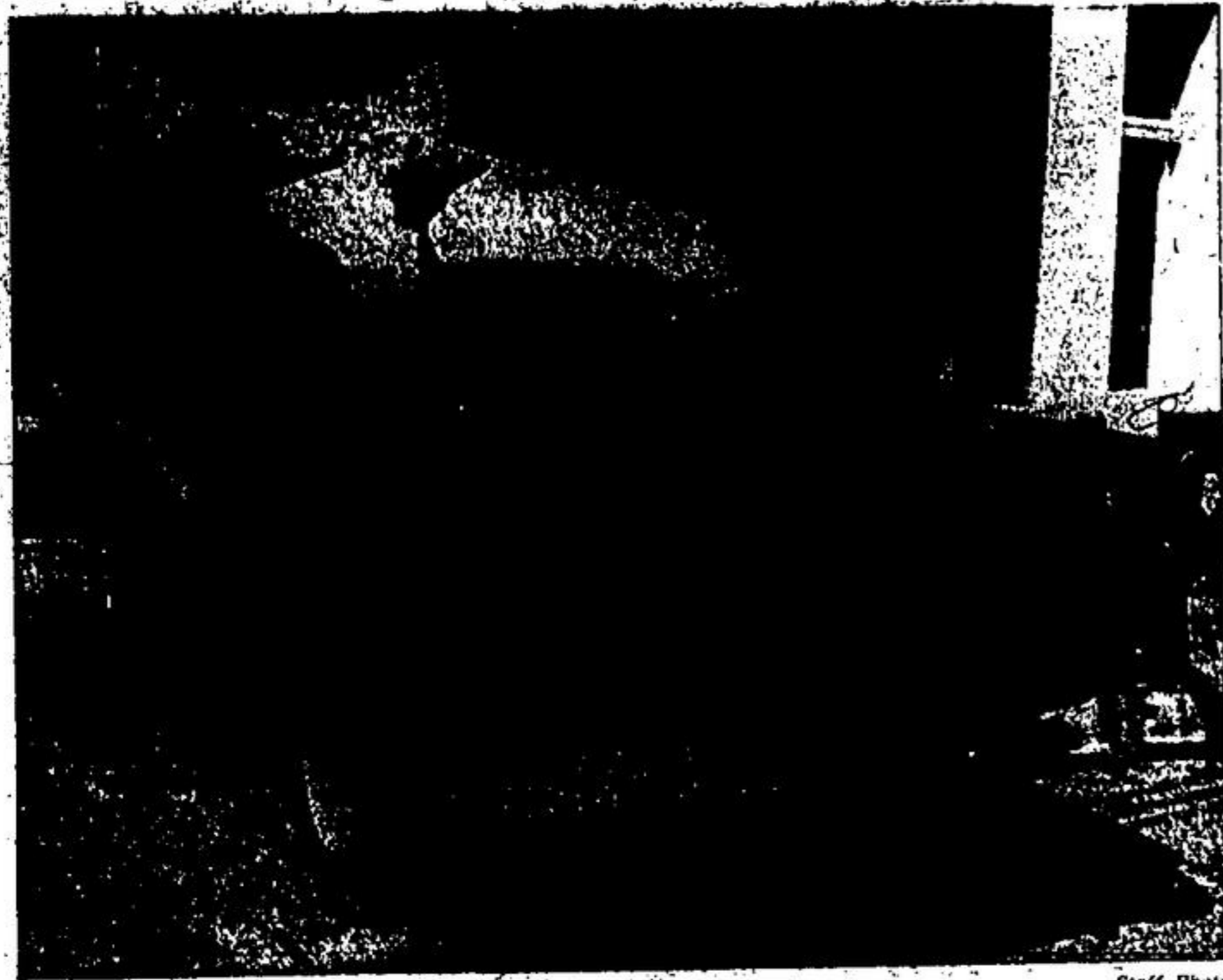


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\$500 DAMAGE was caused to this car owned by Charles E. Thompson, of R.R. No. 2, Acton, when a runaway team of horses crashed into it last Friday at the farm of J. Thompson, Acton. One of the equines ended up partly on the rear part of the body. Neither horse received any serious damage but the car took a terrific beating.

