

Boyhood Training Cheats Fairy Lake at Acton of Drowning

Georgetown Resident Saves Girl's Life

Boyhood first aid flashed back to Ron Douglas, R.R. 1, Acton, and Ken Hawes, Georgetown, as they worked feverishly applying artificial respiration to cheat Fairy Lake, Acton, of another drowning victim, Sunday, June 17th.

The blue, lifeless body of 16-year-old Elizabeth Ziegler of Everton was recovered by James Taylor of Grimsby, and laid on shore where Mr. Douglas failed to detect a pulse or heartbeat. Mr. Hawes at once began applying the Holger-Neilson method of artificial respiration.

Brian Ruddy, of Guelph, engaged at the park as a lifeguard, was on the scene, assisted in searching and helped during the application of artificial respiration.

Park attendant Roy Arnott rushed blankets to keep her warm while Jim Pope of Acton ran to a nearby resident, Mrs. Clark Armstrong, to call firemen and a doctor. Mr. Arnott was commended for keeping the crowd back to allow the two men to apply artificial respiration.

Two doctors arrived. I then went into the crowd.

My wife and family have been visiting the park for the past four or five years and I don't believe there is sufficient safety precaution, especially when patrons have to pay. During the past summer the St. John Ambulance Brigade have been on duty at the park but this year they are absent. On enquiry, I learn they are unable to continue this fine service because of lack of public interest and a shortage of members. This is a shame. My young son received first aid from them last summer for a fractured foot. I appreciate their efforts.

If lack of interest in citizens taking first aid and helping the St. John Ambulance Brigade is the cause of their absence from the park, it is a shame. The people of Acton don't realize how fortunate they are in having a brigade and are losing the knowledge and support of a worthwhile group at the park.

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SWIMMERS LIFE IN BALANCE

CARRIED FROM Acton's Fairy Lake, blue and apparently lifeless, no pulse or heartbeat. 17-year-old Elizabeth Ziegler was brought back to life by Ron Douglas of Acton and Ken Hawes of Georgetown. Training taken years ago enabled the men to revive the girl with artificial respiration. When a capable crew of firemen and two doctors arrived, the girl was breathing on her own and recovering her normal color. She was pulled from the bottom of the water by James Taylor of Grimsby after being in the water three or four minutes. Pictured above are Mr. Taylor, two unidentified swimmers who assisted in locating the girl, firemen Bill Spivey, Henry Bittorf, Sam Tennant, Will McEachern and fire chief Mick Holmes, Doctors D. A. Garrett and W. G. C. Kenney.

Ken Hawes' Story



KEN HAWES

Shortly after the young girl began to breathe, firemen and Doctors D. A. Garrett and W. G. C. Kenney arrived to continue treatment. After she was fully revived Miss Ziegler was allowed to return to her home with her cousin, Jerome Gudney, who had tried to save her. After midnight she was taken to Guelph General Hospital and placed in an oxygen tent.

After several hours of treatment at hospital, she was allowed to return home Monday afternoon, where she has completely recovered from her ordeal with death.

First Visit
Miss Ziegler, accompanied by a younger brother and sister, John and Ruby, was driven to the park by her cousin Jerome Gudney as well as other cousins, Beverly Jan, Margaret, Edith Gudney and his friend Grace Sevierings of Kitchener. This was their first visit to Acton Park.

A week ago the Zieglers moved from Erin to live with the Gudneys.

There were many people enjoying the pleasant afternoon at the park. Within seconds the entire atmosphere had changed with the ominous wail of the siren alerting hundreds more that there had been a drowning accident. A crowd, a few minutes before inattentive to pleas for help, surged to the beach. Their relief was evident when the girl began to stir.

Gave Oxygen
Firemen were very promptly on the scene and the resuscitator was used for a short while to give the girl oxygen.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes, Bill Spivey and Henry Bittorf drove others who had come in Jerome Gudney's car back home to Everton and remained until Dr. Ken Waller arrived.

