

Police Beat

Equipment missing

Halton Regional Police say someone stole \$2,100 worth of audio visual equipment from an RR1 area residence sometime during the day Nov. 14. Two video cassette recorders, a television and a converter were stolen. Police say the culprits entered the house through a basement window.

Hand set stolen

Someone stole a \$1,000 hand set off a cellular telephone from an unlocked 1985 Chevrolet parked in the area of Irwin Crescent in Georgetown overnight Monday, police say.

\$10 stolen

Police report someone stole \$10 in change from the change box of an unlocked vehicle parked in the area of Acton Boulevard in Acton overnight Nov. 11.

Emblem missing

Someone stole a \$30 hood ornament from a 1978 Lincoln Continental parked on Lynden Circle in Georgetown overnight Nov. 11. Another hood ornament valued at \$70 was also stolen from a 1989

Dodge during the same time period.

\$2,000 damage

A charge of property damage has been laid in connection with \$2,000 worth of damage caused to a Chrysler parked in the area of Winston Churchill Boulevard south of Sideroad 5 in Halton Hills sometime between Sept. 1 and Nov. 4. A 22-year-old Georgetown man is to appear in court Jan. 15 in connection with the charge. The culprit smashed the car's interior, shot a shotgun shell into the car and painted the vehicle with graffiti, police say.

Mirror smashed

Someone smashed the side mirror of a 1976 Oldsmobile parked at the corner of Highway 7 and Winston Churchill Boulevard causing \$50 damage overnight Nov. 11.

\$100 damage

Someone used a tire iron to smash the passenger window of a 1978 Ford parked on RR3 in the rural area of Halton Hills overnight Nov. 11, police say. The property damage is estimated at \$100.

Jackets stolen

Police say someone stole \$1,300 worth of leather jackets and a purse from a locked 1989 Suzuki parked on Guelph Street in Georgetown the evening of Nov. 10. The culprit smashed out one of the vehicle's windows to get at the jackets.

Theft charge

Police charged a 36-year-old Georgetown man with theft under \$1,000 after \$850 was stolen from a Queen Street gas bar in Acton Wednesday. A Dec. 11 court date has been scheduled in connection with the incident.

Three-car collision

A 1984 Mazda was severely damaged following a three-car collision on Winston Churchill Boulevard at Sideroad 5 in Halton Hills last Thursday afternoon.

Police say the Mazda which was driven by a 36-year-old Milton man, pulled out into the intersection westbound on Sideroad 5 and collided with a 1986 Ford travelling southbound on Winston Churchill Boulevard. The Mazda then collided with a 1982 Chrysler travelling eastbound on Sideroad 5.

A 40-year-old Mississauga woman was driving the Ford while a Brampton woman, 47, was driving the Chrysler. Police laid a charge of failure to yield in connection with the incident.

Water run off pollutes Acton's Fairy Lake

Storm water and urban residential water run-off are the chief causes of pollution at Acton's Fairy Lake, a report to Halton Regional council says.

Halton's health department prepared a 60-page report on causes of high bacteria levels in Fairy Lake near Highway 25 that kept the lake's beaches unsafe for swimming most of the summer.

Fairy Lake's old beach was open 65 days this summer, the Breezes beach was safe for swimming 69 days and the new beach showed unacceptable bacteria levels 58 of the 90 sample days.

Sampling over the past three years showed levels of fecal coliform (animal excrement) above 200 parts for each 100 ml of water, Regional director of environmental health Peter Willmott said Thursday.

The lake was tested by a paid University of Waterloo student between May and August this year. "The water quality in Fairy Lake, particularly the new beach, has been consistently poor," Mr. Willmott said.

The Regional health report warns, "if Fairy Lake is to continue as a recreational area, steps will have to be taken to address the

issues raised through the study."

Regional health officials will present the Fairy Lake report to Halton Hills councillors sometime in November or December, Mr. Willmott said.

The Fairy Lake report indicates that poor water quality is found mainly on the lake's shore. "Samples from the middle of the lake indicated clean, healthy water," the report says.

Mr. Willmott said although waterfowl contribute to the bacteria in the water, the main area of concern is near the new boathouse where the birds congregate.

The report says pollution counts increase each summer because a million gallons of water are pumped out of Fairy Lake each year, despite the closure of the Beardmore Tannery owned by Canada Packers.

With a lower water level, the lake becomes "overgrown with weeds and unnavigable" in areas.

Fairy Lake continues to be a "problem," the Regional report says, but "several technologies are being explored which might permit the use of Fairy Lake as a swimming area notwithstanding high pollution counts."

Charge laid

Police laid a charge of following two closely after a two-car collision on Steeles Avenue at the Fifth Line in Halton Hills during the early evening of Nov. 8. A 1989 Chevrolet driven eastbound on Steeles Avenue by a 22-year-old Milton woman collided with the rear of a 1986 Chevrolet that was stopped eastbound on Steeles Avenue signalling to make a left turn. A 33-year-old Georgetown woman was driving the 1986 Chevrolet.

'50s, '60s dance

The Ballinacree Ladies baseball team is holding a '50s and '60s dance at the Ballinacree Community Centre on Saturday, Nov. 25 starting at 9 p.m. The night will feature a potluck menu.

The disc jockies are George and Shane.

Tickets are \$6 per person.

Proceeds will go towards the Jim Bailey baseball diamond.



Valedictorian

Meredith Hemp, valedictorian for Georgetown District High School's 1989 commencement ceremonies, was recognized for her accomplishments in a number of areas. (Herald photo)



Award winner

Heather Meek was the recipient of the Georgetown Herald award recognizing the accomplishments of a student who has obtained high standing after four years in a program majoring in business subjects. Heather received the award at the Georgetown District High School commencement ceremonies Nov. 10. (Herald photo)



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