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Swathed in Bandages, Bandits Rob Store, Escape With \$35

Two youths, their faces swathed in bandages, held up the Silvercreek General Store and made their escape with \$35 in bills Monday evening shortly after nine o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Van Hoorn, operators of the business, were alone in the kitchen adjoining the store when the buzzer sounded as the door was opened.

Mrs. Van Hoorn, coming to the counter saw one muffled youth standing near the counter inside the door. When she approached him on the opposite side of the counter he shouted, "Don't move—this is a holdup!" and motioned toward her with one hand in his pocket.

First believing him to be a prankster she soon realized the holdup was the real thing when she noticed the second man crouching behind the inside of the counter with the cash register drawer open and change on the floor.

Fled into Kitchen
"I don't know if I screamed or not but my husband said I did," Mrs. Van Hoorn recalled as she told how she fled through the store into the kitchen.

Hearing the common Mr. Van Hoorn made a lunge out the kitchen door toward the store when the youth at the counter picked up an adding machine and hurled it at him. The machine missed him but crashed to the floor and broke.

As Mr. Van Hoorn continued toward them the two robbers fled from the store and made their escape.

Children Alert
Neither Mr. or Mrs. Van Hoorn heard a car drive away but their two children upstairs in their bedroom told them later they heard a motor racing outside their window and then suddenly the car sped away.

The proprietor believes a third man may have been waiting in the car.

A handful of coins was missed by the youths in their hurry. The change scattered to the floor and was recovered.

Constable William Bennett of the North Halton O.P.P. Detachment was called to investigate. Roadblocks were set up but the thieves made their escape.

Mrs. Van Hoorn cannot recall how the second man was dressed but does remember the youth with his face partially hidden by bandages also had one hand bandaged.

Her first thought was that the man had been burned and she was on the verge of remarking, "My goodness, how did you burn yourself?"

The Van Hoorns are district dealers for the Free Press.

Gayle Hulford Sparks Easterners To Two Canadian Bowling Titles

Sparked by the stellar performance of Gayle Hulford, 19-year-old Acton bowler, the Eastern All-Star ladies' five pin bowling team overcame a marginal lead taken by Vancouver and by a mere 20 points won the championship in the Canadian Five Pin Bowling Finals at Calgary, Easter weekend.

In winning four out of five Canadian championships, Ontario bowlers proved their supremacy out west. The eastern champions won the men's and women's team events, swept the mixed teams competition and won the women's singles title.

Prominent Role
Gayle, making her first appearance in the west as an Eastern All-Star, played a prominent part in the winning of the mixed team event and the ladies' team championship.

Her ten game string in the mixed team event which included games of 310 and 269 has rated her by officials as one of Ontario's top performers.

In the ladies' team event the eastern girls blew a 300 pin first five game lead and went into the tenth and final game 42 pins down. It was here Gayle came through with her best performance of the tournament as she smashed out a 345 game giving her and her jubilant teammates the Canadian championship by 30 pins.

Of the six girls on the eastern team only five bowl during a game and Gayle, having completed a strenuous round in the mixed team tourney, was sitting on the sidelines looking on during the women's match.

In the ninth frame of the ninth game one of the eastern girls struck a snag and bowls failed to go where intended. At this point, coach Bob Totzke of Waterloo called on the Acton bowler to complete the game.

A spare and three strikes were notched by Gayle to end the game and pouring on one of her best efforts she came right back in the 10th and final game with a neat 345 to boot her team home to the championship.

Two Honors
Gayle garnered two honors, being the youngest ever to compete in national competition and being on two eastern championship teams.

She began her bowling career at the age of four and when she reached her 17th birthday smashed the former Eastern Ladies' record with a triple of 1057.

Gayle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hulford, proprietors of the Acton Bowling Lanes, and attended high school here.

Following a round of celebrations and western hospitality for the champions, the all-stars will return to their homes at various times. Gayle and her mother are due to arrive at Malton airport at 11 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

Walker Lodge was honored Monday evening by the visit of District Deputy Grand Master B. Omand and several other dignitaries as well as 62 guests from visiting lodges. Pictured above left to right are Worshipful Master J. Reid, D.D.G.M. B. Omand, Grand Senior Warden J. Talman, guest speaker, and Very Worshipful Brother H. Ritchie, lodge secretary.

County Pares 1960 Road Budget Pulls Rate Down to 5.5 Mills

Halt County Council set at the fees for the Warden and councilors for committee and one-quarter of a mill from 1959, and at the Tuesday April meeting. The appointments were set by law rate will provide for expenditures of \$917,488.11—with \$647,492.47 of fees—were upped from \$12 to \$16.35 mills for general expenditures and \$369,995.70 or two mills for \$20 per day in case of additional meetings, plus mileage at 10 cents per mile. Convention delegates will receive \$25 per diem to be paid in advance of the event.

