## Crime rate up 7.9%

Crime in York Region was up 7.9 per cent in 1978, according to statistics made public last week by Police Chief Bruce Crawford.

In a report to the police commission, Chief Crawford revealed that crime against persons increased in all but one category. All categories of crime against property showed increases.

While the chief was not pleased with the statistics, he admitted that "it's not a startling situation" and that "it is not unusual in this day and age for the crime rate to increase.'

He noted that the increase in impaired driving charges - 1,030 in 1978 compared with 933 the previous year — was 10.5 per cent.

There were three Richvale Lions Majorettes murders in 1978, up from Michelle Dennis, 7, and her fiveone the previous year, year-old sister Jeannette, are and attempted murders increased from one to five in the same period.

showed no increase in 1978, there was almost a (from 39 in 1977 to 69 last year).

Charges of possession of an offensive weapon jumped from 46 in 1977 to 90 last year, while arson charges more than doubled (from 21 in 1977 to 45 last year).

and thefts.

### While rape offences howed no increase in Sheldrake hasn't filed 100 per cent increase in other sexual offences expenses from election With less than one week campaigns within 60 largest amount.

to go all candidates for days.

getting ready for their annual

Candidates were required by bylaw to Modest increases were submit a statement of

A fire in the offices of Wilkinson Metals oc- with unsuccessful can- reminding the councillor will likely have somebody Meriah Surf Products on cupies the rear of the didate Jack Major of the bylaw.

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not been found, but it is Of the Ward coun-

formation officer.

The committee spent a

working at the job as

skateathon which takes place this

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Al Duffy, whose seat was someone to fill the bill. not contested, did not The board went through a spend any money on his useless exercise of apcampaign, nor on his proving the criteria for statement in compliance acceptability, the salary range (\$14,200 - \$18,500) with the bylaw. "I did not spend any and even a change in

Expenses of the late money on a campaign," emphasis from the filers agreed with signed "Al Duffy", was previous job description. averages which became scribbled on the bottom of Now that the decision apparent on deadline day, the clerk's letter has been made, the board

information officer The York Board of early as the budget the board needs better Education Monday night, debates, which wind down connections with its confirmed what many of at the beginning of public and it's a message the Region's residents March. Like most ex- we have been getting all have suspected has been penditures, some trustees along. There have been happening for some time couldn't see the need for arguments against - it's going around in such a position.

School board wants

made a serious error in said. It authorized a search not appointing someone to There was an attempt committee to hire a replace Mrs. McLean by Thornhill Trustee John capable person for the when she left. I would Stephens to defer the position of information respectfully suggest the question to the apofficer. The job had been board hasn't done a good proaching budget deleted late in 1977 when job of communicating discussions. An amend-Margaret McLean ac- with the public since the ment to that, allowing the cepted a position with position was deleted. At job to have a line in the another board of educa- that time we felt trustees budget with an allowance tion. Since then, many and the local press could for the related salary, trustees have bemoaned do the job, but that hasn't passed. Then the board the fact they made a been the case," said dumped the whole idea of mistake by not replacing Vaughan Trustee Don deferring the matter and

decision the board made Thornhill Trustee Aurora Trustee Norm last February that has MacDonald couldn't Weller warned the board come back to haunt it. At agree. She claimed the would have to hire an that time, Newmarket board has 20 good com- assistant, a secretary. Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. Trustee Craig Cribar was munications officers who make funds available for asked to chair a special are responsible for travel, benefits, cameras committee to develop a relating board and school and film. He claimed it job description and hiring events to the public. She would end up costing the criteria for a com- said the money for the job board in the neighborhood munications or in- could be better spent in of \$100,000. the classroom.

" . . . we are not lot of time and came up communications officers with some commendable or PR officers or even recommendations - all information officers,' Ann Gold received \$275 of which were passed by said Mr. Cribar. "We are local council have filed Because six of the 16 and spent \$772.21 and Bill the board - except for elected representatives of

having such an officer circles, at least in one " . . . I feel the board none are valid . . . ," he

Cameron, who re- approved the hiring of an

What hurts more is a introduced the subject. officer by a vote of 11-7.

