

# Police blotter

## Series of B & Es

Halton Regional Police are investigating a series of break and enter incidents that occurred over the weekend, which included several Main St. premises.

Police do not believe at this time that they are connected.

An office building at 225 Main St. was entered by thieves who broke an upstairs window.

Police said they believe the culprits managed to climb up an outside sign to reach the window.

The attempted to enter several offices, but gained entry to only The Hamilton Spectator premises.

Nothing was stolen, but there is \$50 damage to the floor.

That incident took place sometime between Sunday morning and Monday morning.

Thieves failed in their attempt to get into The Food Station at 210 Main St. during the early morning hours of Monday.

They apparently broke a sign during their attempt to climb up to a window on the north side of the building.

An estimated \$10 in quarters was removed from Fashion Beauty Salon at 171 Main St.

Thieves gained entry after reaching through a hole in the wall at the rear of the building and opening a door.

Approximately \$10 was removed from the front desk at Elio's Shoe Store at 221 Main St.

The theft also took place during the early morning hours of Monday. The store was entered via an insecure door in a hallway of the building.

Youths are believed responsible for approximately \$50 damage to Holy Rosary School at 141 Main St.

Police said the school was open Friday evening and they believe several youths stayed behind after the school was locked.

The suspects attempted to break into the offices of the principal and vice-principal but were unsuccessful. They did manage however, to steal three keys.

Carol Spence of 551 Childs Dr. reported her townhouse entered over the weekend.

Nothing is reported missing.

Terry O'Brien of 285 Ontario St., Milton parked his vehicle at Milton Memorial Arena Monday evening for one hour, only to return to find the wheel covers missing.

The Corvette covers are valued at \$250.

## \$3,000 stolen

Halton Regional Police are investigating several suspects in connection with a break, enter and theft at Mini-Mart Convenient Store at 500 Laurier Ave.

A total of \$3,000 was stolen from the store between 1.30 a.m. Sunday and 8.30 a.m. of the same day.

Police said the alarm had been set when the last employee left the store, but that upon investigation it was discovered the alarm was not working.

The suspects removed the flange from the rear receiving door and knocked off the lock. They then made their way into the office area where the cash was kept.

## Bulk food

### robbery thwarted

Thieves attempting to make off with more than \$100 cash from Bulk Foods at 18 Thompson Rd. were thwarted by several keen neighbours.

Halton Regional Police said the incident took place at about 9.15 p.m. Monday when Larry Westwood of Southern Performance Shop, also at 18 Thompson Rd. noticed a suspect exiting the food store with a cash tray.

Mr. Westwood and three other people immediately took up chase of the suspect, who promptly dropped the cash drawer and money he was carrying.

A total of \$165 cash was returned.

Police said the youth, between 18 and 19 years, crawled through a window after removing a fly screen.

There were store employees working at the time at the back of the store, said police.

## \$100 cash stolen

### from bowling alley

A total of \$100 cash and between eight and 10 cartons of cigarettes were stolen from Milton Bowl-A-Way early Saturday morning.

Thieves went to some trouble to get into the 4 Prince St. location, attempting to pry open doors at the southwest and southeast corner.

They finally smashed the front plate glass window and climbed in through the window. Total damage amounts to \$300.

## Vehicles stolen

Two stolen vehicles were recovered over the weekend when Halton Regional Police responded to another call in Campbellville.

Edward Parem of Third Sideroad called police Friday evening when he saw two youths trying to start a tractor at his farm.

