

## Four vehicles taken one night

A series of break-in and thefts, including the theft of four vehicles, is being investigated by Acton and Guelph police departments this week.

The series of incidents apparently began Wednesday night when Norm Humenluk's 1968 Pontiac was stolen from his business, Ace Carpet Service, Queen St. A calculator and cash were also reported missing.

The car was recovered in the ditch on Churchill Rd. At Little Motors, Queen St., keys were taken and a 1964 Mercury half-ton truck was driven away. This truck was later recovered on a side street in Rockwood.

Toth's Garage, Queen St. was also a victim, where entry was made through a rear door. About \$200 cash was reported missing.

In Rockwood at Lou's Used car lot in Rockwood a third vehicle was taken and this one was recovered in Guelph.

Also the same night L and L Ford garage was broken into and a Pinto stolen. It was recovered on Main St. in Acton. The driver could possibly be the same person as was involved in the other incidents.

All of them are under investigation and Acton detachment expects a break in the case soon.

## Skate sharpening contract awarded

Crawley's Complete Skate Service in Acton will be awarded the skate sharpening contract at Acton Arena, if council endorses an administration committee recommendation.

The fee for sharpening figure skates will be \$1.25 and 75 cents for hockey skates. The town will rent the space

for \$75 a month, with the tenant providing his own equipment.

Facility Superintendent Pat Sheehan said this company had sharpened skates for Maple Leaf Gardens, and claimed the last time Karen Magnuson was in town he sharpened her skates.

## Armstrong works chairman

Georgetown Councillor Mike Armstrong will replace Acton Councillor Joe Hurst next year as chairman of Halton Hills works committee it was decided Monday.

Councillor Ern Hyde was to become the chairman next year but he declined the post since he is already busy as chairman of the town's special building committee, taking care of municipal building development.

Hyde noted the chairman's job requires a lot of extra

work and he didn't think with one chairmanship he could devote enough time to works committee.

Armstrong accepted the post and said he realized he had big shoes to fill considering the fine job done by Hurst and his predecessor the late Len Cox.

Hurst thanked the committee for its co-operation during 1975 and said it was a rewarding year for him as chairman.

## Fill vacancy

Halton Hills administration committee stuck to their guns and recommended the position of recreation program co-ordinator be filled. This is the position vacated by Glen Gray when he became recreation director.

Council refused to fill the post until there was a job description.

Confusion in the job title ensued when Glen Gray drew up a description for an area recreation co-ordinator, and Councillor Roy Booth said he

asked for an job description of an area program co-ordinator.

The recreation director said he had never heard the title used. More confusion followed when the wage bylaw showed the position was called neither of those, but was called recreation program co-ordinator.

Finally they decided to use the title in the wage bylaw, and recommended the recreation director be authorized to advertise to fill the position.

## Ducks, geese, swans disperse for winter

The new season has arrived for the birds at Fairy Lake. With it came changes.

The Canada geese have apparently migrated. Flocks have been stopping over at the lake here but moving on.

Some ducks are apparently migrating as well.

There are nine swans and two swan geese on the lake, and they will stay here for the winter. Four of them have been captured so far—seven

more to go. They will winter at a pond at Freddy Kentner's home. He will have a blind for shelter and a pump to keep the water open for them. They'll come back to the lake in the spring.

Last year it was felt too many birds were wintering here because of the easy availability of feed. The town has not been feeding the birds hoping they'd "take the hint" and migrate south.

## Arena sound system to be in by Jan. 4

Hockey fans in Acton arena's lobby and bar will hear the play-by-play of the Valentuna-Acton game when the Swedish team takes on the Canadians here on January 4, says facilities superintendent Pat Sheehan.

General administration committee authorized the

spending of \$1,362 on a new sound system Monday.

The sound equipment will include six weather-proof loud speakers, a portable volume control in the penalty box and two surface mounted wall speakers for the lobby and downstairs bar.

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SEWER WORK UNDER CAMERON STREET got underway Friday. Workmen have dug a long ditch reaching down between nine and 16 feet in sandy soil. The placing of boards side-by-side

to form a wooden wall against the unstable soil is called "closed sheeting", said Halton Regional official Ken Richardson. The installation of sewers is expected to take three weeks.

## Santa arrives in cutter

Night Before Christmas, another called Santa's Workshop, and about 20 children walking along gaily garbed as toys, clowns, dolls and assorted animals.

The Agricultural Society will display a winter farm scene.

Halton Regional Police are bringing along their safety vehicle.

Halton Hills Collision is arranging a Christmas tree entry with children singing carols.

Peter Pan is the entry of Halton Hills works department.

Rockwood Gardens, Page Glass, Halton Hills Electric and Halton Hills Furniture are all working on floats, they tell Mrs. Coates.

The Y's Men have been working for days on construction of a huge snowman.

The Baptist church is planning a nativity scene.

Georgetown Kinsmen are bringing over their floats which won first prize last Saturday, Snoopy and the Red Baron.

And of course Mr. Claus, via cutter!

her column asking for parade participants also called the committee to say they would happily come and take part.

—Burlington's Christmas parade was held Sunday.

—Milton Chansonettes and the MDHS Band are planning the annual Christmas concert at the high school auditorium Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon. Performances are at 8 Thursday and 3 Sunday.

## Recreation area to surround dam

While construction of the Guelph dam is proceeding on schedule, a team of Grand River Conservation Authority planners and consultants is working on plans for the 1200-acre recreation area which will surround the large reservoir on the outskirts of the city.

Citizens will have the opportunity to voice their views on how the parkland should be used, as soon as alternative plans have been completed by the team.

The plans will take into account how the natural re-

sources of the site can be adapted to handle different kinds of recreational use and the number of people who will be attracted by these uses.

The impact of people on the wildlife population will also be assessed as well as the effects of roads and buildings on the natural environment. The possibility of continuing some type of agricultural use is also being considered.

A public information centre will be opened at the reservoir site this fall to enable interested people to look over the alternative plans and offer suggestions and comments.

### THE INVENTORS

J. W. Elliott—of Toronto, invented the first revolving snow shovel in 1869. It was further developed by O. Jull and the Leslie Brothers of Orangeville, Ontario, and was the forerunner of the rotary snowplow which is indispensable for year-round rail operations in many parts of the world today.

### RECREATION PROGRAMS

Halton Hills Recreation Department is planning registrations for winter programs in the Acton-Esquesing area during the week of Jan. 5. New programs will be introduced in the Limehouse and Pineview communities, co-ordinator John Cooper reports.

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## Hosts asking \$500 to dine team

Finance and personnel committee recommended to council Monday, Dec. 8 that the hosts of an international hockey tournament to be held in Acton be given \$500 to pay for a banquet.

Acton Minor Hockey Association is hosting a bantam team from Valentuna, Sweden, for a game with the Acton Firefighters Bantams on January 4.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said the committee had already responded to a similar request to dine midjet hockey players from Vassa, Finland. The Finns play against the Tricounty league leaders at

Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Georgetown, on December 30.

Committee chairman, councillor Harry Levy said there are sufficient funds remaining in the public relations budget to cover the Swedish players too.

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