



**THIRD AT ZENITH TO COMPLETE APPRENTICESHIP** — Charles Trotter

FRED DUTCHBURN, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dutchburn of 70 Delrex Blvd. received his certificate as a toolmaker with Zenith Tool and Die Limited. Here he is presented with the Department of Labour Certificate by company manager Leon Dearsley. Fred is the third Zenith Tool apprentice to complete the four year course.

**Town, Builder, Developer Were Negligent, Jury Rules**

Negligence by the builder, the developer and the Town of Georgetown contributed to the drowning of two year old Glen Osborne in a partially flooded basement excavation Saturday, August 6, a coroner's jury found last week.

The jury deliberated for two and a half hours after hearing two days of testimony from 33 witnesses before Coroner Dr. A. E. Macintosh of Georgetown in the county courthouse.

The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Osborne, of 78 Weber Drive, drowned after sliding down a sheer five foot bank into about four feet of water on the northeast side of the excavation.

The jury ruled the contractor was 60 per cent responsible for "permitting the hazardous conditions to exist."

**No Fence**

The inquest was told that the excavation was unfenced and unprotected. The contractor pumped water from the excavation following a 2.1 inch rain-storm two days before the accident, but it seeped in again from some other source.

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Barratt said the 1967 assessment rolls showed that 220 children under the age of 10 live in the area. George Kennedy Public School is located on the other side of the street just a few feet from the scene of the accident.

Lloyd Moore, of 4 Moultrie Crescent testified he was called to the scene by his five year old son, Richard. Moore said he took off his shoes and socks jumped into the water which came up to his armpits, and started reaching for the boy with his feet because it was too dark to see under the water. He sent an older son to call police and fire department.

Moore said he asked an unidentified construction worker to help him search but the man replied there was nothing in the water and left the scene. He located the body with his feet, but had to put his head under the water to retrieve it, because, he discovered later, it was trapped by a length of copper pipe.

His son Allan, an ambulance brigade member, attempted mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until the fire department arrived with a mechanical resuscitator. They were unable to revive the child and he was found to be "clinically dead" at Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital by Dr. A.W. Ashenurst.

The inquest was told by acting Crown Attorney Ronald Thomas that the excavation was dug August 1 with a drainage ditch running 15 feet from the hole to a catch basin. Debris and garbage and other material were seen in the drainage ditch and this may have impeded free flow of water from the excavation.

Giovanni Priml, a laborer for the contractors, testified through an interpreter that it had rained heavily two days before the accident and he spent one day pumping water out. About five feet of water was left in the hole when pumping finished.

The jury made five recommendations:

— The corporation should take it upon themselves to make safe any hazardous situations such as this, and should deduct any cost involved from the developers surety bonds with the corporation or according to by-law.

— Builders should be required to fence off any excavations that obviously have water problems.

— Any drainage ditches, catch basins, or storm sewers should be kept free from debris.

— Builders should provide security officers on patrol during times that children are likely to be in and around such areas, Saturdays, Sundays and after school hours.

— The corporation should emphatically hire inspectors to ensure that all by-laws and construction requirements be adhered to.

— Want to sell those odds and ends around the house. Herald classifieds will bring easy Christmas money.

**Students Will Carol Proceeds to Hospital**

The carollers are coming. For three years students of Georgetown High School have ventured forth as a group, carolling in different parts of the town. From the donations received the school has given half to the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital, and the remainder has assisted Muscular Dystrophy and the Heart Fund.

This year, 250 students will be out in several areas of the town on Monday, December 18. Eight groups will sing their way up one street and down another between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. They will call at doors asking for a donation for the hospital. Request a favourite carol from the students and help these worthwhile causes.

The November meeting of Equestrian Women's Institute was held at the Stewarttown Senior Public School on Thursday evening last.

Mrs. M. Brown, Educational convener was in-charge of the program and introduced Mr. H. V. Challen, principal of the school who gave a short informal description of the program carried on in the school during a six day cycle and what is expected of the Grades 7 and 8 students. Mr. Challen then introduced Mr. Wm. A. Lawson, School Board chairman, and a member of the ISOC Committee who gave a brief outline of the work that has been prepared by the Committee, and verbally answered questions regarding the future Halton county Board.

**STEWARTTOWN**

**Was Stewarttown Resident Frank Jenkinson Dies**

Sincere sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late Mr. Frank Jenkinson, who passed away at Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, on Wednesday, November 27th.

Prior to moving to Mount Dennis, the Jenkinson family were residents of this village for a number of years where Frank took an active part in Community and Church activities, and was a member of LOL, 88.

Mr. Jenkinson is survived by his wife, the former Beatrice Chapman, two sons Herbert and Donald of Thistleton; one daughter Marilyn (Mrs. Beth-Jayne) of Toronto, two sisters, Mary (Mrs. R. Standish of Thirold), and Frances (Mrs. D. McColl) of St. Catharines, a brother Jack died in 1958.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. West at the Church of the Good Shepherd Mount Dennis, on Saturday, November 30, with interment in Sanctuary Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Robert McDonald presided for the regular business portion of the meeting. Reports were given and plans made for the Shut Ins at Christmas.

A good sum was realized from the auction sale, with Mrs. George Atkinson as auctioneer. Mrs. Harvey Clare, and Mrs. Robert Lawson gave readings. Mr. Challen, along with Mr. John Lenz and Mr. Barry Brown conducted a tour of the school. Mrs. Walter Lawson and Mrs. J. C. Murray with Mrs. Brown served a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Robert Lawson thanked all who had assisted in making the evening a success.

We take pleasure in congratulating the successful candidates for the 1968 Reorganizing Council and also to Mr. Wm. A. Lawson on his acclamation as member of the first Halton County School Board.

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