



Recover goods from breakins

Four breakins within a week prompted a quick and thorough investigation by Acton O.P.P. and Monday night local homes were searched. Five Acton juveniles were questioned, and the investigation is continuing. No charges have been laid.

Last week there were breakins reported at Elmore Dr. and Kingham Rd. Then on Sunday a breakin at the Scout hall was discovered, followed soon by report of missing items at the Robert Little school.

\$300 worth

Cons. Bruce McArthur, assisted by Cons. Duncan McAliese, brought back to the police station a large quantity of goods, valued at about \$300. The collection

includes saws, hand axes, two tents, Coleman lantern, a scout handbook and badges apparently taken from the scout hall; camera, cassettes, cassette player, a dictionary and keys apparently taken from the school. Other articles include tools, dishes, parts of a TV rotor, pens and sundry small items. Police also took a .22 pellet gun.

Some money was also recovered, likely from the scout hall.

Police also have the crowbar likely used by the boys.

Identify

Owners were contacted and were coming to the police station to identify their missing goods.

The boys are all under the age of 16.

The first break in was last week at a vacant house on Elmore Dr. A TV rotor was taken and damage done to the house.

On Friday a breakin was reported at a new vacant house on Kingham Rd. The sinks were plugged and the water turned on, resulting in two inches of water on the floor. Damage also resulted to the light fixtures.

The back door of the scout hall was found smashed open Sunday. The same day the breakin at the Robert Little school was discovered. Entry had apparently been made through a storage room door there.



ESTIMATED VALUE of \$300 was placed on cache of stolen goods, found by Acton O.P.P. as they questioned five boys. Cons. Bruce McArthur and Corp. Bob Arbour look over the articles believed taken from the scout hall, Robert Little school and homes.

May resolve Y ownership

The problem of the ownership of the Acton Y.M.C.A. building, partly used for years as municipal offices, may be resolved in the near future.

Based on a report from the town solicitor, the administration committee recommended that the solicitor approach the board of directors of the "Y", with a view to taking whatever steps are necessary to have the town declared the owner. The "Y" would have their space leased back to them on a long term basis at a nominal fee.

Money for the building was left in the will of James A. Murray, who died in the late 1920's.

Rec committee filled at last

Ward one and two recreation advisory committee finally has its full complement of members. Halton Hills council appointed Barry Incoe, Gil Malcolm and Mrs. Pamela Sheldon to fill vacancies on the board this week.

Mr. Incoe and Mr. Malcolm were on the board previously, but had not applied before the deadline. Mrs. Sheldon is a newcomer to the board. She lives at R.R. 5, Milton, in Esqueping township.

Previously appointed by council were Brenda Aherne, Peter Papillon, Diane Spielvogel and Ed Wood. This brings the number back up to seven, as it had been before.

Moving here soon

Assistant recreation director John Cooper will move soon into his office in Acton. Phone installation is due this week and painting will be done later.

Mr. Cooper has been working out of the Georgetown recreation office since he was hired and will continue to spend part of each week there, for a while at least.

As well as working for Acton and Esqueping recreation program, Mr. Cooper is already planning the playgrounds for the summer.



ONLY BARE knees among all the Scouts and Cubs at Sunday's church parade belong to Cubmaster Frank Goulding, Jim and Geoff Saxon keep the beat.

Special church service for Scouts and Guides

An interdenominational church service was held this Sunday at St. Alban's Martyr church for the Scouts and Guides of Acton.

The troops and packs marched from the Scout Hall to the church to watch three Brownies and 120 cubs receive their Religion in Life badges.

Clergy from all churches throughout Acton were present, with the exception of Rev. McKenzie who was presiding at a congregational meeting as interim moderator of the Grand Valley Presbyterian Church. Arlene Wilson, Monica Heptner and Karen Van der Eyken were the Brownies receiving their fourth and final stage of the Religion in Life badges. The Cubs receiving this badge were Joeko Garton and Jamie Harton.

For the past few years the parade and service were held in Georgetown, since local groups became part of North Halton Troops and packs. However, this year it was decided to return to homebase for the ceremonies.

The Acton Scouts and Guides will take part in the Georgetown parade commemorating Scout and Guide week on February 22.

Canadian flag flies at three places only

The Canadian flag will fly at only three spots in town, on a continuing basis. These are the Halton Hills administration building on the Seventh Line, and fire halls in Acton and Georgetown.

This is the recommendation of administration committee, who established a tentative policy for the approval of council.

Councillor Roy Booth raised the question some time ago when he said he hated to see Canadian flags, flying tattered and torn and left up continuously.

A pole and bracket will be built at the Acton municipal office, but a flag will only be flown on special occasions,

such as Dominion Day. In other spots where flags flew in the past, such as Remembrance Park, Georgetown, the committee suggested they not be flown because of vandalism, except on special occasions.

At the Administration building on the Seventh Line, assistant clerk, Delmar French, has always made it his duty to lower the flag at night and raise it in the morning on weekdays.

No flags will fly at the engineering office on Maple Ave., Georgetown; the Acton library; the fairgrounds in Georgetown; Cedarvale Community Centre, Georgetown; Acton Com-

munity Centre; Hornby Park; Joseph Gibbons Park, Georgetown; or Stewarttown hall.

Council has yet to approve this policy.

Forum tonight

The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a panel discussion this evening (Feb. 12) at the Acton Meadows Golf Course.

All Acton and Esqueping residents are invited to attend and ask questions.

Regional chairman Allan Masson will also be on hand.

Silver Creek park come to town?

Halton Hills should have a new park soon.

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications wants to give Halton Hills an old roadside picnic area at Silver Creek.

The works committee decided Monday night to take the park off the province's hands as long as they clean it up first.

