

Policing, roads, and traffic raised as issues at rural area forum

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"I think too often we expect the police to solve all our problems," said Milton councillor Cindy Lunau. She said citizens also have a role to play.

Dave Nurse of Terra Cotta asked why it took a police officer two hours to come from Georgetown to an accident reported on his property, when police said they would be there in 15 minutes.

"In general terms that shouldn't happen," said Savoline.

Police said they would discuss the incident with Nurse who also complained that councillors don't return phone calls.

Fifteen Sideroad resident Marion McMeeken asked when stoplights would be installed at 15 Sideroad and Hwy. 25 and was told by Edward Soldo, Halton Region's manager of transportation services, that they were looking at putting them in next year.

Third Line resident Diana Lindner asked when Third Line between 5 and 10 Sideroads would be paved. Halton Hills councillor Joan Robson said she believes it was in the Town budget for next year.

Also at the meeting, area resident Art Tressel praised Halton Const. Laurel Barnett, who has a column in *The Independent & Free Press*, for "doing a bang-up job when it comes to communication."

Those at the meeting learned about the Halton Hills Rural Community Consultation Committee (CCC) (there is also one committee each in urban Georgetown and Acton).

Jean Leonard of the Halton Hills Rural CCC said the group meets once every other

month at the Georgetown police station. They discuss a wide variety of issues, such as where stop signs are needed, areas where people aren't obeying school bus lights and illegal dumping.

"We bring all the problems forward," she said.

Halton Const. Dennis Dimitroff said the Halton Hills Rural CCC has been responsible for setting up the RoadWatch program here, establishing a number of neighbourhood watches, and utilizing the radar message board to let drivers know how fast they are driving.

Being part of a CCC "is an amazing advantage to you," said Delaney. "By communicating amongst yourselves it helps us put our enforcement where it's needed."

At the meeting Algar said overall in Halton crime is down to 1997 levels making it one of the safest communities in Canada.

"Traffic is a problem throughout the region of Halton," he said.

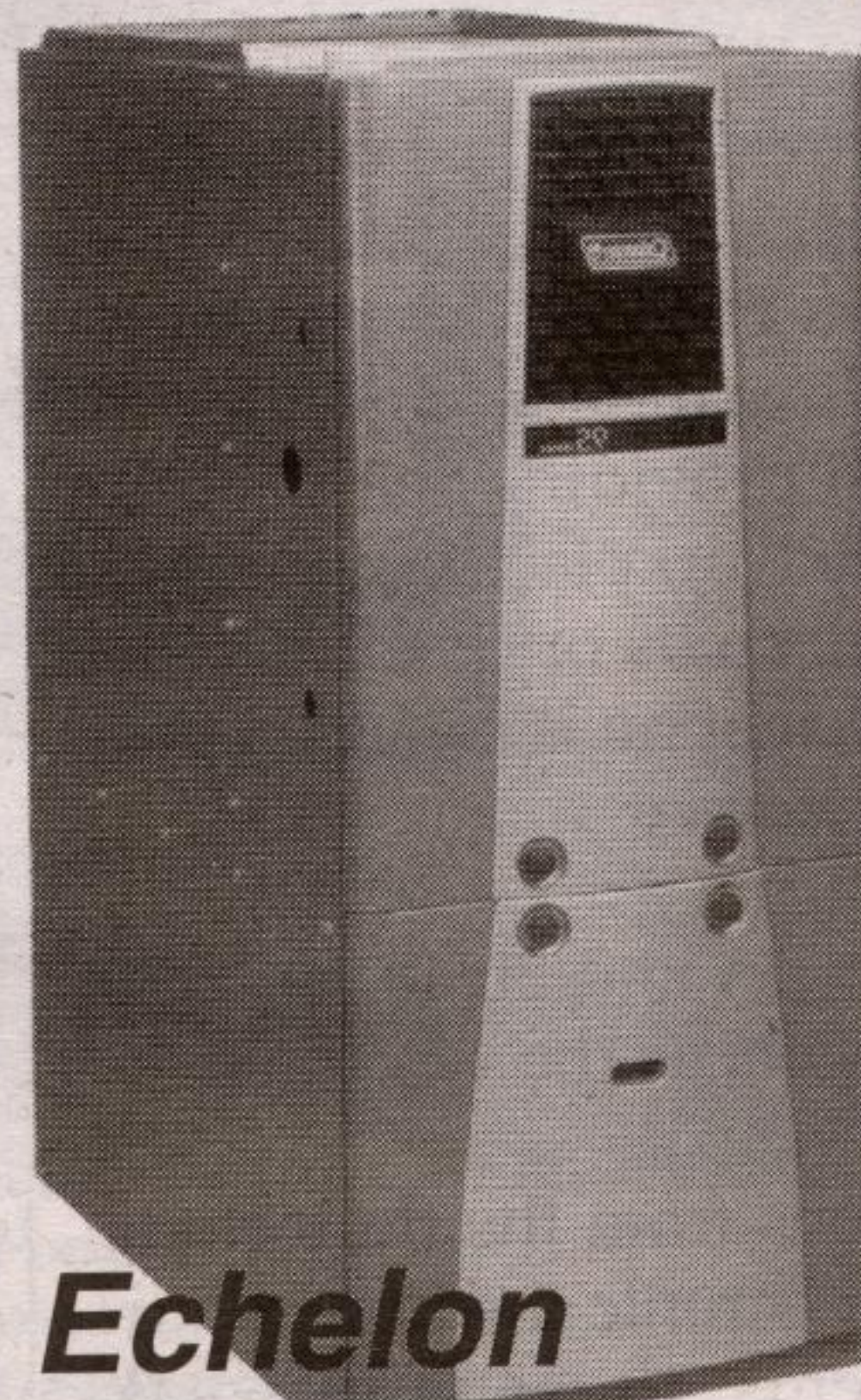
He said break-ins would be almost non-existent if a big wall could be put up around Halton because, "most of the people breaking in are from Hamilton and Peel."

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Storage facility break-in

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