

POLICE BEAT



**Numbers To Note
EMERGENCY**

Police, Fire or Ambulance Dial 911
Fire (Information) 877-1133
Police (Non-Emergency) .. 878-5511
Hospital 877-0111
Distress Centre 877-1211

Theft charges

Halton Regional Police arrested an Acton man, a Caledon man and a Milton man Wednesday and charged them with theft over \$1,000 after they were caught stealing railway anchors (metal pins securing the railway tracks) from CN Rail at Eastern Avenue and Mill St. in Acton. Police say the three men were attempting to make off with \$2,140 worth of railway ties when a CN worker caught them in the act. All three will appear in Milton court Aug. 26.

Goods stolen

Police say approximately \$6,100 worth of power tools, stereo equipment, rings, electronic equipment and cash was stolen from a Georgetown home on Hwy. 7 north of 22 Sideroad July 22. Unknown culprits entered the house through the back door and removed numerous items before loading them into a vehicle parked in the driveway at the front of the house, say police. The front door of the house was left open when the culprits fled. Police believe they may have been scared off since several items were left at the front door. Police are continuing their investigation.

Man warned

A Georgetown man who claimed he's been stabbed has been warned by police who discovered the man was lying. Police say the man was taken to Georgetown Hospital July 22 with what looked like a stab wound in the right thigh, a 10-inch superficial cut to his forehead and an eight-inch superficial cut to his chest. The victim was released and police warned him he could have been charged with public mischief.

Indecent exposure

Police are investigating yet another report of a male masturbator following several reports that were lodged by local women earlier this year. Police say last Wednesday, a woman was mow-

ing her grass when she saw a man masturbating while watching her. The suspect fled to a neighboring farm after realizing he had been seen by the victim, a Georgetown woman. The man has been described as a white male with a good tan who has short, black hair and an average build.

Park vandalized

Police report unknown culprits planted flowers upside down and ripped a Bell Canada cable off a building in Cedarvale Park in Georgetown between July 20 and 22. Police report the flowers were removed and replanted upside down.

Public mischief

A Glen Williams man has been charged with public mischief after the car he had reported stolen was found abandoned and damaged. Police say the 28-year-old man had reported his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro stolen but later denied the car had been stolen when police found the car had been involved in a motor vehicle collision and abandoned. The man will appear in Milton court Aug. 19.

Minor injuries

Police say two people were thrown from their vehicle when it collided with another car on 22 Sideroad west of 4th Line July 21. Police say the Georgetown driver and a Georgetown passenger in a 1981 Honda were ejected from their car after it collided with a 1989 Chevrolet sedan driven by a Georgetown man. The driver of the Honda lost control of his car on a curve and crossed into the oncoming lane where he struck the Chevrolet. The ejected victims were taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. The driver suffered minor injuries while the passenger sustained minimal injuries. The passengers in the other car were unhurt. Police have charged the Honda driver with careless driving.

Fire Calls

Halton Hills firefighters responded to only one call during the past week.

This call came Wednesday evening from Sideroad 15 just west of Georgetown. When they arrived, they were required to extinguish a rubbish fire that was burning at the side of the road. Firefighters report that it was caused by a brush that had caught fire, and no damage was caused.

Clarification

In last Wednesday's edition of The Herald, it was stated in the Police Beat that the Glen Williams company, Black Box Radio Remote Controls was in receivership and that several employees had been fired. In actual fact, several jobs ceased to exist when the company went into receivership so employees were no longer able to work at the company. The Herald regrets any inconvenience that may have caused.

Local Pro-Life group forms

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT
The Herald

With plans to spread their message and open a new office in Georgetown, the North Halton Pro-Life Association (NHPLA) is now an independent fully autonomous organization.

As of April this year, the NHPLA branch of the Halton Pro-Life Association broke away from the Halton Pro-Life Association to form their own organization.

Georgetown resident Irene Menken, who's on the board of directors for the NHPLA, said with 600 active members, the organization has the numbers to form a solid organization. As well, she said, as part of the Halton Association, members were having too far to travel when meetings were held in Burlington.

The mandate of the organiza-

tion is to educate the general public on all the pro-life issues.

