

Break-in

Halton Regional Police say someone smashed the front glass door of a Main Street North Pizzeria in Georgetown, sometime Saturday morning and stole \$80 in coins and two cases of coca cola. Police have no suspects.

Windows smashed

Someone used the piece of a handrail to smash two windows at George Kennedy Public School on Weber Drive in Georgetown overnight Saturday causing approximately \$200 in damage, police report.

Theft from purse

Approximately \$1,200 in 100, 50 and 20 dollar bills was stolen from a woman's purse at a Longfield Road residence in Acton sometime between Dec. 2 and Dec. 6. Police have no suspects but an investigation is ongoing, police say.

Vehicle entered

Police report someone broke into a 1989 Chevrolet parked outside a Queen Street residence in Acton overnight Friday and stole \$120 in cash and four cassettes. Police say there was no sign of forced entry into the car.

Property stolen

Approximately \$2,500 worth of property was stolen from a Guelph Street record and stereo store in Georgetown overnight Friday. The culprit(s) gained entry by smashing the store's front glass door. According to the police report, items stolen included a complete stereo system, some compact discs and \$50 in cash. An investigation is ongoing.

Tires punctured

Police report a total of six tires were punctured on two vehicles parked on Cedarvale Court in Georgetown overnight Friday causing \$1,200 in damage. The culprit(s) used a sharp blade to puncture four tires on a 1988 Chevrolet and two tires on a 1987 Ford, according to a police report.

Cigarettes theft

Someone smashed the front glass window of a Highway 7 fruit and vegetable store in Georgetown overnight Saturday and stole approximately \$500 worth of cigarettes, police say. An investigation is ongoing.

Van entered

Police say someone stole a \$250 trailer leveler from a 1981 GMC van parked outside a Highway 7 residence in Acton sometime bet-

ween last Wednesday and Friday.

Rural break-in

Just over \$1,500 worth of property was stolen from a residence located on Sideroad 10 north of Trafalgar Road in Halton Hills sometime last Thursday after someone kicked in the front door of the house to gain entry, say police. Items stolen include a ladies watch, a wedding ring, a television, a video cassette recorder and a compact disc player. An investigation is ongoing.

Pine tree lifted

Police say someone stole a pine tree from a backyard of a Stewarttown Road house in Georgetown sometime Friday. The tree is valued at \$100, according to a police report.

Vehicle stolen

Someone made off with a 1989 Ford van parked outside a residence parked in the rural area of Georgetown sometime last Thursday during the early evening after the culprit(s) broke into the house and stole several sets of car keys. An investigation is ongoing, police report.

Assault charge

A 20-year-old Acton man was charged with level I assault after pulling the hair, kicking and dragging a 21-year-old Acton woman by her arms during early Friday morning in the area of Victoria Street and Church Street in Acton. According to the police report, the man was reportedly intoxicated. A Jan. 7 court date has been set in connection with the incident.

Failing to signal

Police laid a charge of failing to signal following a two-car collision at Guelph Street and Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown Friday afternoon. Police report a 1986 Plymouth driven by a 28-year-old Mississauga woman was turning left on to Guelph Street when a 1986 Mazda collided with the Plymouth from behind. A 33-year-old Hillsburg man was driving the Mazda at the time of the incident.

Two-car collision

A 32-year-old Brampton woman and a 17-year-old Georgetown man were rushed to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital by ambulance and treated for minor injuries following a two-car collision on River Drive in Georgetown early Saturday morning, police report. A 1987 Lincoln driven by the woman travelling eastbound on River Drive collided with a 1985 Mazda driven by the man travelling westbound when the Mazda apparently went out of control, police say. A charge of careless driving was laid in connection with the incident.

Crime ring busted

Halton Regional Police have laid 25 criminal charges against four young offenders and two adults, all from Georgetown, in connection with the theft of five cars and a minimum of 30 break and enters into Georgetown and Acton households and businesses, over the past four months.

The charges include break and enter, theft, theft over \$1,000, possession of stolen property and breach of probation, said Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett of the department's 11 Division in Georgetown in a press release.

Ages of the four young offenders range between 16 and 17 while the adults are 18 and 21-years-old, said Det. Sgt. Eacrett. Three of the young offenders appeared at a bail hearing Friday while the remaining three members of the ring are scheduled to appear in Milton court Jan. 21 in connection with the charges.

Although police believe the group has been behind at least 30 break and enters throughout Halton Hills, Det. Sgt. Eacrett said further investigation will most likely reveal this number to be "considerably higher."

