

## Several thefts from unlocked cars

Halton Regional Police are investigating a rash of thefts from autos which occurred in town last Saturday evening.

Police say there were several occurrences on Guelph Line, Middleton Cr. and Wilson Dr. Stolen from the vehicles, most of which

## Police settle for 5% raise

Members of the Halton Police Association ratified a two-year contract in Oakville Monday night.

Approximately 200 of the 450-member association turned out for the vote at The Town Restaurant. The result was a very close vote.

Association president Sgt. Ron Southgate would not comment on the vote split but said he was not certain what the outcome would be until the end.

"It was obvious that not everyone was happy with the offer," said Sgt. Southgate. "But I feel that the offer was realistic. I am glad it's resolved. We spent a considerable amount of time working toward this."

The two-year deal will see a first class constable's salary increase from \$41,000 in 1988 to \$43,909 in 1989 and \$46,992 in 1990.

The increase is split each year. From January to June in both years both officer and civilian employees with the force will see their salaries increase by 5 per cent. From July to December the increase will be 1.98 per cent compounded. From July to December in the second year they will receive a 1.925 per cent compounded increase.

The offer came as a result of conciliation. Association members have been without a contract since Dec. 31.

Sgt. Southgate says improvements were also made in the areas of retiree benefits, widow and maternity benefits, and payment for court time.

### Police Blotter

were unlocked, was a set of golf clubs valued at \$5,400, a camera and zoom lens, sunglasses, portable colour t.v. and personal papers.

The golf clubs were taken from the box of a pick-up truck. Police remind residents to lock their vehicles, and not to leave their valuables in view.

### BBQ to go

A gas barbecue was stolen from a back patio on Bronte St. sometime overnight Saturday and Sunday. It is valued at \$200.

### Trailer entered

A trailer at a construction site at Fourth Line and Lawson Rd. was broken into sometime between April 21 and April 24.

Stolen was an electric laser level, Hilti gun, tripod and Stihl saw. Total value of the missing property is \$4,000.

## Cigarettes hot items for thieves in Burlington

Halton Police in Burlington are investigating a series of break and enter and thefts of variety stores. There have been at least seven entries in the Burlington area since January of 1989, where more than \$100,000 in cigarettes have been stolen.

One of these entries occurred on March 29, 1989, at the Beckers Milk store, 4039 New Street, Burlington, at the Eastway Plaza. At approximately 3:50 a.m. two uniform patrol officers from the Burlington division of the Halton Regional Police observed two suspects fleeing from the rear of the Becker's Store. The officers gave chase and the suspects were lost in a wooded area north of the plaza.

Investigation has revealed that the store had been entered by forcing the front door. The suspects had loaded large cardboard boxes with cartons of cigarettes, lottery tickets were also placed in with the cigarettes for removal, at the rear door of the building. The safe had been forced open and cash removed.

This attempted theft is similar to others where 500 to 600 cartons of cigarettes have been stolen in each incident and the safes were also tampered with or stolen.

The description of the suspects in this incident are; male, white, 5'10", 160 lbs, late teens to early 20s, brown hair just below the ears, light coloured sweat shirt and pants, light coloured running shoes.

The other male is described as white, wearing dark clothing. If you have any information concerning these break and enters, or any other criminal activity, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151. In all cases, callers do not have to identify themselves and could be eligible for up to \$1,000 cash reward.

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