

Vandal activity rises

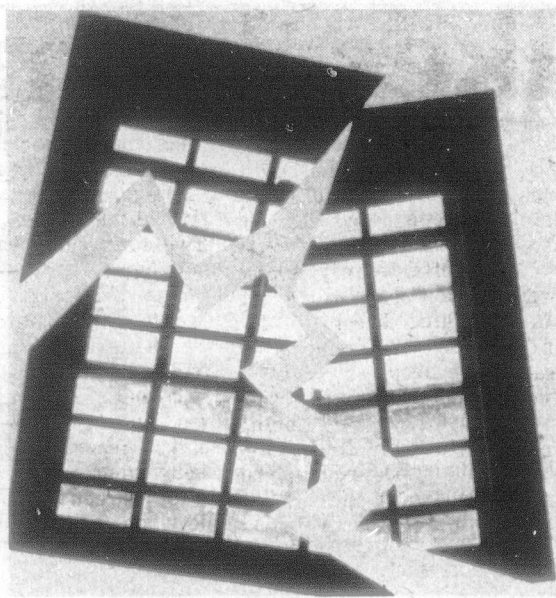
Vandalism is increasing, according to the latest Peel Board of Education figures.

During the first six months of this year, reported damage to board property totalled \$119,040, compared to \$95,201 last year during the same period.

August figures show damage at \$14,342, compared to \$12,667 during the same month last year.

The figures cover the board of education's six school districts.

Vandalism in two of the districts or "units" has decreased by nearly 30 per cent. In Unit 1, Applewood, Glenforest,



Westwood, Morning Star Drive) and in Unit 5 (W.J. Fenton, J.A. Turner, Streetsville, Brampton Centennial, Central Peel).

Damage has increased by about 50 per cent in Unit 2, (Cawthra Park,

Gordon Graydon, Lorne Park, South Peel, Port Credit). Unit 3, (Clarkson, Erindale, T.L. Kennedy, Woodlands, Britannia). Unit 4 (Mayfield, Chinguacousy), and Unit 6 (Bramalea).

The Times gets high marks

The president of a leading Canadian advertising agency rates the Mississauga Times as one of the 10 best newspapers "sold" in Canada.

Terry O'Malley of Vickers and Benson give the Mississauga Times seventh spot — ahead of The Toronto Star, the Vancouver Sun and The New York Times.

The list is one of many that appear in The Complete Unexpurgated Canadian Book of Lists, published by Pagurian Press Ltd. of Toronto, to

be sold in Canada later this month.

O'Malley, who admits the list is based on his personal evaluation and not on scientific data, says: "I just enjoy reading it (The Times). It's well put-together... it's a good little newspaper."

O'Malley ranked the newspapers on their responsiveness to their communities ("and therefore their readers").

"I think it expresses the feelings of the community," says O'Malley of the Mississauga Times. "It

makes a real effort to get involved and have an expression."

O'Malley says it's his hobby to read as many newspapers as he can and he says he's seen every major Canadian newspaper at least once. He prepared the list for the book about two months ago.

Jeremy Brown, co-editor of the book, says O'Malley was chosen to compile the newspaper list because he is considered an authority on this country's publications.

"We tried to pick experts who are well-known in their fields," says Brown of the many contributors who authored the lists.

The book, which Brown expects will reach sales of over 20,000 in paperback, includes a broad range of lists, anywhere from The 10 Most Prevalent Canadian Hang-Ups to The 10 Canadians Who Died Too Young.

He says some of the lists are meant to be humorous, but most are genuine.

Programs suggested

The Mississauga Vandalism Committee chairman has suggested the city consider Toronto-type Harborfront activities and a farm setup for troubled youngsters here.

Vivian Franks told the committee last week that if the Toronto Harborfront program proves successful, she would like to see a similar program of lakefront activities for youngsters in Mississauga.

She also noted the Twin

Joe Clark's tax proposal criticized

Progressive Conservative Leader Joe Clark's promise to make housing mortgage interest and municipal tax payments tax-deductible would hurt the elderly and the poor, says the New Democratic Party candidate in the new federal riding of Mississauga-North, Desmond Morton.

Morton said evidence shows that Clark's policy would send house prices and mortgage rates soaring.

Valleys farm for troubled youngsters in the London, Ont. area and said if this experiment works, she would prefer the concept to the group-home approach.

She stressed the importance of volunteers working with young people in shopping plazas; more direct contact with the media; and a public education program to be launched before next summer when vandalism usually reaches its peak.

"We (the committee) cannot stop vandalism; only people can stop vandalism."

"We have to reach the people and let them know it is their child or my child who could be vandalizing

and it's costing the city plenty," she said.

"No parent can be sure because of peer pressures and outside influences how their child will turn out. You can do all the right things and still be beaten by conditions outside your control."

It was also suggested that ethnic leaders be trained to go into their communities to help deal with problems.

Most of committee members felt that the focus of the vandalism committee should be on preventative measures.

Franks is attending a national recreation and parks conference this month and will report on it at the next meeting.



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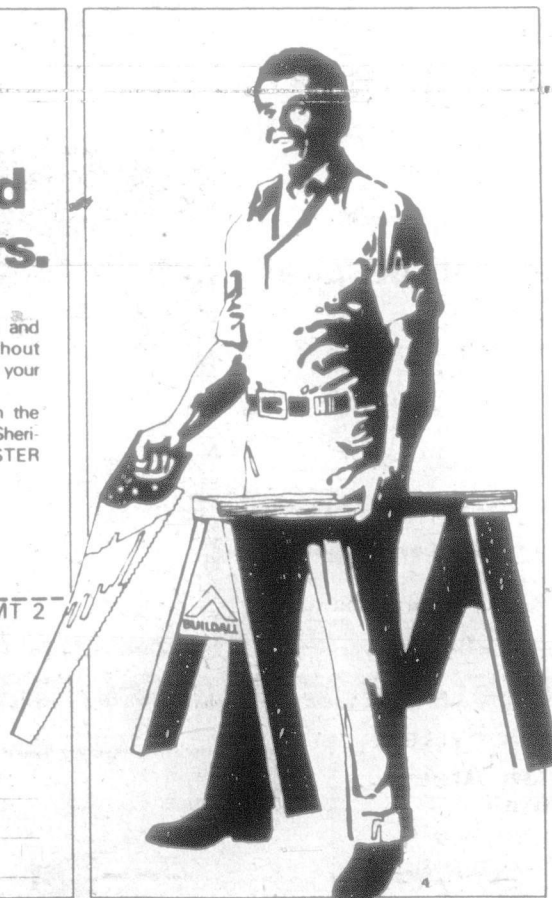
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