



PLENTY OF GOOD FOOD, fun and fellowship marked the fourth annual court party held for Nelson Ct. residents Friday evening. Swimming, games and a social evening were enjoyed by all.

IODE honors six for best essays

Six Martin St. School students who topped the recent Education Week essay contest were honored with prizes at the school's closing assembly. It was the third annual contest sponsored by the John

Milton Chapter of the IODE. Eileen Martin, education secretary of the IODE, presented the prizes — a book "The Color of Canada" to the two first prize winners Leanne Carter of grade 7 and

Andrew Innes of grade 8; and IODE credits to the four honorable mention winners. Runner-up prizes were awarded to Lisa Wallace and Sandy Moore of grade 7, Dawn Chan and Christopher

Phillips of grade 8. Judges for the contest were Robert Bell, a teacher at Denyes school; Ray Morrison, principal of Dick school; and Olga Darcovich, a writer at The Champion.

—Wise buyers shop Champion classifieds, where the bargains are, week after week.

—Workmen have painted new white traffic lines on local streets.

—Mohawk Raceway has closed for the summer but re-opens Sept. 3 for a long winter meet.

—More rain was promised on the weekend, but it failed to come down. Crops need more rain.

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Coons, Commission . . .

(Continued from page 2) he can now do work he's intended to do."

The chief is preparing a report on the subject of the association's report for the commission.

Nowhere in the report, continued Coons, does it mention the Halton police officer is the highest paid in the province, if not in Canada.

"I guess the point I want to make is that I've had enough of the confrontation," he said. "The board is fair and honest within the limits of human ability," Coons said.

Now that the bargaining process is over Coons said it was time to get back to police work and serve the citizens of Halton. Improvements do not come from confrontation, he said. There should be team work.

Coons said he is not upset that Ruelens does police association work when he is on duty, but that he may have

to stop that. "That's the course you're taking," cautioned Coons.

Ruelens was quick to deny Coons' charge that he conducted association business on taxpayers' time.

The three resignations that have come up since he has been a commissioner gave no suggestion of a morale problem, said the Burlington commissioner.

As an indication of the hard line the commission intends to follow with the association, Coons said the two bodies can no longer work informally. The association must write and ask to be on the agenda.

When Ruelens began to speak he was chided for being out of order. "If you listen to me," commission chairman William Hourigan told Ruelens, "you've forced us into this position, from here on in things will be done in a formal

manner."

In the cafeteria the association brass backed up the report and Ruelens. "This executive board will stand by what the membership wants," Ron Smith said.

I agree wholeheartedly with the report. We were under instructions to carry it out (release it to the press) and if they (the commissioners) don't believe it, they can come to the next association meeting and ask, said Smith.

Morale is better now than before the report, Constable Wayne Jessop said.

Before Coons' remarks the commission dealt with setting dates for interviews for ranks from staff sergeants to staff inspectors. Was this a sign of the commission acting on the association's report?

"It'd be a good thing to do politically," replied Ruelens. The feeling among association brass is the next move is up to the commissioners.

Once Coons' remarks were cleared up Ruelens went on to make some points of his own. The number of men on the force, he said, has decreased by one man from last year. Last year's complement was 264, and this year's is 263, he told reporters.

Since release of the report, more information has come in from police officers. If there is enough, a second volume may be coming out, Ruelens said.

Ruelens often cast the commission within political molds.

Age of Majority cards sold here

Bob Moreau of the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario set up a two day session with provincial representatives for processing age of majority cards for 18-year-olds in the Milton area at the Bavarian Inn Monday and Tuesday.

The five-person team headed by Sheldon Gilbert is one of four groups touring the province processing the identification cards used in restaurants, hotels and bars as proof of age for drinkers of alcoholic beverages.

For a two dollar fee and presentation of a valid birth certificate, passport or baptismal certificate, the registrant had his photograph taken and a laminated card presented within a few minutes.

The group will be moving to the Oakville Legion on

Church St. for the remainder of the week.

The age of majority will be changed to 19 years on January 1 of 1979 but those who turn 18 by December 31 will still be eligible to consume alcohol legally. In many drinking establishments, the age of majority card is the only acceptable proof of age.



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