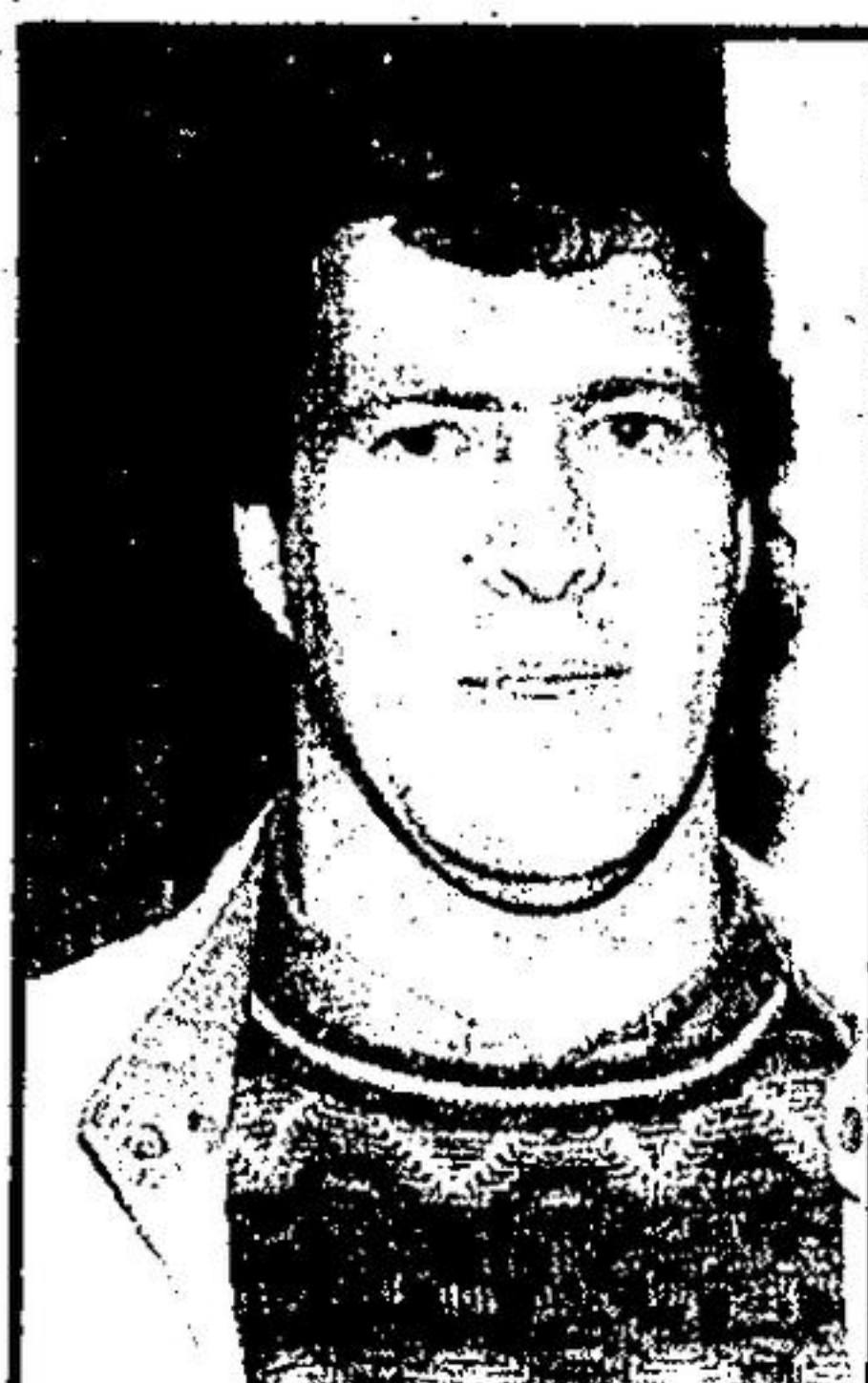
Det. Sgt. Eacrett said very little of the stolen property has been recovered other than the four stolen vehicles.

Community Forum

Who is the 1990 Christmas Scrooge?



Peggy Kerk, Brampton: "Brian Mulroney is the Scrooge. All he's done is give us taxes this year."



Doug Thompson, Georgetown: "Brian Mulroney is definitely the Scrooge. He's been taking all our money away and not giving anything back."



Cilla Falkner, Georgetown: "It's probably Brian Mulroney. The way he's been taxing us is just like a Scrooge."

Trustee endorses computer plan

Keeping in mind the 1991 budget, Halton Hills Public School Board Trustee Dick Howitt supports continued financing of the board's long range computer plan over other long term projects.

"Computers have more of a direct impact in the classroom than social workers, said Mr. Howitt, following Thursday's Halton Board of Education meeting. Mr. Howitt was referring to the fact he may not support the continued phasing in of 59 social workers into the school system when the issue comes up during the ongoing school board budget deliberations.

If the board supports all of its multi-year programs to continue or start in 1991 then the board's budget will jump by 8.5 per cent. If none of them are continued then the jump will be just over six per cent.

The board's long range computer plan is a five-year program initiated in 1987.

