

Unsafe vehicle charges following safety blitz

A loose brake drum discovered on a dump truck could have caused death or serious injury if left undetected, says a transportation enforcement officer.

Sylvie Nickerson of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation said she found a badly cracked brake drum during a truck safety blitz at the Highway 401 inspection station in Milton last week.

The drum was destined to break off and fly into the path of other vehicles, she said.

"I might have saved a life or

more. Soon it would have shattered. We've had people die because the pieces go through people's heads or chest."

The truck, along with 11 other vehicles found to be unsafe, were detained at the station until repairs were completed, Nickerson said.

A total of 33 vehicles were inspected in last week's blitz, which focused on dump trucks. More than 20 charges were laid, for offences including improper tires, failing to ensure the vehicle conforms to standards and unsafe vehicles.

Windows broken

Devil's Night and Halloween were relatively quiet in Halton Hills this year, with some windows broken but no other incidents of vandalism reported to police. In Acton, someone smashed two windows in a parked pickup truck on Mill St. W., Monday evening, with damage totalling \$750. Someone threw a large nut through the window of a van parked on Duncan Dr. in Georgetown on Halloween night. Overnight Tuesday two windows of a pickup truck parked on Ewing St. were broken by a pellet gun, police said.

Church break-in

Someone broke into Norval United Church between Oct. 22 and 24, police said. They don't know how the culprits got in, but \$100 cash was taken from a basement cupboard.

Police

Blotter

Fireplace taken

A fireplace was taken from a home under construction on Trillium Trail in Acton overnight Monday, police said. It was worth about \$1,700.

Car totalled

A car was totalled when the driver swerved to avoid a deer, sending a Burlington passenger to Georgetown Hospital at 1:35 a.m. Sunday, police said. The 1994 Mazda was heading north on Trafalgar Rd. near Five Sideroad when the driver lost control and the car rolled over in a field.

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OLD AGE IS GOLDEN?

There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm healthy as can be,
I have arthritis in both of my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze,
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street,
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm all right,
My mem'ry is falling, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

How do I know my youth is all spent?
Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went,
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,
Of all the grand places my "get up" has been.

Old age is golden, I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
With my ears in the drawer, "my teeth in a cup",
My eyes on the table until I wake;
E're sleep comes o'er me, I say to myself:
"Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?"

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