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Dragged by pony, girl dies

A young Erin girl, formerly of Ballinacred, was buried on her eighth birthday in Erin cemetery on Friday.

Brenda Swindelhurst, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swindelhurst, R.R. 1, Erin, was killed when her pony bolted and dragged her, on Wednesday.

The girl was walking her pony to the Swindelhurst barn when something scared the animal. While her mother watched helplessly, the girl became entangled in the harness and was dragged along the ground, badly injured. She passed away a short time later.

She is survived by her parents and four brothers and sisters, Brian, Allan, Lynn and Connie.

The family moved several years ago from Ballinacred to above Erin. They were well-known, and the Weddell Funeral Home, Erin, was crowded with sympathizing friends on Thursday evening. Private funeral service was held on Friday — the girl's birthday — with burial in Erin Cemetery.

Engine fire ruins car

Monday evening fire destroyed a car driven by Jim Fryer of Guelph. Fire broke out in the engine and the car was driven into the ditch. A neighbouring farmer Lloyd McEnery, R.R. 2, called Acton firefighters since the car was beside a field of grain ready to cut. The metal top of the 1960 Consul had been cut off by the owner before the fire.

Ask for costs

Repair township offices

Extensive repairs to the four-year-old township administration building will probably be undertaken this fall, members of Esqueving Township Council decided Monday evening.

They authorized Joe Winder of Eno Chip Building Restorations, Milton, to bring in a cost estimate on the necessary repairs for their September meeting. The firm had inspected the building and recommended replacement of about 2,000 cracked and defective bricks, repointing of open mortar joints, sealing of mortar joints with a synthetic rubber, installation of flashings under all the sills, installation of expansion joints on the sills and an application of silicone to waterproof the building.

Mr. Winder said leaks in the building and a white salt appear-

ing on the interior walls was mainly an architectural fault. Water is penetrating the brick through the mortar joints, they explained.

In other business, the council instructed the treasurer to bill trailer owners at a Normal trailer camp for taxes.

Decided to review staff salaries, holiday periods and mileage payments annually, following a request for a raise from one staffer.

Gave third reading to a by-law to close the road allowance between Lots 27 and 27, Concession 2 and sell the land to adjoining owners.

Learned the township's share of warning signals at the Five Sideroad C.N.R. crossing would be 12 1/2 per cent of the total \$15,000 cost.

New secretary

Art Cooper recommended to fill parks, recreation board vacancy

Parks and recreation committee had a reshuffle Thursday evening which filled the board and the secretary's position, and members considered adding even more members above their specified number for "exchange of ideas."

Art Cooper, who resigned as secretary-treasurer, was the board's choice to fill the vacancy on the board left when Harold Townsley resigned to become a reeve and parks manager. The board will recommend to council that the appointment be made.

Mr. Cooper's replacement is Mrs. Townsley, who does office work in the community centre as well as acting as board secretary-treasurer.

The joint board follows the requirements for a parks board with five citizens and two members of council sitting on it. However, additional members could be appointed to the recreation committee, and would be able to make recommendations and give advice but couldn't vote.

Whether this would be cumbersome, or an asset, was discussed for awhile and the matter was left over for consideration.

Reaction to the new system, tried experimentally this summer, of restricting vehicles to the parking lot at the park entrance, has been varied.

Since traffic has been cut off

from the park, revenue has dropped. Some out-of-town picnickers have left the park on weekends refusing to pay the \$1 for parking if they have to walk to the picnic and swimming areas.

"What we have is an experiment," chairman John Goy reminded the board. "We have a choice: more picnickers and more traffic, or less revenue and no traffic."

"Some people cannot walk that distance," Ted Tyler Jr. said. He suggested an alternative way would be to allow single parking on one side, with guard rails.

A motion was passed that the

park superintendent be authorized to open and close the inner park gates to the public at his discretion for the rest of the season. (Cars have been allowed in since.)

With chairman Goy presiding, members present were Mrs. Helen Otterlein, Hugh Patterson, Earl Masales and Ted Tyler Jr. Art Cooper, who had to leave the meeting early, introduced his replacement, Mrs. Townsley, saying "she's doing an admirable job."

New arena and parks manager Harold Townsley presented his

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450 gallons of oil lost detergent found in tanks

A 24-hour watch is being maintained on equipment at the park, following the loss of 450 gallons of fuel oil. Some time Friday night or Saturday morning, detergent was poured into the fuel tanks of five machines involved in the dredging project at Fairy Lake.

The foreman Bill Weatherby, spotted the soap suds before work was started in the morning. When he investigated, he discovered other tanks also had the liberal amounts of detergent

powder in them.

Cummins Const. lost 450 gallons of fuel oil, including 350 that had to be drained from the saddle tank of a tractor.

Acton Constable Pat Thwaites found fingerprints on one of the empty detergent boxes and the investigation is continuing.

The foreman spent the balance of last weekend on guard. Since then guards have arrived to stay full-time in the park to keep watch on the equipment.

"Old Fashioned Days" precede fall fair

The hands of time will be turned back in Acton when Acton Businessmen stage "Old Fashioned Days" from September 5 until September 16.