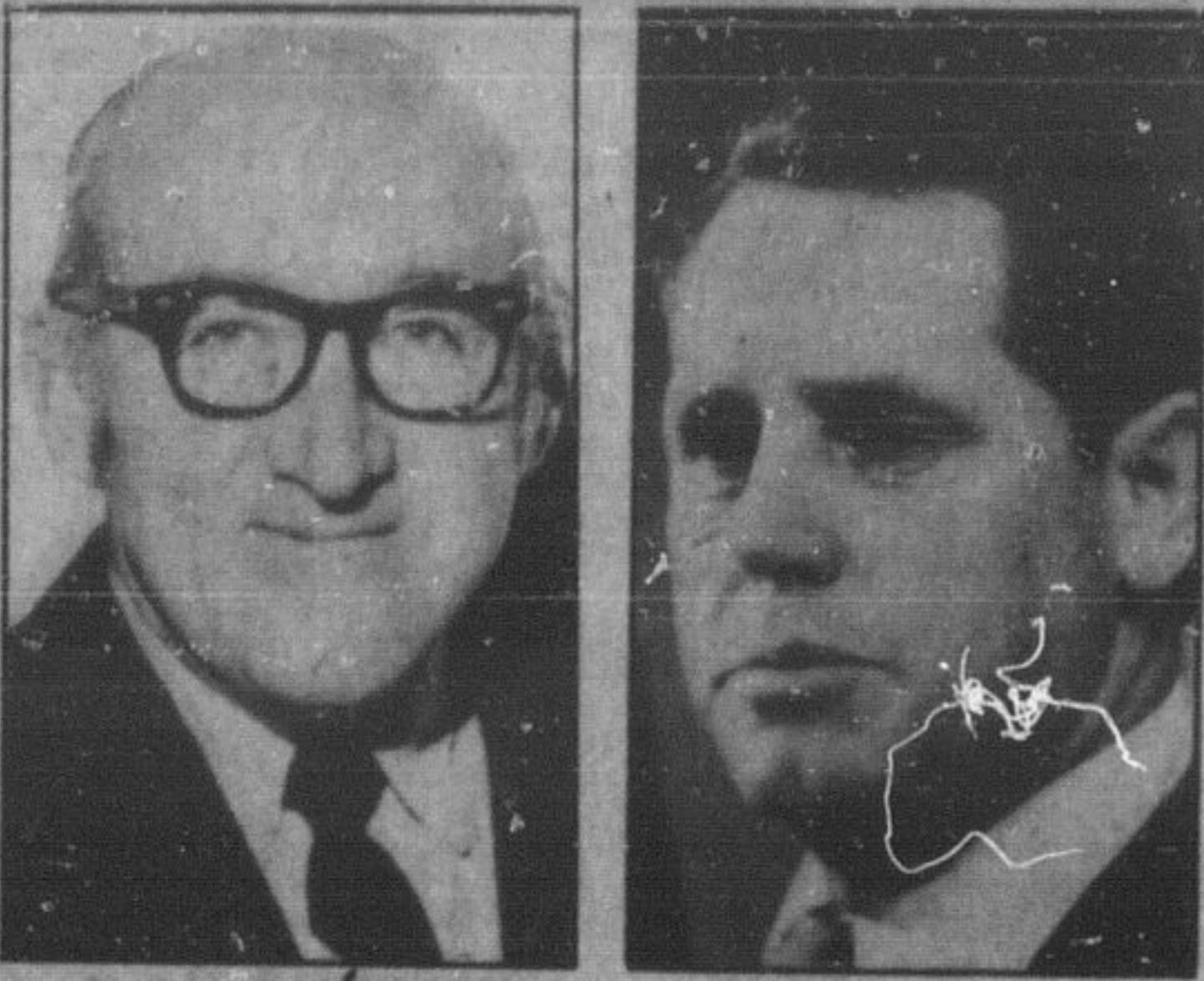
The youths were unsuccessful and ran off into a forested area, but during a police search, two cars were found.

Both vehicles had been reported stolen during the past month.

—Linda Kirby

## Candidate Goutouski says

# Council ignoring housing need



GUS GOUTOUSKI

GORD KRANTZ

By STEVE ARNOLD

Desperate Milton residents with a need for subsidized housing are not getting the help they need from Town council, according to mayoralty candidate Gus Goutouski.

In a recent statement Mr. Goutouski said one of his first actions, if elected, would be to arrange with Ontario Housing to provide money for a home renewal program in Milton and a non-profit housing corporation.

"We have an obligation to try to provide services to every part of the community," Mr. Goutouski said. "There is definitely a need for this kind of program here. There are people who aren't coming forward, but they need our help."

Mr. Goutouski explained that under the Ontario Home Renewal Program, homeowners can qualify for up to \$7,500 in low interest loans and grants

to make needed repairs to their houses. The money can be used to correct structural, sanitation and heating and wiring problems, he said, adding that parts of the loans can be forgiven depending on the family income.

