

## Police beat

### 3 youths charged

Three youthful offenders from Acton were charged with entering five cars Saturday. Two 16-year-olds and one 15-year-old were caught at 2:30 a.m. in the Queen Street Wellington Street area of Acton. The unlocked vehicles entered were parked on those streets, police said. From one car a \$500 radio was stolen. It was recovered by police. Nothing was taken from the other cars. The boys will appear in court Jan. 22.

### False information

For charges of obstructing justice two Georgetown women will appear in court in January. Charges against the women were made as the result of a June 24 investigation. The women are alleged to have given false information to police at that time. The information was about a man they said had possession of stolen property, police said. The charges were laid after the women testified in court, where they denied accusations against the accused man, police said. The 19-year-old woman will appear in court Jan. 5 and the 17-year-old woman will appear in court Jan. 22.

### Paper box stolen

A Toronto Star newspaper box was stolen from the corner of Confederation Street and Main Street in Glen Williams. The box is worth \$350, and an estimated \$25 in cash was in it, police said.

### Camera stolen

A \$1,700 video camera was all that was taken from a Lot 22 Concession 10 home while people were on vacation between Nov. 19 and Dec. 10. Police believe the house was entered through an unlocked door.

### \$8,000 damage

After losing control of his car on ice, a Georgetown man crashed and caused \$8,000 damage to his car Dec. 9 at 8:25 p.m. He was eastbound on Guelph Street at Delrex Boulevard at an unknown speed, when he started to slide on ice, hit a bank and rolled his vehicle, police said. He suffered minimal injuries.

### Car ditched

An Oakville man crashed in a Sixth Line ditch after trying to avoid a car in the middle of the road coming toward him Friday at 9 p.m. He was northbound on the Sixth Line above Highway 7 when he entered the ditch and flipped his 1985 Toyota on its side, police said. Damage to his vehicle was \$3,000.

### Improper passing

A Georgetown man was charged with improper passing after an accident on the Eighth Line at Sideroad 15 Friday at 7:10 a.m. Damage to both cars totalled \$1,750.

### Steep, icy hill

A steep icy hill caused a Georgetown woman to spin her car several times and hit a guard rail Dec. 9 at 6:50 p.m. She was westbound on Sideroad 22 at the Tenth Line when she lost control after using her brakes, police said. Damage to the vehicle totalled \$2,000.

### Lost control

After losing control of his vehicle Dec. 9, a Georgetown man caused \$1,000 damage to a fence and \$4,000 damage to his vehicle. He was southbound on Winston Churchill Boulevard at 65 kilometres per hour when he lost control because of poor road conditions, police said.

### Car hits tree

An estimated \$5,000 damage was caused to a Milton man's vehicle which went off the road and into a tree Dec. 7 at 1:15 p.m. Before the accident the driver pulled over to the shoulder to let another car pass, and lost control of his vehicle while getting back onto the road. He was northbound on the Ninth Line at Steeles Avenue.

### Windows damaged

Three windows worth a total of \$400 were kicked in at Park Public School between Dec. 5 and 8. Park school is on Hyde Park Drive in Georgetown.

## Shoppers spending for Christmas '86

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For many businesses in Halton Hills, Christmas is greener this year, which is helping them stay out of the red. Sales are up over last year.

Acton's Olde Hide House expects this year's sales to be the best of the six years they have been open. Each year is getting better, said Steve Dawkins, the store's general manager.

Sales at the Hide House are up 30 per cent from what they were at this time last year, Mr. Dawkins said. During the week many Hide House customers are from north Halton, and on weekends the store is seeing customers from all over, he said.

Most of Georgetown's Radio Shack customers either work or live in the area. "Sales are definitely up. There seems to be a lot of money around," said Radio Shack manager Dan Morenez.

Since the Christmas shopping began at Radio Shack, about mid-November, sales are up by about 25 per cent, Mr. Morenez said. "In our store, computer sales are skyrocketing. That's why sales are up."

Sales have been "fairly strong" so far at Acton's Canadian Tire, said Eric Sellers, the owner. A steady supply of goods is going to help Canadian Tire beat sales of last year when some shortages were a problem.

"We're selling a lot of everything. We have an endless supply," Mr. Sellers said. VCRs, stereo systems, cassette players are all popular items this year at Canadian Tire. As every year, toys and decorations are also popular, but the store is not selling as many computers, Mr. Sellers said.

Sales have been so good at the Cachet gift shop in Georgetown, owner Barbara Cooke is keeping the store open until 9 p.m. every Friday until Christmas. Usually the store makes 50 to 60 daily sales. Lately the average has been 144 sales per day, she said.

The traffic has been heavy for another Main Street store, but people aren't buying yet. North Halton Sports is getting many inquiries from interested customers. It won't be until just before Christmas that sales take off, said Doug Anderson, the owner.

