

## Store proprietor killed

Another family in the district suffered the shock and tragedy of sudden death when Mrs. Doreen (Plouffe) MacLeod was killed yesterday (Tuesday) in a two-car collision in the Mount Forest area. Mother of four and expecting a baby next month, she had been visiting and was returning with her husband and two children to their home and store at Brookville.

hospital with multiple head injuries. Gary, 5, a kindergarten student at Brookville school, is in the same hospital with a broken arm. Their youngest child, Sharon, 18 months, suffered face cuts. Mrs. MacLeod leaves two other children, Hayley and Wayne. They had not gone with their parents on the visit to friends in the Chesley area. Mrs. MacLeod's parents are Emily and Charles Plouffe of Ballinfad. Mr. Plouffe has the service station there. She is also survived by sister Yvonne

Morden of Arthur, her twin sister Eileen McElhinney of Milton; brothers and sister Charles, Brian and Linda (Bunny) at home. Funeral service will be Friday afternoon at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home. Interment will be in Nassagaweya Presbyterian cemetery. The MacLeods took over Brookville store several years ago and renamed it Doreen's General Store. Mrs. MacLeod was there full time, while Mr. MacLeod has another position.

# BLACK WEEK

## Triple fatality shocks district

Two Acton residents and one from Milton were killed in two tragic traffic accidents Saturday night which also sent five people to hospitals with serious injuries. The triple fatality cast a pall over this district, which has experienced four deaths in the last five weeks on the roads.

Dead are 16-year-old high school student William Spehar, Victoria Ave., Acton, and Gerald Robinson, 21 of R. R. 2, Acton, involved in a two car collision on Highway 7, east of Acton just before 11 p.m. Saturday night.

Killed in a collision on Hwy. 401 near Kelso Park at 8 p.m. was 18-year-old Theodore (Ted) Hood of Milton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hood, former Acton residents.

In Guelph General Hospital are Donna Stamp, 23, of Churchill Crescent, Georgetown, a passenger in the Robinson car, with a fractured pelvis and lacerated left knee; David Broostad, 16, of Nelson Court, Acton, with concussion and abrasions to his left leg; Stephen Porty, 17, R. R. 4 Acton, with a fractured pelvis and chin lacerations. The latter two were passengers in the Spehar car.

David Hunter, 20 Baseline Rd., Milton, is listed as being in very serious condition in Hamilton General Hospital with severe abdominal injuries and loss of sight in his right eye. He was the driver of the car in which Ted Hood lost his life.

A third person involved in the 401 crash, Walter Millinger, 45, of R. R. 1 Wrexeter, is in satisfactory condition in Milton hospital with broken ribs and a punctured lung.

The double Acton fatality attracted hundreds of spectators who watched as police and members of the Acton fire brigade freed a victim from the wreckage of one of the two late model cars. The collision occurred just outside the home of Gerald Robinson who died on his way to the hospital. William

Spehar was pronounced dead at the scene.

It is believed Robinson had just pulled out of his driveway when the smash happened.

Miss Stamp was thrown from the vehicle and she, along with the other injured passengers in the Spehar vehicle, were treated at the scene by Dr. D. A. Garrett. The injured were taken to Guelph General Hospital by Milton and Georgetown ambulances.

An Acton man, overcome by shock at the accident scene, was revived with the resuscitator used by Acton firefighters.

Constable H. Collison of the North Halton detachment of the OPP investigated assisted by Constable Bruce McArthur of Acton OPP and auxiliary police.

According to North Halton OPP, the accident in which Ted Hood was killed, involved three vehicles. Walter Millinger was driving west on 401 in a pick-up truck when he experienced mechanical difficulty which slowed the truck almost to a stop. The Hunter car, also westbound, tried to swerve and avoid a collision but the car hit the rear of the truck, killing Hood on impact.

Traffic coming along after the impact swerved to avoid the vehicles involved but one vehicle sideswiped the pick-up truck. Driver Elsie Cameron of London was unhurt but her car received damages of approximately \$300.

Funerals for the two Acton victims were held on Tuesday.