The Warden's yearly salary was increased from \$800 to \$1,000 plus mileage.

No Planning Meets
Reeve I. Ryckman of Burlington wondered why the planning committee had not held any meetings this year, but council members informed him there had been no excuse for a meeting. "I would be extremely happy to call a meeting but we have nothing to work on," said Paulagan Reeve A. Phillips. He reviewed that last

year the county had invited Burlington planners to a joint meeting to discuss boundary zoning, but the Burlington board never replied.

"Unless we can get something instructive and constructive out of these costly gatherings," said Reeve Fred Tilley of Oakville. "It would be a shame to see it die but right now there is no work for it."

Suit on County
Council received notification from a Georgetown law firm that Mrs. Fernand Aubin was entering a suit against the county arising from the death of her husband at the C.P.R. crossing, Seventh Line, Hornby.

Engineer Roy Smith reported the Children's Aid Society repair of the two rooms in the basement of their building presently is complete.

\$35 CASH was taken when two youths swathed in bandages held up the Silvercreek General Store Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Hoorn, proprietors of the store, are pictured above as they view their broken adding machine thrown by one of the robbers. The robbery took place shortly after nine o'clock as the couple were sitting in their kitchen. A handful of silver was dropped on the floor and left behind as the intruders fled in a hurry.

Board Hires Two Lifeguards To Patrol Bathing Beach Area

The problem of a lifeguard at Fairy Lake during the bathing season was overcome Tuesday evening when Acton Parks Board hired Alfred Chopka and Mr. Visser were qualified lifeguards and were willing to accept the summer job.

Mr. Buckland in a letter also suggested four instructors of the Water Y's Swimming Club were qualified and willing to assist in any manner desired.

Appropriately designed sweaters were authorized to be purchased for the lifeguards for use while on duty.

Harold Townsley and Phil McCristall, representing the intermediate ball club were given permission for the club to use the park on Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoons during the ball season.

When told the club intended to charge admission, Mr. Parker reminded the delegates that some people might desire to go swimming at the same time as a ball game.

Mr. Townsley informed the board anyone desirous of going swimming would not be charged. Ways of overcoming having an attendant at the park gates to collect admission to the ball games were suggested. The delegates and board agreed to erect a sign at the gates on the days of games informing the public no charge would be made for persons going swimming.

A request from the delegates to have the park attendant assist with cutting grass on the playing field was received with approval and the board agreed to pay for welding of the cross irons on the baseball screen providing the ball club purchased necessary materials to put the screen in proper repair.

Minor Sports were granted use of the park for these days on the understanding no charge for admittance would be made before six o'clock Friday night and 11 a.m. Saturday. It was also stipulated they were responsible for cleaning the park of all litter and the person holding the concession at the park receive proper protection of his rights on these days.

In granting permission the board agreed to levy a \$50 charge for the use of the park.

The delegates were assured the racetrack would be graded for the occasion and gave permission to hold Go-cart racing on Saturday.

Tenders for the booth and pony concession were withheld until a special meeting on Saturday.

Mayor J. Gov informed the chairman he had some inquiries regarding the level of Fairy Lake and was told the dam had been let out for a period of time to allow overflow waters to escape but everything was back to normal again.

Secretary Mrs. G. Fryer informed the board eight picnic tables had been smashed when the curling rink roof collapsed during the winter.

Members of the board are R. R. Parker, Mrs. G. Fryer, G. V. Barbeau, I. Kilby, A. Irwin, G. A. Johnson and mayor J. Gov.

Accept \$161,334 Tender On New Brookville School

The tender of Ernest Hoffman Construction Co., Georgetown, of \$161,334 for construction of the new eight room Brookville Public School, was accepted by the Nassagaweya Township School Board last week.

The Hoffman bid was one of eight received for the construction of the new school that will contain eight rooms and an auditorium.

Announcing the acceptance of the bid, Trustee Art Gibson noted it was the first consolidated school in the township. "We believe the children of Nassagaweya will benefit from this move," he explained. Campbellville School will remain in operation but rural school section schools 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, will be closed.

Construction is to start immediately. The school will be ready for occupancy in September and the fall term. Architects for the building are Kjuschen and Dailey, Oakville.

Daylight Saving
For those who may grumble and claim they will lose one hour's sleep, come Sunday at 12:01 a.m., as they set their clocks ahead for Daylight Saving, a small consolation is to store for them as they look forward to the time it is gained back again Sunday, October 30, at 2 a.m.

During the last council meeting a by-law was approved to regulate these hours for Daylight Saving.

