



Looking good

Georgetown Rotary Annes and Christiane Halr Styles and Boutique hosted a fashion show at Holy Cross featuring fashions from the Main

Street store in Georgetown. Money raised from the Oct. 8 show will be used for high school students going on to university. Seen here are

models (left to right) Lynda Pecara, Bev Gray, Sandi Scudder and Monica Scott. (Herald photo)

Maple Lodge Farms

Ammonia fumes send 22 to hospital

A police officer and 21 employees suffered the effects of an ammonia spill Friday at Maple Lodge Farms.

The policeman and staff were taken to hospitals in Mississauga and Brampton where they were treated and released the same day. One man was taken to the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital, but he too was later released.

Mississauga firefighters were called to the scene shortly after the spill occurred at 9:20 a.m. Metro ambulance responded with their emergency bus transport as a precaution, but it was not used.

The plant was shut down for four

hours. The chicken processing plant was able to re-open in all but the affected areas.

Ammonia began leaking when staff were overhauling the refrigeration and ice-making unit, police spokesman John Yoannou said.

Staff were cleaning the system when a leak developed in the unit. The gas leaked into the refrigeration room. Because ammonia is heavier than air, it then seeped into the packaging room below, Mr. Yoannou said.

About 30 people were working in the packaging area at the time. A staff member in the refrigeration room was taken immediately to

hospital by ambulance. Soon after, seven others were taken to Credit Valley Hospital by the Maple Lodge company bus.

There is no damage report available, but it is unlikely the gas caused much physical damage, the police spokesman said.

Coincidentally, the company doctor was on the scene making his rounds and good medical advice was given right away Mr. Yoannou said. An investigator for the industry, health and safety branch of the Ministry of Labor was also on the scene at the time of the incident.

Workers who were affected by the gas leak complained of nausea, dizziness, and headaches, he said.

Police beat

Hit curb

The driver of a vehicle on Main and Ontario Streets in Georgetown hit the curb, lost control and caused \$4,000 damage to his vehicle, police said. The accident occurred Sunday at 3:30 a.m. The driver also caused an estimated \$1,000 damage to property. His car collided with a fence.

Potent punch

A 54-year-old Georgetown man was charged with assault after he punched a police officer Sunday at 3:45 p.m. Police arrived at an RR1 Georgetown home because of a domestic dispute. The man who assaulted the police officer had been drinking, police said.

Fortune hunters

Someone needing help planning their future stole 200 fortune cookies from the Dragon Restaurant on Mountainview Road in Georgetown between Oct. 8 and 9. Also taken from the restaurant were five cases of beer, frozen fish filets, three ducks, a bag of half chickens, a bag of lamb chops and a bag of pork chops. A total of \$300 on food was missing. Thieves entered through a window, police said.

Embankment hit

An animal ran in front of a car travelling on the Fourth Line, causing the driver of a 1979 Mercury to drive his car into a ditch Saturday at 4:25 p.m. The man was travelling between 80 and 85 kilometers per hour southbound on the Fourth Line at Sideroad 10 when he went into the ditch, hit an embankment, rolled his car over on its roof and slid a short distance on the road, police said. Damage to his vehicle totalled \$4,500.

No refund

A Brampton couple trying to get refunds for items they never bought at Halton Hills grocery stores were charged with two counts of fraud Oct. 7 at 4:20 p.m. A 20-year-old woman and a 36-year-old man tried to get refunds from Loblaw's in Georgetown and IGA in Acton.

Tools taken

A home being built on Greenore Crescent in Acton was entered over the night of Oct. 4 and \$500 in building supplies were taken. Tools, paint and wood stain were missing. Thieves entered through a basement window.

Kicking brawl

Two Georgetown men, 19 and 21 years old, were charged with assault Saturday at 12:40 a.m.

They grabbed, punched and kicked a 24-year-old Brampton man at Mill Street and Main Street in Georgetown.

Dog-gone dog

A dog in the middle of Sideroad 20 caused a Georgetown man to crash into a hydro pole Thursday at 7 p.m. The man was travelling at 60 kilometers per hour. He knocked down hydro wires and caused \$3,000 damage to his car, police said.

Motorcyclist hurt

A Mississauga man on a motorcycle received major injuries in a motorcycle accident on Trafalgar Road at Steeles Avenue Oct. 6 at 9 a.m. A Hornby man pulled out of Royce's Auto on Trafalgar Road and failed to notice the motorcycle which was travelling about 40 kilometers per hour. The vehicles collided.

Yield to truck

A Norval man's 1986 Audi received \$3,000 damage when he failed to yield the right-of-way, police said. He pulled out of a driveway on the Ninth Line and into the path of a pick-up truck Thursday at 10:30 a.m., police said.

La leche meets

La Leche League of Acton welcomes all women interested in learning about breastfeeding to the next meeting Oct. 20, 8 p.m. at 19 Willow St. N., Acton. Topics for discussion will include childbirth, and planning for the early days at home. For further information call 856-9335 or 878-4732.

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Smith and Stone sold to Guelph chain

A Guelph manufacturing company has entered into an agreement to acquire Smith and Stone Inc. of Georgetown, it was announced Thursday.

The present management team will continue at Smith and Stone as minority shareholders, a press release indicates.

Hammond Manufacturing Co. Ltd., is now the majority shareholder of the Georgetown plant, which makes wiring devices and porcelain products for the electrical industry.

Hammond operates 15 plants and warehouses in Canada and the United States, manufacturing electronics equipment, electrical transformers, power supplies, cabinet and wiring devices.

For the six months ending June 30, Hammond reported sales of \$51.5 million and earnings of \$1.7 million

or 32 cents per share.

Said company president Rob Hammond: "Smith and Stone, with sales of approximately \$20 million from Canadian and export markets, will form the basis of a new wiring and products group."

The president of Canadian Auto

Workers local 1412 at Smith and

Stone, Al Edmonds, is optimistic about the change. "I think in the long run it could benefit the company," he said.

Although he hasn't talked to many of the workers since the announcement was made Thursday, he said no one was too excited about the news.

Donations

From April 1 through June 30, 1986, the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded received over \$3,100 in donations. Included in this total was \$996 in non-specific donations.

Special thanks were extended to Standard Products Canada for their gift of \$300 and the L'Arche Auxiliary in Acton who contributed \$100 towards NHAMR's Saturday Centre.

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