Horse Wins

Animal O.K. as Car Requires \$500 Repair

We have often heard of a horse fly but a "flying horse" is another story. Whether the mechanized age combined with the heat is beginning to affect a few of the remaining horses being used on the farm or not is questionable. On Friday of last week, a team of horses bolted and before being quieted down one of the team ended up in the back seat of a car, causing approximately \$500 damage. Not to the horse and the wagon but to the car. Honestly, despite the huge flies reported, the hot weather and the flying horses, the Free Press reporter has not been affected by the heat. It really happened. The story is told, Charles E. Thompson of R.R. No. 2, Acton, was assisting on the farm of his father, J. Thompson, harvesting hay. The team of horses, drawing an empty wagon, was halted at the gateway while the driver paused to open the gate. Apparently it has been customary for the team to proceed through the gate on their own once the gate is opened. This time one of the horses, a little high spirited, became frightened when the side of the wagon rack rubbed against the side of the gate.

Experimental paving of asphalt, tried on sidewalks. Experimental strips of asphalt have been placed on two stretches of sidewalk in Acton and the Streets and Road committee contemplates paving a third stretch on a trial basis. Councilor W. J. McLeod this week pointed out the asphalt top-ping applied to the sidewalk on the north side of Mill Street between John and Frederick Street has been completed and a third piece of sidewalk on the west side of Main Street between Mill and Church will possibly be completed shortly. Before the final application of asphalt was put down, by the Credit Valley Paving Company, collas primer was painted on to act as an adhesive and base coat before the final coat of fine asphalt was laid on. The entire process is approximately one inch in depth and if proven satisfactory will be a cheaper solution for sidewalk repair or replacement than the customary cement.

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300 Acton Boys Toronto Bound To See Doubleheader Ball Game. Arrangements have been completed with Rudy Schaeffer, of the Toronto Maple Leaf Baseball Club and Acton Legion Minor Sports for nearly 300 Acton boys and managers to pay a visit to Maple Leaf Stadium, August 30, to see a doubleheader ball game. The youngsters will be guests of the Toronto Maple Leaf Club as they play host to the Montreal Club in the Toronto stadium. Last year the Acton youngsters were guests at the stadium when Denis Gibbons of Acton won free season tickets to all games in the stadium on Rocky Nelson night. Alec Johnson, president of Minor Sports in Acton, expressed alarm at the possible shortage of cars for transportation of the boys to Toronto and sent an appeal out to anyone interested in attending the double-header free in order to provide transportation for the youngsters. Persons interested in helping out can contact Mr. Johnson or any member of the Minor Sports Committee. While at the stadium the youngsters are provided with a free hot dog and drink on behalf of Minor Sports and in order to make certain no one is neglected a soft-drink machine will be available.

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No Negligence on Part of Board In Accidental Drowning Verdict

