

POLICE BEAT



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Mechanical failure

Halton Regional Police say no charges will be laid against a Georgetown woman who demolished her car at Guelph St. east of Hall Road Nov. 14. Police say the woman was westbound on Guelph St. when the left front wheel of her 1985 Ford pick-up fell off, causing her to lose control and overturn in a ditch. She wasn't injured.

Lost control

Police report a Georgetown man demolished his 1982 Mercury coupe Nov. 13 by smashing into a tree and flying into a ravine off Fallbrook Trail. The man was driving 60 km an hour say police when he lost control of the car, hit the tree and flew into the ravine. There were no injuries and police aren't laying any charges.

Foul play at Ford

Unknown suspects caused \$1,000 damage to four Ford Mustangs at Capitol Ford in Georgetown Saturday night say police. The culprits smashed windows in each car and pried one cars' passenger door open. Four tires were also stolen. Police have no suspects.

Trouble at home

Police have charged a male young offender in custody at the Spruce Lane open custody facility in Acton, with assault level one in connection with the assault of a staff member. Police say while in the home, a youth started having outbursts where he'd punch walls, throw tables and verbally assault the staff members. One staff member, a 24-year-old Rockwood woman was also pushed to the ground.

Nine windows smashed

Police have two witnesses who say they saw and heard two male youths smashing windows at the Acton Band Hall on Wallace St. Saturday night. Nine windows were broken at the hall, one with a beer bottle, causing \$995 damage. Police are continuing their investigation.

Musical thieves

Police say several music-related items were stolen from a Guelph St. home which has been empty since

its owner died in the spring. Police say auctioneers have been handling the sale of the property and first went into the house in May to record the contents of the home for sale. When they returned Sept. 10 to finalize the content organization, they found several items missing. Among the missing items are guitars, stereos, cassette players, receiver systems, speakers, microphones, a computer and a keyboard.

Under the bed

A woman reported to police her house was broken into and the safety deposit box she kept hidden under her bed stolen. Police say unknown culprits broke into the River Road home last Friday and went directly to the bedroom, looking under the bed, taking the safety deposit box and leaving the home without touching anything else. The box contained \$200 Canadian, \$50 American, Canada Saving Bonds and a life insurance policy.

Rope climber

Police are continuing their investigation of a break and enter at Valdi Inc. in Georgetown overnight Nov. 14. Police say an unknown person climbed up the maintenance ladder at the rear of the building to gain access to the roof area. Once on the roof, he bent the bars covering the ventilation unit and using a nylon rope, lowered himself onto the main floor. Police believe the target was a safe and the cash it contained but the safe wasn't cracked. No other property was stolen.

Five charged

Police have charged five people in connection with a disturbance on Lewis St. Halloween night. Two male young offenders and a 51-year-old man have been charged with causing a disturbance while one male young offender is charged with uttering a threat and weapons dangerous. Another male young offender is charged with assault with a weapon and weapons dangerous. The two were seen brandishing a shovel and baseball bat and threatening other youths with them say police.



PC brass visits

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner and his wife Dorothy, exchange pleasantries with Shirley Martin (left) Secretary of State and Transportation and Perrin Beatty, Communications Minister, who were

special guests at a PC party fundraiser held last Wednesday at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre. (Herald photo)

Miller tilting at Region windmill

By BEN DUMMETT
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Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller is obviously a man of his word. As promised during the election campaign, Mayor Miller has taken a first step towards the possible dismantling of Regional government.

Contacted Friday, Mayor Miller said the day after the election, Nov. 13, he drafted a letter to Georgetown resident Alex McKee requesting the two meet to discuss the possibility of establishing an impartial committee to investigate the feasibility of Regional government being disbanded.

Beier blitzed by cops

Ontario Provincial Police have laid 85 criminal charges, including 16 counts of attempted murder, against 50-year-old Hermann Beier of Alliston in connection with several bank robberies and a police pursuit Oct. 31.

