

Inmate hunger strike results in 11 transfers

By Linda Kirby

Eleven Maplehurst inmates, considered "hard core" troublemakers, were removed from the medium-security correctional centre Thursday afternoon, following a 24-hour hunger strike by approximately 150 inmates.

The strike by 110 inmates in the adult training centre began Wednesday when inmates refused their

evening meal, complaining of poor food quality.

They were joined by approximately 40 correctional centre inmates the following morning when they did not show up for breakfast.

Their complaints included cold toast, warm juice and milk and the "occasional" cold meal, according to Allan Roberts, Superintendent of Maplehurst.

"They were pretty trivial things," he said. But the hunger strike prompted Maplehurst officials to launch an investigation into the grievances and bring in Don McIntosh, regional representative for Parnell Foods Co., the caterers for Maplehurst, on Thursday morning.

Mr. Roberts said both he and Mr. McIntosh paid a visit to inmates to discuss the problems.

"They had a list of concerns and we told them we would pass them on and see if they could be corrected," said Mr. Roberts.

He said all inmates reported for lunch, but a short time later officials received word of a planned disturbance.

"We got word there might be a sit-down demonstration," said Mr. Roberts, adding the hunger strike was an excuse by inmates to stir up trouble.

"We discovered there was, in fact, a hard core of maybe a dozen inmates trying to be disruptive," he said, adding other inmates were pressured to join the protest.

"The majority of the inmates didn't want to go along with it," he said.

Following the transfer of the 11 inmates to other jails and correctional centres, there have been no further incidents.

Courthouse grant coming

By Jane Muller

The Ontario Heritage Foundation will announce the amount of a grant to help offset restoration costs for the old Halton court house and jail complex Thursday morning.

Funds will be granted as a result of a visit April 10, by Foundation representative John White, former treasurer of Ontario.

The amount of the grant is not known at this time, but it will go toward the \$2.3 million renovation cost aimed at turning the now empty building into municipal offices, a council chamber plus a senior citizen drop-in.

Mayor Gord Krantz said there have been two or three developers who have expressed interest in either buying or leasing the present town hall and surrounding properties. The future of the court house and jail complex on Brown St. lies in the sale or lease of the municipal block including lands bounded by Martin and Main Sts. and the Sixteen Mile Creek.

"Bringing them both (the sale and proposed move) together is the biggest problem," Mayor Krantz admits.

Milton Council procured the services of architect Carlos Ventin last June. He has been busy designing preliminary plans, further to those approved by council in October.

He is expected to make a presentation to council at the Committee of the Whole meeting Monday, April 27.

Mr. Ventin calls the work at the court house and jail "recycling" rather than renovating. The building, constructed in 1854, has been stripped to its bare stone interior walls by Maplehurst inmates to allow the architect to detect any structural faults before construction estimates are given.

The existing structure will provide expanded office space for town staff and an addition will serve the community's seniors.

New Horizons grants will be applied for to help cover the costs of the addition, which will house a senior citizen drop-in centre.

This federal grant program is designed to promote the interests of seniors and to get them more involved in the community.



Jane Muller, Milton Champion

Mother's Easter surprise a hit

The Easter weekend began on a sweet note for Grade 1 students from Linda Knight's class at Robert Baldwin School. Doug Osborne shared a homemade treat with classmates Thursday afternoon, including Janet McDonald (left) and Sondra Holmes. The bunny cake

was a tasty end to a week of studying rabbits—long associated with the season. Students made bunny puppets, cookies and cutouts during hour-long sessions each afternoon last week, which helped them learn more about the fuzzy animals.

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Record \$58 million Halton budget

It's a \$68 tax hike for Miltonians

Milton residents will be hit with an average \$68 tax hike this year, according to the region's final budget approved this week.

Of the \$759 total tax bill including town, region and education taxes on an "average Milton home assessed at \$5,000, the regional portion of the mill rate is nearly 27 per cent higher than last year.

The biggest spending increase in the tax-supported part of Halton's \$58 million total budget came from the Halton Regional Police Force, which takes up 48 per cent of money levied from taxpayers.

This year's finalized police budget is \$13.4 million—up \$2.3 million, or a 19 per cent jump from last year.

Halton's new treasurer Gerry Lawson

told councillors "There appears to be some kind of a catch-up going on in Halton" which is responsible for this year's largest tax jump on record.

Provincial grants aren't being increased at the same rate as the regional expenditures to which they relate, he said.

"There's no doubt that police costs are the fastest growing costs in the province," he added.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said the region's budget has gone up 204 per cent since 1974. He did not vote in favor of this year's budget.

"I think the budget has to be passed but I'm certainly not enthusiastic about it," he said in an interview.

Oakville is the hardest hit of the four municipalities which make up the region. An average homeowner there with a house assessed at \$7,600 will pay a total of \$116 more in taxes this year, making for a total tax bill of \$1,058 this year.

In Burlington the average residential property is assessed at \$6,300 and residents will owe \$852 in taxes—an \$83 increase from 1980.

The average Halton Hills resident with a home assessed at \$6,500 will pay \$88 in taxes this year—a jump of \$90 from last year.

These figures include education and local taxes.

The region is faced with some extra expenditures this year which relate to deficits incurred in 1980. Last year, the unpopular sewer surcharge system ended up \$723,000 in the red. There was also a general \$451,000 general operating deficit in accounts directly supported by taxes.

Halton Council has responded to those problems by hiking sewer surcharge rates. Council has also decided to spend \$510,000 on re-organizing the region's administration and hiring extra staff in an effort to prevent future deficits from occurring.

