

Police beat

Severe damage

Two cars were severely damaged in a Guelph Street accident Christmas Eve. A 1976 AMC Hornet driven by a Georgetown woman, 34, struck a 1988 Chrysler Caravan driven by a Georgetown woman, 41. Police say the Chrysler was making a left turn onto Rexway Drive from behind a truck when it was struck by the east-bound Hornet. The driver of the Chrysler is charged under the Highway Traffic Act.

Escapes injury

A Georgetown woman escaped injury after a 1982 Escort hit a mail box Friday night. Halton Regional Police say the car was southbound on Eighth Line near Lot 6 when it went out of control, left the roadway and struck a mailbox. The Ford Escort was severely damaged. No injuries were reported and no charges were laid by police.

Theft charges

Four Georgetown youths were charged by Halton Regional Police with possession of stolen property and theft after they were allegedly found in possession of stolen Christmas lights early Tuesday morning.

Police say the youths, three aged 17, and one, 18, were discovered at Chelvin Drive and Deirex Boulevard, attempting to remove the back seat from a car to retrieve car keys from the locked trunk at around 2:30 a.m. Police made the arrest acting on information from an off-duty officer. The youths will appear in court Jan. 28.

Lights missing

Halton Regional Police report nine incidents of stolen Christmas lights in the Acton area Christmas eve. Five Division Street homes were stripped of Christmas lights with a combined value of \$45.

At nearby Norman Avenue, \$40 worth of lights were taken from residents' yards. And at Mill Street, East, \$30 in lights were reported missing.

Police are continuing to investigate.

Narcotics charge

Police have charged an Acton man, 18, with assault following a narcotic-related incident. Police say a man attempted to sell a vial of hashish oil to a Mill Street, Acton resident. When the resident refused, the man punched the 24-year-old resident in the nose. Police have charged the 18-year-old with assault, breach of probation and possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking. The man was held for a bail hearing Dec. 22.



Grade 12 student Kathy Diner (left) presents a cheque for \$1,500 to Acton Social Services and Information executive director Peggy Balkin last week. Acton High School students raised the money in

various fund raisers throughout the year. The money was used to purchase clothing for the needy at Christmas, and it will be used to supplement seniors programs throughout the year. (Herald photo)

Go with confidence

By The Rev. Nancy J. Knox
St. John's United Church

The month of January is named after Janus the Roman God of gates and beginnings. Janus was always shown with two faces, one on the back and one on the front of his head so he could look both ways at once.

As the old year ends and the new year begins many folk spend time being Janus, looking back and looking ahead. One of the customs of the season is to join hands with friends and sing the first verse of Robert Burns's song, Auld Lang Syne. Auld Lang Syne, a Scottish dialect expression, means "days of other years". This is a song of friendship renewed and reaffirmed after many years. But it is not merely a song of remembrance; it also is one of anticipation. And it expresses some of our feelings about the ambiguity of the passing of time.

The New Year, the future, stretches out before us. A clean slate, a blank page, that can be both exciting and frightening. Sometimes it is easier to stick with the old known way than to strike off in a new direction filled with risks and unknowns.

As we draw away from the much celebrated events around Jesus' birthday, we realize that what the gospel writers are celebrating in the Christmas story is that God's love is present in the very depths of life. The incarnation, the coming of God into human life, is not a superficial



sweet story, an escape from the realities of life. It is just the opposite. God comes down into the depths of our life. God's love is at the centre of our total human situation to give meaning to life as it really is.

A feeling of helplessness could overtake us when we get our daily dose of dire events on the eleven o'clock news. But the good news is that God is working to redeem our chaotic world. The Christmas event reminds us that nothing can ultimately defeat God's plan of redemption. This is what gives us hope as we plunge into the world to do what we can to bring peace, justice, and freedom to others.

A favorite verse in our household that often gets shared every year at this time is one my mother remembers from the King's message on Christmas Day many years ago. Penned by M. L. Haskins: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way.'"

In this coming year let's not mope about thinking of how things were or could have been, but face the future confidently and with daring doing our part to bring about a better world.

Parties await commission findings

A Georgetown man who says the town's Activan service does not fit his needs, is appealing to the Human Rights Commission.

Niel Brookbanks says both Halton Region's Pegasus van, and Halton Hills Activan, cannot provide safe transportation for both him and his special motorized scooter.

Mr. Brookbanks said he used the Pegasus service only once "and I vowed never to do that again".

The problem with both services is that they cannot properly secure himself and the scooter inside the van, said Mr. Brookbanks.

And handlers often have a hard time getting the \$2,700 scooter in the van, he said.

Mr. Brookbanks said he suffers from two conditions. Chronic fibrosis and osteoarthritis - which result in inflammation of the joints. Both conditions make sleeping difficult, inflict chronic pain and make it impossible to walk more than 50 ft., said Mr. Brookbanks.

The three-wheeled scooter, which Mr. Brookbanks said was recommended by Halton Region, cannot be secured on a special lift which brings it into the van, said Mr. Brookbanks. The platform is not long enough, he said.

