Community

POLICE BEAT



Numbers To Note EMERGENCY

Police, Fire or	
Ambulance	Dial 911
FIFE (Information)	877-1133
Police (Non-Emergence	cv) 878-5511
Hospital	87340111
Distress Centre	877-1211

Assault with weapon

A 17-year-old Georgetown youth has been charged with assault with a weapon by police after he allegedly pointed a knife at a newspaper carrier Jan. 29. Police say the carrier was delivering newspapers along Mountainview Rd. in Georgetown when the suspect, driving a 1985 Ford Tempo, pulled up beside him and pointed a knife at him. Police say eye contact was made but no words were exchanged. The accused laughed before driving away. The accused will appear in Milton court March 6.

Stitches needed

A 36-year-old Georgetown woman required two stitches to close a wound over her eye that was allegedly inflicted by a Georgetown man. Police say the woman and man were involved in a domestic argument which escalated to the point where the man struck her several times in the face. The 30year-old man was charged with assault and breach of probation (he was on probation for assault) and appeared in Milton court Jan. 29 for a bail hearing. While at the scene, police also arrested the victim and charged her with uttering a death threat after she allegedly said "Look what he did to me. I'm gonna get even. I'm gonna kill him." She also appeared in Milton court Jan. 29 for a bail hearing.

Hockey stick weapon

Halton Regional Police charged a 52-year-old Georgetown man with assault level 2 after he allegedly struck another Georgetown man with a hockey stick handle. Police say the victim was at the accused's home and the accused used the stick to remove him from the home. Police say the victim did require medical attention.

Unemployed prostitute

Police arrested a person they described as an "unemployed prostitute" for mischief Sunday after they were called to remove her from O'Tooles in Georgetown. Police say the woman had been trying to break a window at O'Tooles but when police arrived at the secene, the woman had left and was found standing in the middle of Guelph St. near Sinclair Ave. When police approached she became abusive and violent at police calling them "pigs" and using obscene

language. Police arrested her and placed her in the cruiser where she immediately began kicking the window of the cruiser. The kicking sprung the door and it will no longer close properly. The 31-year-old Toronto woman will appear in Milton court March 2.

Credit card thief

Police say a man they charged with four counts of using a stolen card is suspected of at least 25 other frauds. The 20-year-old Glen Williams man was arrested Jan. 30 after using a stolen credit card to buy drinks at McGibbon Hotel in Georgetown. When arrested, he was found in possession of three credit card receipts from the stolen credit card worth \$37, \$37 and \$42. He was charged with one count of possession of stolen property, four counts of using a stolen credit card and four counts of personation. The credit card had been stolen Dec. 24 from a briefcase in a van parked in Hamilton. Police are continuing their investigation.

Big damage

Two cars sustained major damage and two people were injured in a two-car collision on 5 Side road and 8th Line in Georgetown Jan. 31. Police say an Oakville woman, driving a 1985 Honda, was travelling northbound on 8th Line and stopped at the 5 Side road intersection. She then proceeded into the intersection, entering the path of a Milton man driving a 1980 Ford coupe. Her car was demolished and his was severely damaged. The Oakville woman and a passenger in her car were taken to Credit Valley Hospital by ambulance and treated for minor injuries. The Oakville woman was charged with going through a red light.

Cut-off

A Georgetown woman who cut off another car while driving a 1989 Pontiac sedan has been charged with improper turn by police. The woman had been travelling northbound on Trafalgar Rd. when she passed a Rockwood man, driving a 1988 truck on the right side in an area where two lanes merge. She cut in front of the car and struck him on the right fender before losing control and sliding off the road. Her car was demolished while his had only light damage. There were no injuries.

Marijuana bust

One man has been arrested in what Halton Regional Police are calling one of the largest marijuana seizures in Halton.

On Monday, a 31-year-old Milton man was charged with two counts of possession of narcotic for the purpose of trafficking after police seized 60 pounds of marijuana (12 garbage bags full) and 60 pounds of "weed oil" from a Milton home. Total value of the seizure is estimated to be \$780,000. Also seized from the home was equipment designed to manufacture "weed oil".

Five drug squad officers with the Halton Regional Police have been involved in this investigation for two months and say the narcotics were likely destined for the illicit drug trade in Halton Region.

Female assaulted

A five-month-pregnant Georgetown woman was rushed to hospital by ambulance after she was punched in the stomach by her brother.

Halton Regional Police say the 22-year-old woman experienced fluid discharge from her vagina after her 31-year-old brother physically assaulted her Sunday in his apartment.

She was admitted for observation at the hospital. Police say it is not known if the fetus is in jeopardy.

The assault occurred after the sister and her boyfriend visited her

brother in his Georgetown apartment. An argument broke out between the boyfriend and the brother and the sister attempted to intervene say police.

Her brother then forcibly pushed her into a closet and punched her in the mouth with his closed fist, causing her lip to split. Then, he punched her in the stomach say police.

The brother has been charged with assault level two and will appear in Milton court Feb. 24.

Police are continuing their investigation.



