

Police Beat

Farmhouse vandalized

An old farm house to be gutted and restored, at Third Line and Sideroad 5, was broken into between Sept. 1 and 4 by unknown persons who splattered the house with paint. Police say the point of entry could not be determined but said minimal damage was done as the home is to be gutted.

Tools stolen

Numerous tools and an all-terrain vehicle were stolen from Sheridan Nurseries at Tenth Line and Sideroad 22 on Sept. 5 between 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. Police say unknown persons entered a workshop garage and removed a skill saw, jigsaw, gas can and a flashlight, leaving more expensive items behind. A blue 1988 \$1,200 Yamaha all-terrain vehicle was also stolen but recovered by Erin Ontario Provincial Police at 10 a.m. the same day. Police are investigating.

Residence entered

Two televisions, VCR, microwave and an undetermined amount of jewellery was stolen from a residence near Sideroad 22, just east of Highway 25 between Aug. 30 and Sept. 3. Police say the unknown persons entered by forcing open an east side door and began ransacking rooms. Police are investigating.

Scooter stolen
A mother reported to police her son's \$50 red scooter was stolen from her Willow Street, Acton, home while the family was on vacation between Aug. 27 and Sept. 2. When the family arrived home the scooter was discovered missing.

Deer struck

A 61-year-old Ballinafad man, operating a brown 1989 Pony Hyundai, struck a deer crossing Sideroad 32 while driving eastbound on the road Tuesday at 7 a.m. The car received moderate damages. A second deer was struck when an 18-year-old Acton man was driving a red 1977 Datsun pick up on Winston Churchill road near King Road.

Careless driving

Police have charged a 25-year-old Acton man with careless driving after his 1985 white Honda CRX went out of control while southbound on Third Line Aug. 31 at 10:50 p.m. The vehicle slid off the road and rolled over on the shoulder resulting in severe damages. The driver told police the car hit a soft patch of gravel causing it to go out of control.



Legion helps hospital

Members of Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion branch 120 and Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital staff are seen here showing off the hospital's new Cryostat machine donated to the hospital by the Legion. The machine is used on frozen tissue for rapid diagnosis during an operation. The machine replaces one that was 25-years-old. Pictured above (from left to right) the hospital's executive director Mark Rochon, Legion Branch 120 President Hank Russell, the hospital's Director of Laboratory Debbie Cock, Dr. Naresh Mohan, Branch 120 Community Affairs Chairman Norm Ward and hospital lab technologist Dianne Warrington. (Herald photo)

Copper wire thieves collared by police

Halton Regional Police have charged two Toronto men with two counts of break and enter and two counts of theft after police caught six men removing strips of copper wire from Milton Canada Wire on Monday at about 11:30 p.m.

The men were also charged with Aug. 31 thefts at the Milton wire compound. It is estimated at \$12,000 and \$20,000 worth of copper wire has been stolen.

While monitoring the compound, District One criminal investigators saw the six men arrive in two

separate vehicles and begin removing copper strips.

With the assistance of uniformed officers, investigators chased the men who fled on foot through the premises. One 28-year-old Toronto man was caught after a foot chase. Police used canines to locate a second man, a 29-year-old Scarborough man, hiding among rolls of copper wire.

The other four men managed to escape, however, police anticipate further arrests. Both vehicles were seized.

Mold-Masters join research group

From the Ottawa Bureau of Thomson News Service

OTTAWA - A Georgetown company has joined a new industrial research group formed to improve plastic injection-molding technology.

The special interest group links Mold-Masters Ltd. and seven other injection-molding companies with two universities, the Society of the Plastics Industry and the National Research Council's Industrial Materials Institute.

The companies have paid to join the research group and will share the results of the research program, valued at about \$4 million, over the next two years.

Canadian injection molding product manufacturers serve many industry sectors with components for transportation, electric, telecommunications, medical, packaging and aerospace companies. The 800 plastics firms report about \$4 billion in annual sales.

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald
Halton Region will have to cut services and/or staff if it is to keep the combined 1991 budget increase between five and 10 per cent, the Region's Treasurer, Joe Rinaldo, told the Administration and Finance Committee Wednesday.

The five to 10 per cent goal was first made public by Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy during a press conference last week. If the Region is unwilling to make cuts it will be faced with a combined budget increase of 15.5 per cent, said Mr. Rinaldo.

The Regional tax bill is made up of three components: water and sewage rates; the tax-supported operating budget and the solid waste disposal budget.

If Halton based next year's budget on that of 1990, the water and sewage budget would increase by 11.9 per cent in 1991, the waste management tax bill would jump by a whopping 50.8 per cent, while the operating budget would climb by 14.5 per cent, the Treasurer outlined in his 1991 budget direction report.

The Regional council is forced to make cuts in the area of servicing and staffing and not in the areas of water and sewage and waste management because the latter two budgets include contractual arrangements the Region has with other companies that Halton has very little control over, explained Mr. Rinaldo, after the Ad-

ministrative and Finance Committee meeting.

