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## Firemen and Police Revive Man Saved at Fairy Lake by Two Boys

### New Canadian Nearly Drowns As Children Play in Water Nearby

Quick thinking on the part of two Acton teenagers and the fast response and persistent efforts of local police and firemen combined Wednesday evening at Fairy Lake to rescue a 24-year-old non-swimmer from drowning as scores of splashing, squealing youngsters played in the same water.

Mark Versteeg, a boarder at the home of Jake Greydanus, 21 Mill Street, today owes his life to Bill Cook, 15, and Bob Altonby, 16, who bravely searched the muddy bottom of the swimming area to pull him to the surface after Versteeg floundered in about six feet of water.

In less than five minutes, Constable Don Cook, at the park at the time of the accident, had sped to get a resuscitator and ran to the alarm for firemen who quickly followed the local policeman back to the park. From about 7:40 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. artificial respiration was applied, Acton firemen and Constable Cook taking turns with Dr. W. G. C. Kenney in attendance.

Under five minutes, the Dutch immigrant was in water barely up to his head when he went under. When he was noticed missing, Bill Cook and Bob Altonby swam out to the area where he had been.

"I felt something with my foot," Altonby said.

Bill Cook, a strong swimmer, dove down to the bottom and brought up the inert Versteeg. According to Constable Cook, the non-swimmer had been under for about five minutes.

As Cook brought in Versteeg, Constable Cook was drawn to the scene and immediately left resuscitator in charge of GMP officer Roy Beckett, Georgetown, who had been talking with Cook.

Crowd Looks On

By the time he returned with the resuscitator, about five minutes, Versteeg had responded to artificial respiration, but remained unconscious for some time. The local Constable said the equipment was not used as a resuscitator but for oxygen supply.

During the gradual revival efforts by firemen, a gathering of mostly women and children stood about in the water and on the banks looking on.

Versteeg, an employee at the Ontario Steel plant in Milton, was taken by local ambulance to Guelph hospital shortly after 9 p.m. His condition was reported as good this morning.

### Heat Wave Is On, Mercury Stays About 90

The most popular subject around the town this week is also the most unpopular.

A scorching heat wave, singeing grass, making puddling out of macadam, softening tempers and ice cream sales, has hung over the town like a sticky pall. Only bright spots, besides the sun, is the reassurance offered by the persistent observation that it's not that hot so much as the humidity.

Temperatures over the July 1 week-end clung like damp clothing to the 90 degree region and on many afternoons in the sun, raised to the more torrid 100 degree heights. As the holiday week-end gave way to the work days—for those not lucky enough to be on holidays the heat stayed at a sizzle. Only relief up to this morning has been a short cloudburst Tuesday afternoon, local to the Acton area.

Meanwhile, as the weather man sees little optimism for relief, fashions and newspapers are giving over more and more space to reports of records, duds and don'ts in the sun. Ideas to cool off and where to beat the heat.

As yet there's been no reported tourist exodus to the Arctic but it's an idea.

### Freeze on Residential Subdivisions Until Basic Land Use Map Ready

Council Monday night put the locks on any further housing subdivision—until the town's official plan is prepared—with a freeze development required by the Planning Board.

For several months Planning Board members have been working out details with town planner P. A. Deacon, preparatory to issuing an official town plan and zoning by-law.

Until the plan is laid down complete before Council and Planning Board, there'll be no more residential subdivisions joining the housing growth bandwagon here.

A motion was passed, rescinding the resolution of June 20, stipulating that there'll be no further residential developments considered until the basic land use map is prepared. The Monday night motion also reiterated the requirement of future subdividers to pay for all services and make a five per cent deduction or cash in lieu as well as a sum for capital expense.

### Record Attendance Of Over 180 At Week-Long Vacation School

An all-time high enrolment of over 180 children is keeping the Vacation Bible School volunteer staff busy this week. Groups are meeting for study and handicrafts in Knox church and St. Alban's Parish Hall every morning this week. Friday evening parents and friends are invited to see the work that has been accomplished in the short time.

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BILL OOST, 15 year-old Acton high school student, who pulled a drowning man from Fairy Lake Tuesday evening as scores of hot weather bathers splashed near.

### Pass Conservatory Exams In Guelph

Acton piano students were among those who were successful in passing the examinations held recently by the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, in Guelph.

Fay Garner received honors in grade eight piano, Lenora Watson honors in grade seven, Margaret Armstrong, honors in grade six, Norma Jean Cunningham, honors in grade five, Susan Head, honors in grade three, Katherine Garrett, honors in grade three, Barbara N. Oost, honors in grade two, Karin Heller and, Linda Parker, first class honors in grade one.

