



The driver of this white Ford pick-up has been charged after he failed to stop for a CNR train near the Sixth Line tracks Tuesday morning. The officer investigating the accident said the driver saw the train approaching and got out of the vehicle. The red warning lights at the track intersection were flashing, the officer said. The train hit the truck on the left front, causing about \$400 damage. About \$100 damage was caused to the train's first engine step. The accident occurred at about 9 a.m. (Herald photo)

**2 car collision**

No charges were laid following a two-car accident in a private parking lot Sunday at about 2:30 p.m. A 34-year-old Georgetown woman was turning into the parking lot at the Georgetown Market Place from Sinclair Avenue, when her car was struck by another vehicle pulling into the driveway from the parking lot. The second vehicle, a 1984 Buick, was driven by a 16-year-old Georgetown male. Damages to the Pontiac are estimated at \$700 and damage to the Buick are about \$2,500, police said.

**Woman charged**

A 41-year-old Oakville woman has been charged following an accident involving two cars which occurred Friday at about 2:30 p.m. The woman was driving a 1977 Datsun north on Winston Churchill Boulevard when she stopped to make a left turn onto 5 Sideroad.

A 25-year-old Mississauga man, driving a 1981 Honda south on Winston Churchill, approached the intersection as the first car was turning left. The two vehicles collided, causing \$1,000 damage to the Datsun and about \$1,100 damage to the Honda.

**Lost control**

Charges are pending following an accident Thursday at about 11:30 p.m. on Guelph Street. A 24-year-old Ajax man was driving a 1981 Toyota west on Guelph Street in the left lane when he lost control of his vehicle and hit a car in the right lane on the driver's side. The driver of the second car, a 1984 Ford, was a 30-year-old man from Glen Williams. Damage to the first car is about \$2,500 and damage to the Ford is about \$500. The Ajax man was later charged with impaired driving, police said.

**Hits car**

Charges are also pending after a two-car accident at the corner of Highway 7 and Hyland Avenue sent two people to hospital. A 31-year-old Brampton man, driving a 1985 Pontiac west on Highway 7 when he lost control of his car and crossed the centre lane.

The car collided with a 1966 Oldsmobile driven by a 56-year-old Georgetown man. Police estimate damage to the Pontiac to be \$8,000 and damage to the Oldsmobile is estimated at \$8,500. Timothy Reay and Howard Bruce Allan were taken to hospital by ambulance. Mr. Allan was treated for his injuries and later released. Mr. Reay was admitted to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital but has since been discharged. One of the drivers has since been charged with impaired driving.

The Georgetown YMCA is offering a special Kids Create Christmas playschool for the week of Dec. 7 - 11 from 9:30 - 11:30, at St. Andrew's United Church.

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**Police beat**

**\$50 theft**

At about 2 a.m. last Saturday, someone stole two fire extinguishers from a building at 36 Markham Street, Georgetown. The goods are valued at \$50.

**Too close**

A 44-year-old Acton woman has been charged for following too closely after she caused a three-car collision at the corner of Guelph and Rexway Streets Thursday at about 4 p.m. Two cars were stopped in the curb lane on Guelph, following a line of traffic, when a third car struck the car in front, causing it to roll into another car. Damage to the third car is about \$5,000 and damage to the second car is about \$1,000, police said.

**2 thefts**

Police are investigating two thefts from the Olde Hide House Thursday which occurred at about 12:30 p.m. and between about 3 and 4:30 p.m.

A total of about \$6,000 worth of clothing were stolen from the store during the two thefts. Police said four black suspects, a man and three women, were seen in the store at the time of the thefts.

**Car skids**

A 21-year-old Acton driver has been charged after she skidded around a bend on Main Street in Georgetown and struck a municipal "no parking" sign. She was driving a 1982 Mercury south on Main and was rounding a corner to proceed east on Guelph Street when the accident occurred. She caused about \$800 damage to the car and about \$50 damage to the sign, police said.

**Man injured**

A 29-year-old Mississauga man has been charged following a three-vehicle accident on Trafalgar Road, near 5 Sideroad, Wednesday morning. A 27-year-old Milton man was driving a 1986 Chevrolet pick-up north on Trafalgar and had slowed to make a left turn onto 5 Sideroad. The Mississauga man, driving a 1987 Ford truck, did not hit his brakes and collided with the first car as it was turning, police said. A school bus, also northbound on Trafalgar, swerved and struck the truck on the passenger side. Damage to the pick-up is about \$6,000. Damages to the other vehicles totals about \$2,500, police said.

Dan Kasko was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with minimal injuries and was later released.

**Indecent lady**

A woman detained for shoplifting at the Olde Hide House Sunday was charged with performing an indecent act when she took off her clothes in front of the arresting officer. The 21-year-old from Toronto was also charged with causing a disturbance. She will appear in court December 7.

**Wallets stolen**

Three wallets were stolen while the victims were at work last week.

