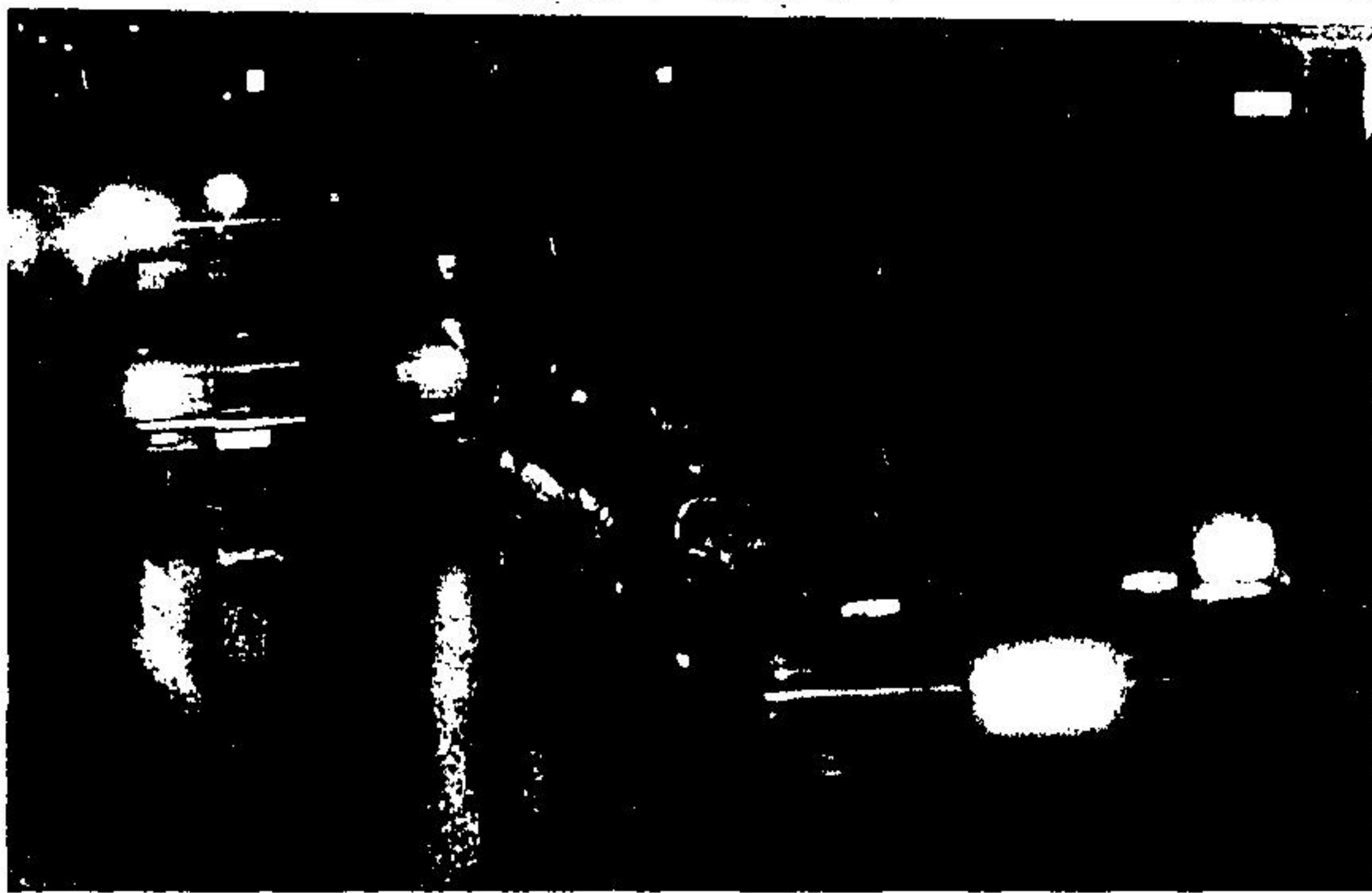


Outlook on Halton Hills



This was the scene of an accident last Tuesday night on Guelph Street near Mill Street. A parked Chevrolet receiving a boost from a tow truck was struck from behind by this 1983 Firebird. The driver of the Firebird, a 22-year-old Georgetown man, was charged with careless driving. Both cars were moderately damaged in the collision. (Herald photo)

Seepage of leachate called into question

Georgetown residents learned Wednesday that poisonous leachate from a proposed landfill site in Acton will reach their water supply anywhere from 30 to 90 years after the second phase of the site is filled. Hydrogeologist Vern Dixon told members of the Acton quarry study group and about 100 people in the audience at Gordon Alcott Arena that two or three gallons of leachate a minute will leak into the Georgetown water supply but it will be easily absorbed by a massive flow of water of about 1,400 gallons of water a minute.

