



Winners in the Halton Hills Camera Club competition, "Capture the Hills '91" attended an awards reception Monday night at the Civic Centre. The three top winners were awarded Konica compact cameras. From left, Karen Lowe of Georgetown won third with her fall shot, taken on the Eighth

Line north of Georgetown, while Acton's Sam Armstrong captured his silhouette of a windmill on the Ninth Line, south of Georgetown. Ray Nichol's second place winner of fallen leaves in a stream was taken east of Limehouse.

TED BROWN Halton Hills Weekend

Student credited with drop in thefts from local cars

The Halton Regional Police are concerned about the large number of thefts from cars which are taking place within Halton.

Between August 1 and October 15, 1991, there were 950 reported cases. The thieves take a variety of property, ranging from wallets and purses to cellular telephones and car stereos. Of particular interest is the pull-out type car stereos that the owners, for some reason, don't bother to remove from their vehicles.

Thieves enter the vehicles by a variety of means, but most of the vehicles have been left unlocked. Many of the thefts are being committed by organized groups who will hit a number of vehicles in one area within a short time.

Statistics from Halton Hills show a slight drop in thefts from vehicles when compared with last year.

Crime Prevention Sgt. Marty Power credits the efforts of a high school student, Sonia Bujan, who

worked in Halton Hills during the summer with the decrease. Sonia put tags on cars which she found unlocked to warn their owners of how easy it would be to break in.

Until the end of September, 1991 there were 214 thefts from cars, compared to 228 during the same period last year, which is a drop of 6 per cent.

"It's still definitely a problem," said Crime Prevention Sgt. Marty Power. "It's a small amount. We would like to be down a lot more than that."

The solution is to make it more difficult for the thefts to occur, by locking car doors and trunks. As well, cars shouldn't be left running with the keys in the ignition in the winter weather, Power said.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case you may be eligible for a cash reward. You need not give your name and your call will be treated with complete anonymity. Please call Crimestoppers 1-800-668-5151.

Police beat Break and enter

A house on Dayfoot Dr. in Georgetown was broken into Tuesday afternoon and \$160 and three bottles of rum were stolen. The thieves entered through a sliding bathroom window and removed the stolen items. They disturbed the contents of the house, police said.

Arson attempt

A school custodian at Harrison School saw three youths, about 5' 4" wearing dark cloth-

ing running away when he was cleaning one of the classrooms, police said. The fire department was called, and they found a one gallon gas container, which was ignited against the side of the school, but it was moved before it did any damage, police said.

Man charged

A Toronto man was arrested at his residence Wednesday night and charged with aggravated assault for slashing a Georgetown youth in the throat with a beer bottle, police said.

The incident occurred Friday, Oct. 4 after a high school dance.

Fire briefs

Rubbish fire

Firefighters responded to a Cook St. construction site in Acton late Thursday evening after a small pile of rubbish was set alight. No damage was reported.

Smoking furnace

A new furnace recently installed in a Confederation St. home began smoking profusely early Friday evening.

Firefighters quickly arrived at the home, and advised the owner to have the furnace serviced immediately, according to the Fire Department.

Playing with matches

A group of young children started a garbage bin fire at Harrison Public School while they were playing with matches Saturday afternoon, according to the Fire Department. Firefighters attending the small blaze advised the children of the dangers of starting fires.

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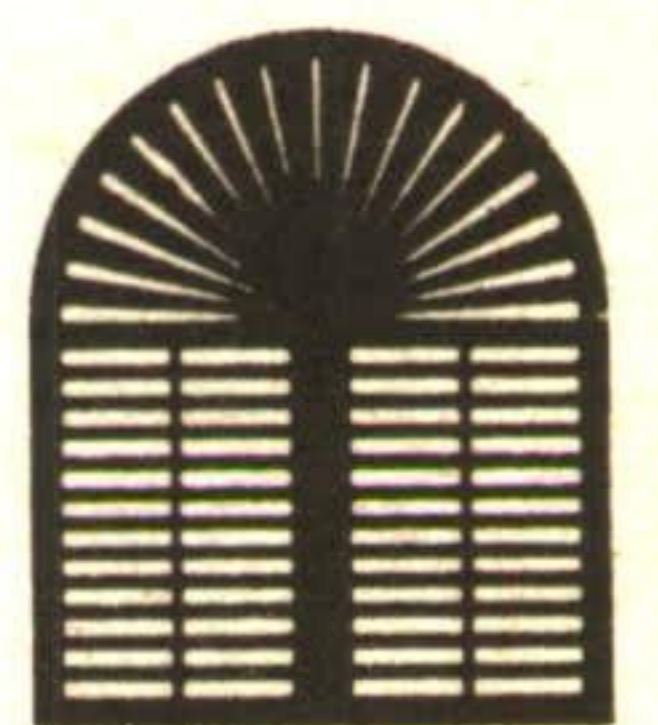
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