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ATTEMPTS TO revive a five-year-old Hamilton boy discovered in Fairy Lake after several hours of searching failed Sunday afternoon. The lad, Henry Labelle, was on a picnic with his parents. An intensive search was followed by immediate application of artificial respiration on the beach for an hour and a half. The coroner pronounced the lad dead.

Hamilton Five-Year-Old On Picnic Drowns in Lake

While picnickers stood in a quiet semi-circle, doctors and firemen worked over the limp body of a five-year-old lad at Acton park Sunday afternoon.

The boy, missing for hours, was discovered in six feet of water. Artificial respiration was begun at once and continued for an hour and a half, when the boy was pronounced dead shortly after 7 o'clock.

Henry Labelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldos Labelle, Hamilton had just arrived for a picnic when he became lost. He was with a group of relatives and other children, including four brothers and sisters.

It was the first time the youngsters had been to Fairy Lake and they ran excitedly into the water right away. They were accustomed to the shallow water of a wading pool.

Join Search

After relatives searched the park area for the lad in vain, they informed gate superintendent Herb Fryer, who searched buildings, Mr. and Mrs. George Hargrave called the police. St. John Ambulance volunteers and picnickers joined in the search which extended into the town as well as out into the water.

O.P.P. Constable Bob Moreau patrolled the lake in a motor boat. Firemen were summoned and the siren alerted many other who followed the truck to the park.

A human chain was formed to sweep through the water. Finally, equipped with skin divers' equipment, Fred Fuchs of Toronto searched near the dock, and located the body 20 feet from shore, near the diving pier.

Use Resuscitator

Artificial respiration was begun immediately on the shore. Firemen with their resuscitator, the St. John Ambulance volunteers, Dr. W. G. C. Kenney of Acton, Dr. George Syer, Milton knelt over the small

It's War!

The wide-spread gas war hit Acton Tuesday. Prices started dropping until they hit 31.9 cents at some stations—a drop of 11.1 cents. Other stations are stopped (temporarily?) at 32.9 cents. There is a possibility they will go even lower, according to station owners.

The price war still rages in Milton, while lack of customers apparently closed two stations in Georgetown.

Business which dropped off when other centres dropped prices has picked up again here now.

Case Adjourned For Two Weeks

Roy Moss, who suggested he be charged rather than pay the admission fee to Acton Park, came up in court in Acton Monday. The case was adjourned for two weeks.

The board of parks management preferred charges against the man who refused to pay admission to gate attendant Bill Roszell on Sunday, June 28.

C.N.I.B. Director Anglican Preacher

The director of public relations for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Rev. Canon Jacques will be the special preacher at the 11 o'clock service at St. Alban's church next Sunday. The rector, Rev. H. B. Stokreef, will celebrate Holy Eucharist.

No Fines

With the library closed for vacation, some of the subscribers with books due are beginning to worry a bit about those fines that might be mounting up.

Librarians point out that there will be no fines as a direct result of the library holiday. The piggy bank is safe.

Find Escapees Charge Theft

Three escapees from Guelph reformatory are charged with the theft of an Eden Mills car following a prison break Tuesday evening.

County O.P.P. said they stole a 1952 Monarch owned by Peter Bosch of Eden Mills, but it was recovered when the escapees were arrested by Brighton O.P.P. on Wednesday.

One Job Each

Swarming all over the high school addition are seven separate groups of workmen, intent on their own aspects of the building which is to be ready by the first of September.

The electricians are wiring; the plumbers are plumbing; the ceiling men are working on the ceilings; the plasterers are plastering; the terrazzo flooring men are terrazzo flooring; the carpenters are carpentering and the block layers are laying blocks.

The spectators are spectating, as usual.

54th Anniversary For Well-Known Pair

A well-known couple, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Coles will be marking their 54th wedding anniversary tomorrow (Friday).

Both of them are active and busy. Although Mr. Coles was in the hospital not long ago, he was out standing guard with other Legionnaires when the Queen was in Guelph last month Mrs. Coles is a favorite of permanent staff members of the Ontario Boy Scouts Association, who still look forward to her cooking each year at Blue Springs scout resort. Mr. Coles was a scout leader here many years ago.

They live on Church St. with their daughter, Miss Jessie Coles. They attend the Baptist church regularly.

Mr. Coles, a veteran of the Boer War and World War I, was clerk of the court for many years.

Many friends will join the Free Press in extending congratulations.

Half Way

The year is half over, and statistics recorded for town show 10 marriage licenses issued, one birth and 33 deaths recorded.

Lot, Line, Township Vital For Right Fire Direction

Giving the correct and full directions to firemen was stressed this week again by fire chief Jack Newton Tuesday the truck sped in answer to a fire call, to the wrong line wrong township.

Only a second call, followed by a Bell Telephone employee chasing the truck's route, set the firemen straight.