It was revealed at the meeting that if the town didn't want the picnic area then Queen's Park would consider fixing it up into a park but would prefer if Halton Hills owned it.

When the government changed the curve of 7 Highway at Silvercreek the small

picnic area ceased to be used by many of the travelling public. It has slipped a little the last few years as far as maintenance is concerned.

"I know it has been used as a park by residents of the area in the past and by people travelling through," Councillor Len Cox told the committee. He pointed out it is close to two acres in size and would make a good little park for the town after it is cleaned up. Cox suggested they might consider adding a ball diamond sometime in the future.

Committee chairman Joe Hurst noted Acton residents had often used the park in the past years, too.

Councillor Ern Hyde suggested that if the town can get the province to clean up the park as soon as possible it might be ready by this summer.

"One thing we will have to make sure of is if the Ministry is going to bail out on the park, then they get out completely and Halton Hills decides what it will be used for. We don't need them telling us what to do with it," Cox cautioned.

The engineer was directed to work out some kind of agreement with the province for town takeover of the park but only if Queen's Park agrees to clean the mess up before the town owns it.



VALENTINE boy, David McGuire is a six-year-old, grade one student. His school, Robert Little and the Ospringe public school provided valentines for a special feature on page 14.

Burned-out family find home and help

The plight of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Friend, and family who were burned out in a fire at R.R. 1, Acton, two weeks ago, has touched the heart of people in the area.

Mrs. Blanche Goudekting, chairman of the minor disaster services for

Georgetown Red Cross, said the story in this newspaper provoked a great response.

She said the family had been offered a house to rent in Acton and have already moved in. Dr. Frank Philbrook's office called and said they would look into the delay in Mr. Friend's unemployment insurance, which he had not received since he was laid off from his job in November and offers of money had come from two sources.

The principal of Speyside school, called and offered money the school had left over from a Christmas project, and Georgetown Elks club also offered financial help. The Salvation Army managed to find a chest of drawers for the family for the newly rented home.

Stop sign approved

The stop sign at Arthur Street and Acton Boulevard, Acton, will be removed, Halton Hills works committee decided Monday night. The stop signs at Peel Street and Acton Boulevard will be reviewed when the comprehensive traffic by-law is looked into by the committee. The sign removal decision was based on reports from town engineer Peter Morris and Corporal Bob Arbour, Acton O.P.P.

Young girl hit by taxi Power off for ten minutes

A six-year-old girl was pushed into an oncoming car in front of M. Z. Bennett school yesterday at 11:55 a.m. according to police reports.

Tina McFadden, six-year-old, and a schoolmate, were on their way home for lunch when the friend apparently pushed her into a car, coming north on Acton Blvd. The car, owned by Reliable Taxi, was driven by Barb Tucker of R. R. 3, Georgetown and received damages to the left front fender.

Tina was taken to her home at 350 Orville Rd. free from serious injury.

Parts of Acton were without electricity for five to ten minutes on Monday. According to Hydro superintendent Doug Mason, the power blackout was due to an overload in the breaker in the sub-station.

Collision at Foodland

Two cars were in collision Friday in the Foodland parking lot, and police investigated. Drivers were Bertha Pothier, 146 Longfield, whose car had \$150 damage, and Robert Dodd, 200 Churchill S., whose car was not damaged.

Park and Mill corner light won't be moved

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday night they probably won't move the flashing red light from the corner of Mill Street and Park Avenue in Acton.

The town was going to move the light to Kingham Hill were they feel some kind of signal is needed but it was discovered it won't cost much more to just put a new light at Kingham Hill. The light at Mill Street and Park Avenue is so old that if it were to be

moved it would have to be completely rebuilt at considerable expense.

The town will now wait to see if they can get a provincial subsidy to help pay for the flashing light at Kingham Hill. The light at Park and Mill will likely remain in place.

The town also plans to ask the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to look into the possibility of a more gradual reduction of

speed as drivers come into town in the Kingham Hill area. They are worried about the sudden drop from 50 or 60 miles an hour to 30 when drivers come into Acton.



SPECIAL CAGE built by Fred Kentner is being used to catch Mallard ducks, ordered deported from Fairy Lake. Dozens of the birds have been caught and taken away already. When there's a full complement of deportees they'll be driven miles away and released. Meanwhile, home is a district barn.



ONE IN 400 was the lucky win of Debbie Hickling of Cobblehill Rd., seen with her father Del as they pose together as proud possessors of the 10-speed bike recently drawn on at the Robert Little public school.

Student funds soar from draw receipts

A sparkling blue, ten-speed Triumph bicycle was triumphantly wheeled home from the Robert Little school last Thursday afternoon, the ticket-winning trophy of Debbie Hickling of 51 Cobblehill Rd.

The bicycle was one donated by Jack Berry, father of Ian, one of the school's students. The draw was made on Monday, Jan. 3, with proceeds slated to fund the three-day grade eight trip to Ottawa planned for the early part of June.

According to vice-principal, Gary Bateman, 400 tickets were sold by the ambitious students. The proceeds have raised the funds considerably. He explains that students are working as a group to raise one-half of the required costs of the trip with individuals required to raise their own half of the expenses.

Mr. Bateman said the bicycle draw was only one of the a number of money-raising events successfully organized by the enterprising students. He mentioned the Christmas tree sales in

December and bi-weekly hot dog sales held every second Friday, manned and operated by the students themselves.

Draw for the bicycle was made by Randy McIntyre. The winning ticket was the only one purchased by Del Hickling, father of the new owner of the exciting vehicle. Harold Goderich, the local paper boy, was credited for selling the ticket to the lucky holders and although there are other bikes in the Hickling household, the one taken home last Thursday is the first ten speeder.