

# Arson suspected in car fires

Regional police suspect arson is the cause of an early morning fire Friday at a Nipissing Road auto repair garage.

Two cars went up in flames shortly after 3 a.m. Police believe the cars were doused with kerosene and set on fire. An empty kerosene container was found at the scene.

About \$11,000 damage was caused to the vehicles which were owned by customers of the shop.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Break-ins possibly connected

A rash of break-ins early Friday morning may be connected, police say.

IBM computer equipment and a fax machine worth \$10,000 were

stolen from the Union Gas building on Steeles Avenue sometime overnight. The culprits entered the building after smashing a ground-floor window on the west side.

The thieves were after booze and cash in a break-in at the Optimist Centre between 2:15 and 3 a.m. The culprits smashed a glass door to enter the Commercial Street building. Stolen were bottles of liquor, a case of wine and money from the till.

Super Choice Country Markets on Ontario Street was the target of a smash and grab at 3:10 a.m. Thieves smashed the front window and removed a small amount of cigarettes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Criminal Investigation Bureau in Milton, 878-5511.

### R.I.D.E. charges laid

Two people were charged with impaired driving among 3,175 people stopped by Halton police at spot checks during the first week of the holiday R.I.D.E. Program.

And of 500 vehicles checked by the Milton OPP, one 12-hour licence suspension was issued.

Meanwhile, Halton police also issued two 12-hour licence suspensions after conducting 26 roadside A.L.E.R.T. tests.

### House entered

A Lower Base Line home was broken into by thieves who fled with a television set and a video cassette recorder Thursday.

The break in occurred sometime between noon and 8:30 p.m. Police are investigating.

## Escarpment gets protection

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The final chapter in the saga didn't close until Ms Grier's announcement Friday, as far as Ms Isings was concerned.

"We're very, very happy," she said. "This is the thing we fought for all those years. It proves, also, that as a group of citizens if you want to get something done, you can get it done."

In order to combat Lac, which wanted to expand west from its existing quarry operation atop the escarpment, KEEP hired its own team of experts.

"We had a biologist, a hydrogeologist, a geologist and a lawyer," Ms Isings recalled. "We spent close to \$100,000." Most of it was raised from small functions, dances and garage sales, and donations from members.

"We raised money and we're proud of having done it ourselves," Ms Isings said.

The property is south of Kelso Conservation Area and north of Steeles Avenue, between Appleby

Line and Bell School Line. It contains a two-kilometre stretch of the Bruce Trail and some side trails.

"This redesignation should help maintain the natural environment of the Niagara Escarpment," Ms Grier said. "This is especially good news for Bruce Trail hikers, since it will allow the trail to follow its optimum use through the newly-protected area."

Ms Isings was named in a lawsuit launched by Lac, as was the Niagara Escarpment Commission and a provincial hearing officer.

She was nervous at the time, but now attributes the company's actions to "scare tactics."

"They put all that nonsense on paper to stall the process." Eventually the suit lapsed and land sale negotiations began.

"It has been very interesting," Ms Isings said. "We proved the process does work as long as you work within your rights. We're pretty pleased. It was time we got a chance to sit back and relax and get back to our lives."

## Public Comment Now Being Accepted

**Notice of Submission** GO Transit has submitted its revised Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Document to the Minister of the Environment for approval. Conforming with the 1988 approval of GO Transit's current document, an evaluation of the current Class EA was carried out. The results of the evaluation and the pre-submission consultation undertaken are reflected in the revised document, a draft of which was made available for public review in May 1992.

GO Transit hereby notifies all interested individuals and parties that this project is proceeding through a formal, concurrent government and public review process under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Comments on the Class EA document are now being accepted. Please submit, by February 16, 1993, any comments in writing to the Ministry of the Environment, with a copy of your comments to GO Transit:

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(416) 665-9211 ext. 427

For further information about this study, please contact the above.

Members of the public can review the Class EA document in the municipal offices and Provincial government offices below.

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