Besides the attempted murder charges, Mr. Beier faces four counts of robbery, 20 counts of use of a firearm during the commission of an indictable offence, four counts of wearing a disguise during the commission of an indictable offence, 16 counts of discharging a firearm, one count of possession of a prohibited weapon, 20 counts of pointing a firearm, one count of carrying a concealed weapon, one count of fail to remain, one of dangerous driving, and one of possession of stolen property.

Under the Highway Traffic Act, he also faces two counts of failing to stop.

The four robbery charges relate to bank robberies in Georgetown, Guelph, and Rockwood on Oct. 31 and at a Credit Union in Orangeville April 25, 1991.

The charges are the result of a combined investigation by Halton Regional Police, OPP, Guelph Police Service and Peel Regional Police.

Mr. Beier appeared in Brampton court Friday and was remanded in custody at Maplehurst Correction Centre until Nov. 26 when he will appear in Brampton court for a bail hearing.

It was Mr. McKee who questioned Mayor Miller during an all-candidates meeting on whether he would consider the formation of such a committee.

After replying he was first elected to Regional government because of his opposition to Regional government, Mayor Miller then added, he would get started on the idea right after the election.

Mayor Miller said when he meets with Mr. McKee he wants to clarify what exactly is at issue.

Mayor Miller wants answers to the following questions: Should Regional government across the province be dismantled? Or should only Halton Regional government be disbanded? Or should Halton Hills attempt to disassociate itself with Regional government?

Mayor Miller also wants to know what Mr. McKee is prepared to do and who else he will be able to involve in the idea.

Noting Regional government is a provincial creation, Mayor Miller said a well-thought-out argument must be developed if the province is too even consider the issue.

Money is another consideration that must be looked at to determine if a study should be done, said Mayor Miller.

"This couldn't be done without a large cost," he noted.

Contacted Friday, local Regional councillor Pam Johnston also expressed concern about the cost of doing such a study.

"I support the idea, but I don't want to spend a lot on something that is a provincial mandate to change," she said.

Halton Hills Regional Coun. Bill Robson said he would support and even serve on a committee looking into the dismantling of Regional government.

"I support anything to reduce government," said Coun. Robson. The Town's two other Regional councillors, Marilyn Serjeantson and Rick Bonnette were less enthusiastic about the idea.

"I think we would all be the losers if Regional government was eliminated," said Coun. Serjeantson.

Regional government provides the necessary expertise for water and sewage, she said.

However Coun. Serjeantson did concede all levels of government, including Regional government, had to be streamlined.

Coun. Serjeantson suggested the efficiency of Regional government staff could be improved in order that staff levels could be reduced.

The councillor, however, said if the size of any level of government should be reduced it should be that of the province.

Coun. Serjeantson said the size of the provincial government should be downsized by 50 per cent.

"Almost every level of government (at the Town and Region) is duplicated at the provincial level," she stated.

Regional Coun. Rick Bonnette said, "I believe (the idea) is a waste of time because it (Regional government) is provincially legislated."

"I think we have more important things on our plate to deal with such as the Acton dump proposal," he said.

Frizzell unfazed by hydro sparks

Newly elected Halton Hills Hydro Commissioner, Dobbie Frizzell says there is no conflict between his new political position and his involvement in the Acton-based company, Frizzell Pole Line and Construction.

