POLICE BEAT



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Ambulance	Dial 911
Fire (Information)	877-1133
Police (Non-Emergency	A 878-5511
Hospital	873-0111
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No injuries

Halton Regional Police report no one was injured in a two-car collision that occurred Saturday night at Mill St and Willow St. Police say a Rockwood man driving a 1991 Ford pick-up had stopped on Mill St behind another vehicle with his foot on the brake. After he stopped, a 1980 Chevrolet coupe driven by an Acton man applied the brakes too late to avoid his vehicle and slid on the wet road surface into the rear of the pick-up. The pick-up was lightly damaged while the coupe was severely damaged. Police charged the Acton man with careless driving.

Charges pending

Police say charges are pending following their investigation of a two-car collision at Winston Churchill Boulevard Oct. 10 where a Norval woman's 1984 Ford sedan was severely damaged. Police say the accident occurred after a 1984 GMC pick-up, driven by an Acton man, struck the sedan as it was turning west off Winston Churchill Boulevard into a private drive. The Acton mans' pick-up was moderately damaged and he sustained no injuries. The Norval woman suffered minor injuries while a passenger in her car sustained major injuries. Both were taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital and later released.

Alarmed

Police say two would-be thieves fled after they set off an alarm in a Craig Crescent house they were attempting to break into. Police say the culprits slipped a lock on a side door of the residence entering the laundry room. Once inside the residence, they set off the alarm which awakened the residents of the house. Police called in the Peel Canine Unit (Halton's canine unit is on holidays) and the dog was able to follow a strong scent for two blocks where it abruptly ended. Police believe the culprits had a vehicle. Nothing was reported stolen and police are continuing their investigation.

Slashed tires

Police are looking for a Georgetown youth who may be responsible for slashing two tires and scratching the paint on a Georgetown mans' car. Police say the man's son took the car and three friends to Crossways Donut Oct. 2 and parked the car in the store parking lot. While they were in the store, someone slashed the tires and scratched the paint. As the complainant and friends were about to leave in the vehicle, a male walked to the car, shouted for the complainant to get out. The complainant refused and the suspect kicked the driver's door sideview mirror causing damage say police.

Three charged

On Oct. 16, on information received, police officers attended a

Lilac Lane residence and arrested a 41-year-old Georgetown man. He was charged with break, enter and theft, stolen property over \$1,000 and mischief under. Stolen property was also seized at the home. He'll appear in Milton court Tct. 21.

Prohibited weapon

A 16-year-old Toronto male was charged with being in possession of a prohibited weapon after police searched his knapsack. Police say the accused was a passenger in a car that is the subject of an investigation. The accused consented to a search and police found a prohibited butterfly knife in his knapsack. The accused will appear in Milton court Nov. 15.

Pick-up problems

A Georgetown man's 1990 Dodge Dakota pick-up was severely damaged after it began experiencing mechanical problems causing the driver to accelerate into the rear of a large truck on Mountainview Rd and Maple Ave Oct. 16. Police say the man was southbound on Mountainview when he hit the rear of a very large truck, severely damaging his vehicle. However, the truck he hit didn't even notice and drove away with minimal damage say police. There were no injuries and no charges laid.

Quiet thief

An unknown thief stole a television, Nintendo machine, Game Boy, briefcase and cash from a home in Georgetown Oct. 16 while residents of the home were asleep in their beds. Police say the unknown culprit(s) used a screwdriver to slip the door lock on a garage door to enter the home. A waterbottle was found outside the home and seized for fingerprinting. The victim, her husband and their four children were all asleep in their beds at the time. Police have no suspects.

Bullet blitz

Over \$1200 worth of ammunition casings and casing re-loading supplies were stolen from a Georgetown home Oct. 16. Police suspect unknown suspects may have been aware the home owner had a well set-up bullet casing reloading system in his shed. The thieves stole a \$300 press, \$180 loading dies, \$80 weigh scales, \$170 worth of gun powder, \$65 worth of primers, \$30 gun cleaning kits, a \$300 chainsaw, \$69 drill, \$56 lantern and other tools. Before leaving, police say the culprit(s) pried open the trunk of the property owners' vehicle, possible looking for guns but found nothing. Police are continuing their investigation.

House break-in

Unknown culprits broke into a Georgetown home Oct. 15 and stole \$800 worth of items including a VCR, cassettes, liquor and cash. Police say the thieves entered by slipping the bolt on the front door. Police are continuing their investigation.