"I'm very busy. People are putting things on lay-away," Mr. Anderson said. He won't know how good Christmas sales are until just before Christmas.

Mr. Anderson has the same amount of stock in us last year and he expects to sell more of it this year. Mr. Anderson also expects to see most people pay with credit cards, "especially on the higher priced items."

The song of success is not being sung by all Halton Hills businesses. Elly Snels' Doll Emporium in Acton is experiencing a decrease in business. The store specializes in fancy dolls.

People are coming into her store, but they aren't spending their money, Ms. Snels said. Her porcelain dolls have rare and expensive qualities which many people don't understand, she said. The glass eyes alone cost between \$30 and \$40. They are imported from Europe where only a handful of craftsmen make them, she said. Ms. Snels is hoping sales will improve before Christmas.

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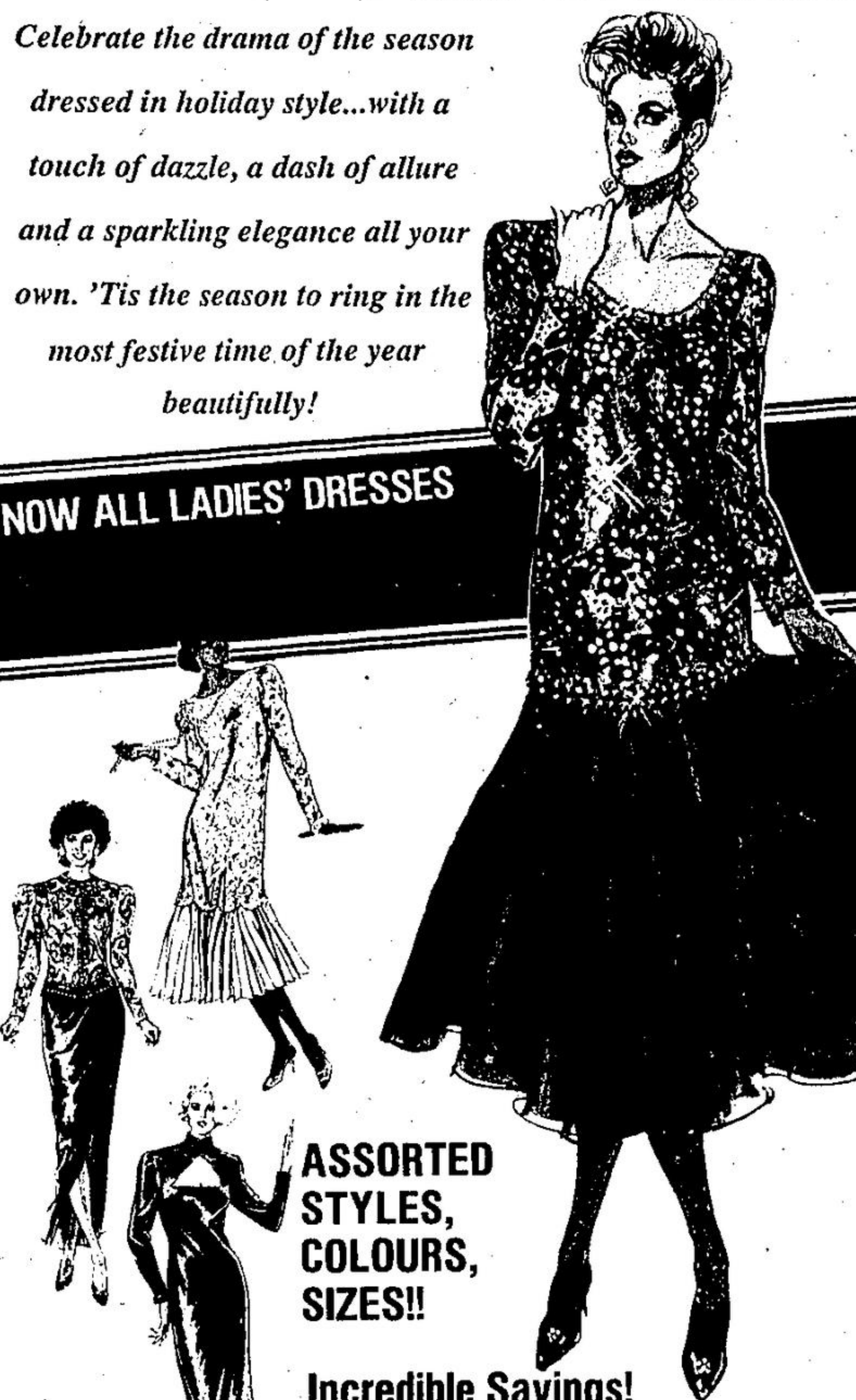
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