

Police Beat

Store break-in

Approximately \$6,000 in electronics equipment was stolen from Guelph Street GS Electronics after unknown persons smashed out a front window Thursday at about 4 a.m. Stolen property included several camcorders and CD players. It is the second time inside a month the store has been broken into. Police are investigating.

Furniture stolen

Wicker furniture and antique artifacts were stolen from a Willow Street North, Acton, address on Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Police say the furniture was removed from the front porch.

Trailer entered

On Sept. 8 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., unknown persons forced the front door of a trailer, parked at Blue Springs Trailer Park, and removed more than \$500 in jewelry from the trailer. Rings, earrings and a hair clip were stolen from the trailer. Police suspect several youths are responsible for the thefts as numerous footprints were discovered at the scene.

Vehicle damaged

It is estimated that \$1,200 in damage was done to a 1967 convertible Pontiac Firebird bet-

ween Sept. 8 and 10 after unknown persons threw a brick through the roof and smashed the front window.

Police say a brick was found on the front seat of the car, parked at a private driveway near Highway 7 and Sideroad 22.

Jewellery theft

Between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, unknown persons entered a Fifth Line east home near Sideroad 15 and removed \$2,200 in jewellery and camera equipment. Police say entry to the home was gained by sliding open a rear window. The culprits proceeded to ransack the home and stole jewellery and a camcorder. A witness told police three persons were seen leaving the area in a black compact car with a stripe across the body.

Cash removed

Police are looking for a suspect who lives in the Halton Hills area they believe was involved in a \$500 theft from the Myrdin Riding Ranch near Sideroad 17 and Sixth Line between Sept. 10 and 11. It was reported to police that cash had been removed from an office cash box and cigarettes and tapes were taken from a vehicle parked on the property.

Youth charged

Police have charged a 17-year-old Acton youth with assault after an argument turned physical near Acton District High School at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Police say one youth sustained minor injuries after being struck in the face and later kicked.



Seniors recognized by Chamber

Doug Penrice, (front row, far left), of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce donated \$1,240 on behalf of the chamber to the Acton Senior Centre Committee Wednesday, outside the Acton Social Services Information Centre building, to help the committee in their efforts to establish a senior centre in Acton. Accepting the cheque is Isabel McDonald, (front row, far right). Also present for the presentation were, (second row, left to right), Pat Giguere, Elsie Dewhurst and Marget Helliwell; (third row left to right), Ina Peterson and Chris Robertson. Back row (left to right), Bob McArthur and Illio Marzo. Those

attending the cheque presentation were volunteers who manned the chamber's tourist information booth in Speyside this summer. Later the same day, Mr. Penrice donated the same amount of money to the Georgetown and District Senior's Association to help this group in their attempts to establish a senior centre in Georgetown. The presentation was made at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. Those attending this presentation were also volunteers who also manned the chamber's tourist information booth. (Herald photo)

Break enter and theft

The Halton Regional Police in Georgetown are asking for the public's assistance in solving a break, enter and theft to a car stereo business where approximately \$3,500 in merchandise was stolen.

The theft occurred overnight on Thursday, August 30 at Georgetown Custom Car Sound on Sinclair Avenue in Georgetown. The shop is situated in a strip plaza which faces south on Sinclair Avenue.

Suspects entered the building by smashing the single pane of glass at the bottom of the pedestrian door at the west end of the shop. The suspects then entered through the hole in the glass.

The following items are reported stolen:

- silver Sony amplifier - XM-3040
- silver Sony amplifier - XM-3520

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- silver Sony amplifier - XM-2020
- black Sony equalizer - XE-90
- black Blaupunkt amplifier - BPA-230
- black Blaupunkt amplifier - BQA-107
- black Blaupunkt amplifier - BSA-58
- black Sony Discman CD player - D180K
- Sony CD player - CDX7580
- black 10" - woofer speaker MTX

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case you may be eligible for a cash reward. You need not give your name and your call will be treated with complete anonymity. Please call 1-800-668-5131.

Acton program offered by CMHA

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A recreational activity program for sufferers of chronic psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, living in North Halton, is expected to be established in Acton sometime in early winter, said the Executive Director of the Halton Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, (CMHA), Pearl Wolfe.

Ms. Wolfe said she would like the program to be established as early as possible but predicts it's only during the early winter that the association will receive the necessary provincial grant of \$42,000.

The program, which will be operated out of the Beardmore Tannery - the same housing the North Halton Work Program - will provide the 70 people living in Acton who suffer from a chronic psychiatric disorder a chance to fill their spare time productively, something that is sometimes difficult for them, said Ms. Wolfe. The North Halton Work Program has been operating out of the Beardmore complex since January and teaches psychiatric patients what it is like to work under normal employment conditions.

In explaining how psychiatric patients have difficulty filling their spare time, Ms. Wolfe said, "as a rule they feel isolated and therefore they have nothing to do."

Ms. Wolfe predicted once the program is started not all the people who could take advantage of the program will get involved. It takes a long time for psychiatric patients to feel comfortable in a social setting, she explained.

The provincial government announced the grant in late August and Ms. Wolfe said she has no reason to believe the newly-elected provincial government won't honor this financial commitment. A similar sum was also promised by the government of the day to establish the same program in Burlington, said Ms. Wolfe.

The underlying theme of the recreational program, said Ms. Wolfe, is that the participants will be asked what activities they want. "We feel strongly that it's their program, the participants will be encouraged to help design it," she said.

Examples of some of the activities that might be offered include, outings, picnics, mini-golf, and ice skating in the winter, said Ms. Wolfe.

Another important aspect of the program is community outreach,

said Ms. Wolfe. The participants will be introduced to the local library, the YMCA and YWCA so that they can go out on their own and get involved with the community, explained Ms. Wolfe.

Meanwhile, the North Halton Mental Health Clinic located in Milton has announced that it is to receive \$45,500 in provincial grant money to improve services for its psychogeriatric clients, according to a press release. The money will be used to hire an additional

therapist with psychiatric experience, states the release.

"This staff increase will assist in providing increased numbers of early identification and psychogeriatric assessments. The program will provide consultative services to other communities and support agencies working with the elderly and expand the educational component."

Further details concerning the grant could not be attained by press time.



Swing your partner

"Swing your partner round and round." That's what this couple and several others did Wednesday night at the Pine Valley Square Introduction night for people interested in joining the club. The ho-down was held at Pineview Public School. The club's season runs from September to May. New dancers meet every Wednesday from 7:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. at Pineview Public School while experienced dancers meet Tuesdays during the same time period at George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown. For information about joining the club call Bill Douglas, 853-3678. (Herald photo)

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