESTOPPERS



Thieves take 'Doc Martins'

By SGT. DAVE ATKINSON

Halton Regional Police and Crime Stoppers are requesting the public's assistance in solving an entry and theft where six pairs of "Doc Martin", a popular style boot, were stolen.

This entry and theft took place at Rhonda's Runner, a store situated on the east side of Mill Street in Georgetown that sells bikes, skate board equipment and shoes.

There had been two attempts at entering the store. The suspect(s) were successful on the second attempt. The first attempt took place during the early hours of Thursday, 14th of June. The suspects taped a piece of cloth over the business door window and broke the window at the door latch. The suspects were unable to gain entry at this time.

On Wednesday, June 27, the suspect(s) returned and taped two green garbage bags against the glass on the store door. The window was then broken and the suspects entered the store. The only items stolen were the boots, with a value of \$325.

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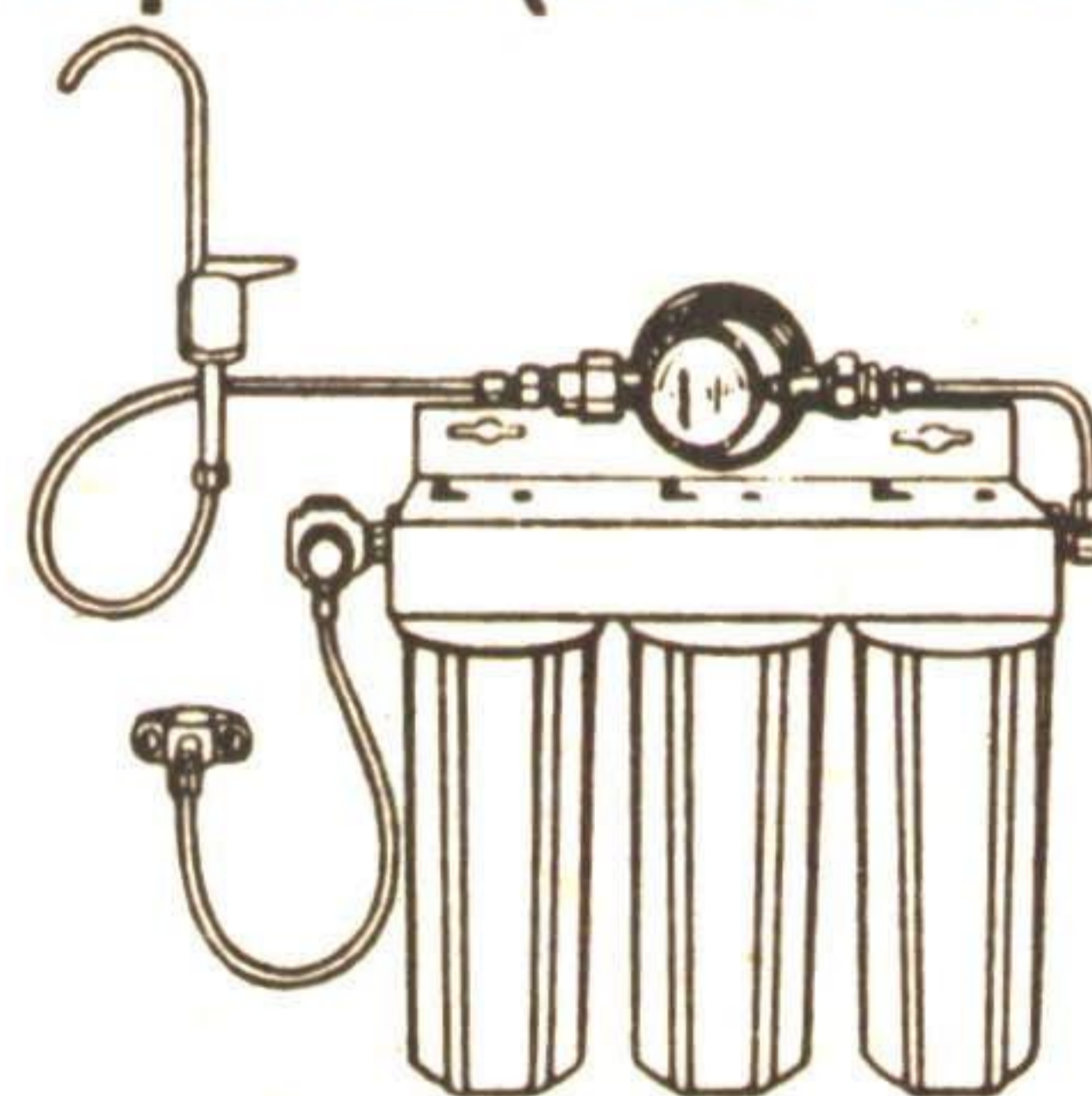
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