Ken Hawes, Georgetown man who applied artificial respiration to revive Elizabeth Ziegler of Everton, who was drowning in Fairy Lake, Sunday gave the following report in an interview with the Acton Free Press.

By Ken Hawes

My wife and I, accompanied by Ron Douglas and his wife and Jim Pope and wife, were sitting in the centre section of the park when suddenly I saw the girl in a bathing suit come out of the water and then a man in shirt and trousers speak to the girl and then he ran into the water.

I said to the others, "Something is wrong" and then saw the man waving his arms around. I think the three of us men jumped at the same time and ran to the water at once. A young man identified later as James Taylor of Grimsby, was the first to locate the body of a girl lying at the bottom of the lake and Mr. Douglas and myself helped him bring her to shore.

Entertains at Trousseau Tea For Bride-Elect

On the afternoon of June 16 Mrs. G. W. Russell entertained about 80 guests at a trousseau tea in honor of her daughter, Leone, who will be married on Saturday, June 23rd to Mr. Harry Kennedy of St. Catharines.

The tea table was decorated with a centerpiece of pink carnations and small white mums and pale pink candles. Receiving the guests were the bride-to-be, her mother and the groom's mother, Mrs. Thos. Kennedy.

Mrs. James Scriber, Flora, presided at the tea table and was assisted by Miss Edith Foster, Brampton; Mrs. Lloyd Martin, Toronto; Mrs. Thomas Fisher and Mrs. A. S. Wilson, Georgetown, all aunts of the bride. Edna and Doreen Fisher, Marilyn Wilson, Marion and Margaret Hunter, Diane, Linda and Evelyn Foster, assisted in serving the guests.

Attends Uncle's Funeral in Acton

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grant and Mrs. M. Patterson attended the funeral in Acton, on Saturday afternoon of their uncle, Mr. Harry Smethurst who passed away at his home early Friday morning.

Mr. Smethurst was a brother of R. G. Smethurst of Vancouver, B.C., the late A. J. Smethurst of Limehouse and the late Mrs. J. H. Schoales of Stewarttown and Toronto.

Watch Dog's Life Not Always Happy

On Saturday evening, June 16 some men broke into Thurlbeck's Service Station and stole a quantity of cigarettes. They knocked the watch dog unconscious and cut the plate glass to enter the station. The police are investigating.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Len Caruso and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laidlaw spent the weekend of June 16th at a cottage at Wasaga Beach.

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Congratulations to Joyce McLean who passed her Senior Sight Singing exam with first class honours and her grade 10 Singing exam with honours in the recent examinations at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

Little Wayne Hyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hyatt, was back in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, last week but is home now and much better. Also back in hospital is Mrs. W. McMichael in Georgetown and District Hospital. Mrs. W. Reid is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Members of the Norval Women's Institute who attended the 50th Anniversary of the Enfranchising Women's Institute held in the Stewarttown Hall on Saturday evening, June 23, and report a very interesting and enjoyable evening were Mrs. H. Collins, Mrs. G. Chester, Mrs. Keith Webb, Mrs. J. Murray, Mrs. Joe Hunter and Miss Prairie Maguire.

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80 Years of History Blue Mountain School

The historic Blue Mountain School on 7th Line near Ballinacald has reluctantly yielded 80 years of secrets to a research committee of former pupils who through old registers and records, have come up with the following history. The chronicle has been composed by the present teacher, Mrs. R. Shortill, and makes interesting reading to anyone who has absorbed some of their basic schooling within its four brick walls, or even happened upon the unassuming "little red school house" while Sunday driving.

THIS WAS BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL



By Mrs. R. Shortill

THE FIRST SCHOOL was a wooden structure at the top of Blue Mountain Hill. Many fine old timbers of this ancient building were woven into MIL JOHN SNOW'S driving shed.

The present school was built in 1871. The land on which this little school is built was formerly owned by MR HENRY COLE. Mr. Cole willingly sold the piece of land on which to erect the school. Later after much persuasion, Mr. Whitewide who owned the adjoining farm to the north, sold another half acre. This made the grounds the size they are today.