Returning a verdict of accidental death by drowning, a five-man jury Thursday evening, August 13, attached no negligence to the Acton Board of Parks Management, during the coroner's inquest into the death of Henry Labelle, age 5, at Fairy Lake, Acton. During the two-hour inquest into the death of the Hamilton child, in Acton town hall, coroner Dr. G. E. Syer of Milton heard the evidence of eight witnesses, including H. A. McMartin and W. Clayton of the Ontario Division of the Red Cross water safety service. Mr. McMartin noted that he and N. West, field supervisor, had conducted a survey at Fairy Lake after the drowning on July 12 at the request of the Crown Attorney, Peter F. McWilliams of Milton. They presented their findings, conclusions and recommendations during the hearing. No Recommendations. After the jury returned their verdict, Mr. McWilliams enquired if they had any recommendations to make and William McKay of Acton, jury foreman, replied "Not at this time." The Crown Attorney informed the jurors he was disappointed they had not seen fit to adopt some of the recommendations made by the Red Cross. The first witness, Aidis Labelle, the deceased child's father, testified the pleniters from Hamilton, including 14 children, arrived at Acton park about three in the afternoon. He said the men planned to do some fishing and left the children with his wife and sister-in-law. Asked by the crown attorney if he knew what happened in connection with the drowning, Mr. Labelle informed Mr. McWilliams all he knew was the children had gone swimming. When his wife noticed young Henry was missing she asked the other children regarding his whereabouts and they said he had gone to the wading pool. When the missing boy was not located at the pool a search of the park was made, the Crown Attorney was informed. Mr. Labelle told the hearing that although young Henry could not swim, he liked the water. Found the Body. The next witness, Fred Fuchs of Toronto, who located the child's body about five feet east of the diving pavilion removed from the water, recalled he had been swimming in the area and when the search for the youngster began in the swimming area he left the beach and participated with the others. The Toronto man pointed out he had passed the youngster while swimming underwater. When he returned to the spot he thought he saw something and noticed an arm coming out from among the weeds near where an old tree was lying. Mr. Fuchs assured counsel the young victim was not trapped under the part of the tree in the water. He also suggested that since so many people were swimming in the area it was possible the young lad's body had been carried out that far. Coroner Testifies. Dr. Syer testified in the absence of Mr. McWilliams. (Continued on Page Two)

Dills Purchase Baxter Plant Plan Relocating in October

G. A. Dills, president of the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., announced this week that this firm had purchased the Acton plant of the Baxter Laboratories of Canada, located on Willow St. It is expected the publishing firm will move its plant and equipment from the present Mill St. site early in October following extensive renovations to the Baxter plant. The 22,000 square feet new building will provide for future expansion of the printing and publishing firm. For a period of several years sections of the building will be rented to other industry. Mr. Dills this week noted there were no immediate plans for abandoning the Mill St. location which, it is hoped, will be retained for the convenience of newspaper and printing customers. "Moving a printing plant is a formidable task but the wisdom of a move at this time was emphasized by the fact that no further space for expansion remained on the Mill St. site," Mr. Dills reviewed. "The Baxter building, vacant for two years, was probably zoned for our type of operation and appeared to be the answer to future expansion needs," the purchasing firm's president stated. "As one of Acton's oldest industries, we have always had a strong faith in the future of the town and worked for its progress. We look forward to still greater progress in keeping with that of the town we serve. Adequate room for expansion has always been a problem and the new move, it is expected, will overcome this difficulty," Mr. Dills said. The firm publishes the Acton Free Press, the Canadian Champion, Milton and also prints six other publications on the Goss Cox-type press installed two years ago. The press is one of the most modern type available and ideally suited to smaller publication work yet capable of meeting the demands of a small daily newspaper. The plant also produces a wide variety of commercial printing for Acton and Milton industries as well as other clients. The equipment of the Dills firm will be set up on the ground level of the Baxter plant in about 9,000 square feet with an additional 3,000 square feet on the same level being left for rental. Business and advertising offices of the publishing firm will be located in the offices formerly occupied by Baxters at the main entrance. The news office of the Free Press as well as production control facilities will be located on the plant level. Mr. Dills praised the co-operation of Reeve John Goy in arranging early interviews and tours of the building back in April when first consideration was given to purchase of the building.

