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Saturday June 19, 1982
Lion's Club Country & Western Dance—The action kicks off at 8.30 p.m. at Milton Memorial Arena.
Friday June 25, 1982
Nassagaweya Day—Many activities are planned.
Lion's Club Dance—Kicks off at Mohawk Raceway.
Milton District Hospital Garden Party—This annual event will take place at the home of Dr. Carl Martin.
Flag Raising—Scheduled to take place at Centennial Park. **Saturday June 26, 1982**
Fashion Show—Sponsored by the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA).
Beauty Pageant—Miss Milton contest. Each business in town will sponsor their own choice for Miss Milton in this pageant.
Street Dance—Scheduled to take place, but exact time and location yet to be determined.
Sunday June 27, 1982
Soccer Day—Milton Italian-Canadian Club will sponsor and organize this tournament at Milton Heights.
Sunday In The Park—Scheduled to take place at Victoria Park.
Monday June 28, 1982
Town Council—First meeting of council in 1857 will be re-enacted. All single males between ages of 16 and 25 must pay poll tax.
Tuesday June 29, 1982
Dance Group, Springers—Scheduled to appear at E.C. Drury High School.
Little Theatre—Scheduled to take place at Halton Centennial Manor.
Wednesday June 30, 1982
Euchre Tournament—Boyer Community Centre. Other events are planned.
Thursday July 1, 1982
Canada Day—Numerous activities are planned, including a bathtub race, soap box derby, rock concert, fireworks, bingo, lawn bowling and softball game between The Canadian Champion and the Town of Milton council, The Rotary Club plans a dance.
Friday July 2, 1982
Old Timers Hockey—Scheduled to take place at Milton Memorial Arena, sponsored by Milton Lions Club.
Western Entertainment and Dance—Tentatively planned.
Saturday July 3, 1982
Parade—Scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.
Donkey Baseball—Sponsored by Milton Jaycees, it will pit an all media team against Milton councillors.
Soccer and Dance—Sponsored by Milton Junior Farmers.
Gold Rush Saloon—Tentatively scheduled.
Garden Party—Scheduled to take place at Halton Centennial Manor.
Sunday July 4, 1982
Barbecue—Halton Agricultural Museum. Other plans, scheduled to last all day, are being made.

Police budget \$15.8 million

Taxpayers may get better protection

By STEVE ARNOLD
 Champion News Editor

Halton residents can look for a modest improvement in the quality of their police force in 1982 following the approval last week of a pared down budget for the department.

Members of the Region's administration and finance committee gave their approval to a budget of \$15.8 million for the department following efforts

by the police commission to trim the total by \$10,000.

The public of the money sliced from the budget by the commission came from the amounts earmarked for hiring more constables and civilians.

Chief James Harding told members of the committee during his first presentation of the budget that Halton is currently 71 policemen below the limits set for a region of this size and that the 15 he pro-

posed to hire this year were part of a four-year plan to solve that deficit.

Following the direction of the committee and police commission, current plans are to phase in this year's 15 new constables over two years, saving taxpayers \$55,700.

"This was a heart rending exercise because I thought our first budget was responsible," Chief Harding told committee members.

"We have done as well as we can to make cuts. This will certainly impair our efficiency, but at the end of the year we will come out with a more effective police department."

Coun. Jim Grieve, vice-chairman of the police commission and one of two Halton appointees, said this budget had the unanimous support of the commission.

"Despite our problems I don't want this committee to think that the Halton Regional Police are in anything but good shape. The esprit of the force is tremendous and we have a long waiting list of people from other forces wanting to join us," he said.

Commissioner Harry Barrett, also a Regional councillor said that waiting list could be the key to more cost savings for the department by hiring experienced officers in the future.

"We are giving very serious consideration to hiring experienced officers rather than raw recruits that we have to send away for 15 weeks training," he said.

Commissioner Rick Morrow, a Provincial appointee to the police commission, said he eventually supported the budget, but felt the cuts may have been too severe.

"We have to recognize that this does place an increased burden on the department," he said, noting that calls for police service have been increasing in past years well ahead of the increase in population.

He also noted the Region of Peel is hiring 66 new officers this year for its police force, "and I think that shows that we should be prepared to recognize the problems that our force is facing."

While both councillors and taxpayers are facing increased pressure to hold the line of expenses, "it is generally recognized that the Halton force is at the bottom end of the scale, so if taxes anywhere in Halton are disproportionately high, it isn't the police that are causing that," he added.

Chief Harding said his first priorities for the new year would be to beef up the staff in the communications department and to put some more men on the

Crown Attorney says

Criminal released early, jails are just too full

By ALEX MATHESON
 Special to The Champion

Many criminals aren't let out of jail because they have served their time or they are rehabilitated. It's often simply to make room for more recent offenders.

"Parole is given partly because the jails are too full, although that is a hell of a reason," said Halton crown attorney Jim Treleaven.

He said the average amount of time in custody is dropping although the sentences given by the courts aren't.

"Three years means one and the person might be out at Christmas," said the crown.

Jails don't rehabilitate people. They can't be treated while they are in jail, and in the street if they want to be bad, they will, he added.

"Most studies say probation doesn't work. We let them out because we can't do anything," he added.

Philosophically, we pay lip service to reform, but it doesn't do much good, he said.

"We should recognize them for what they are and keep them off the street and punish them. Don't kid about rehabilitation," said the prosecutor.

Capital punishment would get rid of a few people that we can't control, but it wouldn't deter many people, he said.

Deterrence is irrelevant in connection with crimes of passion, he added.

However, the crown attorney thinks deterrence may have some value in such crimes as shoplifting.

A professional shoplifter can steal \$2,000 a day, so costs of incarceration, police and courts is still less than the dollar loss if the person is out on the street.

"If we could put the next 10 shoplifters in jail for the maximum period of time, regardless of age or sex, it would cut down on the crime dramatically," said Mr. Treleaven.

However, we can't get that kind of experimentation, he said.

"I don't think prisons rehabilitate, it is up to the person to make the decision," said John Main, regional director for institutions in Central Ontario for the ministry of correctional services.

Prison officials can facilitate change if the person wants to change, he added.

"I hope that it (incarceration) is a deterrent," he said.

Time in jail can lead to a weaning from drug addictions, he said.

"It is our belief that people are good and can be redeemed," he added.

There are about 5,000 people in Ontario jails, with about 1,600 serving sentences of two years less a day and the rest awaiting trial.

Main said there is "room for improvement in co-ordinating efforts of police, courts and the prison system."

"To a large degree, the media can be blamed for the gulf in the public's perception of correction," said Dennis Philipson, superintendent of the Hamilton Detention Centre.

"We can tell what date a prisoner may be released. He must serve a minimum of one-third of the sentence," he said.

But because they may be released doesn't mean they will, he said.

Misconduct and not applying themselves can lead to prisoners serving the whole sentence.

Probably almost as many serve the full sentence as are released at the earliest possible time, he said.

Trafficking nets jail

Three counts of trafficking a narcotic and a fourth conviction for possession of marijuana, netted a one-year jail sentence for a 23-year-old Milton man.

Steven Foster, of 20 Prince St., pleaded guilty to two counts of trafficking marijuana and a third count of trafficking L.S.D. At the time of his arrest on Feb. 25 he was also charged with one count of possession of marijuana.

The charges came as a result of an investigation by an undercover police member of the Joint Forces Operation

Constable Bob Andrews made three purchases of drugs from the accused between Jan. 7 and 15 of this year.

A native of Montreal, Mr. Foster came to Milton 18 months ago.

He has previous convictions for drug related charges and two years ago, served a four-month jail sentence for a drug offence.

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