

Hits hydro pole

An unknown driver caused \$2500 damage to a hydro pole and left his car at the scene on the Fourth Line Thursday. He was driving his 1976 Chevrolet south on the Fourth Line at about 10 p.m. when he lost control and drove into the west ditch, shearing off a hydro pole at its base and damaging the wires and transformer. The car was damaged on the left front corner, totalling about \$2000, police said.

Careless driving

A 16-year-old has been charged with careless driving following an accident in Acton Sunday. He was travelling west on Wallace Street at Main when he failed to stop for the stop sign. He sideswiped a 1985 Mercury travelling south on Main Street.

Thrown from car

Two people were thrown from a car during an accident which occurred at the Ninth Line and 5 Sideroad Saturday. Maria Costa, 23, and Joseph Costa, 30, were riding in the back seat of a 1988 Pontiac which was travelling south along the Ninth Line. The driver failed to stop for a stop sign at 5 Sideroad and struck a westbound car on 5 Sideroad.

The first car spun several times after the impact. Maria and Joseph Costa were taken by ambulance to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with major injuries. They were treated and later released. Four thousand dollars damage was caused to each car. The first driver, a 23-year-old Cambridge man, was charged with failure to stop for a stop sign.

Lost control

A man driving a 1986 Suzuki motorcycle has been charged with driving without a licence, failure to report an accident and careless driving following an accident on Duncan Drive Friday. The 22-year-old Georgetown man was driving the motorcycle east on Duncan Drive when he lost control of the vehicle around a curve. The bike struck the south curb and flipped over, tossing the driver off on to the ground. The driver fled the scene. The accident was reported by a witness, police said, the owner of the motorcycle has also been charged. Over \$1000 damage was caused to the bike's right signal lights and front fender.

Cars collide

A 63-year-old Georgetown woman has been charged after she was driving north along Mountainview and collided with another car when she tried to make a right turn. Both cars were travelling in the same direction on Mountainview Road. The accident occurred Friday at 5:30 p.m. Damage to the first car, a 1987 Honda, totalled \$1500.

Ditched

A Mississauga man caused \$3000 damage to his car Wednesday when he swerved and hit the ditch to avoid hitting a racoon. The 27-year-old man also hit a small tree. The car was damaged on the rear side, rear bumper and the right front centre. The accident occurred on the Fourth Line near 22 Sideroad. The racoon was uninjured.

Break, enter

Police are investigating a break and enter at a home in Acton on the Sixth Line which occurred between 9:45 a.m. 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Entry was gained through a rear wooden door, police said. Stolen were a tape player, a turntable, a stereo cassette recorder, cassette deck, tapes and a mini AM/FM radio. Total value of the stolen goods is unknown.

School intruders

Someone broke into Georgetown District High School between 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, police said. Entry was gained through a rear window that had been boarded up.

Van vandals

Someone broke the windows of a GMC van parked at 60 Charles St., Georgetown between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday. Total damage is \$300.

Unlocked car

A first aid kit, file box, sunglasses and change totalling \$3 were stolen from an unlocked car parked at 11 Lilac Lane, Georgetown. The theft occurred between 11 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m. Friday. Total value of the stolen goods is \$15.

Car break-in

An equalizer, valued at \$100, was stolen from an unlocked car parked at 89 Irwin Ct., Georgetown Thursday between 3:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.



GROUNDING - Steve Lyons (left) sits on the sidelines with his injured plane at the Georgetown radio-controlled flying contest Saturday. Mr. Lyons said the engine will have to be replaced, eliminating him from competing in Saturday's contest. Mr. Lyons and his wife, members of the Guelph Grenlins radio flying club, have been flying radio-controlled planes for about six years. (Herald photo)

Radio-control plane buffs take their hobby seriously

By MARY-LIZ SHAW
Herald Staff

A roar of engines. Tense faces tipped skyward. These are the warning signs of an invasion. The Georgetown radio-controlled flying club is gearing for flight.

A dozen tiny replica airplanes are waiting on the sidelines, transforming a section of a farmer's field into a mini-tarmac. Members of the club are tightening bolts, checking the motors on the small engines, or just waiting patiently for their turn to test their skills.

The planes weigh only nine pounds. The uninitiated might mistake one for a kid's toy. But, to veterans of the radio-controlled flying club, these planes are serious business.

"You're looking at an investment of \$1500 to \$2000," said John Jones,

director of the club's two-day contest on the weekend.

John Jones has been flying radio-controlled planes for 10 years. Three club members - Ivan Kristiansen, Greg Marsden and Karl Mueller - are currently in France representing Canada in international competition. The planes are made from kits out of fiberglass, foam and wood and have a wingspan of 60 inches. Sophisticated radio controls allow the planes to spin, curl, or dive at speeds of up to 125 miles per hour.

Entrants compete in five classes ranging from Sportsman (beginner) to F.A.I. or world class competition. Class is determined by the number of manoeuvres a flyer can perform in a designated space and time period, Mr. Jones said.

"The centre is 150 degrees on each side and 120 degrees straight up," he said, pointing to the sky.

Noel Young, an experienced flyer, agrees to make a low pass in front of the judges for a photograph. The plane whizzes past in a split second. He agrees to try again. This time the plane flies too low. Everyone's heart skips a beat as the tiny aircraft barely misses a crash landing in the corn field.

