



## Open house

Chief Fire Prevention Officer Don Stewart is encouraging everyone to replace their smoke detector battery with a new one as part of Fire Prevention Week, which starts tomorrow with open house activities at the Milton Fire Department's Central Station on Steeles Avenue.

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## Bylaw enforcement job for two

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the time.

To ease the load, Michel Cormier, formerly a municipal officer in Brampton, was brought in part-time.

He became a full-time employee with the Town in July.

And Ray Bartlett, recently retired from his position as operations manager at Maplehurst Correctional Centre, was hired this month to flesh out the team.

Monitoring zoning, noise, animal control and other bylaw infractions is a job for two, said Ms Lisi.

The officers usually respond to complaints coming through the clerk's office. But they can also take action while patrolling the streets.

Of the 192 complaints the Town received in the first quarter of 1999, most (18 per cent) dealt with licensing issues.

Parking violations came a close second, with property standards closing in on the third position.

Of those complaints, 160 — or just over 83 per cent — were cleared.

Eight new charges were laid in that quarter, and seven court cases were still pending.

But taking residents to court is not the Town's preferred method of accommodation, said Ms Lisi.

"A lot of people aren't doing it deliberately. They think 'I can just put this shed in my backyard and not have to worry,'" she said. "I can let my lawn go. It is my property. I pay taxes."

Often a warning is all it takes.

"Our practice is, we send them a courtesy letter informing them of the bylaw and asking them to give consideration to their neighbors," said Ms Lisi. "It is trying to assist the residents to get back in tune. We try to reasonably do the job."

That policy will be kept up as much as possible when the town grows, she said.

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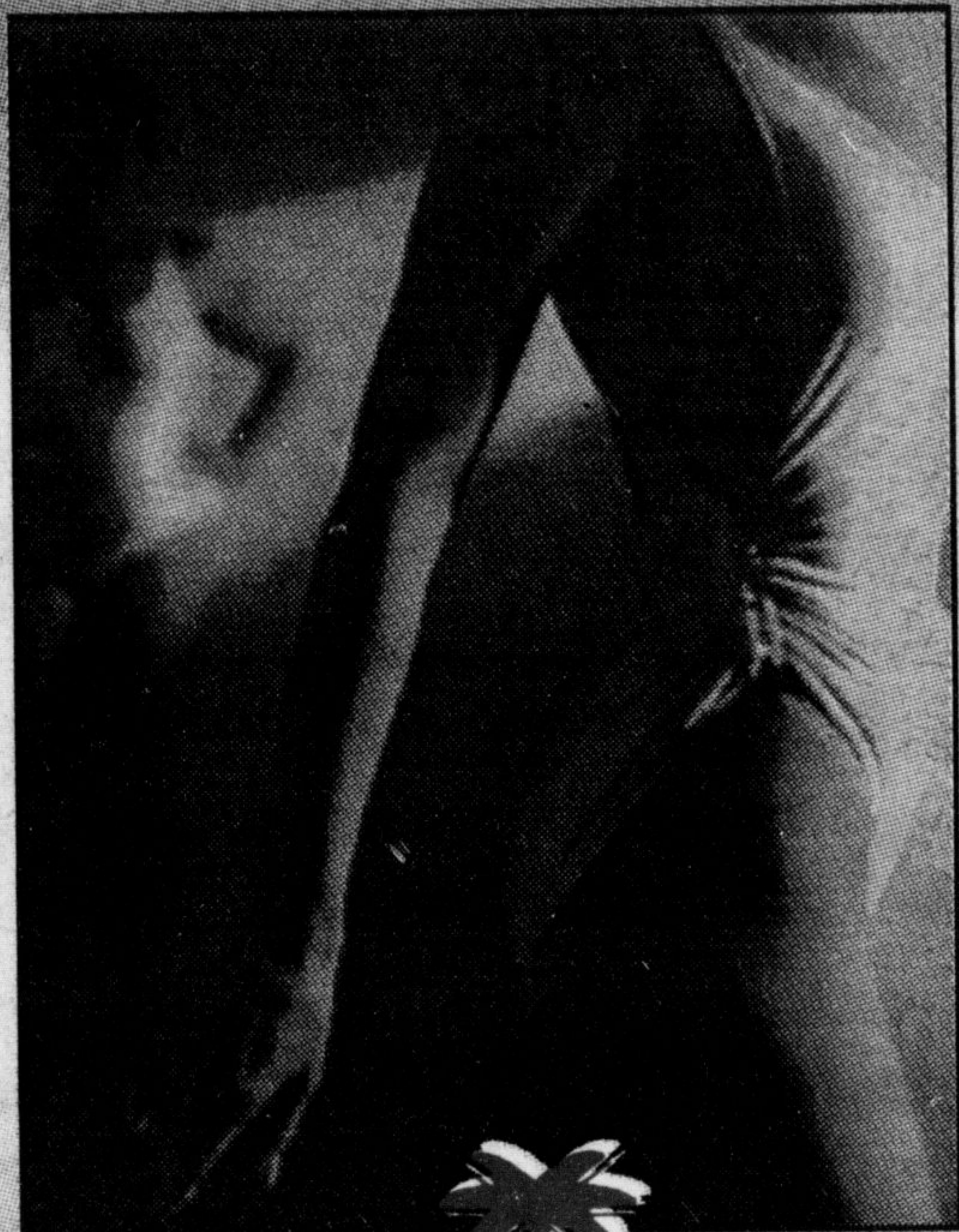
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