

Police Beat

Deer struck

A deer was struck shortly after midnight Friday when an Acton man, 18, was travelling northbound on Fourth Line. Halton Regional Police say the man was driving a 1982 Datsun near Regional Road 43 when the car struck a deer causing severe damage to the vehicle. There were no injuries and police are not laying charges.

Minor injuries

A Guelph man, 22, received minor injuries and was charged with making an improper turn following a two-car collision in Acton Monday night. Police say a 1985 Dodge van westbound on Queen Street went out of control while entering the intersection at Young Street and struck a 1988 Chevrolet Celebrity. Both vehicles were severely damaged. The driver of the Chevrolet, an Acton woman, 45, was uninjured.

Cars collide

Police did not lay charges when two cars collided at Maple and Main Streets in Georgetown Monday night in an accident that slightly injured a 10-year-old passenger.

Police say a 1986 Pony carrying three passengers was travelling westbound on Maple Avenue behind a 1986 Pontiac driven by a Georgetown woman, 35, when the Pontiac went out of control and slid broadside. The Pony, driven by a Limehouse woman, 30, struck the other vehicle, causing light damage to the Pony and moderate damage to the Pontiac. A 10-year-old female passenger in the Pony received minor injuries in the collision. Police are not laying charges.

Car stolen

Police report the theft of a car early March 25 from a Rexway Drive residence. A 1984 unlocked Dodge was taken from the home shortly after 1 a.m. Police are investigating.

Rock thrown

Police say a rock thrown through the livingroom window of a Weber Drive residence caused \$150 damage overnight March 25. A large rock was hurled through the glass and discovered on the livingroom floor, say police. An investigation continues.

Impaired charge

A Brampton man was charged with impaired driving after he left a Guelph Street tavern shortly after midnight Saturday. Police say the man was allegedly in an impaired state when he attempted to ride away on his motorcycle. The Brampton man, 26, will appear in court May 1.

Money stolen

Canadian Tire money was a popular item to remove from local cars this weekend. Halton Regional Police say the owners of two cars entered by an unknown suspect last weekend were missing a total of \$90 in Canadian Tire money and \$25 in cash. A 1985 Nissan pick-up truck was entered March 23 while parked on Mill Street in Georgetown. Police say the vehicle was unlocked, when an unknown suspect took \$70 in Canadian Tire money and \$25 in cash. A second vehicle, a 1988 Dodge, also unlocked, was entered overnight March 24 and \$20 in Canadian Tire money was taken. The car was parked on Rexway Drive.

Domestic disputes

Two domestic disputes occurred between 2 and 3 a.m. March 26, say police. One alleged assault took place at a Limehouse residence where a 46-year-old female was struck in the face. Police have charged a 43-year-old Limehouse male.

A second alleged assault took place in Georgetown where a female, 38, was "pushed and shoved," say police. A Georgetown man, 39, is charged in connection with the incident.

Car theft

A 1979 Plymouth Horizon with the licence plate 493 BYT was taken from a John Street residence around 11:30 p.m. March 25. Police say the car was parked in the driveway of the residence with the keys in the ignition. Police continue to investigate the theft.

Charge laid

A Norval man was charged under the Highway Traffic Act after his snow removal vehicle collided with a pick-up truck Tuesday afternoon. Police say the snow removal machine driven by a Norval man, 45, was northbound in the southbound lane of 10th Line near Sideroad 27. Police say the southbound 1987 Ford pick-up rounded a curve and could not avoid hitting the vehicle "head-on." No injuries were reported in the collision.

Town honors "human dynamo"

Georgetown turned out in full force last Tuesday night to honor a man who has been termed a "human dynamo" for his efforts to improve and enrich the community.

Tom Ramautarsingh, who retired last year as a teacher at Georgetown District High School, was honored as Georgetown's 1988 recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award.

The Georgetown Lions Club, which first initiated the Citizen of

When Mr. Ramautarsingh took up a cause, said Mr. Callaghan, his energy was like that of a "human dynamo."

"He is single-minded in his pursuit of a goal he considers worthy," Mr. Callaghan said.

The presentation of the Lions' plaque was made by Mr. Callaghan, and several other special presentations were also made.

MP Garth Turner, MPP Walt Elliot, Halton Hills Mayor Russ

Miller, and Halton Region Chairman Pete Pomeroy all made presentations from the various levels of government. David Page, representing the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, made a special presentation to Mr. Ramautarsingh, who has served with the Chamber in Georgetown.

Mr. Callaghan read several letters of congratulations, including one from Lincoln Alexander, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