When the school was OFFICIALLY OPENED a concert was held with Acton friends in attendance. Refreshments were served.

The first teacher of the school was MR. WILLIAM COOK. His salary was two hundred and fifty dollars — paid in quarterly instalments. The attendance was high — well above that of even today.

Such families as Cooks, Landys, Prices, Shortills, Hills, Coles, Campbells, Yemens, Ferguson, Kentners, McEnery, lived in the vicinity. In the winter the older boys and girls, free of some of their FARM DUTIES, attended to further their education and also to join in the fun we are quite safe in saying. This SCHOOL SECTION Fourteen, consisting of 3500 acres and includes Lots 27 to 32 West Concession 9 and 28 to 32 East Concession 8.

At the beginning the playground was divided by a HIGH BOARD FENCE for boys and girls.

A detached woodshed was at the back. A big old wood box stove heated the building. The school furniture consisted first of BENCHES — later double seats screwed to the floor. These later were replaced by SINGLE SEATS — which at that time we are certain seemed quite modern. Good old seats, they were too much superior to the sliding tables and chairs in use today. We strongly suspect the present WOODEN TEACHER'S DESK is a relic of those very ancient days.

The black boards, long since covered up, were of painted boards — which periodically received a coat of DULL BLACK PAINT.

Through the years various improvements have been made. The various trustees and teachers have DONE THEIR PART each in turn, to make the school for the children as pleasant as possible for a building of this type.

The row of maple trees at the front was planted BEFORE THE 1800's when Mr. Brain was teacher. One little tree brought from Cook's bush by small

boys, BOB SHORTILL, HENRY LITTLE AND ELMER MAW was in the front, so they planted it behind the school. There it grew and has stood along with the others to shade and beautify the lot as the years have rolled on.

From the files of a book when G. H. LINDSAY was secretary in December 14, 1900 showed township grant of \$1200 and Legislative grant \$2100. Out of school, but the BALLINACALD of this \$2500 had to be paid FOR WOOD and the rest had to cover teacher's salary and other expenses.

The first inspector we can find in the records was a MR. LITTLE. He was succeeded by MR. DEACON. In that day the inspector drove a horse and buggy from Georgetown livery stable.

In 1890 Mr. Deacon presented to MR. and MRS. GEORGE CAMPBELL (Sr.), Miss Luena Campbell's grandparents with an autographed book as a token of esteem for their hospitality in STABLEING his horse and giving him the fine farm cooked dinner they served him on his visits.

Of course it was the task of the "BIG BOYS" to take the horse and buggy to be stabled. Then sometimes the big boys in later days took the INSPECTOR'S HORSE to Mr. Cole's barn. First however, they had a real feast laid down to Mr. Cole's Corners and back again.

The inspector heard the children read, talked to them about their lesson — and found out from each class, by their ability to answer POLITELY AND INTELLIGENTLY how well they had been taught. Oral adding of sums from the blackboards tested their mathematical achievements. If little fingers were COUNTING ANSWERS behind their backs — well that's where little hands were supposed to be politely placed — so what better occupation than "counting out" answers for their small owners could be found. Inspectors of today inspect children by a GRADING SYSTEM, much as farm products, which can say which is the superior way.

EVERY YEAR in the good old days, a school meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on a day between Christmas and New Year. — One NEW TRUSTEE was appointed each year and the books were handed down annually to the one of the three who had been SERVING THE LONGEST. Supplies and other maintenance equipment was officially voted. — Some of the early school board members were of the old families formerly mentioned.

Caretaking was done in many ways. — TEACHER SWEPT,

school bus fired for five or ten years a morning. Children bought their own slates, books, pencils and other supplies. The present wall from which our lovely cool DRINKING WATER is obtained, was drilled by "Gartley well driller" who used what was known as a tumbling shaft with horse power.

Most of the pupils walked to school, but the BALLINACALD TAGUE going to Georgetown for mail and store supplies gave the children, from the Lad Road, a school behind a reliable team of horses, gained by the store keeper.