Caring drivers

Dedicated drivers with the Halton Hills Cancer Society were honored for their caring work as volunteers last week. Representing the 23 drivers, who provide cancer patients with transportation to

treatment centres, were (left to right) Bev Daquano, Logan MacDonald and Bill Ferguson, all of Georgetown. (Herald Photo)

The battle goes on

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

Speyside resident Pam Sheldon hasn't wasted anytime attacking a proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan amendment calling for her property and that of 92 land owners to be included as part of the NEP.

At the invitation of Ms. Sheldon, approximately 75 people attended a meeting Sunday at Speyside School to discuss the proposed amendment.

Halton Hills resident Giuseppe Gori requested the Niagara Escarpment Commission consider the amendment as a way of protecting the Speyside area from further quarry activity.

NEC staff has yet to deal with the proposed amendment.

Ms. Sheldon opposes the proposed amendment because she considers it an infringement on her individual property rights.

The former regional councillor and mayoralty candidate says additional environmental protection is unnecessary for the area.

The reason being, says Ms. Sheldon, is because Speyside residents have always opposed large development, such as quarries, being located in the area. Contacted Monday, Ms. Sheldon

Food war battler

A local independent grocer says he won't back off offering low prices before the big guys do.

Even though Bob Creasy, owner of Knechtel's Food Market in Georgetown, could be considered the little guy up against such large grocery chains as A£P, Loblaws and Miracle Mart, he vows to stay in the game by offering competitive low prices.

In the last two weeks, the grocery store chains have entered a so-called "food price war" by offering lower prices on hundreds of items in order to compete with the Price Club.

Almost every Halton Hills grocery store is involved and some have been offering low prices for months.

Mr. Creasy says he's been offering lower prices since Sept. 1 as part of an 'Everyday Low Price' program and will continue to do so as long as other grocery stores do.

"The chain stores will have to take the lead to move off before I. will," he said.

He admits it is reducing his

overall profit but says he's not in jeopardy of losing his business. "We're all just trying to hold'our

share of the market."

said those attending Sunday's meeting all shared her feelings.
"One hundred per cent opposed

"The bottom line is that people feel a terrible sense of loss of control over their property - the same reaction I had-" commented Ms. Sheldon.

Those attending the meeting also agreed the request will result in a huge waste of taxpayers' money, said Ms. Sheldon.

She pointed out the NEC will be required to spend a vast amount of taxpayers' money to process an application they think is frivolous.

The money could be better spent on more worthwhile projects, or be used to reduce peoples' taxes, suggested Ms. Sheldon.

Ms. Sheldon fears the application, if approved, will divide the Speyside community, something no one wants.

Collectively, the property owners

plan to meet Mr. Gori to express their opposition to the amendment in the hope he withdraws it.

Mr. Gori said Monday he would willingly meet with any of the residents to discuss the proposed amendment.

Saying he heard about the meeting, Mr. Gori added he didn't attend because he wasn't invited.

Mr. Gori said he would consider withdrawing the application if the concerns raised by the residents couldn't be addressed.

However, he would be less likely to withdraw the proposed amendment if the concerns were based on unsubstantiated fears.

Halton Hills Regional Councillor Bill Robson, whose ward includes Speyside, attendeed Sunday's meeting.

Based on the large turnout in opposition to the proposal, Coun. Robson predicted, Mr. Gori will most likely withdraw the amendment.

Local pride

From the OTTAWA BUREAU of Thomson News Service

Three area companies set up displays at a large government-organized trade show in Monter-rey, Mexico.

Gasmac Inc. and V. Mance Manufacturing Ltd., both of Guelph and Mold-Masters Ltd. of Georgetown are among 200 companies from across the country aiming for a piece of Mexico's developing market of 86 million people.

Canada Expo '92 is the largest trade fair ever organized in Latin America by the federal government. The exhibition was opened by International Trade Minister Michael Wilson.

A wide variety of companies, from high technology to hevy industries are participating in the show to drum up business and narrow the trade gap between the countries. Preliminary estimates put two-way trade between Canada and Mexico near \$3 billion for 1991 Imports, however, remain disproportionately high in relation to exports.

Herald article spurs interest

The community consultation meeting planned for Feb. 6 at the Halton Regional Police Station in Georgetown on the 'Redirection of Long-Term Care and Support Services' has had to be moved to a bigger location due to public interest.

John Roe, the community planning coordinator for Halton-Peel Community Health and Support Services said the Halton Regional Police station has been inundated with calls from interested people.

Since the station community room only holds approximately 45 people, it was too small to host the numbers of people who expressed interest.

Mr. Roe said interest the Halton

Hills Herald published a human interest story on an Acton couple who could benefit from changes in longterm care in it's Jan. 29 issue.

The community meeting on the redirection will now be held in the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre on Church St. in Georgetown which can hold about 165 people. It will begin at 7 p.m. and is scheduled to run until 10 p.m.

The community consultation meeting scheduled for Acton on Feb. 11 at the Royal Canadian Legion on Wright Avenue from 7-10 p.m. has not changed.

For more information on the meetings, call the Halton-Peel Community Health and Support Services office at (416) 279-4929.