All Through Area

Mr. Newton recalled that specially prepared cards in bright red and black to be placed beside the phone had been distributed by himself personally all through the district two years ago.

These cards have a blank for the lot number, line number and township. In many cases firemen themselves filled in these blanks in crayon before giving them to homeowners, urging that they put them beneath glass by their phones.

In response to requests for more of these, Mr. Newton had made several country calls at his own expense since then.

Appoint Johnny Goy Acting Mayor Protest Passenger Train Curtailment

Reeve Johnny Goy was appointed acting Mayor at Tuesday evening's council meeting. Reeve Goy will take over the Mayor's duties until Mayor Cook returns to the council table in about two weeks.

Deputy Reeve Jack Greer reported to council on behalf of the Road Committee which had held a committee meeting on July 6. Most councillors had attended the meeting which dealt with installation of driveway culverts, sodding of the drainage ditches in Glenlea; a report by the engineer of freezing of water services, and the paving and drainage program.

Ask More Notice

An administration committee meeting on July 2 had dealt with renewal of the municipal insurance which is to be further investigated. Councillors suggested more adequate notice of expiry would be beneficial in that it would allow a more complete study of insurance to be made, before the policy lapsed.

Councillor Lowe, reporting for the Welfare Committee, told councillors he had had discussion with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Rev. Canon Jacques will be the special preacher at the 11 o'clock service at St. Alban's church next Sunday. The rector, Rev. H. B. Stokreef, will celebrate Holy Eucharist.

Drill Shed Unlocked

Councillor Peel, speaking of an inspection at the park, inquired regarding the drill shed. He pointed out that the building was unlocked. The councillor explained the difficulties encountered in trying to maintain the locks and doors. He also reported a suggestion that a space heater be installed in the park dressing room which then could be used by municipal workmen during the winter.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law to enter in an agreement with W. J. McLeod covering the installation of the blinker light and police light at Mill and Main streets. The agreement had been forwarded by the P.U.C. to the council.

During enquiries of members

Acting Mayor Goy outlined to council the recent curtailment of passenger train service on the C.N.R. He outlined the problems citizens were faced with when the railway had cancelled stops by trains each day. The clerk was instructed to write the railway requesting restoration of the previous service or provision of a suitable alternative.

Council agreed to rent the council chambers to Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company for eight meetings in the balance of 1959. The rate was reduced to \$12 per day by the frequency of

Forms Off

Workmen at the new public school took the forms off their footings this week. They will be starting the brick work soon.

use by the insurance company.

200% Increase

A letter received from the Department of Highways engineer recommended to the Department a study of the traffic pattern at the junction of highways 7 and 25. The recommendation revealed there had been a 200% increase between the last two surveys taken and suggested that a growth since the last survey of similar amount would warrant the installation of traffic lights.

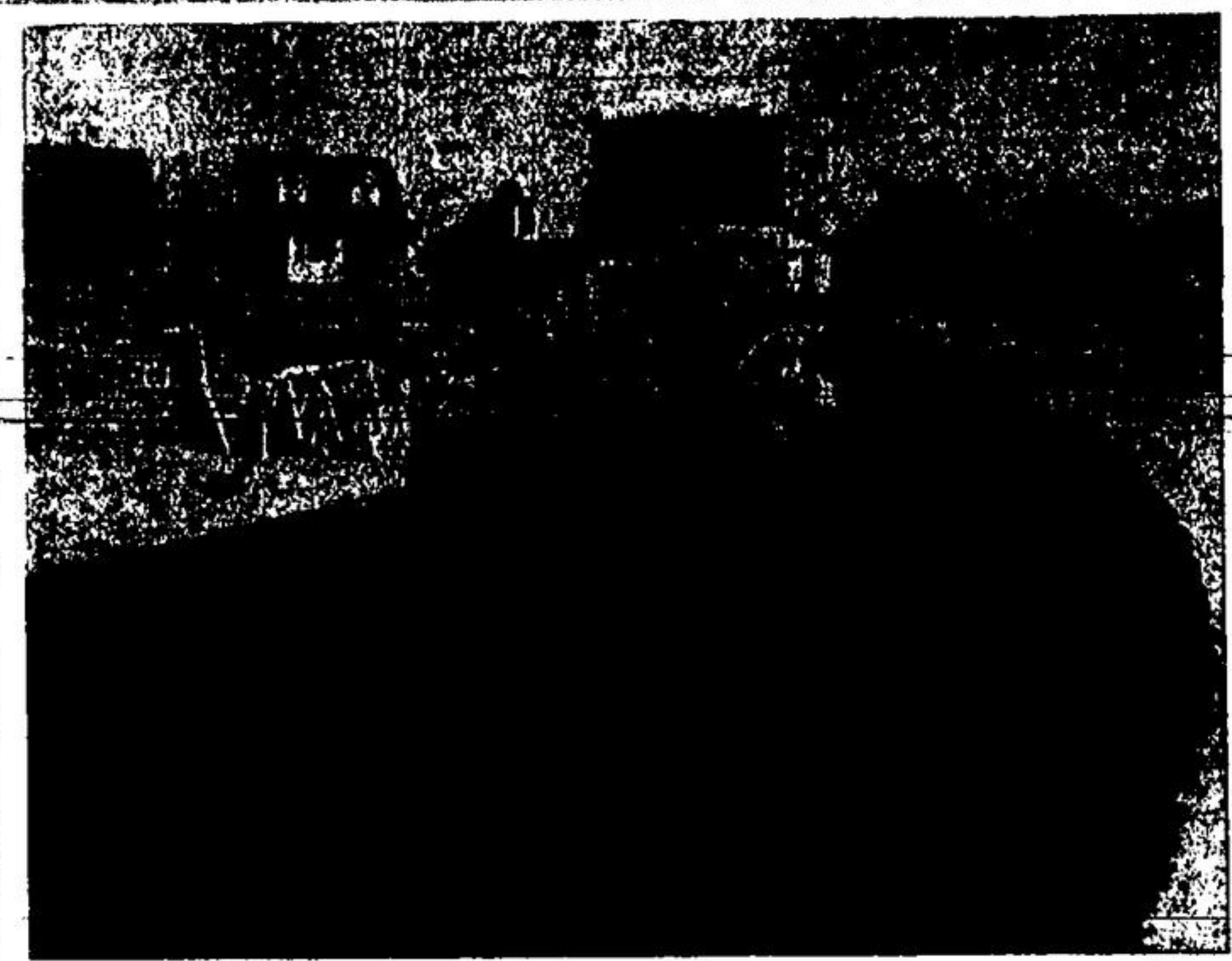
A letter from the Ontario Provincial Police gave an increased list of charges that would apply to 1960. A contract based on the increased costs was enclosed. The matter was turned over to the police committee for study and a recommendation.

