

## Police Beat

### Woman charged

An Acton woman was charged with making an improper turn following the collision of two cars in Acton Sunday afternoon. Halton Regional Police say a 1973 Chevrolet Nova was northbound on Main Street near Elizabeth

Drive when it struck a 1985 Subaru which was pulling away from the curb. Both cars were moderately damaged.

### Moderate damage

A 1979 Pontiac making a U-turn on Third Line near Sideroad 10 Saturday afternoon struck a 1985 Plymouth causing moderate damage, police say. The Pontiac, driven by a Newmarket woman, 51, was lightly damaged after it struck the eastbound Plymouth "broadside." No injuries were reported in the collision.

### Tree struck

Police say an unknown white van was the cause of a collision after a 1988 Plymouth struck a tree Sunday afternoon. The car, driven by a Brampton man, 18, was southbound on Winston Churchill Boulevard near Sideroad 10 when an approaching northbound van apparently travelling "halfway into the southbound lane," caused the Plymouth to brake suddenly, and slide into a nearby tree. The Plymouth was moderately damaged. Police say the unknown white van continued without stopping. There were no injuries and no charges in the accident.

### No injuries

An Acton woman, 41, was charged under the Highway Traffic Act following a Friday afternoon collision at Guelph Street and Mountainview Road in Georgetown. A 1976 Plymouth Fury, driven by a Georgetown woman, 32, was westbound on Guelph Street in the passing lane after turning left at the advanced green light on Mountainview Road. Police say a 1984 Plymouth Reliant in the curb lane made a lane change and struck the Fury. The Reliant was moderately damaged. The Fury was lightly damaged. Police report no injuries in the collision.

### Trafficking charge

A 21-year-old Georgetown woman was charged with trafficking of narcotics after she allegedly tried to sell marijuana to an off-duty police officer. Halton Regional Police say the woman was arrested on Guelph Street near Hall Road at 4:50 a.m. Jan. 20. The police officer was offered 1/4 ounce of marijuana, they said. The Georgetown woman was held for bail Jan. 23.



### How it's done

The Halton Hills Ambulance Service for the Acton area received a shot in the arm last week as over 40 people attended an open house and information meeting, designed to recruit new volunteers. The response made the outlook for am-

balance service in Acton considerably brighter, after there were fears it may have to be closed down. Here, director of operations Gord Kearsey (left) explains the equipment used by the service. (Herald photo)

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# Mandatory recycling proposed

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and Milton is recycling 14.2 per cent.

It is estimated that 80 per cent of all households in Halton are participating in the blue box program.

If all households participate,

Halton should be able to recycle about 20 per cent of its municipal waste, said Mr. Moore.

The idea of a ban on accepting materials at Halton's waste facilities is not new. In 1981, Halton banned newspapers from its landfill site and followed that with a

ban on corrugated cardboard from industries last year.

Currently, Halton is exporting 100 per cent of its waste. That situation will continue until a new Regional landfill is built in either Burlington or Milton, early in the 1990s.

## Factors change councillors' minds

Halton's proposal to impose mandatory recycling is a reversal of its position from two years ago. In 1987, when the Region recommended a ban on corrugated cardboard from industries, mandatory recycling was not deemed necessary.

Three factors have arisen to change the Region's mind. First, Halton has built a recycling facility in Oakville costing the Region more than \$5 million. An recycling will be expanded to apartment units later this year

which will cost the Region even more. "Because of the very substantial investment involved, we want the new recycling system to be used to its maximum," says Halton's public works commissioner Robert Moore.

Secondly, Halton is now exporting 100 per cent of its waste and the cost of burning the garbage at an incinerator in Niagara Falls, New York (where most of the Region's garbage goes), has increased dramatically. At a cost

of \$86 a tonne, the price of burning the waste is now higher than the cost of recycling, estimated at \$71 a tonne.

Third, Halton has a commitment to burning 50 per cent of its waste by about 1996. Many residents feel recycling will be forgotten in the wake of a major incinerating effort, said Mr. Moore.

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