Board Approves Penalty By-Law For Nonpayment to Acton Park. Acton Board of Parks Management Tuesday evening approved an amendment to a previous by-law in order to provide penalty fees for non-payment by persons for entrance to Prospect Park. The new by-law provides for a fine of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$20.00 with an alternative of 21 days' imprisonment with hard labor. This action was sparked by a recent court action when Acton resident Roy Moss was charged with wilfully and maliciously obstructing the duties of the park gate attendant when refusing to pay admission. Although dismissing the charge, Magistrate Longdon upheld the charging by-law but enforcement was not made since no clause in the by-law provided for any penalty. Following the approval of the amendment, chairman R. R. Parker questioned E. Pope's action in opposing the by-law and enquired, "I assume since you opposed the by-law you are not in favor of this action?" He was told by council's representative on the board, "Not in its entirety." Mr. Parker enquired if his action was the general feeling of council or strictly his own and was told the situation had been discussed at the conclusion of a regular council meeting and that of four councillors opposed the charging of Acton residents if it created a financial problem for certain families. Propose New By-law. A. Braids, solicitor engaged to draft a by-law to restrict camping and overnight parking in Prospect Park, presented the draft of the by-law. During the review of the proposed by-law, the board discussed means of controlling parking at Prospect Park, speed limit on the race track and overnight camping and trailer parking. Before Mr. Braids was given the nod of approval to prepare the by-law for its first reading, the board agreed on a 10 mile an hour speed limit on the race track parking facilities were to be designated, and strict restrictions were to be placed on camping and overnight trailer parking. Need New Locks. If Fryer, park attendant, was authorized to purchase five new locks for the change station doors, when it was reported the type of lock presently installed posed a problem as children were applying the night latch, locking the door when leaving the building. It was noted that the caretaker, busy at his work elsewhere on the grounds, had to unlock the door each time when notified of the occurrence. The board agreed to continue the duties of Mr. Fryer until the end of September and engage W. Rowel as gate attendant when required on Sundays. Following a complaint from the park attendant that benches were being dumped into the lake, the board agreed action would have to be taken to prevent this disturbance. To Review Fence. It was also agreed to have a fence surveyor review the line fence at the park following complaints regarding the caretaker building up pathways providing access to the park from private properties. A letter was received from J. Buckland of Acton, disagreeing with recent recommendations made by the Red Cross during the inquest into the drowning of a five-year-old youngster from Hamilton in Fairy Lake recently. Mr. Buckland made several suggestions in his letter regarding safety measures at the lake and the board acknowledged the letter for further action on safety measures before next season. Accounts were approved to the amount of \$80.00 for payment.

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Strong Protests

Open Deer Season Unsettled

Strong objections against a wide open deer season in Halton County this fall, were raised Tuesday afternoon at the August meeting of county council, Halton County. Warden Robert M. Reid appeared to seek council's views on the possibility of a hunt. When the protests were aired, no decision was reached. Prefer Legal Hunt. Mr. Reid said the Department couldn't recommend an open season, but would certainly welcome it to thin out the over-population of deer in the county. He said farmers, who usually complain about land and property being mistreated during hunting seasons, would prefer two or three days of legal hunting to six months of illegal poaching or "jack-lighting." In the past year and one-half, the Game Warden reported, 19 deer have been killed by cars and trucks, causing an estimated \$4,000 property damage. Numerous complaints have come from farmers who are losing crops and produce to herds as high as 32 seen in one field. Influx of Hunters. Neighboring Wallington County would "hold a hunt" surrounding counties would go along with a season, he said, but one county couldn't do it alone or the influx of hunters would cause trouble. Councilors wondered why the hunt couldn't be limited to county residents or to local sportsmen clubs to cut down on hunter damage, but the Game Warden explained an Ontario Licence permitted hunting anywhere in the Province.

Support Petition. Council approved support for a Trafalgar township request for signal lights at the Trafalgar Seventh Line-Dundas Highway intersection, and also discussed the need for a light at the Palermo corner. It was agreed to petition the Department of Highways to take over the Second-Line connecting link between the Dundas Highway and the Queen Elizabeth Highway. The road is at present a county road. The firm of H.A. White of Toronto as solicitor for the county in defending the 1958 equalization by-law was approved. The by-law will be appealed by Burlington at a September municipal board hearing. Progress Payment. First progress payment of \$58,388.50 was approved for Dell Construction for work on the Halton Centennial Manor addition.

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