

**POLICE BEAT**

**White-outs blamed for car crashes**

Whiteouts caused two head-on collisions on Highway 7 near the Fourth Line Thursday. The first accident happened at 3:39 p.m. half a kilometer west of the Fourth Line. The eastbound vehicle lost control in the whiteout, entered the westbound lane and struck the westbound car. Drivers of the cars, James Thompson of RRI Georgetown and Henry Thompson of Eden Mills were taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. James Thompson of Georgetown was admitted and released. Henry Thompson of Eden Mills was treated and released.

The second accident happened at 5:30 p.m. half a kilometer east of the Fourth Line. Again, the eastbound vehicle crossed over the centre line into the westbound lane. Drivers of both cars were taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Gerrard Nipshagen of RRI Linthouse was admitted and later discharged. Theodoros Nykamp of 16 Greenore Cres. was treated and released.

**Cars in flames**

A man driving a 1979 Capri on Sideroad 5 between the Seventh and Eighth Line noticed smoke coming from his car Jan. 7 at 7:28 p.m. He stopped the car, went to the nearest phone and by the time he returned after calling the fire department the car was in flames. The fire destroyed the car which was valued at \$6,000, a fire department official said. The cause is unknown.

A car fire on Delrex Boulevard caused \$4,500 damage to a Dodge Aries Jan. 8. The owner had trouble starting the car before it caught fire.

**Car ditched**

A Georgetown woman lost control of her car after hitting a snow drift and ended up in a ditch on the Ninth Line Thursday at 9:40 p.m. The Ninth Line was not plowed and visibility was poor, police said. She was travelling between 55 and 60 kilometers per hour. Damage to her 1982 Toyota was \$1,500.

**3 car thefts**

A 1976 Mercury Monarch left running outside a convenience store on Mountainview Road near Guelph Street was stolen Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The car is worth \$2,000.

Another car left running at a convenience store at 273 Delrex Blvd. was stolen Thursday at 7:35 p.m. The 1980 Plymouth worth \$3,500 was later recovered from a snow bank on Trafalgar Road south of Maple Street.

A 1972 Plymouth parked at 10 Cross St. between 4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday was stolen. The car doors were locked and the keys were not in it, police said.

**Minor injuries**

Mary Rae, 50, of 16 Princess Anne Drive was treated for minor injuries and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after a car accident Thursday at 6:45 a.m. on the Eighth Line at Sideroad 10. The driver of a Ford was southbound on the Eighth Line when the car hit a snow drift, went out of control and got stuck in the snow. Another driver of a Ford travelling 60 to 70 kilometers per hour behind the first collided with the stuck car. Visibility was poor, police said.

**Driveway mishap**

A Georgetown man turning into a private driveway, turned into the path of a man's Ford heading westbound on Guelph Street at Mountainview Drive Jan. 7 at 9:40 p.m., police said. The accident that followed caused \$2,000 damage to the Ford and \$1,500 damage to the Georgetown man's Chrysler.

**Too late to stop**

A Dundas man got stuck in a snow drift Thursday at 5:20 p.m. and was hit from behind by a Hillsburgh man who could not stop his Nissan car in time. The accident happened on Trafalgar Road at Maple Avenue. Damage to the Honda was \$800 and \$1,500 to the Nissan.

**Grease fire**

A grease fire in the kitchen of a 9 Mill Pond home in Georgetown did \$3,000 damage Friday at 10:11 a.m. The grease got too hot and ignited, a fire department official said.

**House thieves**

A Ewing Street home was broken into sometime between January 5 and 8. Thieves entered through the basement window, rummaged through drawers and cupboards, but stole nothing, police said.

**Rud takes over**

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce accepted the resignation of Dick Willis as vice-president last week. The Chamber appointed Rud Whiting to replace Mr. Willis on the Chamber.

Mr. Willis has agreed to remain a director on the Chamber's board of directors and to continue as the Chamber representative on the Ontario Chambers of Commerce Association.

**Trails ready**

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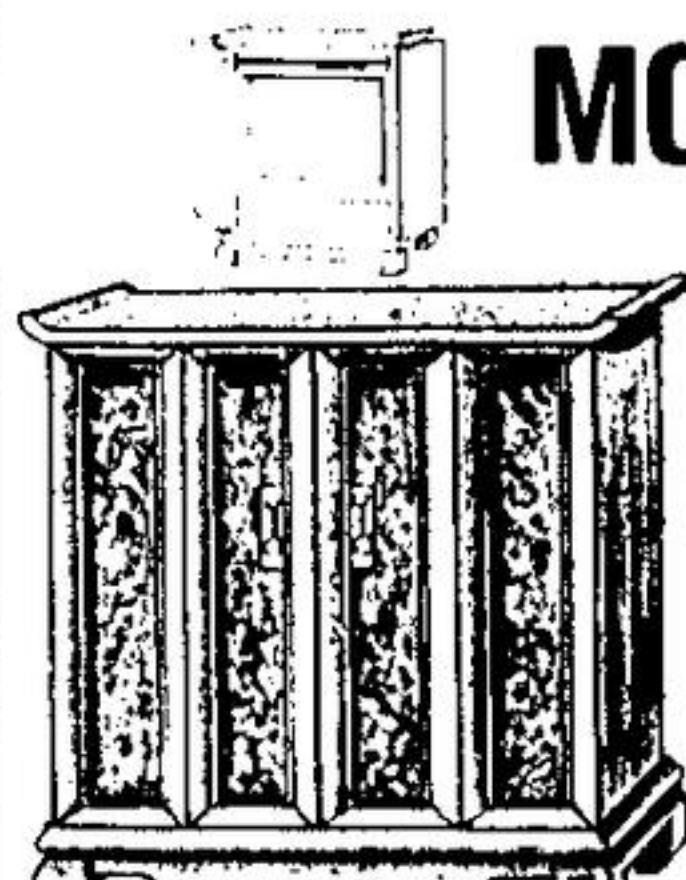
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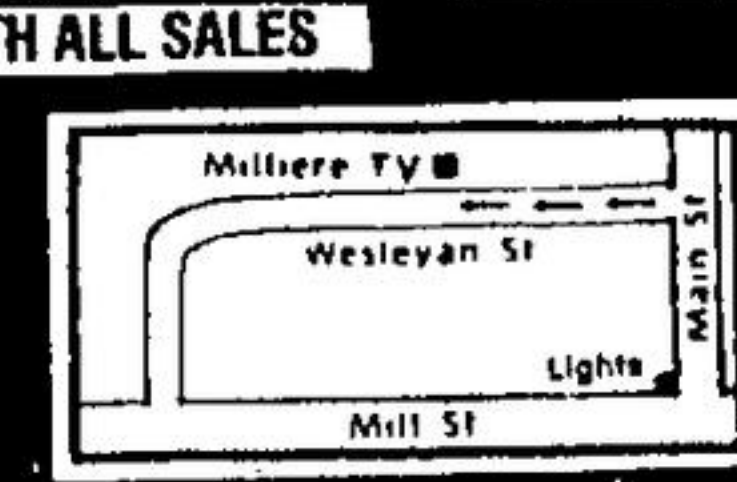
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