

## Headquarters unfinished but Peel police operation 'smooth'

The Peel regional police force, which came into existence last week, is running "smoothly" despite the fact that the headquar-

ters building in Brampton is still being renovated, says Chief Douglas Burrows. Burrows, who is housed in a temporary office at the

Chinguacousy Civic Centre, says the records department and the communications network — the top priorities — are in service.

It is expected to be at least another two weeks before top police officials move into the headquarters building on Kennedy Road, formerly an assessment office. The decision late last year to lease the building delayed renovations beyond for the Jan. 1 start-up of the regional force.

The amalgamation of the Mississauga, Streetsville, Port Credit, Chinguacousy and Brampton police department produces a force of some 376 men. Approval to hire another 75 men this year has already been given.

"We want to improve our ratio of officers to the population," says Chief Burrows. "We're not nearly as low as the provincial average." Mississauga has one police officer for every 842 citizens. "The provincial average is one officer to every 500-odd people," notes Burrows.

"We have to improve our situation. Right now we don't have enough men to patrol all the areas we have round-the-clock."



Mississauga Mayor Martin Dobkin signs official declaration of Big Brothers Week (Jan. 6-12) while Alison Kirk, director of Peel Big Brothers organization looks on.

## Impaired driving charge leads to second arrest

A man arrested for impaired driving by Mississauga police in December has now been charged with obstructing justice and personation.

A man was charged by Constable William White for impaired driving Dec. 8. He identified himself to the officer as Kenneth Allan Bevan.

Following further investigation by detectives the man was arrested over the weekend and faces the other charges. Personation is a charge for identifying oneself falsely as another person.

Charged is Walter Joseph

Lapka of Carluke Crescent in Toronto. He will appear in provincial court in Brampton Feb. 5.

### STOLEN GOODS

Peel Regional police also charged a man over the weekend with possession of stolen goods missing from 13 house break-ins dating as far back as last September.

Metro police arrested a man last week and after finding a quantity of merchandise in a residence they notified Peel police. Detectives Dave Price and John Landen investigated. Charged with 13 counts of possession of stolen property is John Kenneth Park.

## Narcotics charge

Acting on a tip from police in Manitoba, Peel regional police arrested two Winnipeg youths at the Toronto International Airport Sunday and charged them with conspiracy to traffic in narcotics.

The tip was relayed to the

### Cat show

The Ontario Cat Fanciers Association will stage its International Championship Cat Show at Sheridan Mall Saturday.

special airport police squad consisting of one Peel officer, two Ontario Provincial Police officers, a Metro Toronto policeman and two RCMP officers.

A search of luggage turned up a small quantity of marijuana, a switchblade knife and \$4,271 in cash.

Detectives Paul Harris and Doug Kruger arrested Douglas James Lord, 23 of 255 Centennial St., and David Hartung, 21 of 695 Burrow St., both of Winnipeg.

## Credit River salmon run greatest since mid 1900s

Last fall's Credit River adult coho salmon catch was down to only 163 fish but the greatest run of small salmon since the middle of the 19th Century was recorded.

Early maturing males, called jacks, swarmed up the Credit "like smelt" during the mid-September to mid-October run, according to officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Only 93 jacks were caught at the weir erected at the river mouth by ministry staff but because of their small size many easily swam between the bars.

Anglers at the McCarthy Dam in Streetsville were catching jacks every day and early in September the first indication that the

salmon had returned to the Credit was the spectacle of jacks jumping in vain at the base of the dam.

A ministry report states that while workers were dipping for salmon in the box trap the jacks would swim about and then easily dart out between the bars.

These jacks were from the 1973 spring planting and their run this fall was many times higher than during any previous year this century.

Before dams and mills cluttered the river in the mid 1800's the coho run was so heavy that their bodies created a shore to shore carpet of fish.

The big run of jacks this past fall indicates a big run of adults next autumn, the

ministry predicts. Adding to their hopes is the fact that the fish caught averaged only two lamprey eel scars each — half the number of just two years ago.

The reduction in scars is attributed to the sea lamprey control program introduced in Lake Ontario.

Although the catch of larger adult salmon was down, reports from other districts along the Lake Ontario shoreline reveal that many coho migrated up other streams between Toronto and Kingston.

The run of jacks was a bonanza for anglers with the smaller fish taking bait faster. Most fishermen made no distinction between jacks and adults and hundreds were caught.

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