

Should Police All Pickering

PICKERING — Pickering Township Police Chief Reginald Parker feels that the jurisdiction of his department should extend over the entire municipality instead of north only to the third concession. At the present time, the Pickering force patrols the urban area while the Ontario Provincial Police covers the more rural districts.

Chief Parker was critical of Pickering Council for cutting the 1967 police budget, thus eliminating three additional members to the force.

"The budget for the police force was the subject of discussions at about five police commission sittings and was altered by council at a single sitting," said Chief Parker.

"I am well aware of the fact that taxes are continuing to rise in the township. However, it is my belief that the taxpayers of this township are not willing to accept less than adequate police protection."

Chief Parker pointed out that the mill rate for police purposes in the south end of the township was 6.9 mills or \$34.50 on a home assessed at \$5,000.

"I may be biased in favor of the department but I do not believe, that this is too much money to pay for police service when compared to any other single thing."

"If a municipality is to be relatively peaceful and law abiding, the only way this can be accomplished is by adequate and vigorous police patrol," stated Chief Parker.

Statistics show that while the township has 1.05 police per 1,000, Whitby has 1.31 and Oshawa 1.29.

Chief Parker pointed out that the present staff of his department is 28 persons of whom six are primarily doing office work leaving 22 persons to police the municipality seven days a week 24 hours a day.

"With a population of 24,000 it means each officer has over 7,000 persons under his particular care during his tour of duty and this figure does not include the transient population," commented chief Parker.

TOWNSHIP VULNERABLE — "In my estimation we are extremely vulnerable to problems with large in-

dustrial strikes or major accident occurrences of any nature. The average shift strength of three men on the road at any given moment is just not adequate."

"The addition of three more officers will improve the situation a little but certainly will not put us in a position where we can feel that we have extra strength," said the Township Police Chief.

Chief Parker admitted that there had been occasions in the past when not a single police cruiser was patrolling the township. He said often in bad accident cases his department was presently unable to carry on normal patrolling of the remainder of the township.

"The whole operation is just doing its job and it is unfortunate that the force is only capable of marginally patrolling areas like shopping plazas," Mr. Parker said that from a traffic standpoint his department was not doing a good enough job.

Chief Parker said he hoped a new police building would be constructed this year on a 3.3 acre site across Highway 2 from the present Dunbarton location. He said the cost of a new police headquarters was estimated at \$125,000.

The present police station was built in 1954 at a cost of \$18,000 and includes two police cells while according to Chief Parker at least six are needed.

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By MOLLIE STEWART UNIONVILLE — Unionville Skating Club featured its 16th annual Ice Show last weekend with record crowds in attendance.

The club ran an additional Sunday performance which played to a packed house.

Among the spectacular acts were a real flying stunt; an optical illusion created by spotlights; a human cannon-ball and a roster of ice skating stars including Unionville's one and only, Debbie Wilkes.

PETER PAN
The first half of the entire program was the story of Barrie's Peter Pan played by Susan Sher.

Other lead parts featured Helen Speckert (Tinkerbell), Debbie Wilkes (Captain Hook), Donna Harding (Wendy), John Holly (John), Philip Trunk (Michael), Heather Irving (Nana the dog) and Michelle Harper as Tiger Lily.

The program opened with a dazzling array of figure skating stars led by Richard Stephens and Anna Forder, members of the Canadian North American Figure Skating Team; Diana Williams, Junior Lady's Figure Skating Champion for Canada and Vic Irving and Mary Jane Oke, Junior Pairs Champions for Canada.

At one moment during the show the gasping audience saw Peter seemingly skate off the ice into the air. The stunt was achieved by having wires concealed on Miss Sher which enabled her to fly above the rink.

One extremely interesting fact about Peter's costume was that the wings were the original ones

ed by Debbie Wilkes. HUMAN CANNON BALL. During the second half of the program there was a circus parade acrobats on a trampoline and a human cannon-ball act described by Conventor Marg Hyland as being sensational. It was.

Other acts which fascinated the crowds, and brought comments such as terrific, best ever and tremendous was the mimicry of Al Jolson by Jay Humphrey, who came in as a last minute replacement. He is also a member of the Canadian World Skating Team. He received an encore ovation.

The program concluded with a minstrel number by Debbie Jones, a strip tease by Emily Mulholland, song and dance number with Eleanor Leggat and Wendy Templeton, a Gypsy Rose Lee feature by Debbie Wilkes worn by the Peter of sixteen years ago, then play-

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