

**POLICE BEAT**



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**Obscenity charge**

Halton Regional Police charged a Georgetown Young Offender with causing a disturbance and breach of probation after he uttered an obscenity while jumping up and down at Georgetown District High School Monday. Police say the boy was under probation for a Nov. 2, 1990 conviction of possession of stolen property, and break and enter and a condition of the probation was that he was to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. Police say the youth uttered the obscenity after being spotted on school property by a high school employee.

**Improper turn**

Police report that four people received minor injuries and two cars were severely damaged in a March 15 accident at Steeles Avenue and Hornby Road. Police say a Moffat woman, driving a 1984 Buick sedan, was stopped on Steeles and attempted to turn north on Hornby Road. An oncoming 1985 Plymouth sedan, driven by a Georgetown man, skidded over 14 metres before colliding with the Buick. Three people in the car were injured along with the other driver, who has been charged with making an improper turn.

**Two-car collision**

Police laid two charges of driving in contravention of conditions and not giving the right of way in connection with a two car collision at Sixth Line south of Hwy. 7, March 12. Police say a Limehouse woman driving a 1983 Buick was backing out of a laneway and didn't see a 1981 Ford, driven by a Georgetown man, approaching at a high rate of speed. She attempted to stop but was struck by the Ford sedan. The Limehouse woman was charged. No charges were laid against the Georgetown man.

**Charges pending**

An Acton man destroyed his 1979 Mercury sedan when he did not turn for a curve and ran off 8th Line, hitting a sign and travelling over an embankment on March 15. Police say charges are pending in the case.

**Vehicle vandalized**

Police say unknown culprits caused \$800 damage to a Georgetown man's 1986 Chrysler when they let the air out of the tires and scratched obscenities in the paint. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

**Car break-ins**

Police are investigating a number of car break-ins and damages this week. On March 18, unknown persons entered an unlocked vehicle in Limehouse and took Oakley shades and 10 tapes worth approximately \$130. The day before, culprits stole car radio speakers, valued at \$458 from a 1979 Pontiac parked in Acton. Earlier in the week, culprits caused \$800 damage to a brand new 1991 Ford still parked at an auto dealership in Acton. Police say unknown culprits damaged the right side door and mirror. As well, a Buick sedan parked in Georgetown had its right rear window smashed causing \$200 damage. Police say a "professional" job was done to a 1989 Mazda in Acton last Saturday when thieves neatly removed two rear lights from the car with the proper mechanical tools. Police are continuing to monitor and investigate the car break-ins and vandalism.

**Theft foiled**

Police report a Georgetown man was able to retrieve two tool boxes worth approximately \$1,200 when he followed culprits making off with his property Tuesday. Police say the man followed the culprits, driving in a pickup, until the tool boxes were thrown from the truck. Police haven't laid any charges and are continuing their investigation.

**School damage**

Over \$300 damage was done to Stewarttown Elementary School March 17 when unknown culprits smashed the outside panes of a few windows at the school, police say.

**Drywall stolen**

Fifty sheets of special order drywall were stolen from a Georgetown man's residence March 17. Police say the drywall and eight rolls of insulation also stolen, were worth approximately \$800.



**Child identification day**

Holding up her ink-stained hands is three-year-old Denise Cooper, who was one of over 30 children who had their fingerprints and photo recorded by Acton Village Constable Bill Riddle (right) at the Parent-Child Centre in Acton Wednesday. The personal

identification was requested by parents in case a child was ever kidnapped or went missing. Denise's mom, Joanne, waits in line to get her baby son, John-Thomas, done next. (Herald photo)

**Education board receives cash**

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT  
The Herald

Halton Board of Education will receive \$70,540,565 for 1991 expenditures from the NDP provincial government, an increase of \$1,032,124 over the 1990 actual grants.

"It was roughly what we expected," said Superintendent of Business Services, Jerry Jenkins. "We're pleased there was no reduction in grants and the small increase will help us complete our 1991 budget."

The \$1,032,124 increase works out to a 1.6 per cent boost over last year's \$69,429,000 sum.

But Halton Hills trustee, Dick Howitt, said although the government is giving more grant money, they're actually contributing a smaller percentage of the total budget.

"In 1990, the government grant represented approximately 27 per cent of the total board budget. This year, the \$70,540,565 makes

up 25 per cent of the budget," he said. "Looking back over the years, you'll see this as a trend. At one point, the government covered 60 per cent of the budget."

"The less the provincial government pays, the more money the taxpayer has to pay," he added. "Once the taxpayer paid for 40 per cent of the budget, they now pay 75 per cent."

The details of the 1991 operating grants to Ontario school boards were released March 12 and Halton board's analysis of the funding was presented to the financial committee Tuesday night.

Once the figures were in, the board's budget staff was able to finalize the board's 1991 Expenditure Budget which was presented to board trustees for their perusal Thursday night.

Halton's share of the provincial funding is part of the \$4.879 billion the government has allocated to

school board operating grants.

"Ontario has provided a fair and responsible increase in funding to school boards for 1991-92," said NDP Education Minister, Marion Boyd. "But the boards will need to watch their spending carefully."

"The circumstances of the recession do not hide the fact that a major overhaul of education finance is needed in Ontario," added Mrs. Boyd. "The government is determined to raise the provincial share of education costs over the next five years. This can be accomplished only through change brought about by a hard look at the present funding system in consultation with Ontario's educational community."

The provincial operating grants to school boards will be part of an estimated expenditure of more than 13.1 billion on elementary and secondary education in Ontario in 1991, Mrs. Boyd said.

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