The first theft occurred at about 4 p.m. Saturday at the Georgetown Library. Five dollars were stolen from a wallet left in a purse. Another wallet, valued at \$50, were stolen from a purse while the victim was working at 99 Main St. S., Georgetown. The theft occurred between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Police said three youths about nine years old were seen at both locations at the time of the thefts.

On Sunday, at a store at the corner of Guelph and Mountainview Road, a wallet was stolen from a purse. The wallet contained about \$17 cash. The theft occurred between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Car thieves**

Between 4 and 5 a.m. Saturday, someone entered an unlocked car parked at a home on 17 Sideroad and stole \$75 worth of tools. The 1981 Dodge pick-up contained various tools, including a screwdriver and pliers, police said.

**Bug screen taken**

Between noon and 3:30 p.m. Thursday, someone ripped off the bug screen from a 1974 GMC pick-up while it was parked at the Georgetown high school. The screen is valued at \$100, police said.

**Parked car theft**

Cassettes and cash were stolen from a vehicle parked at 190 Mill St., Acton from Friday evening until Saturday morning. Police said the thief entered the 1987 Pontiac Firefly through an unlocked rear hatch. The cassettes are valued at about \$100 and the cash totalled \$10.

At about 9 p.m. Friday, someone smashed the rear glass door at Mackenzie-Smith School in Acton, causing about \$100 damage. Police said the complainant who reported the damage heard glass shattering and observed someone running from the scene.

**Railing de-rails**

Someone pulled down the railing on the front entrance to the Halton Health Department Friday, causing the steps to collapse. The damage, estimated at \$150, occurred at about 11:45 a.m. at 95 Main St., Georgetown.

**Committee to fight speeders**

**Lobbyists not anti-truck**

By BRIAN MacLEOD  
Herald Staff

A group, formed as a result of an accident involving a seven-year-old, is not singling out speeding truckers, said two founding members.

Murray and Carol Brownridge created The Committee About Safe Traffic three weeks ago after their son Paul was struck by a gravel truck on the shoulder of Trafalgar Road.

"I've got no axe to grind about truck drivers. Our committee is definitely not anti-truck. It's pro safe traffic," said Mr. Brownridge. He does not feel as strongly as fellow CAST member John Frewen-Lord who told The Herald last week all trucks in the area are speeding.

"We're not formed to oppose speeding trucks. We oppose speeding traffic," said Mr. Brownridge.

CAST is a ten-member group preparing to appeal to the police and politicians to take action on speeding traffic in the area of Trafalgar Road and 17 Sideroad.

Paul Brownridge had just gotten off a school bus outside his home Sept. 25 when he was struck by the gravel truck. He sustained major cuts to his face but he has since returned to school. The driver of the truck was charged with careless driving.

"We thought it was more or less an isolated incident," said Mr. Brownridge, the chairman of CAST.

However, as neighbors called to check on Paul's progress, they related similar incidents, said Mr. Brownridge.

CAST wants primarily to lobby for increased police and Ministry of Transportation surveillance on Trafalgar Road, 17 Sideroad, 5 Sideroad and Highway 25, said Mr. Brownridge.

He wants to see specific surveillance around the times when school children are using the roads.

"Especially during those times it's critical," he said.

CAST is not keying on truck drivers, said Mr. Brownridge.

Halton's large aggregate industry means truck traffic often use 17 Sideroad and Trafalgar Road.

"However, (trucks) should be using Trafalgar Road and Highway 25. They're the best built roads in the region," he added.

He acknowledged that problems with trucks may be accentuated on 17 Sideroad because there is a higher ratio of truck to car traffic on that road.

A secondary goal of CAST is to lower speed limits and possibly establish school zones around Pineview and Stewarttown Schools, said Mr. Brownridge.

The group also wants to see fines for passing a stopped school bus increased.

Currently a fine for passing a stopped bus is \$128 and seven demerit points.

"That's an offence that takes children's lives into risk. It's almost a licence to do it," said Mr. Brownridge.

Most of the incidents of vehicles passing stopped school buses do involve gravel trucks, said Mrs. Brownridge.



Paul Brownridge

The couple no longer allow their son Paul to use the school bus to attend Pineview School. They have been driving him to and from the school ever since the accident.

"We're really scared," said Mr. Brownridge.

Sergeant Gary Bogue of the Halton Regional Police Force's Regional Traffic Division says the speeding problem on Trafalgar Road is not confined to trucks.

"There is a speeding problem on Trafalgar Road but it is not the trucks as we've been led to believe. It's mainly passenger cars," said Sgt. Bogue.

The police have patrolled Trafalgar Road extensively in the

past week, including nine hours Nov. 4, said Sgt. Bogue.

His own unit has handed out two dozen speeding tickets on Trafalgar Road in the past week.

CAST members are going to attend the Town's Pits and Quarries Committee meeting Nov. 12. After that they want to talk to local politicians and the police about the speeding problem. Following those two meetings the group intends to call a public meeting to discuss solutions, said Mr. Brownridge.

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