

Jail break

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week for the knife slaying of a Toronto youth at Burlington in the summer of 1967, and had been sentenced on Friday to life imprisonment.

Lebar was awaiting trial for helping in an attempted robbery of a Burlington motel last August. He was on parole after a term in jail on an earlier robbery with violence charge.

Milton Police Chief Ray Andress, who headed up the jailbreak investigation, said all three escapees were charged Monday with "breach of prison with violence". Other charges are being considered.

The bizarre, escape, intense search, the daring recapture of three of the men and the all-night vigil of police officers around a triangle of bushland at Campbellville made it an exciting but fearful night for the villagers.

The four men, cellmates in one block of the old jail, apparently overpowered jail guard Lawrence King, 64, of Milton in the shower room of the jail Sunday evening and beat him severely with clubs. Police said they broke up a pair of crutches one of the prisoners was using for a leg injury, and used the pieces for clubs.

Mr. King suffered severe facial and head wounds and was later rushed to Milton Hospital in a police cruiser. Tuesday, the hospital reported his condition was satisfactory and a nurse said he was "up and around" a little.

The prisoners also beat up guard corporal George Hilton, leaving him with a broken nose, two blackened eyes and head wounds, then rifled his pockets and stole his money and car keys. They apparently got into the jail office and rifled envelopes containing the other prisoners' belongings in their search for money.

Escaping through the kitchen section of the jail, they scaled a wooden wall at the east side of the jail and drove off in Cpl. Hilton's car, a 1961 Buick. A man spotted two of the men going over the wall, and immediately notified police, who called for help from surrounding police departments and rushed to the jail.

The jail doors were locked from the inside and no-one answered the jail phone, so the five department was called in with ladders to scale the wall and allow police to enter.

Meanwhile a description of the wanted car was broadcast. Const. Dave Halliday of Waterdown O.P.P. rushed out from his office and was sitting at the corner of Guelph Line and Five Sideroad in the centre of Campbellville when he saw the wanted car go past, heading north on Guelph Line. He radioed his position and gave chase through the village until the Hilton car spun out of control at the entrance to Highway 401.

Const. Halliday said he pulled his cruiser in behind the car and grabbed his 30.30 rifle. He ordered the men to lie on the ground and two of them, McKenzie and Woods, did. But McCabe and Lebar ducked out of his sight behind their car and fled into a nearby field leading to a bush.

The constable said he fired four shots in their direction but it was too dark to see properly. Cruisers from Milton O.P.P., Constables Bob Haines and Jerry Terryberry, the first to arrive, handcuffed McKenzie and Woods and rushed them back to the jail in their car.

Both were handcuffed with their hands behind their backs and placed in the back seat of the cruiser. On the way back to



STILL WEARING A STOLEN RAINCOAT, escaped prisoner Charles Lebar, 42, of Georgetown is returned to Halton County Jail in Milton by Consts. Wally Jordan of Milton O.P.P., Len Pickett of Milton P.D. and Herb Collins of

Burlington P.D. He was apprehended in a stolen car on Highway 25 north of Milton by Const. Doug Ormsby of Milton O.P.P., just after 2 a.m. Monday.

jail, Const. Haines said later, McKenzie tried to push the driver's seat of the cruiser forward with his feet, but the seat was locked in place and the attempt failed.

By the time they got back to the jail, both prisoners were quite subdued and calmly walked into the jail smoking cigarettes. In just a little over an hour after their escape, they were back in cells and well separated from each other.

Cpl. Larry Kneale, rushing along Highway 401 to the Campbellville overpass where the getaway car and two men were captured, said he spotted Lebar trying to thumb a ride on Highway 401 halfway between the Guelph Line and the Five Sideroad overpass. He quickly wheeled his cruiser around, "but by the time I got turned around and got back there, he had disappeared." Kneale said he thought he saw the man's white shirt disappearing into the bush on the south side of the road so he radioed for help and within a minute, cruisers from surrounding departments had the triangle bounded by 401, Guelph Line and Five Sideroad cordoned off.