The need to cut services and/or staff to keep next year's budget increase below 10 per cent is evident after considering that Mr. Rinaldo projects the inflation rate will be approximately six per cent and provincial government programs that in recent years have become the responsibility of municipalities are projected to increase by 5 per cent in cost to the Region in 1991, said Mr. Rinaldo.

When asked if he thinks Halton Region council has the nerve to make the necessary cuts for next year, Mr. Rinaldo said yes, based on the commitment expressed by councillors to date.

Areas of service, said Mr. Rinaldo, where Regional Council can make cuts include the funding of boards and agencies such as the

Children's Aid Society, Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington.

In contrast, Regional Council has little or no flexibility in such services as welfare and social assistance, said the treasurer.

In the area of staff reductions, Regional Chairman Pomeroy has indicated it will be done through attrition and the reorganization of departments. The Region is one of the largest employers in Halton, employing approximately 1,500 people, if the Halton Regional Police staff is included, said Mr. Rinaldo.

Mr. Rinaldo's budget direction report is the first step in the Region's deliberations to establish the 1991 budget. The eventual budget won't go to council for final approval until March, 1991.



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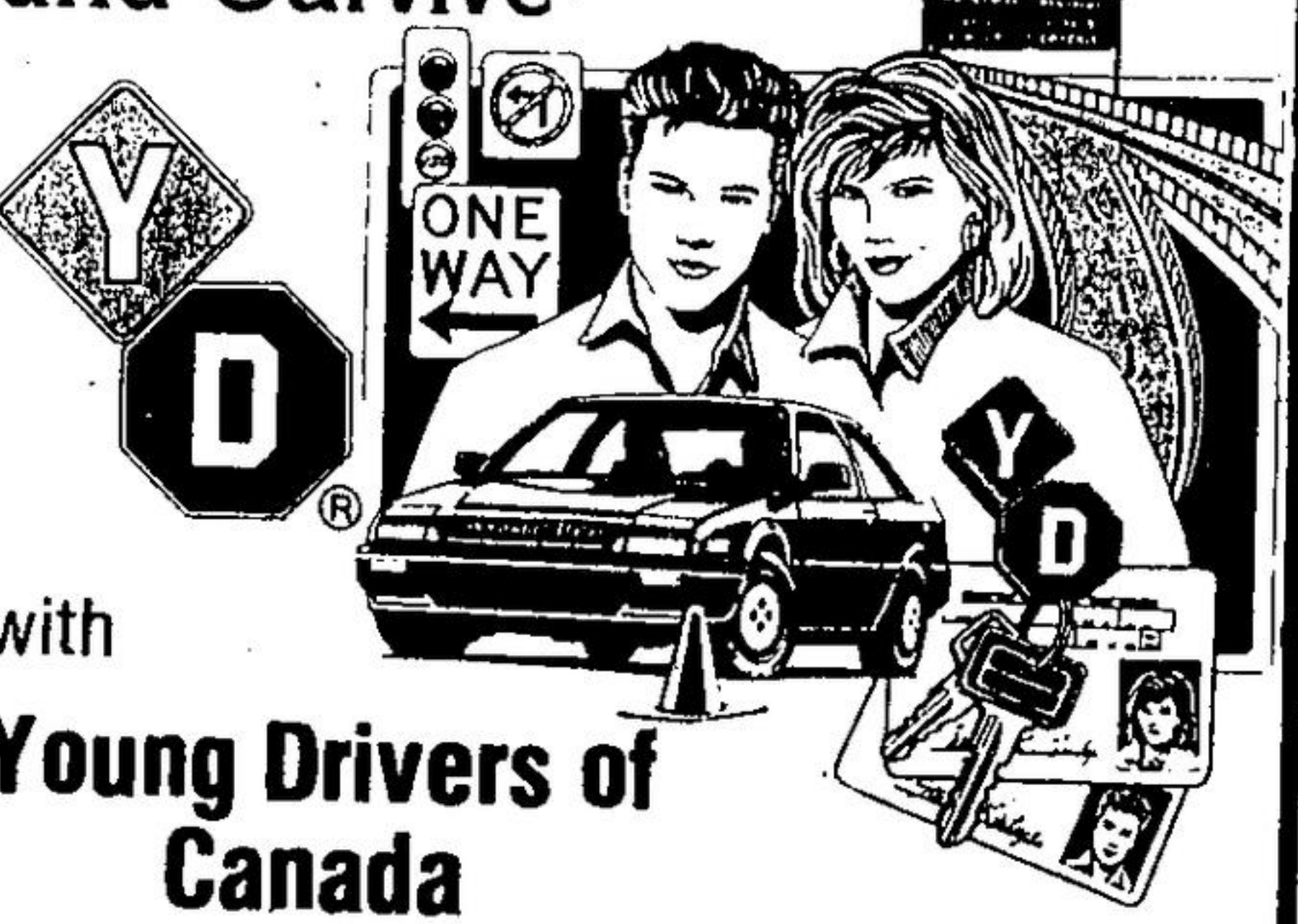
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