Fishing Contest

Trout anglers are beginning to gather their gear together in readiness for the opening of the trout season April 30. Again this year, the Free Press and several local merchants will be offering prizes for the largest trout caught in the adult and children's classes, within a 25 mile radius of Acton. The contest is open to both males and females in both classes and winners can be assured of valuable prizes.

Rules of Contest
Following are the rules and regulations governing the contest:

(1) All trout must be caught in water within a 25 mile radius of Acton.

(2) Contestants must register fish before cleaning at the Free Press office or after hours call Don Ryder at 439.

(3) In the adult class for speckled trout, first and second will be awarded for the longest trout caught.

(4) In the children's class for speckled trout, first and second will be awarded for the longest trout caught.

(5) In the brown trout class, open to everyone, the fish will be weighed and prizes awarded according to weight.

(6) A special prize will be given to the person registering the first trout (speckled or brown) measuring 12 inches or over.

Receive Prints
Pictures of the winners with their prizes will be published in the Free Press and the winners will receive a glossy print of themselves.

Any merchant not contacted to date and wishing to support the contest by donating a prize is asked to contact Don Ryder at the Free Press before Tuesday noon of next week.

Fire Levels Barn In Wednesday Fire

A barn was levelled and several pieces of equipment and a quantity of feed and grain were lost when fire of unknown origin raged out of control at the home of Harold Brown, R.R. No. 4, Acton, Wednesday afternoon.

The fire was first noticed around 4 p.m. by Mr. Brown and other workers sawing wood at the rear of the farm house.

A call was put in to the Georgetown Fire Department and a truck raced to the scene. Then shifts of firemen worked long after dark in an attempt to extinguish the last flame.

All stock was released from the flaming inferno and some pieces of farm equipment salvaged but lost were two wagons, a forage harvester blower, a milking machine, some hay and straw and a large quantity of seed grain.

The barn built in 1924 was insured but a total estimate of the loss was not known at press time today.

New Writer

The Free Press this week welcomes Mrs. Robert Wright to its staff of correspondents. Mrs. Wright assumes the duties of correspondent for Eden Mills following the recent death of Mrs. W. J. Lowrie, former correspondent.

Car Strikes Pole Youths Injured

Two young men received facial cuts and bruises and a third escaped injuries when the car in which they were riding was totally wrecked early Friday morning when it swerved out of control striking a hydro pole on Main Street north.

Driver of the car John Rasanen, received facial cuts above the right eye requiring three stitches. Everett Cosgrove required stitches for facial cuts and a knee injury while Kenneth Wiles, another passenger escaped injury. All youths were from Toronto.

The accident occurred in the early morning hours when the car was proceeding to make the curve at number 7 highway and Main Street north, when it went out of control, snapping the hydro pole, damaging wires and a transformer.

Constable Merv Harness of the local O.P.P. Detachment investigated and stated the car skidded nearly 100 feet.

Easter Seal Returns Exceed Last Year's

Mac Sprowl, chairman of the Easter Seal program for the Acton Rotary Club, reported Tuesday night during the dinner meeting that returns from this year's campaign had exceeded last year's total during the first seven days of the campaign.

The chairman informed the members that \$725 had been received to date since mulling was sent out the week previous.

Heard Speaker
During the meeting Rotarians heard Victor Gunn, parole and rehabilitation officer, explain the system undertaken to rehabilitate juvenile delinquents.

Mr. Gunn has been active working with the Bowmanville and Brampton reform schools and detailed the procedure adopted in his work, when attempting to place youngsters in industry and other places of work.

The weekly dinner was followed by a rousing sing-song and a brief business session.

List Wrong Drivers In Two-Car Accident

In a story in last week's issue, the Free Press erroneously transposed the drivers of two cars involved in an accident on Highway 7 April 7.

Alec Wilson, 133 Queen St., Acton, was the driver of a 1958 Oldsmobile which was left parked at the roadside when it ran out of gas. James Ellison of Glen Williams was the driver of a Cadillac which collided with the vehicle. Any inconvenience caused through the error is sincerely regretted.

90 Years Old

Congratulations to S. E. Griffin, R.R. 2, Acton, who celebrated his 90th birthday Wednesday, April 13. Details of a surprise party held for him by friends and neighbors are included in Churchill news.



FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN levelled a barn owned by Harold Brown, R.R. 4, Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Brown and neighbors sawing wood near the farm home noticed the fire about 4 p.m. and sent a call to Georgetown Fire Department who rushed to the scene. The fire had gained headway and firemen were only able to prevent nearby buildings from igniting. Lost in the blaze were several pieces of equipment, a quantity of hay and straw as well as seed grain for spring planting. All stock was removed from the building in the nick of time and taken to neighboring farms.