Since it was into this triangle the two men had run away from Const. Halliday, police figures they were both trapped in there. More officers were called in and they soon began arriving from Kitchener, Downsview, Oak Ridges, Bramford, Whitby, Burlington, Port Credit and Brampton O.P.P. detachments

and from Burlington and Hamilton Police Departments.

Two police dogs were also called out, one from Hamilton P.D. and one from the O.P.P. office in London. By midnight the dogs were tracking across the rugged terrain but the time lapse gave them problems, as did the damp ground which covered up scents.

Shortly after midnight the police squad had built up to around 60 men and the entire area was effectively ringed with police every 50 feet. Several cruisers patrolled the roads in the area and police carrying rifles and sawed-off shotguns stopped many cars to question occupants and search trunks.

Meanwhile the village residents had been alerted to lock their doors and leave their lights burning. Police searched all barns and vacant buildings in the area, checked with train crews at Guelph Junction to make sure no-one had hopped slow freights on the nearby C.P.R. line, and searched around quarries and gravel pits in the neighborhood.

Through the night a thick fog began building up and soon visibility was practically down to zero.

A few minutes after 2 a.m. Mrs. Lloyd Chisholm of Campbellville Sideroad near the Sixth Line telephoned Milton O.P.P. to report someone had just driven their car out the laneway and headed east toward Highway 25. A cruiser driven by Const. Douglas Ormsby of Milton O.P.P. was at Highways

401 and 25 when the stolen car report was broadcast on the radio, and a minute later he spotted a car matching the wanted car's description heading south on Highway 25.

"We met about Durante's Service Station," he said later. "I did a U turn and caught up to him and flashed the light at him." The suspect pulled the car over and Const. Ormsby pulled the police car in behind, but just as he went to get out of the cruiser the Chisholm car quickly shot into reverse and smashed into the front of the cruiser.

The constable jumped out and pointed his revolver at the suspect, who was trying to drive his car away. But the wheels were spinning because the two cars had locked bumpers.

The driver was Charles Lebar. He identified himself as Lloyd Chisholm, but Const. Ormsby didn't believe him as he knew Mr. Chisholm.

Ten minutes later Lebar was back in jail. His shirt was wet and ripped, indicating a hasty trip through the dense bush in the Campbellville area, and he was wearing a plastic overcoat owned by Mr. Chisholm.

Police kept their vigil at Campbellville throughout the night. Bruce McGregor and the Halton E.M.O. emergency feeding van were called out to provide coffee for the men, and a volunteer Jim Kett of Milton helped him. Several women from the Campbellville area supplied coffee and sandwiches to the men.

FAIR WEEK NEWS

* There'll be a decorating bee in the hall Thursday night.

* Some of the midway rides have been in the park almost two weeks now.

* The Junior Farmers will be stressing milk products in their booth, as well as the regular hot dogs and bags of chips! They expect milk shakes will be a big seller.

* On Thursday morning on the Elaine Cole television show, from Kitchener, fair officials will be interviewed. President Wilmer Fryer and ladies' president Ruth Linham will be on the show with some of the Miss Acton Fair committee and last year's winner, Miss Brenda Spear.

* Again this year at the interdenominational church service Sunday afternoon the massed choir will sing O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, accompanied by the band. Bandmaster George Elliott wrote to the composer's widow in England to obtain a copy of the original band accompaniment.

* A window of the Cameo Shoppe displays all the prizes for the Miss Acton Fair competition, with the winner's scarlet robe and tiara. There are many prizes for the lucky girl, with special prizes for the second and third place girl, with gifts for every entrant. Prizes include clothing, vouchers, jewellery, plaques, a record, pen and pencil sets, etc.—all donated by interested Acton merchants.

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7.30 p.m.

VARIETY CONCERT — in the arena — 8:00 p.m.