"I know you're not going to get the kind of job done you want for \$20,000 or \$30,000 — if you could, then I'd support the idea," said Mr. Weller.

The trustees ignored the position, interview decisions. Now is the time him this time.

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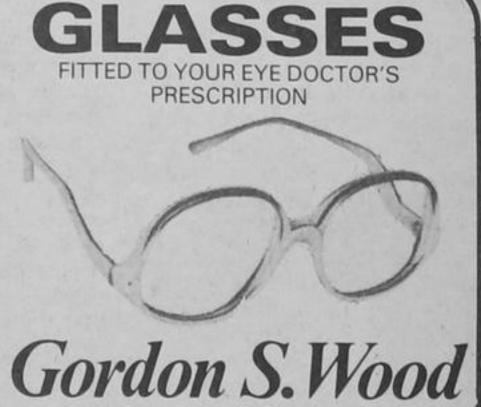
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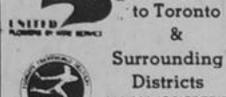
#### recorded in assaults, expenses incurred and breaking and entering contributions received in support of election statement

Newkirk Road in Rich- building and Meriah Surf spending \$379.61 and mond Hill caused an Products the front. estimated \$23,000 damage A cause for the fire has Wainwright, \$3,127.23. last Wednesday night.

residents saw the flames Fire officials were still Ann Gold and Councillor and called the Richmond investigating. Hill Fire Department. Firefighters were able to confine the damage to one end of the building.

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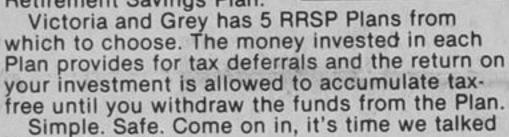
Doug Sheldrake, who ran for regional councillor, has not yet filed his

Regional Councillor Lou

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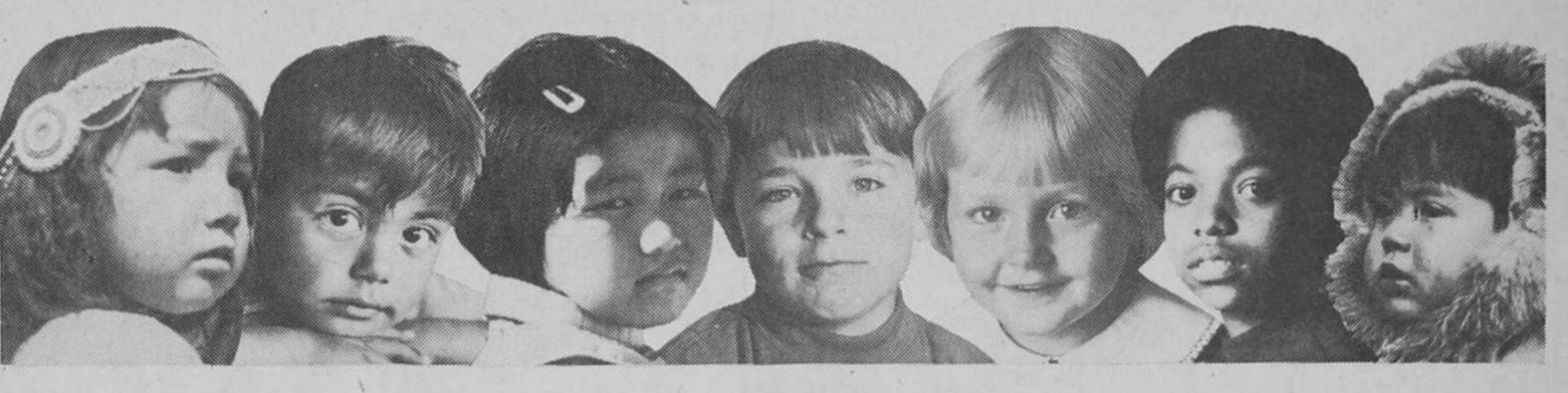
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