"That's enough," Mr. Young said. "It would have been beyond repair, if it had crashed," Mr. Jones added.

On the sidelines, Steve Lyons is watching the action sitting beside his injured plane. "Something is wrong with the engine," he said. "No flying for me today." He'll take his plane home and replace the engine.

"I'll come back tomorrow and try my luck," he said. He grins. A temporary grounding has not dulled his enthusiasm.

Acton area recruitment drive for UW disappointing

The Halton Hills United Way executive was disappointed Monday when just one person showed up to a recruitment meeting in Acton.

The United Way has recruitment of volunteer far door-to-door fundraising well under way in Georgetown, said Campaign Chairman John Wickens. The organization was hoping to develop a similar network of volunteers in Acton.

But, the Acton High School was conspicuously empty Monday night for the UW's recruitment meeting.

"The Acton situation is at a point where it's really serious," Mr. Wickens said. "We were hoping this meeting would raise the awareness of the Halton Hills United Way."

Ross Knechtel, the single Acton fundraising volunteer thus far, agreed Monday to contact every volunteer organization in Acton to try to rouse up volunteers. Acton Red Cross President Kenry Kroes will also be contacting Acton's volunteer groups, Mr. Wickens said.

"If Acton people want the services the 17 member agencies provide, they've got to come through and raise some money," the Campaign Chairman added.

Some of the member agencies include the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, the Halton Recovery House and the Halton Hills Distress Centre.

The United Way is hoping to raise \$140,000 during its fundraising drive this year. Door-to-door canvassing will take place in October.

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Town won't pay for condominium roadway

The town will not contribute to the construction of Hall Road for a new condominium complex.

The General Committee decided Monday not to comply with Somerset Place Developments' request by lawyer Bert Arnold to contribute to the construction of the road from lot levies.

Somerset, which is building a 72-unit condominium on land adjacent to Hall Road, argued the Town's policy is to contribute 50 per cent of the cost of road reconstruction to developers of infilling subdivisions.

But Administrative Assistant Stephen Thomson said the road is a dead end road, which has yet to be

constructed. It is not a reconstruction project but construction of a new road, which does not fit the requirements for Town funding, Mr. Thomson noted.

Hall Road "is an extension of a dead end road and will be dead-ended itself. Therefore, it is of little use to the general public except for the condominium residents and the Town would never build this extension of Hall Road for its own purposes," Mr. Thomson said.

The Town would probably contribute to the reconstruction of an already existing road, but it wouldn't contribute to a new road, Mr. Thomson said.

Input on cluster plan

Public input will soon be allowed on a proposal for a subdivision behind the Henderson's Corners rural cluster on Highway 7.

William Penson wants to build 11 houses on just over 18 acres of land. The lots would include the existing Penson farm equipment dealership on Highway 7.

Council has already requested that the Minister of Municipal Affairs incorporate the Penson subdivision and another proposed subdivision of the Henderson's Corners rural cluster.

The Health Department and the Ministry of the Environment have requested a detailed study on lot sizes and the effect of development on existing residences, a report by Deputy Planner Bruce McLean says.

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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The Municipality of Halton will be temporarily closing Regional Road 15 (No. 15 Sideroad) from Highway 25 to Townline in the Town of Halton Hills.

The road will be temporarily closed from 9:00 a.m. on August 24, 1987 to September 25, 1987 at 3:00 p.m. Limited access will be available for local traffic. A suggested detour route will utilize No 17 Side Road.

David J. Varley
Regional Clerk

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Chamber to locate office in Alcott

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce has found its office space.

The Chamber will move into the space behind the ticket booth at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena on or about Sept. 1.

The General Committee approved the move Monday.

The Chamber will pay just under \$2,300 a year to rent the 153 square feet of office space.

Chamber President Murray Lawton said, after the meeting, he thinks the new space will be a benefit to the town.

A manager for the office, Doug Penrice, has been hired by the

Chamber to operate the office beginning Sept. 1, Mr. Lawton said.

The business community and area tourists will be the two main beneficiaries of the new office, Mr. Lawton said.

"It's a directory to the town," he said.

"It's going to make us an awful lot more visible and more accessible," he said.

"Up to now all we've had is a tape recording," he said.

Mr. Lawton believes a manager answering the phone will be much better received by those seeking information.

"We will be calling people inviting them to the arena," he said.

The Chamber decided six months ago to hire a manager and it has since been looking for office space, said Mr. Lawton.

The Chamber may put in a separate entrance to the office, he said.

Until a decision is made on a new entrance the front entrance to the arena will be used, he said.

The Chamber is also looking at putting up a sign to let people know the location of the office.

Proposal for a country market

Plans are in the works to open a Country Market and a mini-warehouse facility on the westside of Winston Churchill Boulevard south of Steeles Avenue.

A numbered company outlined a plan to General Committee members Monday to detail the proposal.

The company wants to amend the Halton Official Plan to Rural Industrial for the self-storage facilities and highway commercial for the country market.

The existing land designation is rural.

The lands will also have to be rezoned to industrial commercial special in to permit the two businesses.

Currently, the land is zoned for agricultural uses.

Plans call for the front portion of the land, facing Winston Churchill Boulevard, to be used as a country market. That portion consists of just over three acres.

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