Council decided to send legal representation to the County Assessment Equalization appeal to be heard in the early fall.

Acting Mayor Goy suggested a vacation time holiday for councillors from the regular meeting to be held July 28. After discussion council decided to hold the regular meeting but to allow councillors to miss one meeting in the year instead of cancelling a regular meeting.

A civic holiday was declared for August 3rd and a proclamation was to be issued.

Accounts passed on the recommendation of the various committees and the finance committee totalled \$5,351.31.



HOT BLACK layer of pavement spreads out behind this machine at Glenlea subdivision. Joe Pappasano operated the machine with Luigi Assalone and Bruce Kellar assisting. Goodson of Toronto have the contract. They will be finished this week.

11 Girl Campers At Humber Glen

The 14 Acton boys are home from Humber Glen Camp and 11 girls have taken their place.

Setting in their cabins on Sunday for a week were Sandra Irwin, Nancy Roganvaldson, Kathy McKenzie, Ruth Lamb, Wendy Masters, Carol Beatty, Sandra Shinglerland, Anne Fryer, Karen Perkins, Susanne Adams and Vivian Smith.

Mrs. Don Bothwell was camp nurse for the boys last week, and she has been replaced by another Acton volunteer, Mrs. E. Lidka.

The United church camp near Bolton features a grassy campus surrounded by cabins, with a dining hall, kitchen, sports areas and safe swimming area.

The girls are enjoying crafts, hikes, sports and worship.

St. John Class in First Aid Scheduled for Y in September

"You can be a good Samaritan and a trained one," urges Robert Hart, divisional superintendent of the St. John Ambulance brigade.

With careful plans being made for a series of lectures in first aid for a relative, friend or stranger were they badly burned?

"Do you panic when children meet with an accident?"

"Can you assist a person with a fractured limb to ease the pain and prevent further injury?"

12 Hours Training

Mr. Hart points out that 12 hours training under a competent instructor will give anyone the fundamental training to meet these and many other types of accidents with assurance and skill.

It is the plan of the brigade, with the co-operation of the Y.M.C.A. to set up a series of classes in First Aid to the injured. These lectures, beginning Wednesday, September 16, will last two hours an evening for six weeks. "We hope to have instructing this year, Dave Person of the Bell Telephone," Mr. Hart says.

The fee will again be low—\$3 per candidate.

An application form is published in the Free Press this week and all the members of the local division circulate application forms. Registrations will be taken any weekend when they are on duty in the park.

"We hope this will be the largest class ever held in the Y," Mr. Hart said with enthusiasm.

Estimate \$15,000. Damage as Small Tannery Razed in Tuesday Fire

The hopes of Gregor Mance went up in flames early Tuesday afternoon when his small tannery was completely destroyed. Mr. Mance, an expert tanner, had installed new equipment in an outbuilding at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Semanyk about two miles north of Crewe's corners and just began taking orders within the past few months.