A total of 37 business places are taking part in the program and the town will be bustling with activity as merchants decorate their windows, don old fashioned clothes and stage sidewalk sales.

Patrons will be able to win one of many fabulous prizes which will be drawn for the last day of the program at the Acton Fall Fair, September 16.

In most business places participating, customers will receive a coupon for every \$1 purchase. After they fill in their name, address and phone number, the coupon is deposited in a box in the place where the purchase is made.

At the I.G.A. Food store, A-B Super-

market and Acton Red & White store, customers will receive a coupon (of different denomination and color) for every \$5 purchase. These will be completed at the others but a special prize will be offered by these business places only for coupons of the \$5 value. Draws for the prizes take place at the Fair on the Saturday.

Special sales will be advertised during the two week period in the Acton Free Press and on each advertisement will be a special crest denoting "Participating Merchant."

The program is sponsored by the Acton Chamber of Commerce which is hoping everyone in the district will take advantage of the special sales and join in the fun.

Watch for the program to start September 5 and be sure to ask for your coupons accordingly.

Con man reported to police posing as bank inspector

"If anyone calls you identifying himself as a bank inspector or police officer - don't believe it!" Acton police issue this warning of this week following report of three phone calls last week from "con men."

Three older citizens received phone calls inquiring about money on Thursday and Friday of last week, and promptly reported all the details to the police.

One man thinks he might have seen the caller in a phone booth. He provided a description and the first two numbers of the man's car license plate.

The first call reported was made to Miss M.Z. Bennet, Lake Ave., on Thursday. She talked with the man, who said he was both a bank inspector and Windsor policeman, but gave him no information. She contacted the police and investigation began immediately. Other departments concerned were notified; phone booths were checked and the police were on the alert for unfamiliar persons. The house was watched, but no further contact was made.

The next day, Friday, two similar incidents were reported. Mrs. Iva Simmons, Mill St. E., had a phone call from a man claiming to be an inspector from the Bank of Nova Scotia. He enquired about the serial numbers on bills at her home, saying he was checking the authenticity of the bills. She became suspicious and called the police office. Phone booths were again checked; the banks were notified and had no knowledge of any such investigator - or such unorthodox procedure.

Her home also was watched. The same day Clarence Gamble, Park Ave., reported two calls, one the previous day asking for "George Gamble". On Friday the caller again posing as an inspector said there was an entry on his account for the Toronto Dominion Bank, and asked to know his balance, account number, and how he signed his name.

After Mr. Gamble phoned the police, he walked downtown and watched a man in the Mill-Willow pay phone booth walk across to the Bank of Montreal, look in the window and then return to the booth to make another call. The man drove off with a companion in a late model navy blue compact car with the license number beginning with the digits 36. He said the caller was between 30 and 40, between 5 foot 10 and six feet tall, heavy built with a square face and black receding hair.

No repeat calls were made to either Mrs. Simmons or Mr. Gamble.

Contact the police immediately if any such calls are made, the police warn citizens this week. If they are not in the office, call Zenith 50000 (it's in the phone book under Ontario Government Provincial Police) and the local police will be contacted by car radio. There is no toll charge

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Centennial traveller Kathryn Sinclair returns from two-week trip to Alberta



CENTENNIAL TRAVELLER Kathryn Sinclair of Ballinacred represented Acton high school in the Youth Travel program this year. She returned Saturday from Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and holds the symbol of the city, a peace pipe. The 24 young people in her Ontario group were given special white hats and travel bags for identification. (Staff Photo)

Kathryn Sinclair, who hadn't been out of Ontario before this summer, has been both east and west now.

In the spring she joined the Acton High School group on their expedition to Expo.

And she returned Saturday from Wetaskiwin, Alberta, where she represented the Acton High school as a "centennial traveller."

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sinclair of R.R. 1, Glen Williams, near Ballinacred, she is going into grade 12 in the five year arts and sciences course at the high school.

"It has really been exciting," she exclaimed as she reminisced this week about some of the highlights of her happy two weeks out west.

The group of 24 students and two chaperones left Oakville on August 7 - two weeks later than expected. Their chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Art Reid of Oakville; Mr. Reid is a teacher at White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville.

Before the group left, Kathryn got to know Sue McDonald and George Henderson from Georgetown, but by the return trip she knew all of the two dozen really "wonderful kids."

The Youth Travel program has been in operation the past couple of years (and previously included Acton students Russell Masales and Murray Jamieson). This year, however, they were all called "Centennial Travellers" and issued with distinctive white hats, travel bags and name tags.

"The main purpose of the exchange was to get to know other Canadians and to see their way of life, and to get to know more

about them," Kathryn explained. The group travelled by train, having a car to themselves. They played cards and sang, and thoroughly enjoyed the time spent in covering ground.

Wetaskiwin has a population of 6,001. The students were billeted. Kathryn and another girl from Ontario stayed with Dr. and Mrs. Bellam and their four children, for a week.

