

Jacket stolen

After midnight on Jan. 16 a black leather jacket valued at \$425, was stolen from Bracken's Restaurant at 10 Mountainview Rd.

The young man had left the jacket on a chair in the restaurant and found it missing when he returned.

Purse stolen

A woman left her purse, containing credit cards and personal papers, in a shopping cart at Miracle Food Mart at 235 Guelph St. Jan. 15 at 4:10 p.m. When she returned for it the purse was gone.

Skis taken

SKI equipment, valued at \$500, such as skis, bindings and poles, were taken from an unlocked car parked at 36 Eleanor Cres. in Georgetown between 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 and 7:30 a.m. Jan. 17.

Tool thief

Numerous tools, valued at \$1,800, were taken from North Halton Tool and Die Ltd. at 27 Commerce Cr. in Acton between 7 p.m. Jan. 8 and 7:15 a.m. Jan. 11. Entry was through the bay door though there was no sign of forced entry.

Van damaged

The vent of a 1987 Chevrolet van, parked at 33 Mountainview Road, was smashed between 8 p.m. Jan. 14 and 8 a.m. Jan. 15. There was also an attempt to remove a stereo from the dashboard. Total damage to the van was \$200.

Engine stolen

Between noon Jan. 9 and 8 a.m. Jan. 11 a used engine and transmission, valued at \$700, was stolen from the rear yard of Acton Motors at 6 Main St. S. in Acton.

Door forced

The front door of a house on the Fifth Sideroad and Eighth Line was forced open between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Jan. 14. A leather jacket and radio, valued at \$350, were taken.

Impaired

A 33-year-old will appear in court Feb. 1 on a charge of impaired driving. The Georgetown man was operating his car in an impaired manner Jan. 9 at 4:15 p.m. on Maple Avenue in Georgetown.

Over the limit

A Georgetown man will appear in court Feb. 8 on an impaired driving charge. The 47-year-old was arrested Jan. 13 at 11:30 p.m. when he was driving through a radar at an excessive rate of speed at Winston Churchill Boulevard and the 10th Sideroad.

Striker injured

James Frank, 27, of Georgetown was treated and released from the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, when he was struck by a car Jan. 14 at 1:55 p.m. A 33-year-old Georgetown man was attempting to cross the picket line at the Curwood Packaging Plant when he struck the picketer with his car. The driver will appear in court Feb. 15 on a charge of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm.

Fails to yield

A charge of failing to yield the right of way was laid at an accident on Guelph Street and Avenue Road Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. A 1982 brown Mazda, driven by a 19-year-old Acton man, was southbound in lane two of Armstrong Avenue when it stopped at a stop sign at Guelph Street. The Mazda entered the intersection and was struck by a 1986 blue Nissan, driven by a 33-year-old Georgetown man, travelling westbound in the first lane of Guelph Street. Both vehicles received severe damage.

Car damaged

Jan. 15 at 4 p.m. an accident at 35 Mill St. E. caused moderate damage to a parked car. A 1980 red vehicle, which was stopped in traffic, was alongside a 1981 blue Chrysler. A 19-year-old Acton woman opened the driver's door of the Chrysler. As the second car, driven by a 46-year-old Bramalea man, began to move, it caught the door of the Chrysler.

Hits barrier

The driver of a transport truck from Calgary, Alta. had just entered his 1987 white Kenworth Tractor parked on Christolm Drive to go to bed Jan. 16. The operator felt the truck moving. He looked up and reached for the brakes. The truck hit a cement barrier.

Careless driving

A 1981 yellow Volvo received damage when it was struck by a 1982 red Toyota, driven by a 20-year-old Georgetown man, travelling eastbound Jan. 14 on George Street. A charge of careless driving and driving under suspension was laid.