"One false move and it's as good as (off the end)," he said.

Mr. Brookbanks said he brought the problem to the attention of the town in the spring with no results.

There are companies as close as Kitchener which can supply the \$1,200 lift needed to accommodate the scooter, said Mr. Brookbanks.

He has such a lift in his van, but his wife needs the van during the day for transportation to work.

After getting nowhere with the town, Mr. Brookbanks appealed to the Human Rights Commission to examine the service in the late summer. He then asked the commission to hold off its investigation while he met town officials to discuss the service.

Mr. Brookbanks said he furnished the town with the necessary information to install equipment capable of handling his scooter.

He is not as concerned about Pegasus because that service transports mobility-impaired people between municipalities in Halton Region, a service that Mr. Brookbanks said he rarely needs.

But the Activan, which transports people around Halton Hills and sometimes to other Regions, would be handy, said Mr. Brookbanks.

"They offer this (service) for the mobility-impaired. I'm one of those," he said.

The legal department at the Human Rights Commission is examining the case now, said Mr. Brookbanks.

Halton Hills Councillor Gerald Rennie, who chairs the town committee which runs the Activan, said the town has never had any complaints about scooters and the service does suit Mr. Brookbanks needs.

While the Activan is designed to handle wheelchairs, it can also secure the scooter inside, said Coun. Rennie.

Because he can walk short distances, Mr. Brookbanks could walk into the van and sit in the wheelchair while his scooter is lifted in and fastened down, he said.

"It is not true to say that the wheelchair is not securely tied because it is," said Coun. Rennie.

And the scooter "can be tied on sufficiently that it won't be flying around inside the van," he added.

Coun. Rennie said he didn't know about the new type of lift when the van was ordered at the end of 1987.

However, the van as it now operates, "appears to accommodate his needs," he said.

Because Mr. Brookbanks has gone to the Human Rights Commission, any potential changes to the van will be held off until the commission reaches a decision, he said.

"If he's gone to the Human Rights Commission, that in a sense puts everything in a standstill," said Mr. Rennie.

"If the Human Rights Commission says yes, we'd have to do something. I don't know what we can do."

Deadline extended

The deadline for application to the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program has been extended to Dec. 31, 1988. Freeman McEwen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the program made this announcement following a directors' meeting Dec. 15.

"We are pleased with the quality of the applicants to date," said Mr. McEwen. "Several candidates have

Van damaged

A smoke stack from a passing vehicle fell on the windshield of a van, Dec. 20, injuring a Georgetown man, 39.

Halton Regional Police say a 1980 Dodge van driven by the Georgetown man was northbound on Trafalgar Road near Sideroad 15 when it was hit by the smoke stack of a passing southbound vehicle. Police say the unidentified vehicle fled the scene. The van was moderately damaged.

The driver of the car was treated for minor injuries and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. The van's two passengers were uninjured.

called to inquire about the leadership program during the last few days. To give these people a chance to complete the required application forms we have decided to extend the deadline an extra two weeks."

Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) is designed for men and women with leadership potential and a commitment of agriculture. Participants may be farmers or employees of agribusiness and will be approximately 25 to 40 years old.

AALP offers a series of nine three-day seminars and two travel seminars over a two-year period starting April, 1989. "The program will help you broaden your horizons, increase your understanding of local, national and international issues and develop leadership skills."

For an application form or more information about AALP contact Executive Director, Patricia Mighton, Box 1030, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6N1, or telephone, 519-787-3503.

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NOTICE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The Public Works Department is scheduling in the urban areas ONE pick up exclusively for Christmas trees. They will NOT be collected with your regular collection. Please place at Roadside on Monday, January 9, 1989, at 7:00 a.m.

Thank you.

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Norval news

Hope and love in the world, thanks to a number of ceasefires, was the highlight of a special message by Rev. Walter Ridley at the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service in Norval United Church. Rev. Ridley was assisted by Bob Flindall, who read the Christmas scriptures interspersed by the lighting of the Advent candles and the Christ candle by Rev. Ridley.

special numbers and Cathy Paul played the trumpet while the offering was taken.

Communion was served by Rev. Ridley and the old familiar carols added to a beautiful Christmas Eve service.

How thankful we should be that we live in a country free of war and where we're free to worship as we choose, said Rev. Ridley.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes to Gordie Brown of Norval, who has returned home from Georgetown Hospital after spending some time there.

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NOTICE

During the forthcoming Christmas and New Year Holidays all refuse and recycled material will be picked up on your regular collection day.


Seasons Greetings!

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The Canadian Cancer Society recommends that you include more vegetables from the cabbage family in your diet. These include brussels sprouts, broccoli and cauli-flower. These vegetables may protect you against the risk of cancer.



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GRANT APPLICATION FORMS

PLEASE BE ADVISED that Grant Application Forms for community groups to apply for Town grants for 1989 may be picked up at the Recreation and Parks Office or the Administration Building on Trafalgar Road.

The deadline for delivery of the completed application forms to the Town is January 31st, 1989.

Once submitted, the application is reviewed by the Budget Committee and the request for a grant is decided upon by Council.

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