Firemen dousing the flames in the collapsed building estimated the loss at \$15,000.

Wrong Directions

Another case of incorrect directions delayed the fire truck. After searching for the fire on the Blue Springs line, they were redirected following a second call from the farm. A Bell Telephone employee, Bill Bendz of Guelph, chased the fire truck to send it to the right farm in time.

Mr. Mance came to Canada four years ago. His father operated a tannery in Yugoslavia.

He lives at the farm with his wife and one young child.

A partner in the operation was a Polish man Bill Vutuan, who assisted on weekends.

Mr. Mance explained that sparks from a motor apparently ignited the tannery. A can of cleaning solvent and the five gallon drum exploded.

The tannery was located behind the barn a short distance from the house. Fortunately the wind did not blow sparks to ignite these buildings.

House Burned Before

Uppermost in the mind of Mrs. Semanyk was the memory of another fire at the farm, when their home burned down in the middle of the night several years ago. They have built a new home since then.

Firemen, exhausting the supply

of water on the truck, were forced to drive down the road to a stream before completing the job of dousing the flames.

Walls collapsed as the many months of work consumed before the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. Mance and Mrs. Semanyk. Mr. Semanyk was

not home at the time.

Neighbors hastily summoned were unable to prevent the flames from razing the building. It was not insured.

The blaze was a dangerous one for the firemen. They were unable to avoid a small filter bed, and live

wires lay on the ground. A vat of hydrochloric acid broke to pieces, with the acid splattering one man's rubberized coat and running a length of inch and a half hose.

The charred walls of the building were shoved in still in flames.

Mr. Mance and his partner, ex-

perienced in tanning, had hoped to establish a successful business. They had been in production, and rolls of finely tanned leather were ready for delivery when the flames broke out. Customers included Toronto manufacturers of footballs and an Acton firm.



SMALL TANNERY operated by Gregor Mance at the farm of Nick Semanyk was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Sparks from a motor ignited cleaning solvent and the outbuilding was soon a mass of flames. Equipment and hides ready for delivery were lost. Mr. Mance, an expert tanner, comes from Yugoslavia. Flaming walls had been pushed inward when photograph was taken.

Water Level Constant In Churchill Rd. Well

Members of the Acton Public Utilities Commission met in a regular but short meeting Thursday evening to transact their normal business.

In business arising from the minutes no reply had been received from the engineer regarding the depth of water services in Glenlea subdivision. No agreement had been completed in moving light standards in the Lakeview subdivision.

Finalize Agreement

An agreement with Wm. McLeod, regarding the blinker light at Mill and Main Streets and the police light on the McLeod building at the same corner, was received. Commissioners felt that the agreement should be signed by the municipal council. (The lights were installed several years ago and the agreement finalizes responsibility.)

Superintendent Mason reported the electrical job at Beardmore and Co. had been completed and was satisfactory.

Street lights are being broken regularly and every effort to halt this unnecessary waste of material and replacing time is to be taken.

Sewerage Accounts

Acton P.U.C.	\$ 126.02
Acton Motors	8.45
Acton Woodcrafts	21.20
Harlock & Schultz	31.50
Symon Hardware	10.98
	\$ 198.15

Hydro Accounts

Petty Cash	\$ 12.34
I.G.A. Super Market	2.75
Acton P.U.C., W.W.	4.42
Acton Motors	3.40
Franklin Prouse Motors	60.94
H. Palmer	25.00
The Bell Telephone Co.	59.52
The Acton Free Press	9.45
Underwood Ltd.	104.50
S. R. Hart and Co. Ltd.	50.05
Johnstone Electric Meter	22.85
Safety Supply Co.	1.50
The H.E.P.C. of Ontario	5.30
Smith Bros. Motor Bodies	1,440.33
Ellis and Howard Ltd.	40.58
Northern Electric	20.78
Dept. of Trade & Com.	67.75
James A. Kearney Corp.	62.30
	\$2,012.82

Record Consumption

In his report in the waterworks operation superintendent Lambert reported the record daily water consumption for this year had reached 300,410 U.S. gallons. The daily consumption averaged between 260,000 and 270,000 gallons.

He also reported the well on Churchill Road North was operating satisfactorily and that the water level in the well was remaining constant.

Accounts passed for payment were as follows:

Perfect Hand

Ivan Harris dealt himself a perfect cribbage hand at the Legion Friday night. He held the Jack of clubs, five of hearts, five of diamonds and five of spades in his hand and Lindsay Tolson of Guelph cut him the five of clubs.

Friends were hastily summoned over to the table to see for themselves. Mr. Harris has never had a perfect hand before, although he has been playing cribbage for 20 years. Mr. Tolson dealt one before.

To top off the perfect hand, Mr. Harris won the game!