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## Crazy Cruise Near Tragedy Five Fished From River

The fun and high jinks of Georgetown Jaycees third annual boat race almost turned to tragedy, Saturday.

For 10 anxious minutes 300 onlookers watched in tense silence from the lower paper mill bridge their vision fixed on heads bobbing in the churning muddy water at the base of the falls. Hands made numb by the chilly water clutched at ropes dangled like fishing lines by fishermen and other would-be rescuers from the top of an abutment 20 feet above the surface. The hands slipped and re-gripped, the knuckles white from both the cold and desperate determination as the ropes were inched toward the river's edge.

Minutes later, brothers Lynne and Monty Hyde, Dave Underhill, John Jones and Jim Barrieau, soaking wet and visibly shaking, were placed in a Georgetown fire department van which had been standing by and taken to Georgetown hospital where they were wrapped in blankets while they waited for dry clothing.

The near drowning occurred when a natural whirlpool, made more violent by the spring thaw and recent rain, caught the three man Hyde-Underhill craft as it left the shore below the dam after portaging.

The craft, three oil drums welded together and lined with foam rubber, was pulled back to one of the three sets of falls and swamped. Jones and Barrieau joined the others in the water when their rescue try in a small flat bottom boat failed as the boat went down under the added weight.

Underhill, who twice sank out of sight, was pulled ashore first, but it was another five minutes before the other four were out of danger, dragged the last few yards from the base of the abutment by Bob Wolf, a competitor whose inner tube wheelbarrow craft was tied to the end of a rope and used as a life-preserver.

Dave Underhill's brother, Paul, also had a narrow escape when his raft hit a tree stump spilling him into the water. He had to swim to shore.

One hundred contestants in forty or fifty boats entered the five class race, officially started by Mayor "Steamer" Emmerson and Cr. Harry Levy. The seven mile course ran from the 10th Line bridge east of Glen Will-

## Rebuild Park Grandstand Fair Board Urges Council

Members of Georgetown Fall Fair Board executive asked council Tuesday night if they have any plans to rebuild the grandstand at the park. Fair Board president Stewar Hall stated the Fair Board planned to appoint more directors from town in an effort to make the Fair a community effort.

Garfield McGillvray stated he hoped council was interested in rebuilding the grandstand, since he felt without it, the Fair could peter out. He explained a 25% grant on an expenditure of up to \$25,000 was available for this purpose. He said the Fair Board could contribute two or three thousand dollars to the project. "We just want to get your feelings on the subject," he said.

They also sought their customary grant of \$250. Cr. Donna Denison asked them to attend the Recreational Committee meeting on April 24 to discuss it. Later in the evening the \$250 grant was authorized.

Norm Lockhurst, again a standout in the Raider goal, got his most severe tests in the first and third periods. Game two of the best of seven final will be here tomorrow night. The third game in Durham, Sunday, with the balance still to be arranged.

## Fire, Smoke Cause Heavy Damage in House Blaze

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The oldest of the three children, Doug, who was home from high school because he had not been feeling well, was alone in the house when he smelled smoke shortly after 1 o'clock. When he discovered the flames between the furnace and freezer in one corner of the basement he ran upstairs, called the fire department, and then returned to try and battle the fire. The intense heat and smoke forced him outside in his pyjamas, his hair singed in the attempt.

Mr. Getty arrived home from a car wash moments after the fire trucks arrived to discover black smoke pouring out of front and side doors and basement windows. No estimate of the damage had been made at press time.

## JOURNALISM PRIZEWINNER

James Tost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tost, Georgetown, has been named the 1969 winner of the Kitchener-Waterloo Record and the Kitchener Press Club award for general proficiency in the diploma journalism program at the University of Western Ontario.

The award will be officially presented April 11 at the K-W Press Club. Jim is a 1968 graduate of economics from UWO. The proficiency award is an annual prize available to students in the diploma program. This is the second year the award has been presented.