## Merchants Closer to Success in Second Round Over Hours By-Law with Council

In their second presentation in as many Council meetings, local merchants in favor of Saturday night closing came closer to getting their way this week when Councilors were again petitioned to bring in a new store hours by-law or throw out the old one.

### Firemen Attempt To Revive Man

Within full view of dozens of bathers, Ennar Poulson, a 38-year-old Danish immigrant, drowned in the Credit River near Glen Williams. The Acton fire brigade was called to the scene late Saturday afternoon with searching equipment.

Apparently Mr. Poulson swam past a group of bathers who thought he was swimming under water. When he failed to come to the surface, they called for help.

Ross Giles, Glen Williams, and William Wells, Altamont, Rd., Willowdale, told P.C. Howard Gunn of Milton that the man dropped out of sight within two minutes after going into the water.

Alarmed when he had not reappeared a moment or two later, the two men tried without success to find him and then asked a passing motorist to call police.

Firemen from Georgetown and Acton, who recovered the body 45 minutes after his disappearance, used oxygen and applied artificial respiration from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Neither is likely to happen. Instead, agreement on the legal view which was in a hubbub of disagreement at the last meeting—brought council and merchants together on the idea of treating the proposed new hours in an amendment to the existing by-law.

J. Sheehy, who also spoke for the merchants at the last meeting, which was in a hubbub of disagreement, said he would not govern store hours. He was told court action would have to be taken to prove this contention.

An argument developed here about whether or not it was legal for one merchant to sign a petition in more than one classification of business, and whether or not a rescinding petition was required to deal with the present by-law. The town's solicitor had advised council this was necessary. Mr. Sheehy claimed council must pass a new by-law if petitioned, while the town understood it may pass a new by-law.

Mayor Tyler remarked here that Solicitor Leatherland had pointed that out at the last meeting but apparently Mr. Sheehy hadn't been listening.

Talk continued on points of classification of businesses, majority of merchants needed to make the change legal and other relative considerations. As the matter is left, an amendment will likely be introduced to change the opening hours from Saturday night to Friday night.

At the outset of the meeting, R. Parker and G. A. Dills appeared before council to turn over to the town the wading pool in the park. Councillor C. Lindsay raised some objections about the pool's worth. He said the money might have better been used to improve the park. He also suggested the pool is not used as heavily as it might be.

Over \$3,000 Left in Fund

It was pointed out the town has been supplying water for the pool since 1939. However, they continued, some encouraging turn-downs had been met when the canvass was on here. Over \$3,000 is left in the committee fund; it was figured at least \$40,000 would be needed for a large pool.

Of the money left, it was suggested.

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### Rev. Gordon Adams Officially Inducted

Rev. Gordon Adams was officially inducted as the minister of Acton United church at a well-attended service on Thursday evening. Rev. Robert Oliver of Clarksville gave the charge. Rev. J. W. Stewart of Cooksville conducted the service.

Mr. Adams sat with Orwell Johnson, the clerk of session, and with members of the official board.

A reception in the Sunday school room followed the service, when Mrs. J. Moore, Mrs. H. Barr, and Jack McGaich spoke briefly, welcoming Mr. Adams to the church.

Rev. M. McFarlane of Georgetown also said a few words. Mr. Adams replied fittingly. The ladies served refreshments.

Mr. Adams was in charge of his first service here on Sunday, with Holy Communion.

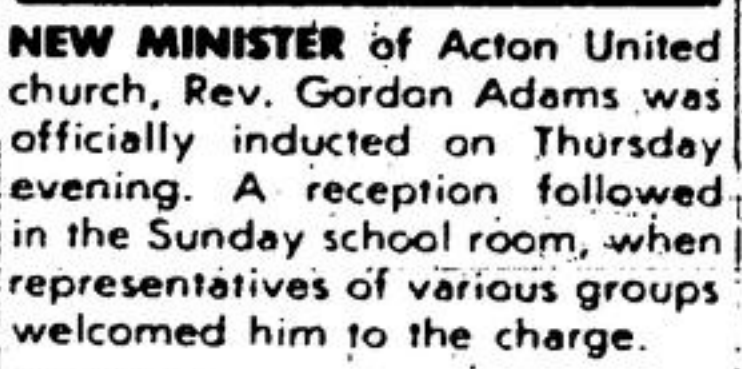
### Family Injured In Fatal Crash

On Thursday, June 30, about 3 p.m., while Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sayers, Bryan and Sandra, Ottawa, were on their way to spend the July 1 holiday with Mrs. Henry Sayers, R.R. 1, Acton, they were in a two-car accident on Highway 7 near Markham.