Requiem mass was celebrated by Father V. J. Morgan at St. Joseph's church in the morning for William Spehar with burial in St. Joseph's cemetery. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Spehar, Victoria Ave., a brother Matt and John Spehar, his grandfather. The family came from Yugoslavia in 1958.

A grade 12 student at Acton district high school, Bill Spehar was very active in sports and popular among his fellow students. They attended the funeral in large numbers, overflowing the church. A period of silence was also observed in his memory at the school.

Gerald Robinson, an employee of Northern Electric, Brampton, leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson, R. R. 4, and a sister, Mrs. Allen Laird (Janet), Guelph.

Service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. A. McKenzie. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Gerald was active in the Young Peoples of Knox Presbyterian church and a member of Wheels Unlimited car club.

Ted Hood is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hood, (the former Joan Waterhouse of Acton), Milton, five sisters Catherine, Judy,

Patti, Cindi and Perri, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waterhouse of Acton and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hood of Milton and two uncles, James Waterhouse and Bruce Hood of Milton. Funeral services were

held in Grace Anglican church, Milton, Tuesday afternoon, with burial in Evergreen cemetery, Milton.

Ted Hood was an outstanding hockey and baseball figure in Milton. Many sports

personalities including N.H.L. referee-in-chief Scotty Morrison attended the funeral.

His last performance for fans was a picture goal in the first game of the junior hockey season Friday night.



WILLIAM SPEHAR and Gerald Robinson were killed in a collision involving these two vehicles Saturday, half a mile east of Acton on Highway 7. Hundreds of spectators, some summoned by the fire siren which called firefighters, viewed the scene. Three persons are in hospital as a result of the crash.—(Staff Photos)

## Health unit report big factor council refuses camp request

A report from the Halton County Health Unit describing the water supply and sewage disposal system at the Breezes tourist camp as inadequate, apparently convinced Esquiting township council not to permit house trailers to remain at the camp, operated by Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, another year.

Lawyer R. Nijjadlik, representing Mr. Wood asked council at a previous meeting to consider allowing house trailers to remain at the camp year-round until such time as another trailer park is developed in the township.

The Health Unit report informed council that an inspection of facilities at the camp had been carried out on Thursday October 2 and that the water supply, a bored well, had been found to be subject to surface contamination. In addition, the report noted that the sewage disposal system at the camp had been installed

without permits or inspection and septic tank installations were inadequate. The report concluded that water supply and sewage disposal systems at the site required improvement and revision.

After reading the report at council's Monday night meeting, Mr. Nijjadlik told council that Mr. Wood was prepared to comply with the Health Unit's requirements and put in larger septic tanks.

Councillor Russell Miller explained that council had thought of allowing trailers to remain at the camp for one more year before they received the Health Unit report. He wondered if it would be wise for Mr. Wood to go to the expense of improving facilities if he were only going to be allowed to remain there one year.

Councillor Ken Marshall thought that Mr. Wood would be well advised to find out from the Health Unit the cost of

installation of what would be their minimum requirements. However, he added "Council has no plans at the moment to have permanent trailer camps."

Chairing the meeting in the absence of Reeve George Gurrin, deputy-revee Tom Hill admitted that "Council was lax that they got in there in the first place."

Mr. Nijjadlik felt that council should not blame itself, but pointed out that he thought the township by-law might be invalid in a court of law, although he admitted he should do more research on the subject.

"It might be a help to council if you did test this by-law in court", councillor Marshall replied.

When the deputy-revee asked councillors for a decision on whether to allow trailers to remain at the camp, councillor Miller answered, "We had a look at this camp, we had the health inspector with us, my answer is no."

## Plaque for top school in new safety contest

In a concentrated effort to promote safety consciousness among public school children, a competition supervised by the O.P.P. is starting soon.

Cons. Roy Wood, in charge of the safety program in the schools, will be explaining the rules and regulations of the new contest to children at the M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little public schools.

A smart new shield, donated by G. Alec Johnson real estate, will be awarded to one school at the end of each month. And which school wins it is determined by the students themselves.

The police will be watching constantly for students who might be breaking safety rules. They will speak to the boy or girl — and tell how many points the school was just assessed. Then, at the end of the month,

the school with the MOST points has LOST the safety contest.

