

Police Beat

Facing charges

An Erin man faces four charges following a three-car collision at Highway 7 and Trafalgar Road Tuesday night. Police say a 1978 GMC van driven by an Erin man, 24, was eastbound on Highway 7 when it turned south onto Trafalgar Road, and entered the northbound lane. The van struck a 1988 Mazda driven by a Toronto man and a 1983 Chevrolet driven by an Erin man, 33. The three vehicles received moderate damage. Police report no injuries in the accident. The driver of the van is charged with leaving the scene of an accident, careless driving, an impaired-driving-related charge, and is also charged under the Canadian Automobile Insurance Act with having no vehicle insurance.

Single-car crash

A 16-year-old Acton female is charged with making an improper lane change following a single-car collision at Churchill Road and Glen Lawson Road in Acton Friday afternoon. Police say the 1984 Dodge Charger driven by the female was southbound on Churchill Road turning eastbound onto Glen Lawson Road when the car went out of control and rolled over once, landing upright facing westbound traffic. A passenger, an Acton man, 19, was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. The driver and the car's two other passengers were uninjured.

Car demolished

A 1979 Ford Mustang was demolished in a single-car collision near Stewarttown Feb. 13. The car, driven by an Acton man, 23, was eastbound on Sideroad 17 near Sixth Line when it crossed the roadway, struck a cable guide on the north side of the road, then skidded across the road and struck a speed limit sign. It finally came to rest on the north

shoulder facing southbound traffic. Police have charged the driver with careless driving. There were no injuries in the accident.

Escape injury

Two Acton men escaped injury when their cars collided at Mill Street and Fellow Street Saturday afternoon. Police say a 1980 Datsun driven by an Acton man, 37, pulled out of a private driveway on Mill Street, striking an eastbound 1984 Ford driven by an Acton man, 20. Both cars received moderate damage. The driver of the Datsun is charged with not yielding the right of way.

Gas taken

An unknown person stole gas and batteries from two cars parked at Armstrong Avenue sometime Friday night or Saturday morning. Halton Regional Police say gas caps were taken from two cars and gas was siphoned from the tanks. A case of batteries was also taken. Total value of the missing items is \$300.

Charges laid

Police laid two shoplifting charges in connection with items taken from the Olde Hide House in Acton on the weekend. A 17-year-old female from Toronto was charged with theft after she allegedly took a pair of leather gloves valued at \$55 from the leather store, Feb. 18. She will appear in court March 23.

A 36-year-old Bolton woman will face charges of theft in connection with a missing blue leather purse valued at \$34 from the Olde Hide House Sunday. She will appear in court March 20.

Tanks missing

Two tanks filled with oxygen and acetylene left on a construction site at Alice Street in Acton were apparently removed over the weekend of Feb. 11 and 12. A worker left the tanks and a cart valued at \$200 on the site, say Halton police. The tanks were reported missing Feb. 13.

Bank machine smashed

An unknown person using what is believed to be a hammer on the Royal Bank machine on Main Street caused \$420 damage Friday. The person smashed the keyboard, frame, and plate of the machine according to Halton Regional Police. The incident took place sometime between 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m.

The same night, a note placed on the machine enclosure door by an employee was knocked out when someone smashed the door where the note was located, causing \$150 damage. Police say the smashing took place sometime between 7 p.m. Feb. 17 and noon Feb. 18. Police continue to investigate.

Police cruiser demolished

A Halton police cruiser was demolished when it was struck Saturday night by a car driven by a Georgetown woman.

Halton Regional Police say an officer had stopped a driver for a Highway Traffic Act violation at Mountainview Road and Armstrong Avenue around 8:45 p.m. when a third car struck the police cruiser from behind, demolishing the police car and causing damage to the other car. Total damage was estimated at \$16,000.

Police report no injuries requiring medical attention as a result of the collision.

A Georgetown woman is charged with careless driving.



Traffic fatality

Fire officials remain on the scene following a fatal accident yesterday morning (Tuesday) around 7:45 a.m. on Winston Churchill Boulevard north of Sideroad Five. Marguerite Borge, 20, of Norval was killed when her southbound 1983 Pontiac Acadian col-

lided with a northbound Pontiac driven by a Scarborough man. Halton Regional Police are continuing to investigate Halton Hills' second traffic fatality this year. (Herald photo)

Group wants showdown with premier

A local citizens group has joined with several other environmental organizations in calling for a meeting with Ontario Premier David Peterson to discuss their concerns about the environment.

POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) is one of 11 groups which plans to ask Premier Peterson for the meeting. The idea was initiated by CONE (Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment) spokesperson Lyn MacMillan during a daylong seminar entitled Enviro-Watch held at the Holy Cross Church Hall on Saturday.

POWER member Rita Landry, who helped organize the seminar, said groups learned from each other how best to approach a fight similar to the one POWER now faces. POWER is fighting a proposal by Reclamation Systems Inc. to put a landfill site capable of handling 20 million tonnes of waste in 20 years in the Acton quarry. The landfill would handle waste from surrounding municipalities, possibly including Metro Toronto.

POWER says the Acton quarry is hydrologically unsafe to handle garbage.

During the Enviro-Watch seminar, each group gave a short presentation on the fight they now face. The approximately 60 people who attended the seminar then split up into several workshops.

The seminar was so successful

POWER intends to hold a larger version in Norval in June in conjunction with Environment Week, said Mrs. Landry.

POWER wants to send a clear message, along with the other groups, that quarrying is the worst environmental destruction the Niagara Escarpment should have to bear, said Mrs. Landry. Landfilling after the quarries are finished destroys the escarpment, she said.

POWER is also researching a regulation which reportedly allows a landfill site such as the one proposed for Acton to handle a limited amount of hazardous waste, she said.

The seminar marked the first time so many groups have come together in Georgetown to discuss the environment since the dump proposal for the Acton quarry first

surfaced two years ago.

During the seminar, Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner presented POWER members with a letter from federal Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard acknowledging the group's efforts.

"I think (the people who attended the seminar) left with a good feeling that they're not alone out there," said Mrs. Landry.

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