

Police Beat

Youth charged

Police have charged a 16-year-old Georgetown youth with four counts of possession of stolen property after investigations revealed the youth possessed several stolen bicycles and car stereos. Police say the youth broke into a car parked at a rear Main Street South address on Sept. 16 at about 3 a.m. and removed a stereo and speakers. It was discovered the youth was also responsible for three bicycle thefts.

Information request

Halton Regional Police request information about a hit and run accident near Fifth Line just north of Sideroad 22 on Sept. 17 at approximately 1:25 p.m. Witnesses reported to police that a late model, silver Hyundai, carrying three occupants, was southbound on Fifth Line when it left the roadway and came to rest after striking a guard rail. Witnesses who checked the area after hearing a crash, and observed the vehicle leaving the scene. The car received severe front and side damage. Anyone with information about the accident is asked to contact Dept. Sgt. Mike Eacrett at Halton Regional Police 877-5511 ext. 415 or Crimestoppers 1-800-668-5151.

Tools stolen

A quantity of tools was stolen from the company truck of a Queen Street, Acton business between Saturday and Sunday. Police say unknown persons entered the premises and removed various tools, including heavy duty sockets and chop hammers.

Suits stolen

Two leather motorcycle suits were stolen from an unlocked shed at the side of a Nelson Court, Acton, residence between Saturday and Sunday. The leather suits, worth \$800, were grey and

black, one which bore a Confederation crest on the front. Police have no suspects.

Vehicle theft

It is estimated that \$1040 in cassettes and cash was stolen from a vehicle parked at a Holmesway Drive, Acton, residence between Saturday at midnight and 8 a.m. Sunday. Police say unknown persons smashed the passenger window of the red 1983 Dodge Ram truck and removed a large quantity of cash from the glove compartment. The culprits also removed 60 cassettes, however, they did not attempt to remove a \$3,000 stereo or a \$400 gold necklace. Police reported the vehicle was not insured.

Terra Cotta break-in

Between Friday at midnight and Saturday at 8 a.m. about \$150 in cash was stolen from the Terra Cotta Conservation area. Police say someone attempted to enter the park's concession booth, however, upon failing they broke into a gate house and removed cash from an unlocked safe. Police are investigating.

Video thieves

Nearly \$3,000 in cash and Nintendo games were stolen from Country Lane and Video between Sunday at 9 p.m. and Monday at 8 a.m. Police say unknown persons entered the premises through a window and removed \$640 in cash and 45 Nintendo games worth about \$50 each. Police are investigating.

Minor injuries

A 20-year-old Georgetown man suffered minor injuries after a single-car accident near First Line and Mill St. West, Acton on Sunday at about 10:45 a.m. Police say the Georgetown man, driving a 1988 blue Ford pick up, was southbound on First Line when the truck struck loose gravel and went out of control. The truck went into the ditch and came to a stop after striking several trees.

Two males charged in mill blaze

Halton Regional Police have charged two 20-year-old Georgetown males with intentionally setting a fire after police dogs found four persons hiding in bushes behind an abandoned Georgetown mill 3 a.m. Sunday.

While on routine patrol, an officer spotted fires burning at an abandoned mill on Maple Avenue and River Drive and alerted Halton Hills fire officials. Firemen attended the scene and extinguished three fires.

After discovering a 1979 Mercury Capri, parked outside the building, the officer notified the Halton Regional Police canine unit to search the area for possible suspects.

Police say at approximately 4 a.m. police dogs located four people hiding behind bushes next to the building.

The two males are scheduled to appear in Milton Provincial Court, Nov. 19, 1990.

Gas prices rising

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Cook's Sunoco at Guelph Street near Maple Avenue.

Describing the fuel price increase as ridiculous, Mr. Nipper said people are only buying \$5 of gas at a time. "They're just taking it day by day, waiting for it to go down," he said.

Starting work after the prices went up, Mr. Nipper said he wished he had known so that he could have filled up his car.

Mr. Nipper doesn't believe Middle East affairs have caused the gas prices to rise to such levels. "The fuel companies are just taking advantage of the situation," he insisted. Prices could rise to 70 or 80 cents in the next few months, Mr. Nipper said, adding that soon no one will be able to afford to drive.