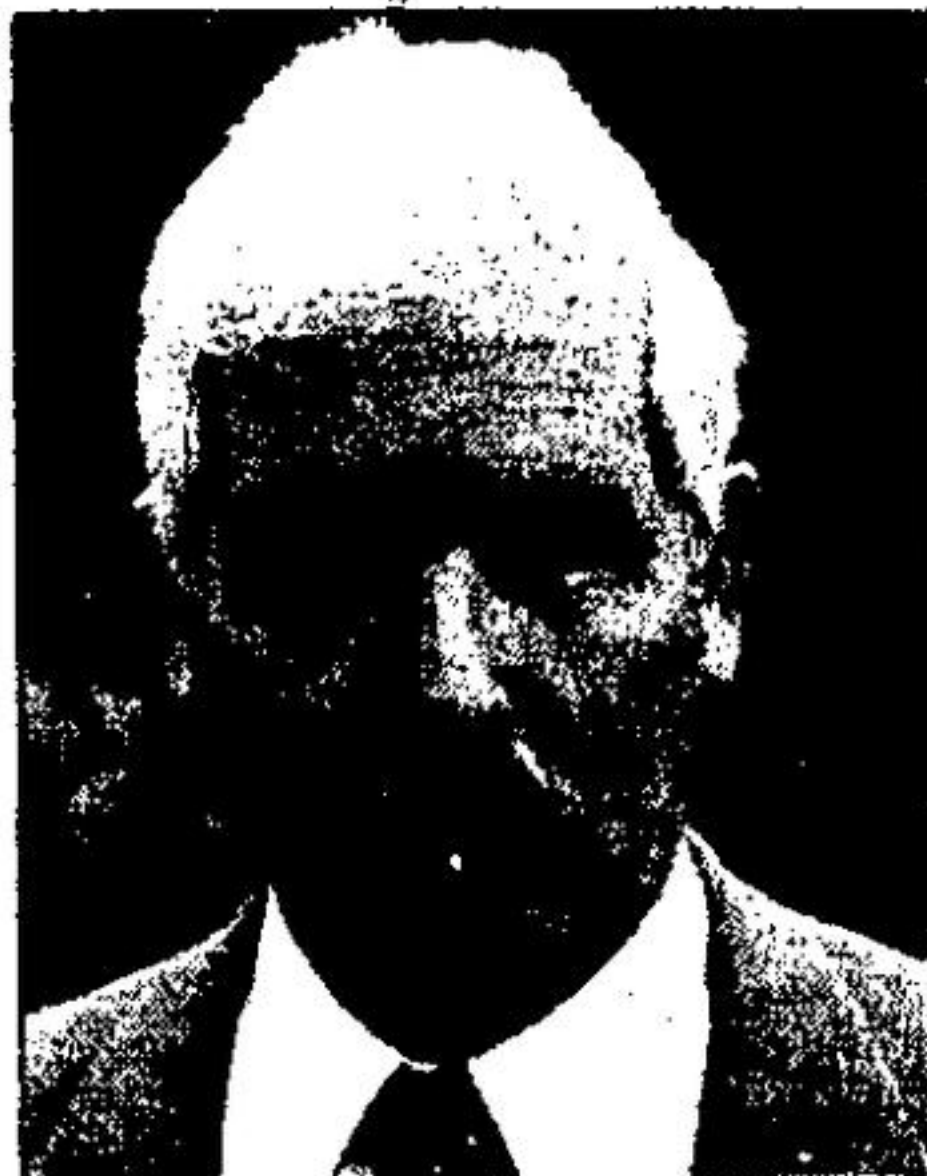
Mr. Frizzell acknowledged the electrical and construction company has done some sub-contract work with Halton Hills Hydro, but it has been very little.

"I don't think we even did \$150 worth of work last year," said Mr. Frizzell during an interview Monday.

"We do a lot of work for the town, he added."

If the company does compete for future Halton Hills Hydro Commission contracts, Mr. Frizzell said he will declare a conflict of interest and excuse himself from the voting.

Gerry Trudell, Halton Hills General Manager, said the commission's tendering policy dictates



Dorson Frizzell

the lowest bidder is awarded the contract.

He also said it is up to the individual commissioner, not staff, to declare if a commissioner is in conflict.

Say: "I saw it in The Herald"

Substance seminar comes up empty

Community Relations Staff Sergeant Dan Okuloski is wondering if Halton residents have any concerns about drug and alcohol abuse based on lack of attendance at a substance abuse seminar held by the Community Acton Group of Halton.

Not one single person turned up at a meeting Nov. 7 in Oakville Library where Halton residents could discuss community action towards substance abuse.

"I'm concerned about public apathy and the apparent lack of foresight from the community," said Staff Sgt. Okuloski. "We're holding these meetings to help

create a better future but no one bothered to come out."

He wonders if the lack of interest means residents are happy with current substance abuse programs being offered such as DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).

But he won't know until he gets some input from the public at the seminars.

He's urging all residents to attend the second and final seminar about substance abuse at Hugh Foster Hall in Milton tonight (Wednesday.)

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Okuloski at 878-5511 ext. 4716.