There was a civic reception for the group, and the city officials presented them with a little coin and a peace pipe, the sym-

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Hit by car girl injured on Mill St.

Three-year-old Marlene Helen Schompp darted out from between parked cars Sunday morning and was struck by a car on Mill St. in front of Wiles' bus depot. The car was driven by Dr. Douglas C. Maplesden, R.R. 2, Neshaic Station, New Jersey, who jammed on his brakes and swerved but was unable to avoid hitting the child. Police report skid marks showed for 19 feet. The car was nearly stopped when it struck the child, a witness said.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Schompp, Mill St., was treated at the scene of the accident by Dr. D. Garrett, and taken by John Creighton Jr. to Guelph General Hospital. She received bruises, abrasions and a broken left foot.

Dr. Maplesden, formerly of Acton and Guelph, was visiting here.

Grade 13 graduates continue education

There are 13 secondary school graduates at Acton High school, following announcement of grade 13 results last Wednesday. There were 18 students eligible for diplomas and 13 will receive them at graduation. "It's reasonably close to what we expected," principal Ted Hansen said.

86.2 per cent of papers written were passed. There was no restriction or fee charged this year for persons with low marks during the year.

Last year 18 students received diplomas from 24 eligible. This year's class was smaller. "The streaming has likely cut down on misfits," the principal commented.

For the second year in succession, the two top students are very close. Nancy Winter received 75.4 per cent on nine credits; Susan Clark has 74.2 per cent on 10 credits. In their top seven papers their average is just .1 per cent apart. Seven credits are required for a diploma.

Steven Coles shared the problem. The top scholarships were split between them.

Nancy Winter received four firsts among her nine credits. She was accepted at Waterloo University in May and expects to take mathematics.

Susan Clark with three firsts will be taking science at the University of Guelph. She also had zoology from a previous year.

Eleanor Heard with eight credits will be attending the University of Toronto. She was one of only two students who took Latin with Mrs. Martindale. The other was Gayle Withers, another of this year's graduates with eight credits.

Elizabeth Cook expects to take lab technology at Sheridan College.

Mori Harris will be attending the University of Guelph, expecting to specialize in marine biology.

Last year Tom McKeown and

Martha Hoey, who completed grade 13 this year, hope to study fine arts at Sir George Williams University, Montreal.

Linda Linham, who is away in Maryland on a 4-H tour, got part of her grade 13 last year. She will be attending Lakeshore Teacher's College.

Dan Arbic and Vern Denny also completed the course this year.

Lorne Scots on guard

This past week only, the Lorne Scots Regiment was officially in charge of the Ontario Parliament Buildings in Queen's Park, Toronto.

the guard ceremony at Queen's Park. The Scots are acting as the "new guard" to relieve the Royal Regiment.

Tonight (Wednesday) they will be relieved of the command when the 48th Highlanders of Canada will march up to replace the "old guard" of Lorne Scots.

Wants own fire brigade Esqueving planning hall

Esqueving Council is serious about starting its own fire brigade to serve the north-east corner of the township.

Councillors are upset over new financial arrangements to have the Georgetown brigade cover the sector surrounding Georgetown, which the Esqueving councillors describe as "over three times as high as last year" and containing a clause which would allow the town to "opt out" of the agreement on three months' notice.

At Monday's meeting of township council, architect Ray Stupe of Nobleton was interviewed and given authorization to prepare sketches of a new township fire hall. It would be erected on the south portion of the township's five-acre municipal administration site on the Seventh Line.

ed several township and village fire halls in the district. He designed the fire halls at Nobleton, Caledon East and Bradford.

Idas expressed at Monday's meeting indicates the township wants a hall about 36 by 64 feet with a double bay to hold two fire trucks, and an attached meeting room for the brigade. The architect said he would have some sketches ready for a meeting next Monday.

Mr. Stupe was called in after a committee of councillors toured

problem in organizing a sufficient staff of volunteers to man the hall.

Esqueving would still continue its cost-sharing agreements with the fire departments in Milton and Acton when the new brigade is organized for the Georgetown area. Milton covers the township as far north as 15 Sideroad, while Acton covers the north end, east to the Fourth Line.

Land hassle cut short

A conflict between owners adjoining a street in Glen Williams started to get aired before the Esqueving Council on Monday, but the discussion ended abruptly.

Mr. Beines agreed to a postponement so that all parties could be independently represented. The dispute involves Norm Norton, who asked the township to close the road so he could get a clear title to his home, and neighbouring landowners Jack Lucas and Gary Cooper who objected to closing a portion of the street without closing it all.

At the request of Councillor Pat Patterson, discussions on closing Glen St. from Guelph St. to Credit St. was postponed until September 5. Mr. Patterson objected to the township's solicitor Terrence Beines of Georgetown representing one of the landowners involved in the dispute, because his part time work for the council might represent a "conflict of interest."



LONDON BRIDGE frames eager young pupils at the Vacation Bible School at the United church. The two-week-long sessions conclude this Friday, after a closing concert Thursday. Over 110 children registered. Leaders directing the popular game (above) are Sandra Irwin and Terri Dowding. (Staff Photo)