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# MILL RATE DROPS BUT TAXES CLIMB

## MORE GRASS

Georgetown Fire Dept. beat out half a dozen grass fires in and around town this week. The grass fire season started last week with the first series of calls. How long it runs and how serious it becomes depends on how much common sense residents use in burning off grass or burning rubbish near a dry field.

## Residential Rate 68, Industrial 75.51 Reassessment Offsets Sharp Decrease

At midnight Tuesday night, council struck the mill rate at 68 mills residential, and 75.51, industrial and commercial for public school supporters. The seemingly large drop in mill rate from 82.85 residential, and 92.41 industrial of last year, is largely offset by the reassessment, leaving the average taxpayer with a thirty to forty dollar increase.

Using a common assessment figure on the old assessment of \$4,500 which may have been reassessed at \$6,000, approximately means the taxpayer last year paid \$372.85, and this year will pay \$408, an increase of \$35.15.

These figures will change in accordance with the change in

Individual assessment last year, some will pay very little more this year, while others will have a sizeable increase. The industrial mill rate dropped 16.90 mills, which Reeve Hunter termed "an inducement to industry."

A drop of 1.5 in the county rate helped keep the costs down while the revised figures from the Halton County board of education showed a drop from \$1,191,947 to \$1,120,934 or a saving of \$71,013. Education costs have increased \$207,229, or in percentages have gone from 62.5% of the tax dollar to 68% of the tax dollar.

The mill rate is apportioned as follows:

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Public Schools	21.64		24.05
High Schools	16.85		18.50
General Purpose	18.61		21.86
County Rate	4.48		4.48
Police	6.62		6.62
Total for public school supporters	68.00		75.51

The real battle ensued when Cr. Ric Morrow claimed Reeve W. Hunter had instructed the auditor to draw up a motion for 68 mills with no discussion with council. Cr. Morrow claimed he had seen it that very night on Reeve Hunter's desk. He in turn angrily denied there had ever been such a motion.

Cr. Ernie Hyde termed the motion for 68.5 mills put by Cr. Morrow and Mackenzie, before the finance chairman had put any motion at all, as "a challenge" and vote of lack of confidence in the finance chairman. He pointed out the situation was now completely changed.

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## Overtime Goal Gains Raiders 1 Game Lead

It took an overtime period, but Georgetown Raiders, paced by Jack Gudgeon, won the opening game of their intermediale B. Western League final with Durham Huskies in Durham Tuesday night.

With less than two minutes left in the ten minute overtime period Gudgeon caught the Durham goalie wandering and scored his fourth goal of the game to put Raiders into the series lead.

The overtime was forced when Durham scored with two minutes left in regulation time creating a 3-all deadlock.

Raiders came within a whisker of winning it late in the third period but Don Norton's shot with 10 seconds left bounced off the inside of the goal post.

Norton scored Raiders' other two goals.

Georgetown had a 4-1 lead at the end of the second period, but the Huskies picked away at the lead and, with the capacity crowd behind them rallied to erase it completely.

Missing rearguards Bill Currie and Glen Cooper, coach Gerry Inglis rotated Phil Levell, Kent Robinson and Bill Wheeler with Wayne Davison and Doug Richardson putting in

## Cubs Find How Animal Clinic, Railway Work

Fifth Georgetown Cubs know more about animal clinics and railroads this week.

On Tuesday of last week they paid a visit to Georgetown Animal Clinic where Dr. Brian Buckrell showed them the facilities. They were shown the surgery room, operating instruments and special table, an X-ray of a dog which had been hit by a car earlier the same day, and then toured the cages where the animals are kept. They were also given pamphlets explaining what a veterinary does.

Dr. Buckrell answered questions from the Cubs about care of their own pets.

At the railway yard Jim Colter, son of B Pack leaders Mr. and Mrs. Ross Colter, whose hobby is railroading, explained to the Cubs how to read switch lights, why there are different weights of rail, how train orders are transmitted, types of freight cars, how to read the coding on the sides of cars, and whistle signals.