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11 A.M. — PONY AND LIGHT HORSE JUDGING
12 P.M. — GIGANTIC PARADE to the Fair Grounds from the C.N.R. Station

FEATURING — Acton Citizens' Band, Toronto Ukrainian Band, Milton Girls' Pipe Band, Floats — Commercial and Business Organizations, Novelty Floats, Prizes in each section \$25, \$15, \$5.

- LIVESTOCK SHOW AT 12.30
- COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS and HALL EXHIBITS
- BABY SHOW
- ENTERTAINMENT — Vince Mountford, M.C.
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CONTESTS — Open to boys and girls 12 years and under — Prizes in each section \$1.00, 75c and 50c
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These contests will be held immediately after the baby show in the arena. No registration necessary.

FAIR NIGHT DANCE
— The Shaynes Dance Band
— Dancing in the Arena, 8.30 p.m. till Midnight
— Admission \$1.25 per person



55th fall fair

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Junior horse show entries are very good. She explains this is a qualifying show for the Royal Winter Fair, which riders may only enter if they have a certain number of points. The junior horse show is Saturday afternoon.

Livestock entries are also coming in especially well.

Judges for the hall entries are Mrs. McKenna, Woodbridge, for canned goods; Mrs. McKinney, Brampton, for homecrafts; Mrs. Miller, Caledon, for baking; George Musselle, Acton, for flowers and Henry Stanley, the agricultural representative, for roots and vegetables.

Poultry and pet stock will be judged Friday afternoon. The school children's work, which will be displayed in the community centre, has been judged already.

Display space in the arena has been selling well, and various commercial concerns will have interesting booths.

The Retarded Children's Association will have a booth outside, as well as the usual women's groups' booths.

Joining the usual Women's Institute displays will be a display, placed by Halton Manor.

An entirely new class this year is called "Junior Exhibits" and is limited to entrants under 19 years. It includes sewing, novelty articles, baking and dressed dolls. (It's class 40-in the fair book, on page 75).

The Acton Pairs and Squares dancers are inviting some from out-of-town to join in their dancing outside in the park fair day.

Vince Mountford will be master of ceremonies outside with his usual bottomless store of jokes.

The King show rides will delight the younger folk. These rides and games will be operating Friday evening too.

Security guards have been hired this year to direct traffic and man the gates. Volunteers were hard to find, Mrs. Swackhamer explains. Some high school boys will assist the uniformed security officers.

The Shaynes will play for the fair night dance Saturday.

Everyone is invited to attend the interdenominational church service Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the community centre. This service was an innovation last year which many people requested be repeated.

Speaker is the Rev. Matthew Meehan, C.S.S.R., former pastor at St. Patrick's church, Toronto, and director of communications for the Redeemptorist Fathers, Toronto. He has had a radio program for 20 years and has been on television 10 years.

All Acton clergymen are taking part: Rev. V. J. Morgan, Rev. A. H. McKenzie, Rev. S. G. Gammon, Rev. S. M. Thoman, Rev. P. Brouwer, Rev. Gordon Turner and Rev. H. J. Dawson.

Acton Legion Choralists, directed by George Musselle, will sing the navy hymn, Eternal Father Strong to Save.

The massed choirs will sing Now Thank We All Our God, in a cantata setting by J. S. Bach, and O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings by Ralph Vaughan-Williams.

Bandmaster George Elliott is directing the massed choirs as well as the band, with Mrs. Frank Oakes playing the organ. Y's Men and firefighters are assisting.

Three injured

Three Acton residents were injured in two accidents on district roads in the past week, Milton O.P.P. report.

Wednesday evening a car driven by Johannes J. Ooster of 99 Main St. hit a large hole in the road on the 10th Line north of 17 Sideroad, causing \$250 damage. A passenger Rita Van Hurmelan of Georgetown complained of a sore hip after the accident.

Two required treatment at Georgetown Hospital for injuries received in a one-car accident Sunday morning on Seventh Line half a mile south of 15 Sideroad. The driver Peter Stanley Law of 85 Mill St. was unhurt but Barbara Law received scalp lacerations and bruises, while Peter Law Jr. suffered head cuts and abrasions to the back. Their car received \$200 damage.

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