

POLICE BEAT

Guard was away

About \$100 damage was caused to the spot light at the guard house of the Watchtower on Highway 7. The damage was caused between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Thursday when the guard was away from the guard house, police said.

Tools taken

A tool box and \$900 in tools was taken from an unlocked shed at Scotsdale Farm. The Eighth Line shed was entered between Thursday and Friday.

Balance scale gone

A \$1,700 electronic balance scale was stolen from Meadowglen Mushroom Growers at 210 Mountview Road between 6 p.m. Thursday and 5 a.m. Friday. Damage to a door was \$75.

Brick smashes

The flood light of Knox Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Georgetown was smashed with a brick between Friday and Saturday. Damage is estimated at \$500.

Narcotics stolen

About \$200 in drugs were taken from Glenlea Drug Mart in Acton overnight April 15. Ten bottles of Novahistex, a base containing cocaine, and pills were taken. The front door was smashed causing \$200 damage.

Car stereo theft

A car parked at 104 Guelph St. had a \$680 car stereo taken from it between Wednesday and Thursday. The driver said he locked his doors. Police found no sign of entry.

Van was locked

A locked van parked at 44 Main St. had a \$205 stereo taken from it. The theft was between 7 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday.

Car flipped twice

A Georgetown man travelling 90 kilometres per hour on Sideroad 22 lost control of his 1983 Ford on a hill. It flipped on its side, then upright in a ditch, police said. The accident happened April 13 at 5:30 p.m. near Fourth Line. Damage to the Ford was \$3,000.

Driveway accident

An Acton man pulled his 1978 Chevrolet from a private driveway on the north side of Guelph Street near Sinclair Avenue in Georgetown and hit a 1980 Ford westbound on Guelph Street. The Acton man was charged for failure to yield. The accident happened Thursday at 2:20 a.m. Damage to the passing car was \$2,000.

Missed stop sign

Douglas Ford, 39, of RR4 Acton received minor injuries in an April 17 accident at 3:30 p.m. at the Delrex Boulevard and Edward Street intersection. A northbound car on Delrex did not stop at a stop sign and hit an eastbound Pontiac on Edward Street, police said. Damage to the Pontiac was \$500 and \$2,000 to the other car.

No avoiding it

A Georgetown woman driving a 1978 Plymouth westbound on Guelph Street at Armstrong Avenue April 14 at 8 a.m. could not avoid a car turning onto Armstrong Avenue. She struck the right side of a Brampton man's 1984 GMC and caused \$100 damage. Damage to the Plymouth was \$2,500.

Children's Aid staff to strike Friday

Pickets are planned for Friday when 45 social workers and clerical staff of the Halton Children's Aid Society stage a one-day work stoppage.

Members of CUPE local 2501, the 45 Children's Aid employees voted 85 per cent in favor of rejecting the Society's latest contract offer Monday.

The employees want to be paid for overtime work past 40 hours at the rate of time and a half, and want higher wages, local president Ian Thompson, a social worker with the Society, said.

An increase of \$1,000 is being asked for clerical staff who average \$18,000 in annual pay, and \$1,400 more by social workers who average \$26,000 annually. Mr. Thompson said. They've been offered \$700 more for clerical workers and another \$1,075 for social workers, he said.

This will be the first time the six year old union will go on strike, the local president said. There are 37 social workers and eight clerical workers in the union.

Salaries make up 25 per cent of the Society's budget, and 10 per cent of the Society's funding comes from the province.

"We would prefer to settle than go on strike," Mr. Thompson said. "We're hoping by having a series of one-day strikes we can limit the damage to our clients. We don't want to see our clients caught in our battle with management."

The Society and union had a conciliator appointed by the province in March, and met with a provincial mediator Friday, both unsuccessfully. They have been in a legal strike position since midnight Saturday. Their one-year contract expired Dec. 31, 1985.

Don't believe it

Stewarttown isn't closing

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff

Rumors that Stewarttown Senior Public School may close were squashed by a senior spokesman with the Halton Board of Education.

Superintendent of Schools Ron Chapman said there was no foundation to the rumor and the only question to be answered is how Stewarttown will be used in the future.

At their last meeting, April 10, trustees didn't get a chance to deal with the Halton Hills Consolidation Committee's recommendation that Stewarttown be converted to a Grades 6, 7 and 8 school (that is, a middle school).

The Committee also recommended Stewarttown be upgraded at a cost of \$1.27 million. Both recommendations were tabled by trustees April 10.