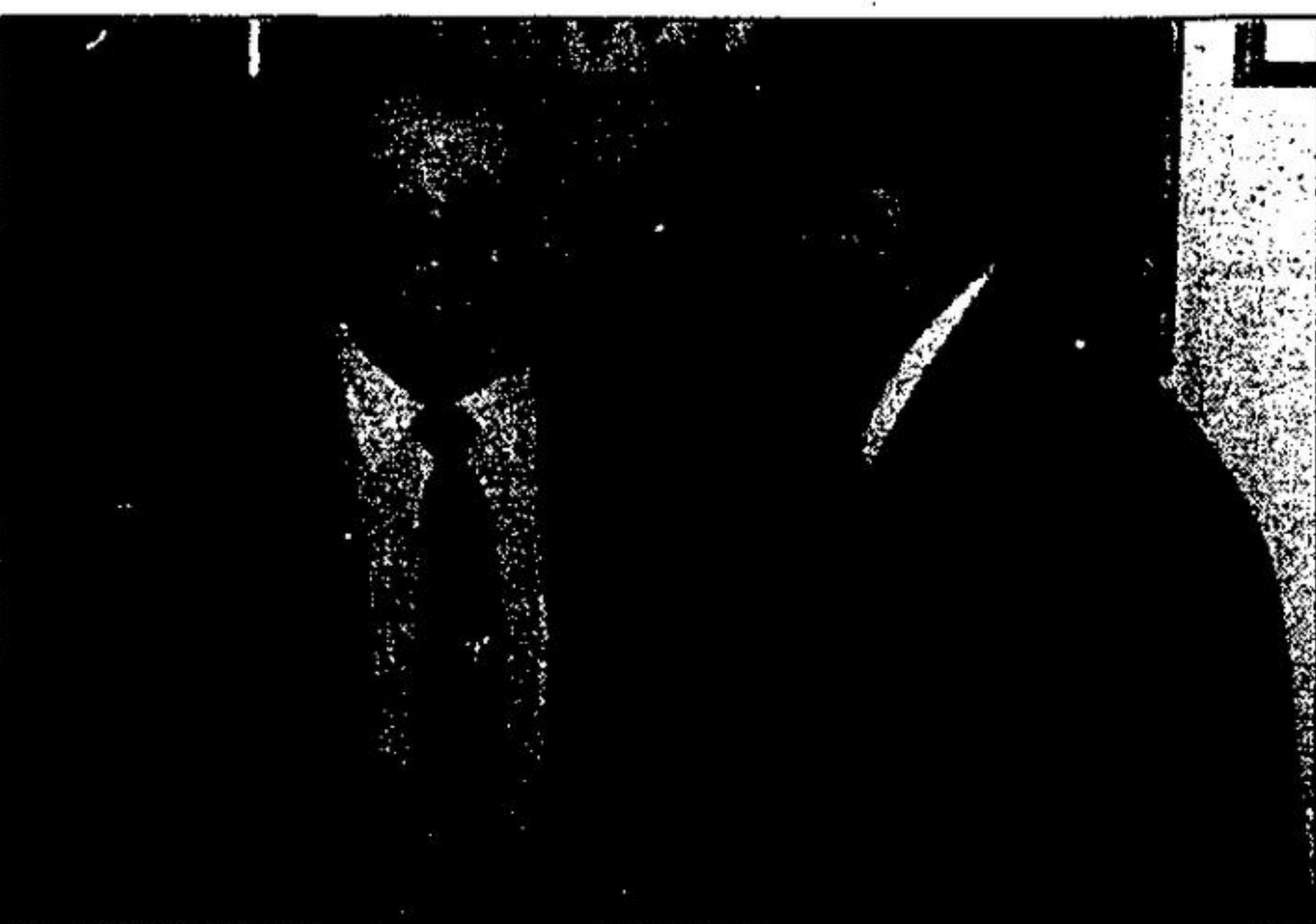
Mr. Ramautarsingh thanked his wife Betty for her support and assistance and acknowledged "it would have been impossible for me to participate in all the activities I undertook."

He also paid tribute to four people he feels he owes a great debt of gratitude. His oldest brother Ben and oldest sister Inez, "steered me in the right direction," he said, and his wife's mother was a great influence and provided him with great assistance.

All these people have passed away.

But it was the words of his mother that have helped guide his life, and he remembers them well even though she died when he was only 10 years old.

"Get an education and help others whenever you can."



A large crowd turned out to honor Tom Ramautarsingh as Georgetown's 1988 Citizen of the Year last week. Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller (left) is seen here presenting Mr. Ramautarsingh with a special award on behalf of the town. (Herald photo)

the Year award program in 1973, hosted the gala dinner at the Lions Hall.

Mr. Ramautarsingh, in accepting the high award, admitted the honor came as a surprise, but told the packed hall, "by choosing me you have honored the thousands of friends, colleagues, students, neighbors, and family, because they have given me the opportunity to serve."

His satisfaction, Mr. Ramautarsingh said, has come "by working with and for people."

The guest of honor's many accomplishments were highlighted by Lion Stan Callaghan, who served as chairman of the selection committee. Other members included Carl Hansen, Mark Rush, Earl Merrill, and Mani Mitera.

Mr. Callaghan pointed out that Mr. Ramautarsingh was one of the founding members of the Georgetown Cricket Club, a recipient of the Silver Jubilee Medal, chairman of the "I Love Georgetown" program, and founder and president of the Holy Cross Parents Association. As a school teacher, he also became president of the Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Violations agreement takes effect

Drivers are reminded that an agreement between Ontario and Quebec to exchange information on Highway Traffic Act violations goes into effect on April 1.

Before April 1, only Criminal Code offences such as impaired driving were exchanged between Canadian provinces.

After that date, drivers from the neighboring province who are convicted of traffic offences in either Ontario or Quebec will have the

convictions and demerit points transferred to their home records.

The agreement covers eight offences: careless driving, dangerous driving, speeding, failing to obey a traffic signal or stop sign, failing to stop for a school bus with its red lights flashing, failing to report an accident, failing to remain at the scene of an accident and driving a vehicle for a bet, stake or race.

These violations make up 84 per

cent of all demerit point infractions committed by out-of-province drivers in Ontario.

The agreement is the first of its kind in Canada, although Quebec has a similar pact with the State of New York.

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