Handicapped homeowners can qualify for up to \$9,500 to assist in making their homes more accessible.

All that is required for Milton to qualify for that program is a minimum property standards by-law—currently being studied by Town staff.

"It doesn't cost the Town a damn cent," he said.

Mr. Goutouski also said Town council should establish a non-profit housing corporation to meet some of the desperate need for housing assistance in Milton.

That program, he said, would not cost the Town anything either, because all of the costs would be covered by the Province.

All that is required is for the Town to pass a motion supporting the principle of non-profit housing and to establish a board of directors to run the corporation.

"We can get non-profit housing in Milton without

costing the taxpayer anything. All we have to do is take some action," Mr. Goutouski said.

The project would be overseen by a renewal officer "and his compensation comes directly from the Province," he said.

"This Town council just hasn't responded to the needs of all the citizens," he said. "I see many people coming through here looking for accommodation because they have been turfed out of their apartments. Where they go is a mystery."

Mr. Goutouski noted that five years ago Ontario Housing worked to establish a non-profit unit in Milton, but eventually the project was dropped when a deal over servicing requirements couldn't be arranged with Town council.

"At that time they felt there was definitely a need or they wouldn't have put all the effort they did into negotiating it," he said.

"The people who qualify for this kind of assistance are really desperate. It's a question of very intense needs and if the Province is willing to provide the money to help them out, then why don't we take advantage of it?"

Incumbent Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said

there is already non-profit housing available in the town and added he would support such a plan only if it did not cost existing taxpayers anything.

"This really isn't anything new as far as the Town is concerned," he said. "I certainly don't want to see the Town get into the housing business."

"If we could participate in something at no cost to the Town, then I would support it," he said.

Mr. Krantz said one of the reasons he was reluctant to see the stock of subsidized housing increased in Milton was because it takes away incentive for people to provide for their own needs.

"We should be encouraging people to do something for themselves," he said. "These kind of things take away the initiative for people to get out and take care of their own needs."

The existing number of units, he said, "seem to have taken care of the needs of the Town."

"There may be the odd hardship case, but I'm not aware of any great problem here," he added.

## Decision '82



## Mayor Krantz says

# Gus is late on police issue

By STEVE ARNOLD  
Champion News Editor

Halton's police chief needs more political support than he has been getting if he is to complete the task of rebuilding the Regional police, according to Milton mayoralty candidate Gus Goutouski.

The best way to ensure that chief James Harding gets that support, he continued, is to have an elected member from each of Halton's member municipalities on the police commission.

"Our police force is one of the most progressive in the province and chief Harding is constantly trying to improve it," Mr. Goutouski said in a recent interview.

"I think we need the mayor of Milton on the police commission to support the chief in trying to improve service to Milton," he added.

The quality of police service in Milton has been a source of contention ever since the inception of Regional government and the takeover of responsibility for the entire area by the Regional force.

Under current legislation, the Halton Police Commission is composed of three members appointed by the Province and only two by Regional council, even though Halton taxpayers provide the bulk of the force's budget.

"What kind of input do we have into policing in the Region now," Mr. Goutouski queried. "The composition of the commission was wrong to begin with."

The major problem with police service in the Region, however, is political, he said:

"I believe that chief Harding has definitely made all the efforts he can to have service increased to Milton, but he needs support for the budget increases that are necessary, to finish the job."

"We are understaffed here, but it isn't the fault of the chief, it's the fault of the budget," Mr. Goutouski said.

In his 1982 budget proposals, chief Harding requested enough money to hire the 77 officers by which Halton is under provincial standards for an area of this size but Regional councillors voted to have the increase in manpower phased over the next few years.

"I don't think people will mind paying more taxes if they know it is for increased protection, the protection they feel they are entitled to," Mr. Goutouski said.

"The chief knows what has to be done, but the solution is really a political issue," he added. Incumbent mayor Gord Krantz described Mr. Goutouski's call for police commission changes as "Gus playing Johnny Come Late, again."

Regional council has already supported such a change in the composition of the commission, he said, adding that blanket support for budget increases for the police department was a dangerous stance to take.

"I can't think of a faster way for us to go bankrupt," he said.

"There has to be a middle ground in something like this and I would suspect that we are very near to it now," Mr. Krantz added.

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