Crime Stoppers looking for concerned citizens

Crime Stoppers of Halton Inc. under its constitution allows for a Board of Directors to number 18 strong. At present there are only 15 members on the Board.

Sergeant Dan Farr, the police co-ordinator for the program, has been authorized by the Board, to request through the media, that any interested person submit a resume to Crime Stoppers of Halton Inc.

Any concerned citizen, who wishes to become involved in this rewarding program is invited to

send a letter to the nominations committee of the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Halton.

The Board is looking for people who are self motivated, concerned and accessible. Please forward any resumes to:

Crime Stoppers of Halton

c/o Box 2700 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, Ontario L6J 6E1 or call 1-800-668-5151 or 825-8477 for further information.

11 Division welcomes new District Commander

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT The Herald

For the first time in his 25 years of service with the Halton Regional Police Service, Staff Inspector Richard Dawson .has been transferred to North Halton and he says he can't wait to get involved in the community.

Staff Insp. Dawson is 11 Division's (Georgetown, Acton and Milton) new District Commander, replacing Staff Inspector Richard Kivell who held the post for just over a year-and-a-half.

The two actually traded places with Staff. Insp. Kivell taking over Staff Insp. Dawson's former job as Director of Staff Services where he'll be involved in police administration, finance, human resources, recruiting and training.

Staff Insp. Dawson took over command Oct. 15 and said "coming here is like going back to when I first started policing in Burlington because it's like going back to oldtime policing.

"I was out walking the other day and the people here wave and talk to you," he said.

Likewise, he can't wait to get out and talk to the community. One of his first plans is to go out walking the beat with the village constables to get to know local business owners and residents.

He also has plans to join one of the local charitable organizations, probably the Rotary Club, which he is presently a member of in Burlington.

Staff Insp. Dawson has quite a record of community involvement. Besides the Rotary club, he is president of the Burlington Minor Hockey Association, president of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment Program (ADAPT) and president of the Senior Officers' Association which requires him to negotiate contracts with the Police Services Board.

"My past record of community involvement will be a plus in this job," he said. "I have strong ties to my community and I get along well with people. One reason I want to join a service club in this area is to give something back to this community."

By getting to know people in the

Third charged at E.C. Drury

A third man has been charged by Halton Regional Police in their continuing investigation into allegations of sexual and physical abuse at E.C. Drury School for the deaf in Milton

