

# Motorists hurt in car chase

A high-speed police pursuit involving a couple of break-ins and a stolen car swept through Milton Saturday afternoon and resulted in a collision that injured two motorists.

The incident began in the early afternoon when two rural Burlington homes were ransacked, with jewelry and electronics among the property stolen.

A Chrysler Neon later spotted by police on No. 5 Sideroad was identified as being stolen from Hamilton and suspected of being the car used in the break-ins, said Det. Sgt. Don Cousens of Halton Regional Police.

When officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the car sped off and a chase ensued.

"There were speeds in excess of 130 (km) in a posted 60-km zone," Det. Sgt. Cousens said.

At about 4 p.m. while driving eastbound on No. 5 Sideroad near Dublin Line, the Neon passed a vehicle on its right. As it re-entered the roadway, it collided with a Nissan SUV travelling in the opposite direction.

"The Neon swerved to attempt to pass a vehicle traveling in the same direction. When the Neon came back on the road, it collided with a westbound Nissan," Det. Sgt.

Cousens said.

There were no injuries to the two occupants of the Neon, while two of the four occupants in the SUV sustained minor injuries, police said. There was minimal damage to the SUV.

No. 5 Sideroad was closed for several hours as police investigated.

Police charged two teens with a number of offences including two counts of break and enter, theft, causing a pursuit and dangerous driving.

No other information was released as the investigation in continuing.

# Pre-trial date set in murder case

Two men charged with first-degree murder in connection with the slaying of Milton resident Brian Stockton, 48, will appear in Burlington for a pre-trial next Tuesday.

Halton Hills resident Michael James McDonough, 39, and Port Credit's John Kevin McClatchey, 47, appeared at Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington

August 19 via video from Maplehurst Detention Centre when the date was set.

Mr. Stockton was found dead in a flaming car June 17 behind Traffix transport company on Regional Road 25, north of Hwy. 401.

The two suspects were arrested the day after the murder at their homes.



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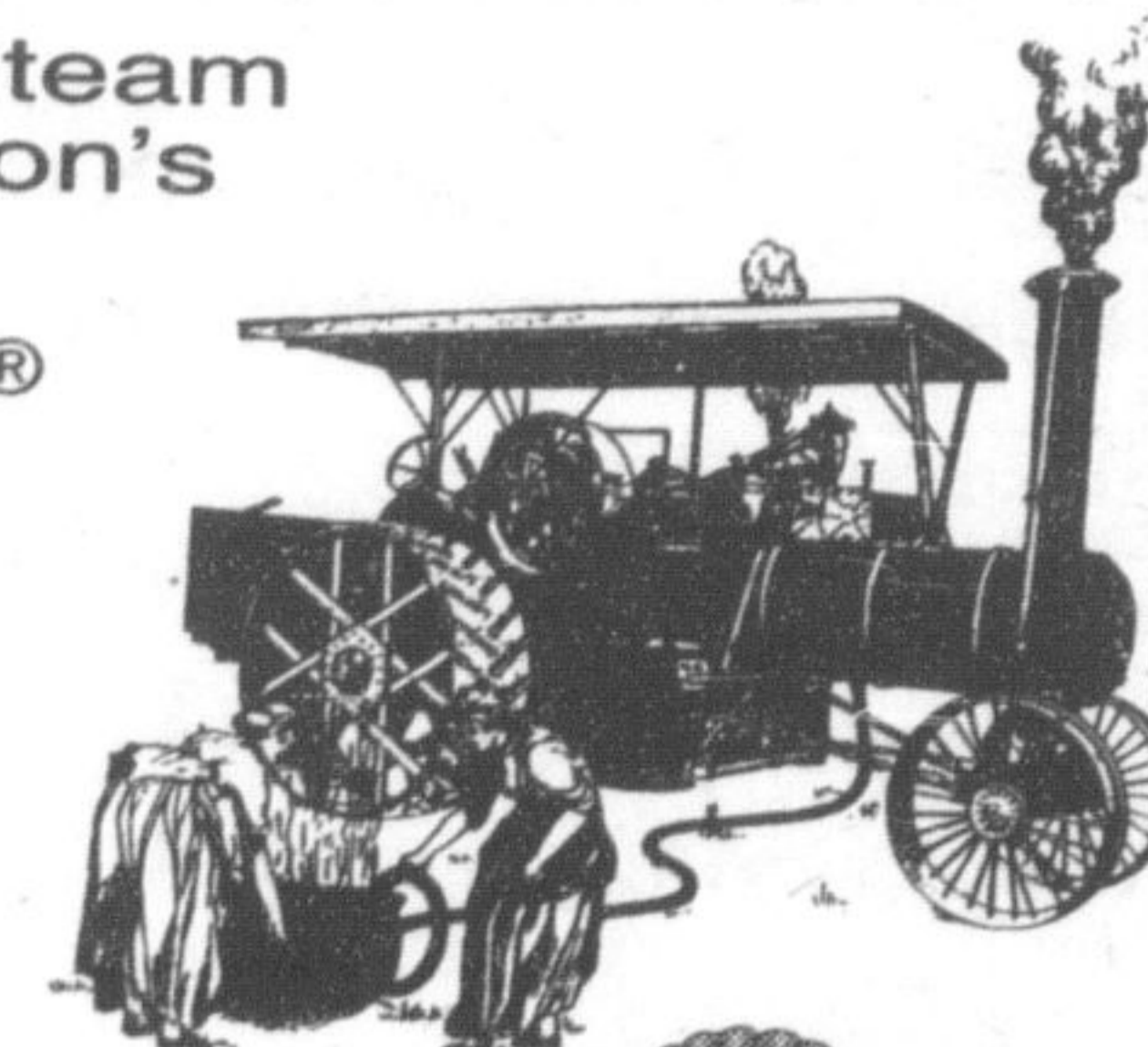
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