



Nine-year-old Christopher Armstrong, of 18 Mullen Place in Glen Williams, is home safe after colliding with a truck while riding his bicycle last Saturday. Christopher failed to stop at an intersection stop sign. Christopher sustained multiple internal injuries. No charges were laid by police. (Herald photo)

# Youngster called "lucky boy" after collision with truck

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Police say nine-year-old Christopher Armstrong of 18 Mullen Place, Georgetown, is a lucky boy.

Saturday afternoon, Christopher was riding his cousin's bicycle through an intersection at Joseph and Charles Street during heavy rainfall and rode through a stop sign.

Not noticing a red Chevrolet Blazer travelling west on Joseph Street until it was too late, Christopher collided with the truck and was thrown off his bike. No charges were laid as a result of the accident.

Christopher's cousin, Charles Simpson, said Christopher was thrown after the collision but sat up and began walking around the intersection holding his side.

All Christopher can recall of the accident was "a big red thing," and lifting his arms up in a sweeping motion he imitated the noise of an explosion. "The next thing I'm in a police car," he told the Herald in an interview Monday.

Charles, who saw the truck coming, remember's screaming to Christopher to stop but could not make himself heard. After the incident, Charles was so terrified that he dropped his bike and ran home to tell Christopher's grandparents who were babysitting him for a few days. So scared, in fact, he did not even think to ride the bike to Christopher's grandparents', he just ran.

Police drove Christopher to Georgetown and District Memorial

Hospital where hospital staff monitored him closely until early Monday morning when he left for home.

They couldn't believe his legs weren't broken with the number of bruises on his legs and hips, said Christopher's mother, Linda. They were going to transport him to Toronto Sick Children's Hospital, she said. "They were concerned because he said his legs were numb," said Mrs. Armstrong. Christopher, who has sustained multiple internal injuries, said he is in no pain and is determined to go to his soccer game. However, his mother said if he goes at all he will stay in his chair.

The Georgetown man, who was driving the red Chevrolet Blazer, has been in contact with the Armstrong family to check on Christopher's condition. "He told me he was never so glad to see someone sit up and open his eyes before," Mrs. Armstrong said.

Knowing the driver was in no way at fault, Mrs. Armstrong thanked him for his concern. The driver could not be reached for comment.

Police say Christopher is lucky because the driver was doing less than half the posted speed limit in the throughway intersection and if the driver hadn't been alert to the situation, resulting injuries could have been much more serious.

## Georgetown Little Theatre to hold benefit nights

The Georgetown Little Theatre is offering a way for local groups and organizations to raise funds, the theatre's publicity spokesperson Shiona Watson indicated in a press release.

If a group agrees to cover the expenses of the first performance of a show, any profits made from the performance will go directly to the sponsoring group, according to Ms. Watson.

This performance is called "Benefit Night." It happens on the first Thursday performance of any show, said Ms. Watson. "It is really the last dress rehearsal for the cast and crew," she noted.

The Georgetown Choral Society will be hosting the October 18 benefit night for the theatre's production of "An Act of the Imagination," said Ms. Watson. The play's official run is from Oct. 19 to Oct. 27.

But Ms. Watson explained the theatre still needs benefit night hosts for productions scheduled to run at the end of February and at the end of April, 1991.

Meanwhile, Georgetown Little Theatre, said Ms. Watson, is selling theatre subscriptions. "Only a small portion of last year's subscriptions have been renewed," she said.

Subscription prices are as follows:

A single subscription is \$21; a double subscription is \$42; and a family subscription is \$54.

Subscriptions of \$10 are being offered to students and senior citizens on the first Friday, Wednesday and Thursday of each show.

For those who want to do more than just attend a Georgetown Little Theatre production, they can offer their services to the theatre in one of several ways, said Ms. Watson. These include acting, stage managing, set design and lighting. There is a \$10 fee to join, she said.

For more information on any of the above information call Ms. Watson at 853-3265.



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