Here is the point system that Cons. Wood has set up for the schools.

1. Riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. 3 points.
2. Riding a bicycle with more than one person on. 3 points.
3. Riding a bicycle after dark, without lights. 2 points.
4. Riding a bicycle and disobeying any rules of the road. 2 points.
5. Disobeying a crossing guard or a safety patrol officer. 5 points.
6. Failing to cross the road at a crossing, or at a point where the safety patrol officer is on duty. 3 points.
7. Playing on the roadway. 2 points.
8. In a case where a boy or girl was stopped in the past and

points have been lost, for a second offense the school will lose 10 more points.

In conjunction with the safety contest, Cons. Wood will also be asking each school to vote for the "best safety patrol officer of the month." There will be framed certificates for the winners of this special contest.

How to prevent boys and girls from riding their bikes dangerously, and from playing on the road, has bothered the police constantly. Obviously, a child cannot be charged or fined! So the police have come up with this scheme which will give a positive goal for obeying safety rules.

No students or safety patrol officers will be asked to tell on other students. All the detecting of rule breaking will be by the police themselves, Cons. Wood stresses.

## Halton film wins "Chris"

Halton County's prize-winning industrial promotion film, "Halton—The Man and the Boy" has just been accorded further laurels.

Already the holder of two film festival awards, it has been named winner of the "Chris" certificate and statuette by the Film Council of Great Columbus, Ohio. Film producer Robert Meyer, Dundas will attend the Columbus film festival on Oct. 30 to accept the award. It was judged the top film in the business and industrial division.

## Six night school classes registration night set

It's hoped six night school classes will make a successful start in Acton this fall.

Co-sponsors, the Y.M.C.A. board and the parks and recreation board, advertise again this week for applicants to fill out the enrolment in the six most popular classes suggested. Upholstery, a repeat course, would be held in the Y. A MacDonald Hall graduate as well as public school home economics teacher, Mrs. Hanna, have agreed to teach sewing and the class would be in one of the schools. School art teacher Mrs.

Titan will teach rug hooking. Another Mac Hall grad is willing to teach cooking. Professional gymnast who has recently moved to the area, Anna Marie Krudwig will teach gymnastics. Contract bridge appeared the sixth favorite on the list.

There will be registration on two nights, Tuesday, October 14 and Wednesday, Oct. 15. Except for upholstery, all the classes will be held in schools. The nights of the week aren't set yet.

Organizers of the courses are anticipating a good turn-out for registration nights.



SAFETY SHIELD will be won each month by one of the public schools. Donor G. Alec Johnson (left) presents the new shield to Acton O.P.P. Safety Officer, Cons. Roy Wood. The police will be watching for students who break safety rules and they will be reported.—(Staff Photo)

## Parent pleads

# Don't throw away your lives

Acton, Ont.

Dear Readers:

I am one parent who is disturbed enough to write this letter about the tragic accidents which occurred this past weekend and the many accidents which have occurred this last few weeks.

I am writing about the sheer waste of young peoples' lives being thrown away on the almighty automobile. Isn't it about time that the manufacturers were told that the speed limit by law, is between 60 and 70 miles per hour, and that cars should be controlled to this speed.

Oh yes! someone will say that the cars won't sell unless they have power, — well, I think they will if there is nothing else to sell and it will certainly help to control the people who have no more sense than to speed along the highways at irresponsible miles per hour.

I send all my heartfelt sympathy to the parents and relatives of these young people

as I, too, have two young boys of my own, and every time I hear of an accident I see in my minds eye my own boys lying there and thank the good Lord that it is not them. But when is it all going to stop?

I am reminded of the Incas hundreds of years back, when the young maidens and youths were thrown over the cliff to appease their Gods. Is the automobile the young people's God today? The same for the Druids when they sacrificed young people under the oak trees in England.

I, as a parent, plead with these young people, not to throw away their lives on something useless like a piece of metal with an engine in it.

I would rather see you be sacrificed for something worthwhile, like the defence of your country, and weep proudly for you than weep this way.

Signed,  
A very unhappy Parent.