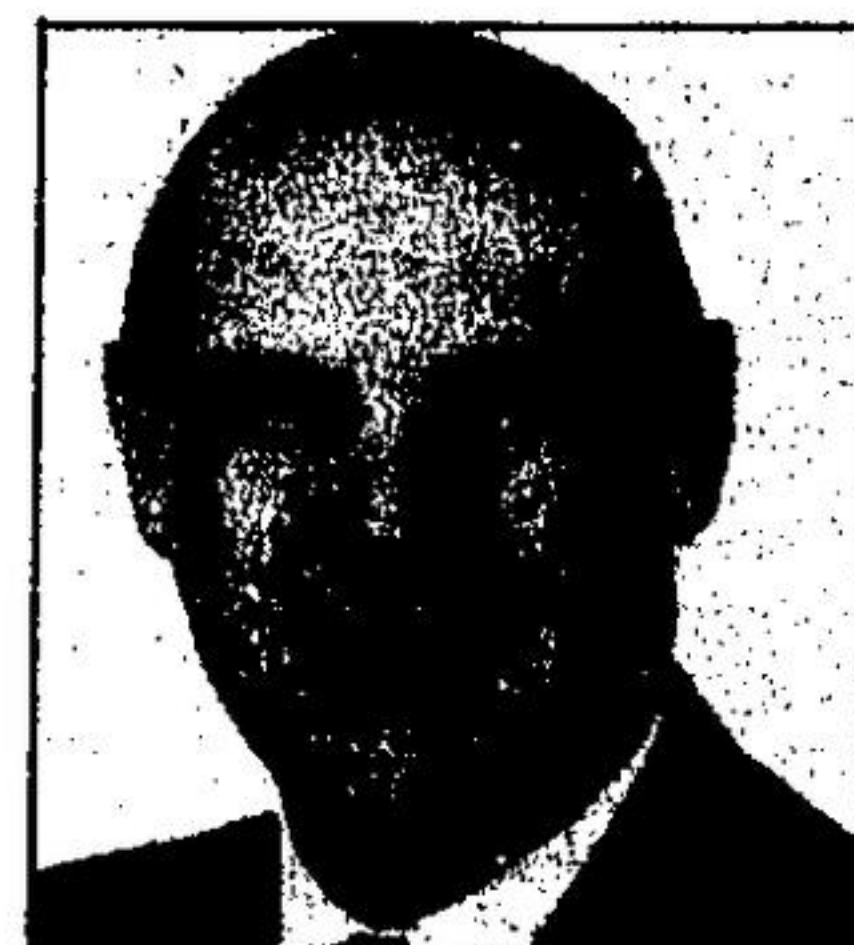
Because 1991 represents the final year of the program's implementation, Mr. Howitt said, he's that much more likely to support the allocation of funds for the program in the 1991 budget.

When questioned about the tangible effect the program has had on teachers and students, Mr. Howitt said that's something a lot of the trustees want to know.

He qualified his response by saying "my gut feeling tells me it (the program) is working very, very well."

At the same time, however, Mr. Howitt said he looks forward to receiving a staff report on the results the program is achieving in the classroom.

The board's Superintendent of Instructional Services, Graeme Barrett, said in an interview Friday the report Mr. Howitt awaits



Dick Howitt

will be based on a survey of student performance using computers. It will also include com-

ments from teachers and staff, he said. The study will be completed in the spring of 1991.

The basis of the program, explained Mr. Barrett, is to integrate computers into the learning process. That means computers are used by teachers as a teaching aid and by students as a learning aid, he explained.

Mr. Barrett said studies have shown computers are an effective tool in teaching students how to read. Special needs students also seem to benefit from computers in the classroom, he said.

"Computers are non-judgemental, therefore the students receive no negative feedback; this way it helps their self-image," he said.

Region to decide on STAR program

Halton Regional council will decide today (Wednesday) if Regional staff should advise the province that the Region will collect recyclable materials schools leave out at their curbside.

The Region's Planning and Public Works Committee recommended last Wednesday staff carry out such an action.

Under the province's Student Action for Recycling (STAR) program, the provincial government will give financial assistance to schools wanting to set up a recycling program as long as the schools have support from the area municipality, according to a regional staff report that went before the planning and public works committee last Wednesday.

Those materials the Region

will collect include newspapers, glass and cans, the report indicates. The report also explains how the school must place the material at the curbside before it will be picked up.

Gail Pitcher, chairperson for the Halton Public School Board Recycling Committee, said Friday 75 per cent of the board's schools including most of those in Halton Hills, have committed to establishing a recycling program.

Anticipating Regional council's endorsement of the STAR program, Ms. Pitcher expects the program to be in full swing by February or March throughout Halton's public school system.

No one at the Halton Roman Catholic School Board could be reached concerning the STAR program at press time.

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