"Basically, we believe the baby is a person from the moment it's conceived," said Ms. Menken. "We, as a pro-life movement, are Christians from all denominations who feel abortion is wrong and want to educate the public about that."

Presently, the group does presentations for any school, church and men or ladies groups who ask. In the presentation, they talk about the unborn baby, follow its growth from conception to birth and discuss alternatives to abortion for unwanted pregnancies, she said.

A valuable service they offer is a referral service.

"We have all the numbers of different organizations available to help women who decide to keep their babies - services that offer both emotional and financial support," said Ms. Menken.

The NHPLA also fundraises to support 'Birthright' in Milton, an organization that provides support to individual pregnant women.

The next plan NHPLA intends to undertake is securing an office in the Georgetown area where pregnant young women could go to talk and people could call for information or to book a presentation.

Ms. Menken estimates it will take at least a year before an office is set up. "We have to get set up financially first," she said.

The NHPLA board is chaired by Grace Steenhof of Milton and board members are: Guiseppe Gori, Tony Smyth, Mark Aitken, Freeda Kamminga and Mike Kennedy.

Anyone interested in contacting the NHPLA can call 854-2318 or write to the North Halton Pro-Life Association, Box 23011, Milton, Ontario, L9Y 5B4.

Georgetown man charged

A Halton Hills man pleaded guilty to assault and assault causing bodily harm in Milton Court, general division, Tuesday (July 23).

Stephen Woodbridge, 27, will be sentenced in Milton Sept. 5 when his probation officer will present a pre-sentence report to the judge detailing his family history, said a court officer with the Halton Regional Police.

A charge of forcible confinement was dropped by the court.

Halton Regional Police officers charged Mr. Woodbridge Feb. 18 when he surrendered himself to police after severely assaulting a woman.

Police say the woman was visiting a friend's house when Mr. Woodbridge attended the residence and began to assault her. He forced her into his vehicle and for approximately two hours, drove around the northern part of Halton, beating her continuously. When they reached the area of

Highway 25 and Highway 401, the victim was able to free herself from his grip and jumped from the moving vehicle. She ran to a transport truck which was moving slowly on the ramp and jumped inside.

The driver telephoned Halton police and an ambulance.

The victim was taken to Milton District Hospital where she was admitted, suffering from multiple facial, internal injuries and severe bruising.

Developers protest proposed charge

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Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson also showed concern for charging a commercial and industrial development fee for the same reason.

In the end council decided to wait for the results of the ongoing public scrutiny of CN Watson's recommendations.

The public has until August 23 to submit comments on the development charge recommendations.

The consultant also recommended builders be charged a total of \$5,727 for Town and hydro related servicing accompanying construction of a new house. Builders and developers are currently charged \$5,000 for a single family home.

The increased figure, like the proposed industrial and commercial charge, ensures servicing for new developments is charged to the developer and not to the existing taxpayer.

Local developer and Halton Hills construction vice-president Al Pilutti urged council to at least reject the commercial and industrial proposed development charge.

He argued there has been no industrial growth in Town for several years and the current

recession means the proposed charge is unfair, and logically flawed.

Mr. Pilutti suggested when the economy comes out of the recession - in two or three years, he predicted - then council could reconsider imposing a development charge on industrial and commercial development.

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce General Manager Doug Penrice asked the consultant a series of questions focusing on the data used to arrive at the conclusions, the implication being the data may be inaccurate or misguided.

As requested, Ms. Kilgour said she would respond to the questions in writing as quickly as possible.

"It will be tough to attract new growth with the development charges when there has been no growth without them," he said.

Kent McCure, representing the Halton Hills Construction Association questioned the consultant on the decision not to differentiate between types of commercial and industrial development at arriving at the recommended development charges.

Since different types of industrial development use Town and hydro services to various degrees, it makes sense the charges for commercial and industrial development should vary accordingly, said Mr. McClure.

Ms. Kilgour said the industrial and commercial charge is an average based on various types of development. It would have been too difficult to recommend a charge for every type of commercial and industrial development, she said.

Council will again consider the proposed development charge Sept. 24.

Grain prices

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