

Police beat

Police are investigating the possibility of a short-change artist working in the Halton Hills area after two separately reported incidents involving the Esso service station, 186 Mill St., Acton and the Petro Canada service station, 189 Guelph

Short-change artist hits gas stations

St., Georgetown. In both cases, the lone attendant was approached by a young white male who asked to exchange small bills for larger ones. At the Acton location, on Jan. 31, the suspect asked to exchange several small bills worth \$60 for three \$20 bills,

then turned at the door and complained of being a bill short.

The suspect in the Georgetown case, on Feb. 1, asked to exchange \$80 worth of small bills for four \$20 bills, left, and then returned to complain of being short-changed. In both cases, when police were called, the suspect fled in a car full of other young males.

The suspect has been described as scruffy, blonde/light brown hair, five feet, six inches tall, 18-20 years old, seen wearing a blue ski jacket with yellow stripes on arms, blue jeans and high-cut running shoes.

The car in the Acton case was described as a small, black or dark-

colored vehicle. In the Georgetown case, the car was identified as a 1986 grey, four-door Pontiac.

Break-and-enter

Police answered a break-and-enter call on Feb. 2 at an Argyll St. address.

The suspect entered the house through a small basement window sometime between 6:20 a.m. and 7:25 p.m. and left empty-handed after rummaging through the contents of all the rooms in the house. An ashtray full of small change was dumped but no money was stolen.

The suspect exited through the sliding glass door at the rear of the residence into the backyard. Police have determined the culprit was wearing gloves. Police are continuing their investigation.

Caught in the act

A Hamilton man, who was cutting wood in the bush on Fourth Line, Halton Hills, emerged to see two men near his vehicle, parked on the side of the road. As he approached his car, the two men ran away, leaving the scene in a dark-colored Chevrolet truck.

The man then noticed a tire had been removed from his car and another loosened. The suspects were described as two white males; one was five feet, five inches tall and, the other, five feet, seven inches. Both were thin and balding.

Police are still investigating.

Garage fire damage estimated at \$40,000

A garage fire Saturday caused \$40,000 damage at a residence on Sixth Line, north of Highway 7 in Halton Hills.

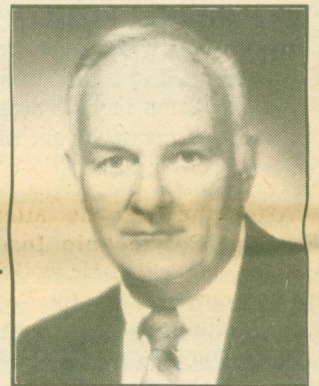
Although the cause of the blaze is undetermined, it originated in the area of the wood stove in the garage at 12 (noon) on Saturday, the fire department official said.

There were no injuries.

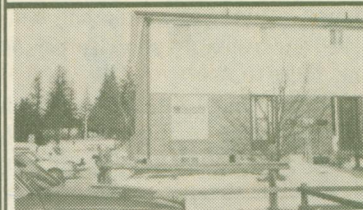
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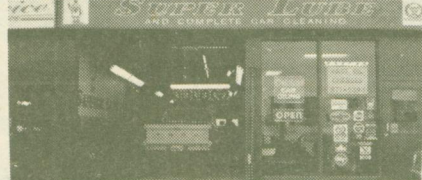
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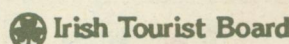
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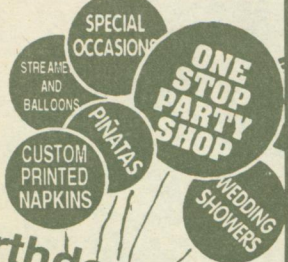
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