

Halton regional police constable Keith Woodstra demonstrates how Halton Hills cops will be filling the fuel tanks of six cruisers recently converted for propane use. Stored in the trunk out of necessity, the tanks mean Halton taxpayers will save \$1,300 a month on police transportation

(Herald photo)

### MD to launch new hospice care sessions

Dr. Adam G. Grzeslo of the Joseph Brant Palliative Care Service in Burlington will open the second season of educational forums presented by the North Halton Hospice Care Interest Group at the Milton District Hospital Sept. 24 at 7:45 p.m.

Dr. Grzeslo will discuss the

development and growth of the Hospice concept at Brant Hospital and explain his role as Palliative Care Physician.

This first meeting will introduce the overall theme for this season which is to focus on the roles of the people involved in Hospice Care. This carries last season's general introduction to Hospice Care, one step further.

### shootings A Halton regional police sergeant based in Burlington

ing a possible armed robbery a week ago Monday when he police they had been setting off fireworks.

In an unrelated but similar incident, a second Burlington policeman is being investigated after firing his revolver at the rear tire of a car moving toward him. A 19-year old Burlington man was charged with criminal negligence in operating a motor vehicle, assaulting a policeman, and other crimes after a high speed police chase

Other meetings are tentatively planned for Oct. 22 at Glea Williams Community Centre, focusing on the Role of Funeral Directors and Medical

hospice volunteers and nurses.

To investigate personal feelings regarding death. To develop listening and encouraging skills.

to, ability and courage to interact with terminally ill persons and the bereaved family 5. To focus on the social

problems of dying and death. 6. To develop some insights into our own interpersonal relationships and to help us see how we're being experienced by others.

goals.

## Propane-fueled police cars save us up to \$1,300 a month

Six new propane-powered regional police cruisers are now on Halton Hills roads without their spare lires.

The cruisers came back fresh from having their gas tanks converted into propane tanks last week.

The 15-gallon propane tanks take up most of the trunk space of the new Plymouth Caravelle cruisers, leaving no room for a spare tire. They are high tensile steel lanks with 20 times the impace resistance of a gasoline tank.

"You can fire .308 rifles at them," said Constable Dave Richards, planning and research officer with the force. Why are the tanks in the trunks? Because propane, a byproduct of oil and natural

gas processing, can't be stored in a square tank that fits under the car like a gasoline tank.

Because it's stored under pressure, propane requires a tank with rounded edges. Gasoline isn't stored under pressure; you pour it into your ear like water every time you

In a rounded tank, the pressure is equal all around. In a square tank with corners, the pressure is greater on the corners than the sidewalls, causing problems.

cost of converting from gasoline to propane tanks \$200 a

A federal grant of \$400 per

vehicle and a provincial sales

tax exemption made the final

months to pay back the cost of converting the six cruisers," said Constable Richards. "after that, we'll be saving up to \$1,300 a month."

"If we convert the whole flect of 36 patrol cars, we could save \$90,000 a year," he said. The police officers are being taught to fill the tanks themselves, using a special key to open them. When the tank is full, liquid propane pours out of the socket, vaporizing into a loggy white gas when exposed

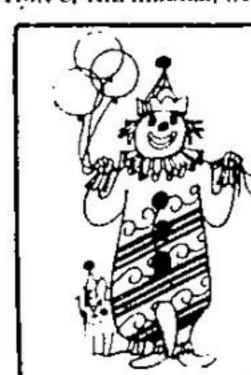
Police don't know how many miles to the gallen they'll be getting with propane, but Niagara regional police cars showed no significant lowering of fuel mileage, although an earlier experiment by San

Francisco police showed a five to 10 per cent decrease in fuel mileage Constable Richards

Unfortunately, the only location for filling up the tank is the Guelph Street station, but Inspector Matt MacPherson doesn't see this as a problem. "A full tank will last for one shift. Normally, we like to have staff fill up the tank after their shift anyway," he said.

Propane costs less than gasoline and is cleaner because it burns as a dry gas, leading to maintenance savings through cleaner engines, fewer oil changes and longer spark plug life.

The Onlario ministry of energy anticipates that 40,000 propane-powered vehicles will be on the road by 1985.



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# Police Beat

# Cops studying

was expected to appear before a one-man police hearing this week on charges of using excessive force. According to Staff-Sergeant John der Lelie, the unidentified plainclothes officer fired his service revolver at the rear bumper of a departing car into which had climbed a man the officer was approaching on foot to question. The officer was investigatheard noises similar to gunshots. Three teenagers later told

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1. To acquire some knowledge of the physical, emotional, spiritual and cultural aspects of death, dying and

To increase sensitivity

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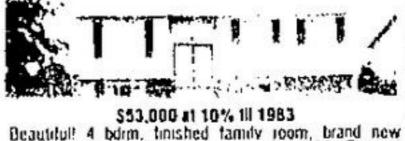
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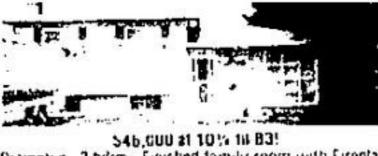


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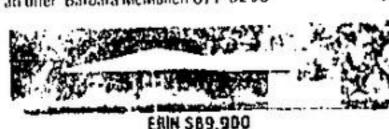


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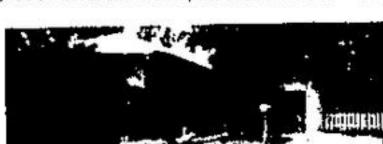
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