

Outlook on Halton Hills

Police beat

Careless driving

A charge of careless driving was laid following a 1:30 a.m. accident March 30. A 1987 grey Oldsmobile, driven by a 16-year-old Brampton man, was southbound on Rosetta Street from River Drive. The Oldsmobile left the paved roadway and drove onto a gravel parking lot and struck the elevated rail line causing extensive damage. The car received severe damage.

Pole breaks

A utility pole was broken in half during an 8:40 a.m. accident March 30 at Winston Churchill Boulevard and the 10th Sideroad. A 1981 white GMC, driven by a 37-year-old Toronto man, was northbound on Winston Churchill Boulevard, rounding a single curve to the left, when it lost control and drove onto the gravel shoulder for 22 metres before striking a fence post and then a utility pole causing it to break in half. The GMC received severe damage and a charge of losing control was laid.

Crosses line

March 28 at 1:15 p.m. a 1984 blue Honda, driven by a 46-year-old Mississauga man, was westbound on the 17th Sideroad. An oncoming eastbound car crossed the centre line. The Honda driver hit the brakes, moved over and began sliding. The Honda went off the north side of the road and hit a stop sign.

Sent to hospital

Brett Ross of Sarnia was sent to the Georgetown District Hospital following an 8 p.m. accident March 27. A 1980 white Chevrolet, driven by a 19-year-old Sarnia man, was westbound on the Fifth Sideroad when he swerved to miss striking an animal and entered the south ditch.

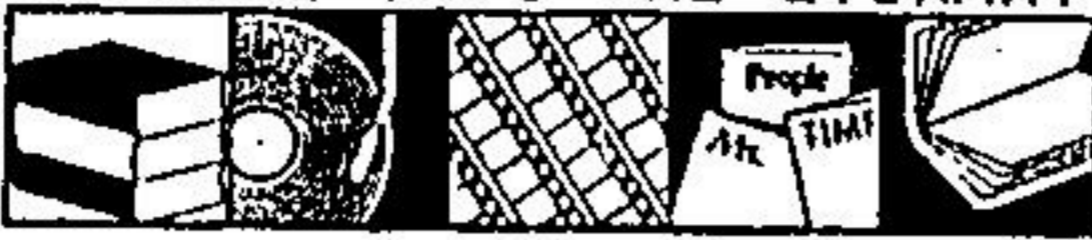
Fails to yield

A charge of failing to yield after stopping was laid following a 5 p.m. accident April 2 at Rexway Drive and Prince Charles Drive. A 1982 yellow Plymouth Reliant, driven by a 58-year-old Georgetown man, was eastbound on Rexway Drive. A 1981 brown Chevrolet, driven by a 19-year-old Mississauga woman, was pulling away from a stop sign, after stopping on Prince Charles Drive, and drove onto eastbound Rexway Drive. The Chevrolet struck the Reliant in the intersection.

Improper turn

April 3 at 1:40 p.m. a charge of making an improper left turn was laid following an accident at Mountainview Road and River Road. A 1981 green Plymouth Reliant, driven by a 69-year-old Glen Williams woman, was northbound on Mountainview Road North in the driving lane. A 1988 blue Buick, driven by a 19-year-old Georgetown woman, was northbound on Mountainview Road North in the right turning lane. The driver decided to make a left turn instead of a right and the Buick hit the Plymouth.

LOOKING INTO THE LIBRARY



Wheels on the bus

By JANE McQUARRIE
Halton Hills Public Libraries
The Wheels on the Bus by Maryann Kovalski (Toronto: Kids Can Press, 1987).

Each year the Canadian Library Association presents an award to the illustrator of the most outstanding picture book published during the previous calendar year. As a member of the selection committee for this award, I've been poring over two dozen Canadian picture books, trying to sort out which ones I thought are winners. Over the next few weeks I will write about the books I have chosen personally as top contenders for the award.

One of my favorites is an imaginatively illustrated version of the popular children's song, The Wheels on the Bus. Those who are familiar with the song will agree that its lyrics are less than inspiring:

"The wheels on the bus go round and round
Round and round, round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All around the town."

Illustrator Maryann Kovalski has taken this simple little ditty and turned it into a visual delight. She has invented an original background for the song, made up of a grandmother who takes her two grandchildren shopping. While they wait for the bus to take them home, Gran teaches the children a song she sang when she was young. As the trio launches into song, the illustrations shift their setting, becoming Gran's reminiscences of London, England, circa 1940. The bus pictured is a double decker, and its passengers belong to another place and time.

The book has great child appeal.



Assistant Cubmaster Chris Sharpe of 1st Hornby is seen here with his Sniffer Dog named Condor. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Most young children know the song, and they will find lots to amuse them in the illustrations. For those who don't know the tune, musical notation is included. The human figures are comic, endearing and well drawn. The illustrations convey lots of incidents and emotions, greatly magnifying the repetitive little chant on which they are based. By taking us back to a Britain of a generation ago, Kovalski has added a touch of the unexpected to the work. The book ends on a note of surprise, too, as the daydreaming singers are jolted back to the reality of a Canadian snowstorm. "Grandma, Jenny and Joanna had so much fun singing that... They missed the bus!"

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Landfill grants

Two citizens groups from Halton have been granted an additional \$15,000 each in intervenor funding for appearing before Joint Board hearings under the Consolidated Hearings Act, Barbara Sullivan, MPP for Halton Centre, announced recently on behalf of Environment Minister Jim Bradley.

following the Region of Halton's proposal to build a landfill site to be located either in Milton or in Burlington. An environmental assessment of the proposal is now before the Joint Board for approval.

The hearings began in May 1987 and are expected to conclude this summer.

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