The quality of the drinking water will be altered so slightly that "it would be questionable if you would detect it," said Mr. Dixon.

"We cannot see any significant change or any threat to the water quality of Georgetown."

Mr. Dixon said the Cabot Head rock formation at the bottom of the quarry will allow seepage of leachate - the liquid created when rainwater percolates through the garbage - through into the lower whirlpool aquifer then into Georgetown's water supply.

Georgetown residents get their water from the Amabel aquifer, which is a huge rock formation that allows water to flow through freely.

Previously, committee members were told the Cabot Head was impermeable enough to prevent leachate from escaping from the site.

The disclosure of the information Wednesday marked the first time the public was told leachate will definitely leak into the Georgetown water supply.

MOE expert to speak

Residents of Halton Hills will finally get a chance to air their concerns about the proposed Acton quarry dump with a senior Ministry of the Environment official.

Brian Ward, director of the environmental assessment branch will speak at the Halton Hills Library Gallery at 7 p.m. this Wednesday (Sept. 7).

The meeting is open to the public.

Seniors meet

Golden Circle Seniors Club will hold their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 1:15 p.m., at St. Andrew's Church hall, on Mountainview Road South in Georgetown. New members are welcome.

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Helping fight Alzheimer's disease

Marathoner runs special race

As a marathon runner, Richard Martin has covered a lot of ground.

But when he participates in the 26-mile Montreal Marathon this Sunday, his love for running will take on an entirely new meaning.

Mr. Martin, of RR2, Norval, will be running not only for himself but also to raise money which will aid research into Alzheimer's disease.

Next year, Mr. Martin will reach the "golden age" of 65. And in his age group he has found Alzheimer's to be a disease that is becoming more and more prevalent. Yet, it doesn't receive the publicity it should.

"It's been taking a back seat to other diseases," he says, "and it seems to be retreating into the

background. People don't realize how serious it is."

In his effort to help fight Alzheimer's disease, Mr. Martin has taken pledges for his run Sunday, and he hopes other people will offer their support with donations when ever they can.

A great deal of support for Mr. Martin has come from his fellow members of the Masonic Lodge in Brampton.

As a runner, Mr. Martin began just over 10 years ago as a means of getting into shape. Finishing each race is his prime objective, even though there have been times when he has crossed the finish line after someone had packed up the finish line and gone home.

It's been a tough season for training because of the uncommonly hot and humid summer. But a few weeks ago he was able to complete a continuous 32-km haul, and feels he'll be in good shape for Montreal.

He hopes his participation in the Montreal event will help make people more aware of the work that is being done to fight Alzheimer's disease.

"The more that's done, the better the situation will be," he says. "The only answer is research and they need money for it."

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the cause can do so by calling the Peel Alzheimer's chapter at 278-3667, or by calling the provincial association at 967-5900.

Charges laid in accident

Halton police have charged a Georgetown youth following a highspeed pursuit that ended in severe head injuries for a 16-year-old Georgetown youth.

Police say a 17-year-old male is charged with dangerous driving and causing a police pursuit as a result of an investigation into an Aug. 19 police chase that started in Georgetown and ended when the vehicle went out of control and rolled over.

The car involved in the chase, a 1983 Ford Thunderbird, was observed travelling at "a high rate of speed" past Moore Park Plaza when a police officer activated his cruiser lights to stop the driver. The officer pursued the Ford along Highway 7 and then to Trafalgar Road North where he saw "a cloud of smoke, dust, and the vehicle there on its roof," say police.

A 16-year-old passenger remains in Mississauga Hospital in stable condition. The driver received minor injuries. The Georgetown youth, 17, will appear in court Sept. 22.

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