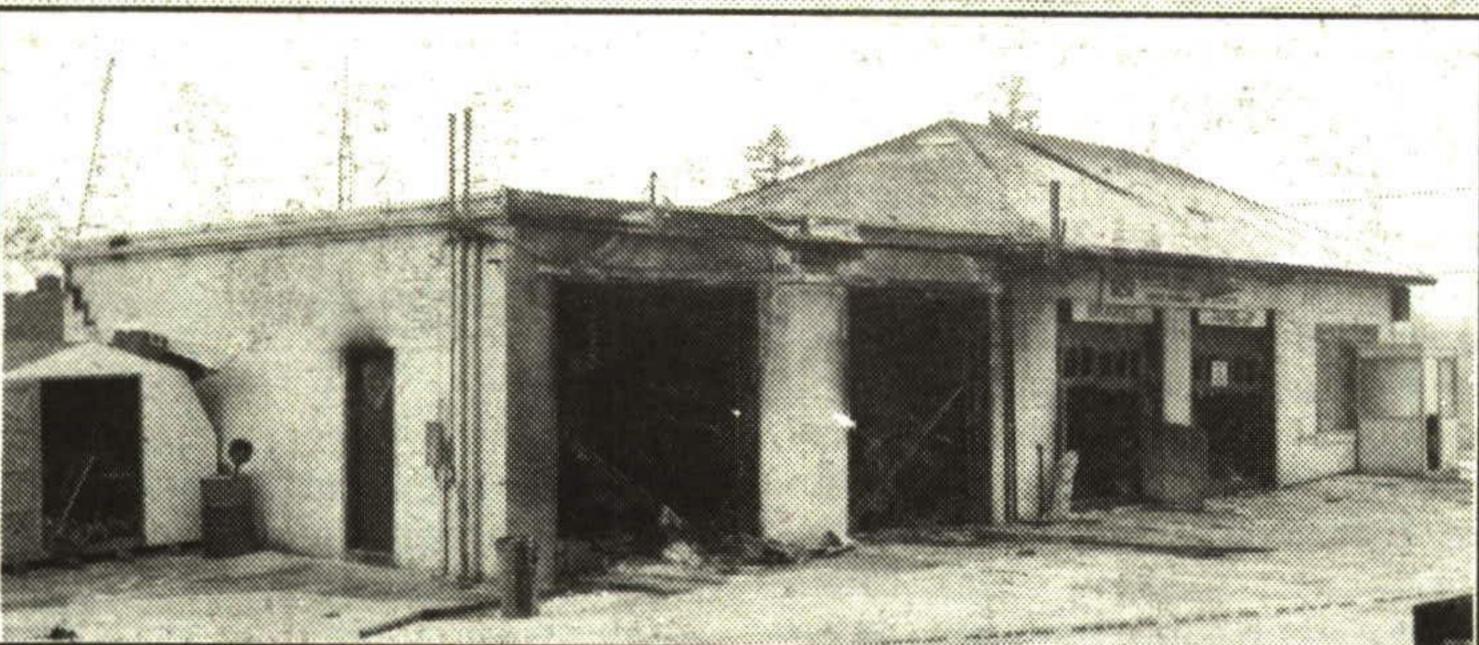
Four bays in a service station were gutted and adjacent businesses damaged by a fire early Thursday morning in Georgetown.

Total damage to the building on Trafalgar Rd. at Maple Ave. is estimated to be \$72,250, the Halton Hills Fire Department reported. The cause of the fire is listed as accidental.

The blaze broke out in the north bay of the garage. Halton Hills Const. Larry Brassard noticed the fire when he was on patrol at 12:50 a.m. He and Dave Blashuk, an off-duty Peel officer tried unsuccessfully to extinguish it.

When the Halton Hills Fire Department arrived on the scene, they saw flames coming out of the doors of two service bays. It took 25 firefighters over four hours to extinguish the fire.

Someone was in an apartment



in the complex at the time the fire broke out, and he was evacuated from the building with no difficulty. Another man, a friend of the owner, was working in the garage at the time, police said.

The fire department estimates damage to the property owner to be \$50,000. The Pioneer service centre, which leased some space, lost an estimated \$20,000 in con-

tents. There was \$2,000 damage caused by smoke and water to Maple Variety. A cab company suffered \$200 smoke and water damage while only \$50 damage was estimated in the apartment.

Firefighters had a difficult time extinguishing the blaze because of the extreme cold weather.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Police

Blotter

40 lbs. coins stolen

Between 40 and 50 pounds of quarters were taken from Relaxo Coin Laundry in Acton over the weekend. Someone used a unknown tool, possibly a key, to remove the coins, estimated to be valued at \$500. Money from six of 11 coin boxes on the washing machines was taken.

Woman arrested

A woman was arrested for assaulting a police officer on March 2. Police were called to a home on the Third Line and asked to arrest a woman for assaulting her step-father. Police said the woman punched, pushed, tried to bite and scratch the officer. She also kicked him in the legs, causing minor abrasions to his shins.

Sexual assault

An Acton man was charged with three counts of sexual assault and two counts of forcible confinement Monday. The man was arrested March 3, police said. He went behind a woman who was talking to her mother on the phone, rubbed her neck and back, then grabbed her buttocks, without consent. Last month a man was at a woman's home, where he placed his hand inside her sweater and touched her breast without consent. The third incident involved another woman at the suspect's home. He will be tried for one of the incidents in juvenile court, because the man had not yet turned 18, but the other charges will be in adult court, police said.

Realtors offer \$10,000 reward in assault case

The Canadian Real Estate Association is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the man responsible for sexually assaulting a Brampton real estate agent last November.

The money is in addition to a \$5,000 reward offered by the Brampton Real Estate Board immediately after the attack. The police have investigated more than 200 leads from the public, and they

have linked the man with a series of obscene telephone calls placed during two-week period women Brampton other nearby cities. 35year-old

ally assaulted.

woman was SUSPECT attacked while showing a vacant house in Bramalea to a prospective buyer. She drove him to the empty home at about noon, and once inside, was forced into the basement and sexu-

The man police are looking for is described as a white male, 40 to 50 years of age, 200 pounds, with a stocky build and a slight Scottish accent. He was using the name John Gordon.

Anyone with information should call Peel police, 21 Division, at 453-3311, ext. 2133, or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS (222-8477).

Man arrested

A man, wanted in connection with two Georgetown break-andenter incidents last October, was arrested in Bolton Monday. In one incident, police said a man entered an unlocked home on Ontario St. during the night and took a purse. In the other incident, someone broke into a Dayfoot Dr. home by removing a window screen, and removed \$260 worth of cash and alcohol, police

Cash stolen

The float in a cash register was stolen from the Cango Gas Station on Queen St. in Acton overnight Monday. Someone entered the empty donut shop next door by removing some particle board, then smashed a hole through a wall leading to the gas station office, police said. They are investigating the incident.

Cars scratched

The entire left side of a 1983 Mercury parked on Guelph St. overnight Friday was scratched, using a sharp object like a key. The damage is estimated to be \$500, police said. A second car was scratched in front of Pennington Ct. sometime between 8 a.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Two tail lights were also broken on the 1991 Topaz, with damage estimated at \$200.

Assault

A 21-year-old man using the washroom at Zellers Monday was grabbed by the shoulder, spun around, and found himself facing a man who was masturbating. The suspect is described as being in his 60s with gray hair and black eyebrows. He was well dressed and wearing a long coat, police said.

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