When the school in the year 1910-1915, BECAME CROWDED, Erin Township pupils from Ballinacald were required to pay for a month or so to their own school — PEACOCK, many of them from over the town HILL (Sr.), Miss Luena Campbell's grandparents with an autographed book as a token of esteem for their hospitality in STABLEING his horse and giving him the fine farm cooked dinner they served him on his visits.

This aroused the ire of old residents, who met in a body and strongly protested such a drastic action.

A few years later the enrollment rose to a high of FIFTY-TWO. Two teachers carried on for a year, following which it was decided to transport the senior pupils to STEWARTTOWN'S two-roomed school. Since that time we have had a junior school here with an attendance of from 25 to 40.

During the later years the woodshed was REBUILT with new sanitary facilities. New gates and hedge were placed with the aid of MR. and MRS. HENNETT and interested parents.

School Area took over the management in 1945. At that time the independent trustees were Messrs. Fred W. Shortill, Henry Hills and James P. Kirkwood.

SINCE then many ESQUESING RESIDENTS have served on the school board. They have done their work conscientiously and efficiently.

MISS HUTH EVANS served as Secretary Treasurer for several years, after which Mr. ERNIE BATHIN served.

Numerous outstanding pupils have left our school to give to their country-of-their talent and worth. Others who possibly have not achieved fame and merit have each contributed WORTH WHILE RESULTS of the learning received at Blue Mountain School.

Trophies and plaques, have been awarded our pupils. For many years a School-Fair was held. Pupils from this school seemed to have made a good

shing at such. For a number of years FOLIOSTRY COM. PETITIONS were filed — Mr. Bennett donated his lot and Mr. Groves, Zone Forester, came each spring and with the pupils from here, planted little trees. For their work and interest the pupils were awarded prizes of fifty and twenty-five dollars. With this money we were able to purchase a radio, material for two tents of swims, which interested parents installed. Music Festivals also gave us our SHARE OF AWARDS.

We can truthfully say that we are PROUD of our pupils of Blue Mountain School. They have had the calibre to become GOOD CITIZENS of our land.

CHANGES IN DEMERIT POINT SYSTEM

Ontario Department of Transport announces changes in Demerit Point System effective July 1st, 1962.

The Point System has been changed to encourage better driving habits and to correct dangerous drivers by strengthening the demerit point scale. The changes are designed to save lives — including yours.

NEW DEMERIT POINT SCALE

Points:	Violation:
7	Failing to remain at scene of accident
6	Careless driving
6	Racing
6	Exceeding speed limit by 30 m.p.h. or more
5	Failure of driver of bus to stop at railway crossing.
4	Exceeding speed limit by more than 19 m.p.h. and less than 30 m.p.h.
4	Failing to stop for school bus.
4	Following too closely.
3	Exceeding speed limit by more than 10 m.p.h. and less than 20 m.p.h.
3	Driving under, through or round a railway crossing barrier.
3	Failing to obey the directions of a police constable.
3	Overcrowding driver's seat.
3	Improper passing.
3	Driving wrong way on one-way street.
3	Driving wrong way on a divided highway.
3	Failing to yield right-of-way.
3	Failing to obey stop sign, signal light or railway crossing signal.
3	Failing to report an accident.
3	Falling to lower headlamp beams.
2	Making U-turns where prohibited.
2	Making turns where prohibited.
2	Towing of persons on toboggans, bicycles, skis etc.
2	Failing to obey signs.
2	Pedestrian crossing violations.
2	Failing to share road.
2	Improper right and left turns.
2	Failing to give signals.
2	Unnecessary slow driving.
2	Improper opening of vehicle door.

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At 8 points The driver is required to attend a personal interview to discuss his record and give reasons why his licence should not be suspended.

At 15 points Accumulated within a 2-year period — the driver's licence is suspended and retained in the Department for one month.

At the conclusion of a period of suspension — the number of points on the driver's record is reduced to 7. Until the driver has cleared his record, a further accumulation of 15 points within a 2-year period will result in suspension for six months.

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