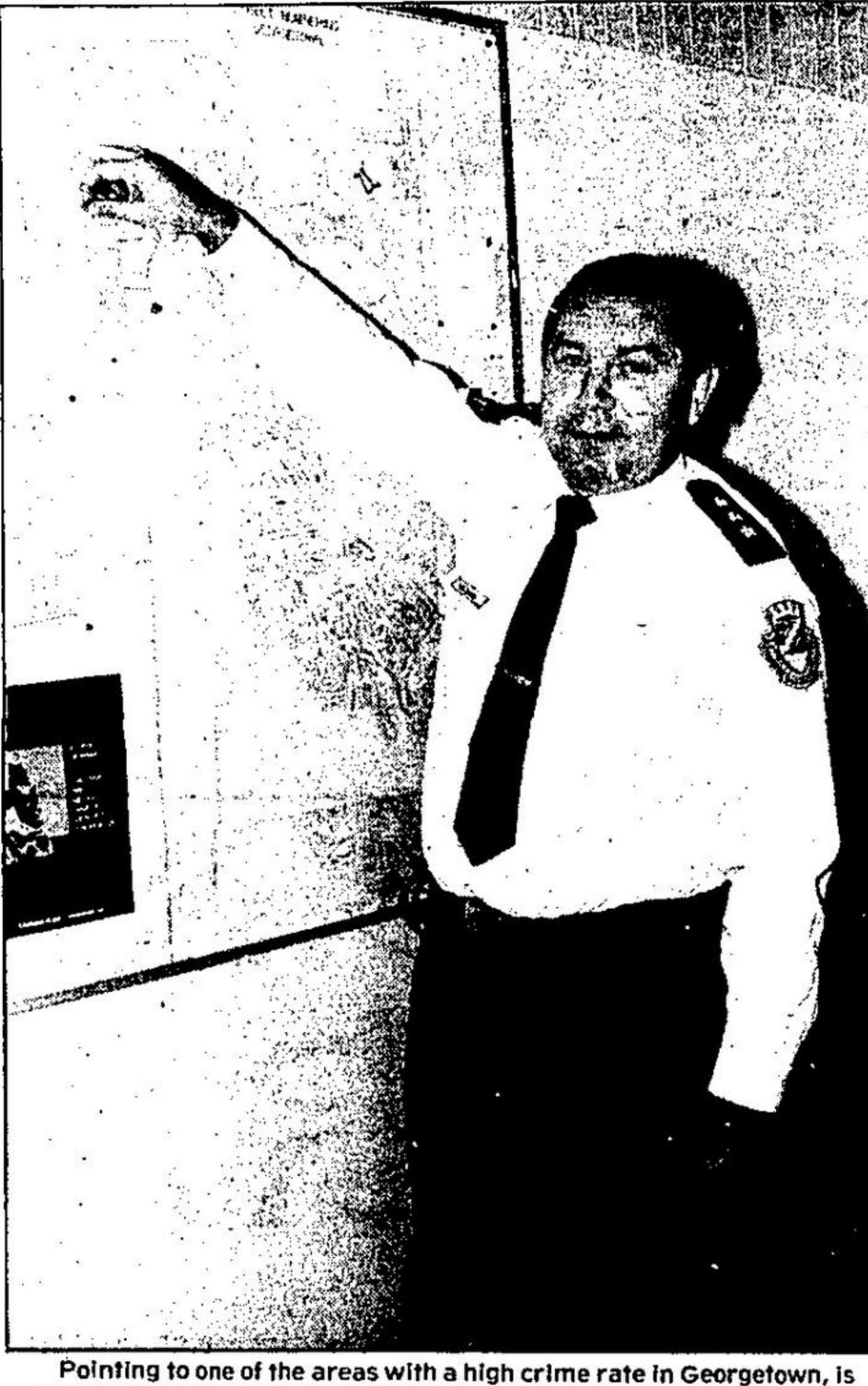
Ronald Hackett, 54, of Wallenstein (north of Guelph) was charged with indecent assault and appeared in court Oct. 15 for a bail hearing. His next court appearance was set for Oct. 28.

Police say the man was arrested after a former student at E.C. Drury told police between Jan. 1971 to Dec. 1972, a teacher repeatedly touched her genitals on numerous occasions. The alleged incidents did not take place in the school but occurred in the teachers' car and home.

Mr. Hackett was a teacher and guidance counsellor at the school from 1967-1990.

He was released at his bail hearing on a \$1,000 assurance fee and told he wasn't permitted to have contact with the victim and was to keep the peace and be of good behavior.

Mr. Hackett is the third person to be charged in this investigation. Also charged is Harvey Bradley of Milton with two counts of rape, and one count each of sexual intercourse with a female under 16, indecent assault, assault, and being in possession of a weapon for a purpose dangerous to public peace. The other person arrested is Gerald Hall of London who was charged with 12 criminal offences including rape, sexual intercourse with a female under 16 and gross indecency.



Haiton Regional Police 11 Division District Commander, Staff Inspector Richard Dawson. Staff Insp. Dawson replaced Staff Insp. Richard Kivell Oct. 15 who in turn, took over Staff Insp. Dawsons' old job as Director of Staff Services. (Herald Photo)

community, he hopes to learn about local concerns. He has already determined three areas in North Halton which need special attention; rural break-ins, wilful damages and theft from autos.

"I'm looking to develop task forces to address these three issues," he said.

Staff Insp. Dawson has climbed up through the ranks to earn this position. He started with the old Burlington police force in June 1967 as a cadet, spending nine years in uniform. For the following five years, he worked in the Burlington Criminal Intelligence Bureau and in the youth bureau.

By July 1981 he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to District 2 in Oakville where he stayed after being promoted to Staff Sergeant in Dec. 1982.

He left Oakville in Jan, 1985 when he was transferred to human resources to be in charge of hiring, training and fitness training. It helped prepare him for his next promotion to Inspector and transfer to Support Services where he was head of record communication and computer services. He spent a year doing that before being transferred to District 3 in Burlington in Jan.

He was promoted to Staff Inspector Aug 1, 1991 and spent two months as Director of Staff Services before coming to Halton Hills.

Staff Insp. Dawson and his wife Margaret have two children, 16year-old Michael and 14-year-old David.





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