Mrs. James Smith, Toronto, driver of the car, lost control and veered into the path of the oncoming car driven by Earl Sayers. Mr. Smith was killed and Mrs. Smith suffered a broken back.

Mr. Sayers has a broken leg, cuts on head and face and multiple bruises. Mrs. Sayers suffered a broken nose and multiple bruises.

Bryan, age six, has a broken jaw, while Sandra, aged two, escaped with a few bruises. All were taken to East General Hospital, Toronto. Sandra was later released from hospital but Mr. and Mrs. Sayers and Bryan are still there.



NEW MINISTER of Acton United church, Rev. Gordon Adams was officially inducted on Thursday evening. A reception followed in the Sunday school room, when representatives of various groups welcomed him to the charge.

### Hot Shots, Muckers, Tied for Top Spot

Hot Shots and Muckers are tied for top position in the Acton Legion Minor Sports ball league as of June 30. Each team had won five games and lost three, tying up nine Jeta were close behind with nine points, the result of four wins, three losses and one tie. Wolf Hounds bring up the rear with six losses to their one win so far this season. They have three points.

Tuesday's games were cancelled because of wet grounds, and will be played later.

On Tuesday, June 28, two teams racked up 19 runs in the two scheduled games. Muckers overran Jeta 19 to 4 while the Hot Shots downed the Wolf Hounds 19 to 11.

Last Thursday's games saw closer matches with Muckers defeating Hot Shots 13 to 6 and Jeta copping a win from Wolf Hounds, 8 to 6.

The youngsters on these four teams will be playing in the Civic Holiday sports day the Legion is planning for Civic Holiday. There will probably be exhibition ball games as well.

## Antiques Lost As Home Razed In Nassagaweya

After an hour's delay as a result of insufficient directions, Acton fire brigade arrived at the levelled farm home of three Guelph men on the first line of Nassagaweya township when nothing could be saved. The alarm sounded at about 5:15 a.m. Sunday morning and firemen and police scoured the area where they believed the fire to be without success. Returning to the fire hall, they eventually learned through police radio communications the location of the blaze.

Firemen were able to cut the wires and hose down the ruins and surrounding area to prevent the fire from spreading, but could not save the nine-room home.

Owners, who hastened from Guelph when they learned of the blaze from a neighbor, are Les Churcher, H. Somerville and Tom Lawrence of the Royal Dairy in Guelph.

They enjoyed visits to the country on week-ends and in their off-hours. They explained that the loss of the house was most keenly felt in the contents of the house, which were genuine antiques collected over a period of years. They had old brass beds, spool beds, a large hooked rug and other valuable pieces of furniture. A new furnace ready for installation was lost in the basement.

A fourth owner of the home, Mr. Billings, passed away there last year.

Flames did not spread to nearby farm buildings. The house and contents were partially covered by insurance.

Owners of the razed building noted car tracks behind the house they did not think had been there on Wednesday, when they last left the house. They also spotted beer bottles and beer bottle caps near the kitchen of the house, where the fire started.

Neighbors, Nurses Friends, Fete Bride

Eleanor Margaret Cook of Limehouse was guest of honor at several social events, prior to her marriage on July 2 to Dr. Robert Russell Bower of Ottawa.

A miscellaneous shower was given by friends in Toronto at the home of Mrs. A. R. LeFevre, and Miss H. Robertson. Nurses and staff of Port Colborne General Hospital presented the bride with many lovely gifts.

A presentation and shower was given by friends and neighbors of Limehouse, Ballinastad and Ham-nockburn school.

A tea was held by the bride's mother for friends and neighbors on Saturday, June 25. Pouring were Miss M. Somerville and Mrs. Donald Kennedy.



ACTON'S FISH DERBY came off in successful style Saturday as nearly 150 anglers vied for prizes donated by local merchants in the contest conducted by the Chamber of Commerce. Here Wayne Mason, Acton, left, and B. Mochrie, near Eden Mills, compare prizes won for pike and bass catches.

### Park Gains Wider Popularity as Fish Derby Attracts 150 Entrants

Acton Chamber of Commerce's embryo fish derby came off in encouraging style last Saturday as nearly 150 anglers, old and young, from as far away as New York state took to boats, hip boats, banks and island slumps around sun-soaked Fairy Lake to compete for over \$100 in prizes.