Halton's financial reserves (\$365,000) were completely spent last year and council

has set aside \$300,000 from this year's budget to replenish them.

This year over 56 per cent of Halton's budget goes to groups which are not directly controlled by Regional Council. These include 48 per cent to police, five per cent to conservation authorities and two per cent to the Children's Aid Society.

\$100,000 win in Wintario

Jack and Anne Coleman of Milton became \$100,000 richer Thursday night when their Wintario ticket number matched the winning combination.

Jack, a 42-year-old truck driver with Howden Construction, bought the lucky ticket at Milton Mall, a weekly habit since Wintario began.

His 37-year-old wife will retire as an assembly line worker at Canadian Meter Company as a result of the win.

The Colemans who have three children aged 14 to 20, were watching the draw on television at their home on Laurier Ave. with friends when they found theirs was the ticket to fortune.

"We had a party," said Mr. Coleman. "It was a pretty good night."

Debbie's runway paved with hope

By Jane Muller

Debbie Anderson may not take herself too seriously, but she is hoping the panel of judges for the "1981 Model Of The Year" contest in Toronto this weekend will.

The 26-year-old Milton mother of two will compete with 280 of Toronto's newest models for \$20,000 in prizes in this annual contest sponsored by Eleanor Fulcher Ltd.

She joined the Eleanor Fulcher agency last summer and embarked on a three week crash course in modeling, make up techniques and clothing styles.

"It is a good course. I had heard about it for years," she said.

Ten years ago Debbie started modelling with another agency but she remembers it was hard enough being a teenager, without the hassles of becoming a model.

"The older girls at the school were tough to handle."

She said until you can take the constant criticism about your face, body shape and height you shouldn't be a model.

"You must have a strong personality and a healthy attitude about yourself," she suggests.

At 26, she has that needed confidence but she maintains a sense of humor about herself and her work.

Debbie has always been fashion conscious, a trait passed down from her mother who has always been fashion oriented.

Born and raised near Georgetown, as a teenager she spent little time in the small town setting.

From Grade 8 to 13 Debbie attended Bishop Strachan, a private girls' school in the heart of downtown Toronto.

Her summers were spent at Sauble Beach where she met her husband Frank at age 15. It was also at the beach where she first worked as a model for nearby boutiques.

She was crowned Miss Sauble Beach when she was 17, a competition involving some 15 to 20 girls, which she was coerced by friends to enter.

She married her teenage love in 1974 and found herself expecting her first son, Christopher, after one semester at the University of Waterloo where Frank was

also a student.

That was the end of her proposed career as a biologist. She is of the somewhat old fashioned philosophy that a mother should be just that, and stay home with her children.

Although she involves herself in hobbies such as gourmet cooking, quilt and stained glass making she was "feeling rather bored" as a housewife in Milton.

Modelling as a career gives her the best of both worlds.

"It's interesting and I can make an income without the 9 to 5 demands. It's ideal for me," says the blue-eyed model.

Keeping a slim figure is a priority with this up and coming model.

Her two sons aged 3 and 5 keep her constantly on the run but that isn't enough for Debbie, who seems to abound with energy.

Her daily exercise routine includes a half hour of cycling on her exercise bike—which was a Christmas present from her father.

It is not enough for a model to stay slim, according to Debbie she must keep her muscles toned and not flabby.

She also enjoys walking and is crazy about roller skating.

Debbie's trim figure has been a source of embarrassment for her at times. She remembers modelling a red bathing suit with a wrap skirt and the fashion commentator saying "would you believe Debbie is the mother of two?"

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Clocks ahead this Sunday

This weekend Milton and district switch over to Daylight Saving Time. Clocks will go ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 26 and remain an hour fast until DST ends Sunday, Oct. 25.

Remember to advance the clock one hour at bedtime Saturday night, or you'll be an hour late for church on Sunday morning.

And if you're having trouble remembering which way the clock goes this weekend, the rule is "Spring forward, fall backward."

Inside today's Champion

Talented dog

A dog came to town last week to entertain students and showed a variety of talents. Lance is a real champ. Pg. 2.

They love Tony

Patrons of Tona Casale's Riviera Restaurant hated to say goodbye when he sold the dining room to new owners. But they gave him a big, warm send-off. Pg. 3.

Early doctor

Mel Robinson in his "Milton Then and Now" column profiles one of Milton's first doctors, Dr. J. Cobban. Pg. 5.

Backroads to success

This band is making a name for itself, with dance-able, listen-able music. A young Milton man heads it up. Pg. 6.

Works director

Milton Council welcomed a new public works director this week. See photo and Council Round-Up on Pg. 8.

Lifetime of racing

At 84, Doc Heslop recounts many of his experiences with harness racing. He remembers the days when farmers would race their work horses. For a full feature on Doc, turn to page B2. Sports and features are on pages B1 to B4.

Museum re-opening

Ontario Agricultural Museum at Kelsco will open for the season Monday, May 11. There are a number of "new" old exhibits. See stories and photos, Pgs. C1 and C2.

Y needs help

The Milton Y needs dollars. Organizers have also announced a fun-filled summer camp program. Pg. C3.

Music teacher

She teaches music to the music teachers who teach our children. Pg. C6.

Film on crime

Halton Police have a new film on crime prevention, and it is winning critical acclaim. Pg. C10.

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Looking ahead. One of the most exciting and nerve wracking days of 26-year-old Debbie Anderson's life will be Sunday as she vies for the title of "1981 Model of the Year". A Milton resident for two years, she is a mother of two young sons and enjoys the flexibility of a career in modelling as she still has time for her family.