Car ditched

Moderate damage resulted in a 2:05 a.m. accident Jan. 15 at Trafalgar Road and Highway 7. A 1986 grey Hyundai, driven by a 29-year-old Milton man, was travelling northbound on Trafalgar Road when it failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and came to rest in the ditch to the right of Highway 7. When police arrived at the scene none of the three males present would identify himself as the driver but an hour-and-a-half later one man admitted to being the driver. A charge of exceeding the speed limit was laid.

Fails to stop

A charge of failing to stop at a red light was laid at an 8:05 p.m. accident Jan. 15 at Mountainview Road South and Campbell Gate. A 1984 brown Mercury, driven by an 18-year-old Georgetown man, was travelling southbound on Mountainview Road and went through a red light at the intersection of Campbell Gate. A 1982 blue Chevrolet, driven by a 24-year-old Georgetown woman, was entering the intersection and turning left on to northbound Mountainview. The Mercury struck the Chevrolet. There was light damage to both vehicles.

Loses control

Jan. 17 at 3:15 a.m. on the Fifth Line and 15th Sideroad a 1976 Silver Pontiac, driven by a 20-year-old, was travelling northbound on the Fifth Sideroad approximately one kilometre from the 15th Sideroad between 80 kph and 90 kph. The Pontiac swerved to miss an animal, lost control, went into a ditch and rolled over. A charge of speeding too fast for conditions was laid. The Pontiac suffered severe damage.

PCs meet to organize new riding association

The founding meeting for the Progressive Conservative Riding Association in the newly created federal riding of Halton-Peel will be held Feb. 10, 8 p.m., at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

This new riding encompasses portions of four existing ridings: Brampton-Georgetown, Burlington, Halton and York Peel, and stretches from Highway 27 and Highway 9 in the east to The Queen Elizabeth Way and the Halton/Wentworth county lines in the west.

The founding meeting will feature the Member of Parliament for each of the existing ridings: Ot-Jelinek (Halton), Bill Kempling (Burlington), John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown), and Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel), who will be available to meet with and talk to those attending this meeting.

During the meeting an executive will be elected and a constitution will be adopted. This is an open public meeting and everyone is welcome.

Toy Magic expanding

It's a new name, but Childscope Educational Materials Inc. is no new kid on the block.

For more than a decade, Toy Magic Ltd. has been supplying daycares, nurseries and schools with high quality educational equipment.

Success brought growth and Toy Magic is announcing new premises - a 23,000 square foot office and warehouse at 91 Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown and a new name - Childscope Educational Materials Inc.

"Our new name and logo will more accurately reflect the 'scope' of the products and ser-

vices we now offer," said Marion Manning, president of Childscope.

Marion and her husband, Jim, will officially kick off the opening of the new premises with a ribbon cutting and reception Jan. 28.

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Spencer Douglas Morrison was the first baby born at the Georgetown hospital during national non-smoking week (Jan. 14-20) and thus earned some special recognition. Born Jan. 15, the 7 lbs., 13 oz. baby receives a T-shirt and one for his mother, Barb Burrows-Morrison.

from the Council on Smoking and Health. Here, Gail Collett, representing the Council makes the presentation, celebrating a generation of non-smokers. Mrs. Burrows-Morrison lives on Delrex Boulevard with her husband and looks forward returning home with her first-born, Spencer. (Herald photo)

Restricted smoking only at Georgetown hospital

Smoking at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital is now limited to restricted areas.

The new smoking policy took effect Jan. 14, in conjunction with the beginning of National Non-smoking Week, said Executive Director Mark Rochon.

The decision to go with a restricted smoking policy was made by the Georgetown Hospital Board at the Dec. 15 meeting, said Mr. Rochon.

Smoking is now restricted to lounge areas in the Bennett Health Care Centre and the hospital and in one waiting room in the emergency department, said Mr. Rochon.

Smoking in any of the offices is now prohibited.

"If you're in the facility and you don't see a smoking allowed sign you can't smoke," Mr. Rochon explained.

Sale of tobacco in the hospital was banned by the hospital board about a year ago, said Mr. Rochon.