Sun's Gas Bar, at 51 Guelph St. reached record business levels as it was one of several independent stations which waited to raise prices until late Friday evening.

Sun's unleaded stayed at 54.9 cents until approximately 9 p.m. Friday. Dan Priester, who runs the station, said on a usual day the station sells 9,000 litres but on Friday

about 23,000 litres were sold.

Even after the prices increased business has been steady, said Mr. Priester. People are expecting to see 70 and 80 cents so when they see 60 cents it is a relief.

It is also business as usual at the Petro Canada station, located near Sinclair Avenue and Guelph Street, said assistant manager, Kevin Crosby. "We get a lot of government employees here who don't look at the price," he said. The station jumped ahead of other Halton Hills stations and increased fuel prices to 59.9 cents on Thursday night.

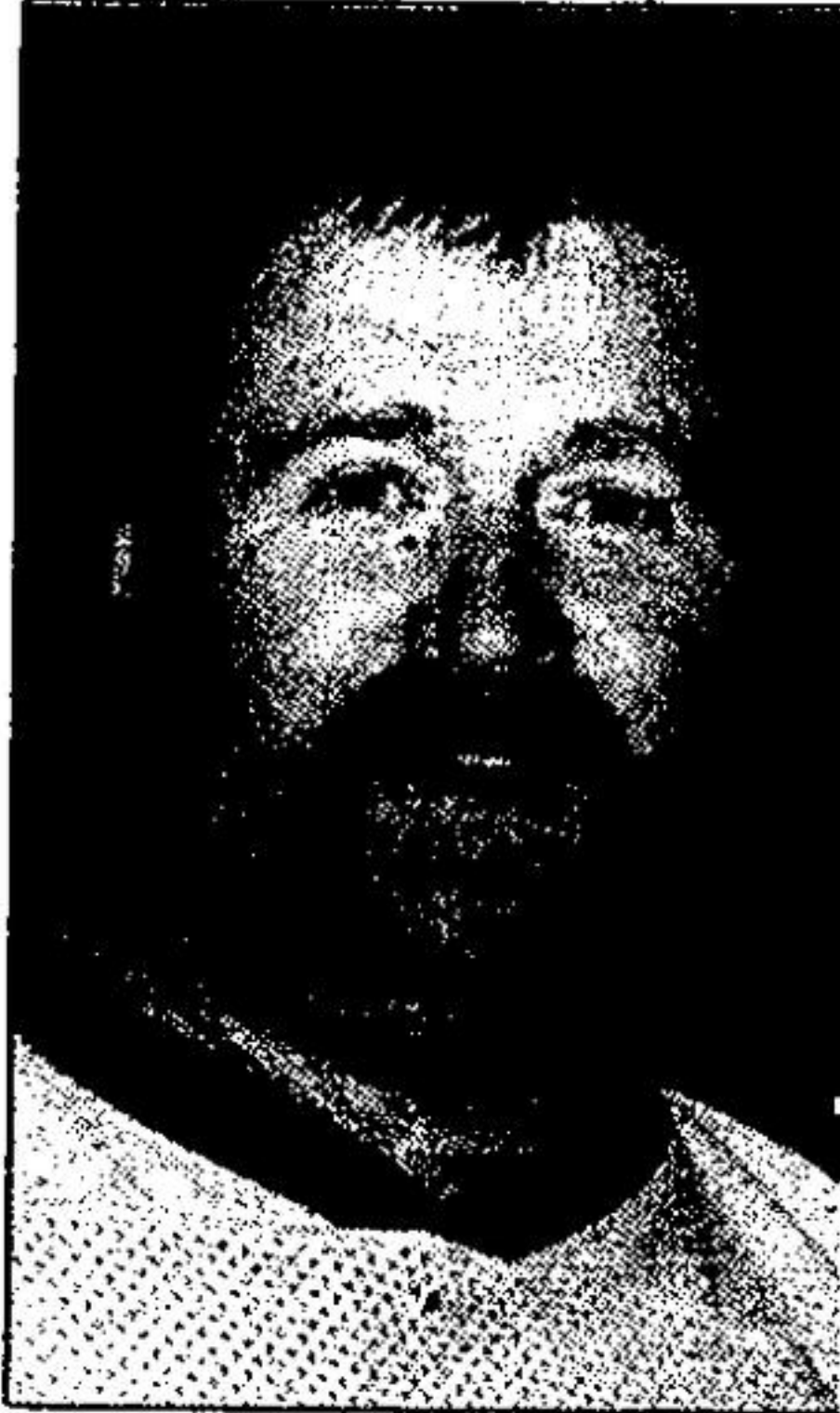
The price is not likely to come down for several weeks, Mr. Crosby said, adding that he went to a station with cheaper prices to buy gas.