The two recommendations may be dealt with at tomorrow (Thursday)

night's Board meeting, Board Chairman Arlene Bruce told The Herald. Stewarttown's future may be determined then, she said.

A report by the director of education and the superintendent of business services on these recommendations has been prepared and is also expected to be discussed at the same meeting.

Mr. Chapman said Stewarttown will either remain a senior school or become a middle school if there is residential development in the area, it could eventually become a kindergarten to Grade 8 school, he added.

Whatever kind of school Stewarttown becomes, it still must be upgraded, Chairman Bruce stressed.

For the renovations, the Board needs to hire an architect to come up with a report and design. Then the work must be approved by the

Four injured in unsafe U-turn

Debbie Brown, 26, of Georgetown's Weber Drive and three others received injuries in a two car collision on Steeles Avenue at the Eighth Line Saturday.

Miss Brown was treated and released from Milton District Hospital for minor injuries. Patricia Brown, 54, of Cobalt, Ontario, suffered major injuries and was transferred from Milton to Toronto Western Hospital.

In another car was George Kimberly, 32, of Brampton. He received major injuries and was

taken to Mississauga's Credit Valley Hospital. Judith Erdely, 25, of the same address received minimal injuries.

The accident occurred when one driver made a U-turn on Steeles Avenue and before completing that turn was hit by a car westbound on Steeles Avenue, police said. Damage to both cars was \$1,000.

One driver was charged with making an unsafe turn and the other with having over the legal amount of alcohol in their blood.



Speedy readers

These are the six top readers who helped lead George Kennedy Public School to a first place finish in the multiple sclerosis read-a-thon. Accepting the prize for the school are (left to right) Lee Henselwood, Amir Hamilton, Robert Weston, Lindsay Black, Scott Pollock and Jay Duval, while Diane Fisher of the North Halton unit of the M.S. Society looks on.

Meet Jelinek, Acton MP

This is your chance to grill the politician who represents you in the House of Commons in Ottawa, if you're an Acton area resident. Otto Jelinek is going to answer questions at a public forum tomorrow (Thursday) at the Acton Citizen's Band

Hall on Acton's Wallace Street, starting at 7:30 p.m. The Minister of State for Multiculturalism and the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport, Otto Jelinek will be speaking at this informal gathering.



Participation

The Town of Caledon was formally challenged by the Town of Halton Hills Monday night in a Participation Challenge. Here Halton Hills Town Crier Ralph Wilding of Tottenham and a gorilla (to show the Town isn't monkeying around) make the challenge to Caledon Mayor Emil Kolb. Participation Challenge will be held May 28 and the aim is to have the highest percentage of each town's population do at least 15 minutes of physical activity on that day. (Herald photo)

Man charged for bank heists

After appearing in a Milton court for aggravated assault Thursday, a man was charged with robbing two Georgetown banks.

The Bank of Nova Scotia on Mountview Road was robbed Feb. 20, and the Canada Trust on Main Street March 21. About \$1,000 was taken in each hold-up.

Both robberies occurred shortly after 10 a.m. and in both the teller was given a note stating the thief had a gun and demanding money. No gun was seen, and no one but the teller knew the bank was being robbed until the man left.

Charged in connection with the robberies is Gregg Frank Johnston, 25, of no fixed address. He appeared in Milton provincial court Friday for a bail hearing.

Donna fund

Concerned citizens in the community have set up the "Donna Fund" to assist the parents of a Georgetown girl who was seriously injured in a car accident.

Donna Lillie has been in the Sunnybrook Medical Centre since March 19 when her single car accident took place on Sideroad 32.

The "Donna Fund" has been set up to help Donna's parents, who live at RR1 in Georgetown, pay for the mounting costs of transportation, meals and accommodations that arise with their wanting to be at her side during her recovery period.

Donations for the fund will be accepted by Bonnie Walker at the Ballinacree Store.

House fire

Monday at 8:57 a.m. the Halton Hills fire department was called to a house fire on Lot 32, Con. B.

Damage from the fire, which started in a wall thermostat is estimated at \$1,000. Faulty wiring is thought to be the cause.

The fire burned part of the wall, a coffee table and carpeting. It was extinguished by a resident of the house.

The fire department ventilated the house.

Ministry of Education, Mrs. Bruce explained.

A delegation of parents is expected to speak about Stewarttown at the Board's meeting tomorrow night. The parents support the Halton Hills Consolidation Committee recommendations and want to see Stewarttown as a middle school.

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