"We've tried to lighten up," he said.

The Hospital Board will review the policy again in six months, he said.

Today is Weedless Wednesday across the nation and the hospital intends to hold a "cold turkey" draw for employees who have given up smoking during National Non-smoking Week and for non-smokers, said Mr. Rochon.

Looks for land

The Willow Park Community Association is looking for land for their trailer homes.

The existing mobile home park in Norval is susceptible to flooding once the Georgetown South development begins. Therefore, residents are searching for new land bounded by Acton to the west, Winston Churchill Boulevard to the east and 10 miles north.

"We are looking for a parcel of land equal or greater than 15 acres," said Roger Perryman in a press release Monday.

"We would like to hear from you if something is for sale or suitable for development."

Interested? Write c/o W.P.C.A., P.O. Box 115 Norval, Ontario L0P 1K0 or phone 877-7121 for more information.

Plant talk

The Georgetown and District Horticultural Society's first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church. House plants will be the topic of the evening and will be presented by the Tuitman Garden Centre.

Problems with your houseplants? Come and let the experts help you.

The welcome mat is out for everyone interested in growing plants. Refreshments will be served.

Rep by pop decision may not affect town

Even though Education Minister Chris Ward introduced legislation in December changing the method of appointing school board trustees, Acton and Esqueping Trustee Arlene Bruce does not foresee Malton Hills losing either of its two trustees.

"I cannot see any rational reason why it would change," Mrs. Bruce said.

The revision, which is to be in place for next year's municipal election in November, will have school board trustees elected by population rather than by property assessment.

Halton school board trustees have not been given any direction as to how the number of trustees will be divided throughout the region.

"We just do not know yet," Mrs. Bruce said. Trustees will not know until the census is taken in July.

Under the current system Oakville has five trustees, Burlington has seven and Milton and Georgetown each have two. A report released by the Ministry of Education recommended Halton's board increase to 18 trustees. If a strict code of representation is followed, larger urban areas may get the extra trustee.

But Mrs. Bruce cannot see that happening. She feels the Ministry will take geography into consideration as well as population.

"I cannot see the numbers lowered," she said. There has not been any feeling Halton Hills is going to lose a trustee.

Currently Ontario is the only province in Canada that elects school board trustees based on assessment rather than population. The change in legislation will bring Ontario more in line with municipal, provincial and federal elections which are based on representation by population.

Despite lack of snow works crews stay busy

By CHERYL MOODER
 Herald Staff

There may be little snow but the public works department is still on the go maintaining Georgetown streets.

Right now town crews are out doing such things as cutting trees, culvert work and catch basin maintenance. "We manage to keep busy," said Public Works Superintendent Frank Morette.

Public works people are doing activities they would probably do in the spring. "We are getting well ahead of the game," Mr. Morette said.

Although snow-free winters save on materials such as sand and salt, he said, there is still the labor cost. The superintendent added the greatest expense in snow maintenance are equipment and labor costs.

The public works department does not hire extra people to plow the 282 kilometres of roads it maintains. Town staff and a fleet of 11 trucks and three graders keep the white stuff off the streets.

Only sidewalk snow removal is contracted out at an hourly rate. So far the contractor has not done any work in 1988 and was needed only a few times in 1987, Mr. Morette said.

There is a savings of \$1,000 to \$1,500. This money will go into sidewalk maintenance. There is more than enough to be spent on other activities, the superintendent said.

Once the town sets the budget for the year, no extra money is allocated for projects. For example, sidewalks could use approximately \$100,000 in work yet the budget allows for \$50,000 to \$60,000 for maintenance. The overall budget is always expended, Mr. Morette said.

Actually, in a snowless winter there are no savings per se, he said. What is saved on snow removal is plowed into activities such as asphalt and spraying the roads.

The same holds true in a winter of heavy snowfalls. An overexpenditure of funds, Mr. Morette said, "means we have that much less (to spend) in summer activities." What you make up in one area you lose in another.

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