Business has even increased at Beaver Service Station on 318 Queen Street in Acton, said Brent Auger, assistant manager.

Still at 59.3 cents as of Friday afternoon, the station has experienced steady customers. People are still buying gas but they have to buy more just to keep up because "\$10 doesn't go as far as it used to."

Community Forum

Will the Blue Jays win their division?



Bob Fendley, Georgetown: "Definitely. They're the best team in baseball. It was tough going for a while, but I don't think the series in Boston is going to matter for the Jays to win it now."



Paula Fendley, Georgetown: "No, I think they have lots of talent, but I don't think they're ready as a team to do it yet. I like the Jays but I don't think they'll make it."



Doug Reinhart, Brampton: "Sure they will, easily. I've followed the team ever since they first started and I think they can do it again this year."

Mayor rallies to town's defence at hydro commission meeting

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

A visibly upset Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller told the town's hydro commission Friday not to blame the town for the delay in the commission's ability to build a permanent Armstrong Avenue substation partly located on Todd Road, in Georgetown.

There is currently a temporary substation located on land on loan to the commission by the town. If the town decided, it could take back the land, said the utility's manager Gerry Trudell.

"It's not the town's fault for the delay, it's the process (that's at fault)," the mayor stressed to commission chairman Murt Allison during the committee's monthly meeting. The mayor was attending the meeting in his capacity as a Hydro Commissioner.

In order to build the substation, Halton Hills Hydro needed the town to close off Todd Road. The utility first requested the town close off Todd Road approximately 18 months ago, confirmed the town's Administrator Clerk Dan Costea.

Under provincial law, the town approached and initially received permission from the two abutting

businesses on Todd Road next to where the substation is to be located, said Mr. Costea. Provincial legislation dictates that a municipality can only close off a road if the abutting property owners agree to the closure. The two affected property owners, Meco Holdings Limited and Neilson's, originally agreed to the road closure, said Mr. Costea. The deal was expected to be finalized three months after the town first approached the businesses. But Neilson's then turned around and decided it didn't want its half of the road closed, Mr. Costea explained.

Mayor Miller told the commission, "the town didn't screw it up (the project), Neilson's did."

Commissioners learned Friday the town's lawyer, John Schaljo is

currently working out a deal with Meco Holdings that will allow for the closure of the road on its side in a way that will allow the substation to be built, according to Mr. Trudell.

The deal, however, won't be completed until this December. That means, construction can't begin until sometime in 1991, explained Mr. Trudell.

Because of the delay in construction, the commission decided to use the money that was budgeted for the project this year and apply it to the building of a feeder from the Halton transformer station to supply power to the Dufferin Quarry with power, said Mr. Trudell. The \$200,000 project was scheduled to start in 1991, he explained.

Construction bid approved

Halton Hills Hydro Commission approved Friday the lowest of three bidders to build the Prince Charles Drive and Rexway Drive hydro storm sewer installations in Georgetown.

Dawn Enterprises was the lowest bidder coming in at \$57,591. The Newmarket-based company beat out two other companies, Lindsay Brothers Construction which submitted a bid of \$59,267 and G. Macera Contracting Limited which estimated the project's cost to be \$59,313.

The Utility's General Manager Gerry Trudell told the commission the two projects are expected to be completed by the end of October.

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