Despite the 90 degree heat, crowds were large and fishing was good. Between 400 and 500 people moved in and around the park, which is fast gaining a reputation in this area as a resort for week-end picnickers and relaxation seekers.

The derby, which cast off at 8 a.m. and wound up at 6 p.m., drew entrants from a wide circle in this district, including Toronto, Hamilton, Brampton, Milton and Georgetown, Dundas, Guelph and Burlington. Fishermen from New York and Connecticut also tried their lines in the lake.

A long list of prize winners came in behind Alex Savickas, a Hamilton man who took the grand prize—a premier glass fly rod and reel—with the biggest catch of the day.

Many of the prize winners were boys under 18. Only one girl made the prize grade. Winners included: Bass: B. Mochrie, Eden Mills; Peter Hoochley, Guelph; John Reckel, Hamilton; J. Cressay, Acton; Jerry Carn, Guelph; Pike: W. McEachern, Acton; Wayne Mason, Acton; W. Hall, Toronto; Peter Marks, Acton; Barry Kirkness, Acton; Catfish: J. Jennings, Acton; W. Ramin, Acton; and W. Hepburn, Rockwood; Peter Newton, Acton; E. Lawson, Acton; and D. Harris, Acton; Paterson Harley, Dundas; and M. St. Albans Parish Hall every morning this week. Friday evening parents and friends are invited to see the work that has been accomplished in the short time.

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### Acton Legion Official Sponsors Of Thriving Minor Sports Project

At a Legion executive meeting Wednesday of last week, sponsorship of the Minor Sports club was accepted as a new project by the Acton branch. Members of the present Acton Minor Sports committee found the many southerners and teams too much for a few to direct, and asked help of the Legion. Former members such as, Vic Masters, Lorne Masters, Mike Bennett, Ernie Mark, Bill Waterhouse, Ab Irwin and Mike Coxe will still be directly connected with the teams under new sponsorship. Herb Woods was named committee chairman, with George Hollinger, secretary-treasurer.

With a club backing the group, assistance from the government may be applied for. This year a catcher's outfit, bats and balls have already been secured for the ball teams. Hockey sticks were supplied last year.

The Legion will supply leadership and financial backing for the Minor Sports committee, and already a major project to raise money is being planned by the group. This will probably take the shape of a Civic Holiday sports day in the park, with a calisthenic parade and fun fair the same day, still in the planning stage.

Minor sports teams are currently playing a regular schedule of baseball.

### Session in the Sunshine

## County Council Tours Tracts Tuesday

Members of Halton County Council digressed from the usual monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, and under the direction of C. R. Groves, district Forester of the Department of Lands and Forests of Ontario, made an inspection tour of the various tracts of land purchased by the County for reforestation and conservation purposes.

The group met at Campbellville and proceeded to visit each of 14 parcels of land located in various sections of Nassagaweya township. It is realized this township is second to none in Ontario for providing land suitable for reforestation and preservation of wild life, and many members throughout the tour expressed these thoughts.

At the outset Forester Groves warned the group of the danger of fire. "You gentlemen will realize the danger of fire in the forests at this time of year. I do not, have to remind you of smoking, you all realize the fire hazard is now at the highest it has been this year," he added.

For the balance of the trip it was noted members refrained from smoking until they returned to their cars, and then they used ash-trays to dispose of discards and ashes. It can be noted this would be a good practice for residents who wished to visit these lands to follow this example, being extra cautious with smoking and making fires in any bush areas.

In 1929 members of county council with the co-operation of the Department of Lands and Forests, purchased their first tract of land, 90 acres for \$18 an acre. The following year planting was begun and at the present time a beautiful catch of pine and spruce trees will be seen.

From that time until last year, council purchased 13 other parcels varying in size until total ownership of forest land reaches 1,242 acres. Much of this is of various types of forest, with at total of 400 acres planted with seedling trees.

Almost at every stop members gathered to ask questions of the Forester, and he co-operated in every manner. He explained trees were planted fairly close together, and as they grew a thinning practice was maintained. Trees cut were sold as Christmas trees, the money being placed to the credit of the county.

Members walked miles in the sweltering heat and the forests failed to provide much relief. As cars passed township refreshment booths cold drinks and ice cream seemed to satisfy for the moment. Not until the group visited the beaver dam area was the tour cut short. The sudden thunderstorm saw members making a hasty retreat to their cars.