

Police Beat

Hot tub theft

A hot tub worth \$4,000 was stolen from the backyard of a Mountainview Road townhouse sometime between 10 p.m. Saturday, October 20 and 1 a.m. the next day.

The owner of the tub, who had moved it from the basement to the backyard before changing residences, told police that it could be carried by two people. The item is described as a jade green Jacuzzi Sunrise Classic 669 Hot Tub that seats six with a laydown bench on one side.

Break and enter

A break and enter that occurred just after midnight on Saturday, October 27, has left an Acton manufacturing firm with a damaged side window. The perpetrators set off the alarm at the Commerce Crescent address, after they forced out the air conditioner from a front office window, leaving the unit outside on the ground. Nothing was reported stolen.

Car break-in

Thieves who broke into a car on Lynden Circle in Georgetown sometime between 9 p.m. on October 24 and 3 p.m. the next day, made off with an antique dinky toy, four cassette tapes and the ownership of the car.

Plaque damaged

Damage to a bronze memorial plaque at Georgetown Remembrance Park was reported to

Halton Police recently. Two letters on the plaque had been knocked out with a hard object, possibly a rock.

Car vandalized

A car parked at the Georgetown GO station was vandalized recently sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on October 26. The owner of the car returned to find profanity scrawled on the driver's door. Damage is estimated at \$250.

Youth charged

A Georgetown youth has been charged with mischief after he punched in a bathroom door at Sacre Coeur church hall while at a school dance. The high school student, who cannot be named under the Young Offender's Act, was released on the promise that he appear in court at a later date. A notice of appearance has been sent to his mother.

Merchandise stolen

An estimated \$1,850 worth of merchandise was stolen from an Acton home during a break and enter that occurred sometime between 6:30 p.m. on October 27 and 3:30 a.m. the following morning. The perpetrators, who entered the house through a basement window, made off with a microwave oven, a VCR, a typewriter, some electronic games, a stereo, a \$100 bill, a small fan, a rechargeable flashlight, and several bottles of liquor.

Police urge anyone with information regarding these or any other crimes to call Crimestoppers at 1-800-668-5151 or Det. Sgt. Mike Eacrett of Halton Regional Police at 878-3511 (ext. 315).



Vehicle explosion

It is thought that a muffler situated too close to the side of the vehicle pictured above, caused the rear engine to explode into flames at 13 Irwin Cres. on Monday morning. Peel Duct Cleaning employees Rod Snow and Curtis Tesso came out of the house where they were working to find the truck in flames on the

driveway. They managed to push the burning truck out onto the street before the fire spread to the house. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$50,000. Sheridan College student, Sean Norris, said that he saw the explosion from Highway 7 and Trafalgar. (Herald photo)

Fire Calls

Woman injured.

Halton Hills Fire Department was called out to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 25, south of Acton on October 25.

A tractor trailer was involved in the accident and an Acton woman, driving a car, was taken to hospital. Milton OPP are investigating.

Accident call

Halton Hills Fire Department was called out to a two-car motor vehicle accident last Friday at Mountainview and John Streets at 2:53 p.m. It was thought that some of those involved in the accident were trapped in one of the cars but when firemen arrived on the scene, everyone had managed to get out.

Dinner alarm

An alarm activation at The Sands apartment building at 20 McFarlane Drive, brought the Halton Hills Fire Department out on Sunday at 6:06 p.m. Superintendent Bob Steven told fire officials that the smoke was only the result of someone cooking dinner in the building.

Armoury property up for grabs

By BEN DUMMETT
the Herald

If the Department of National Defense decides to sell its property located on the Fairgrounds in Georgetown, the Town of Halton Hills would probably be interested in buying it, said Town Administrator Clerk, Dan Costea.

A DND armoury is currently located on the property.

But the DND plans to build a new armoury on Sinclair Avenue in Georgetown to be completed for 1994, making the Fairgrounds Armoury redundant.

Mr. Costea has written a letter to the DND requesting that the town be informed if the land becomes available. Council would ultimately decide whether or not to buy the property, said Mr. Costea. But he predicted the town would be interested in the land because of its close proximity to the Fairgrounds.

The town's interest in the property comes in the wake of a deed search by town lawyer, John Schaljo, into who owned the property. There was some speculation that Halton Hills owned it. But, Mr. Schaljo said the then Village of Georgetown sold the property to the DND in 1890.

Once construction of the new armoury is finished, the property will be made available, but not necessarily to the town, said the DND's Director of Property,

John Hill.

Only if another federal government agency and then the provincial government were uninterested in buying the property would the town have a chance to acquire it, he said.

If the town didn't want the property, the public would be invited to bid on the property, said Mr. Hill.

Leaf and yard waste collection to begin in Halton Hills

On Monday, November 5, 1990, the Town of Halton Hills will be conducting its first ever Municipal leaf and yard waste collection. The collection will take place in all urban areas of Halton Hills.

The pick up is an added service this year and if successful, a permanent program will likely be established. Yard and garden waste account for approximately 30 per cent of the average household refuse. Items such as grass clippings, old flower stalks and hedge trimming will be accepted by the collectors. The materials are then to be trucked down to Scott Farms on Britannia Road just west of Trafalgar. Scott's are accepting the materials for \$30.00 a tonne. These costs are considerably less than the present \$116.00 a tonne it would cost the Municipality if the yard wastes were to be landfilled.

Scott Farms recently received a certificate of approval from the Ministry of the Environment.

Since this program is brand new, the number of tonnes that

the Town will collect is difficult to estimate.

The materials that Scott's are prepared to take must be fairly clean and free of contaminants such as plastics or other household refuse. Participants in the program are urged to take every measure to ensure that the materials being placed at the curbside are relatively free of foreign matter.

This program is in effect in other area Municipalities and the success rate has been very high. Oakville now has a Municipally run compost program and the end product or compost is scheduled for use in area parks and other programs calling for top-soil. Consideration is being given by Oakville to include the use of the compost materials as a requirement of some tenders. For example, if replacing sod is required by a contractor to complete some works then the compost must be used either as a base material or a top dressing.

The Town is stressing to area residents that their bagged materials be placed at the curb

prior to 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Green garbage bags are acceptable, however, clear plastic would obviously make identifying the yard and garden waste much easier. The bags will be split open by the refuse collectors and disposed of as they cannot be accepted at the Scott Farms compost site.

Composting, along with the Blue Box program, can divert almost 50 per cent of the refuse going to the curb from landfill. The Provincial Government has set a 50 per cent target for reduction by the year 2000. If will take new programs such as leaf and garden waste pick-ups to make this goal a reality.

At the present time the Region of Halton is investigating putting 'Green' bins at the transfer stations in the Region. These bins would be for the disposal of all yard and garden waste and would be available for use by all residents of the municipality. Some details remain to be ironed out and staff at the Region do not anticipate having the bins opened before next Spring.

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