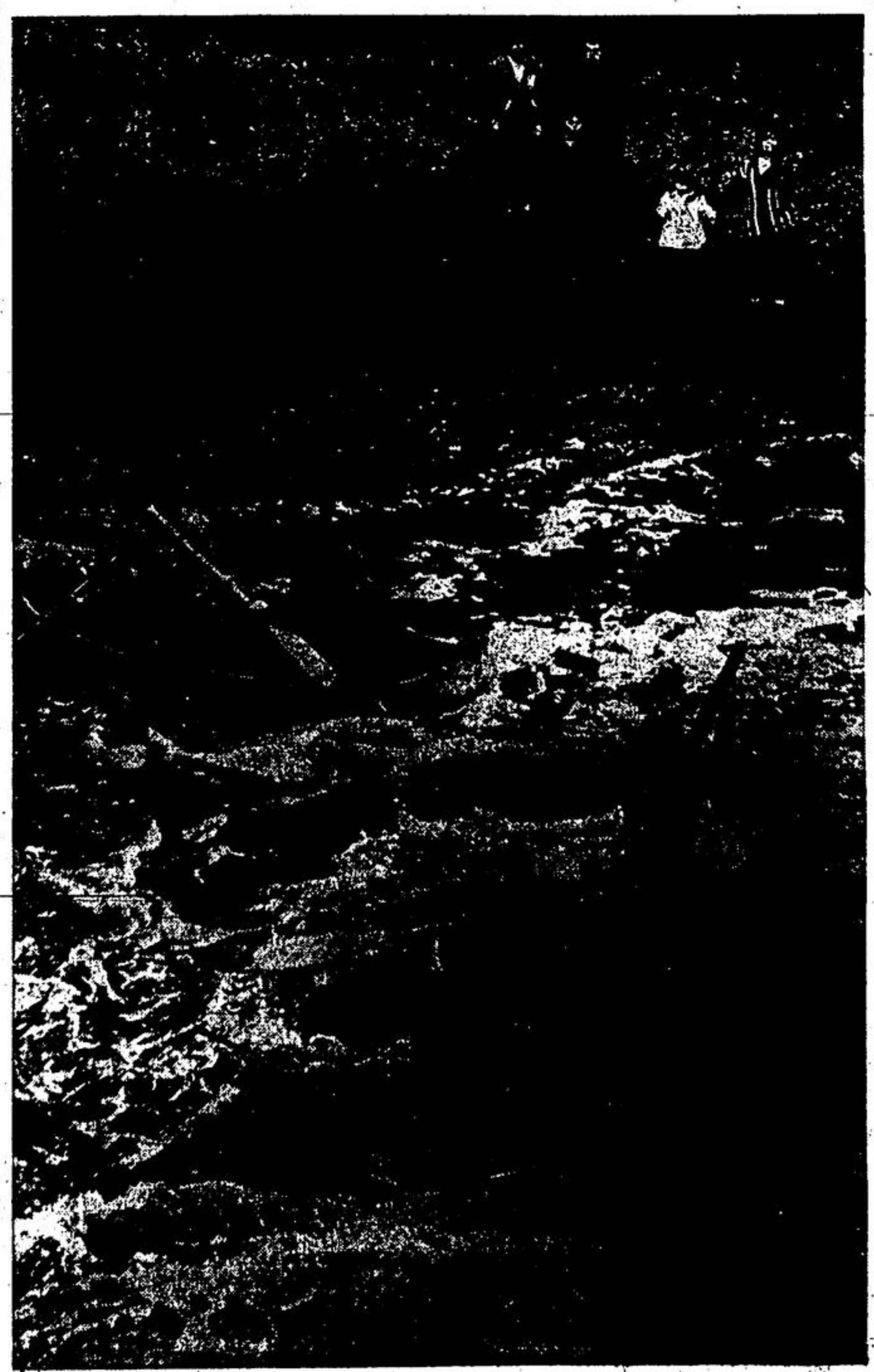
The boys were accompanied by the Colters, Ev Owen, Jim Smyth, Mrs. Stan Kruger, Del D'Entremont, and Mrs. Claire Pelletier.

## BOARDS GET THE NEWS

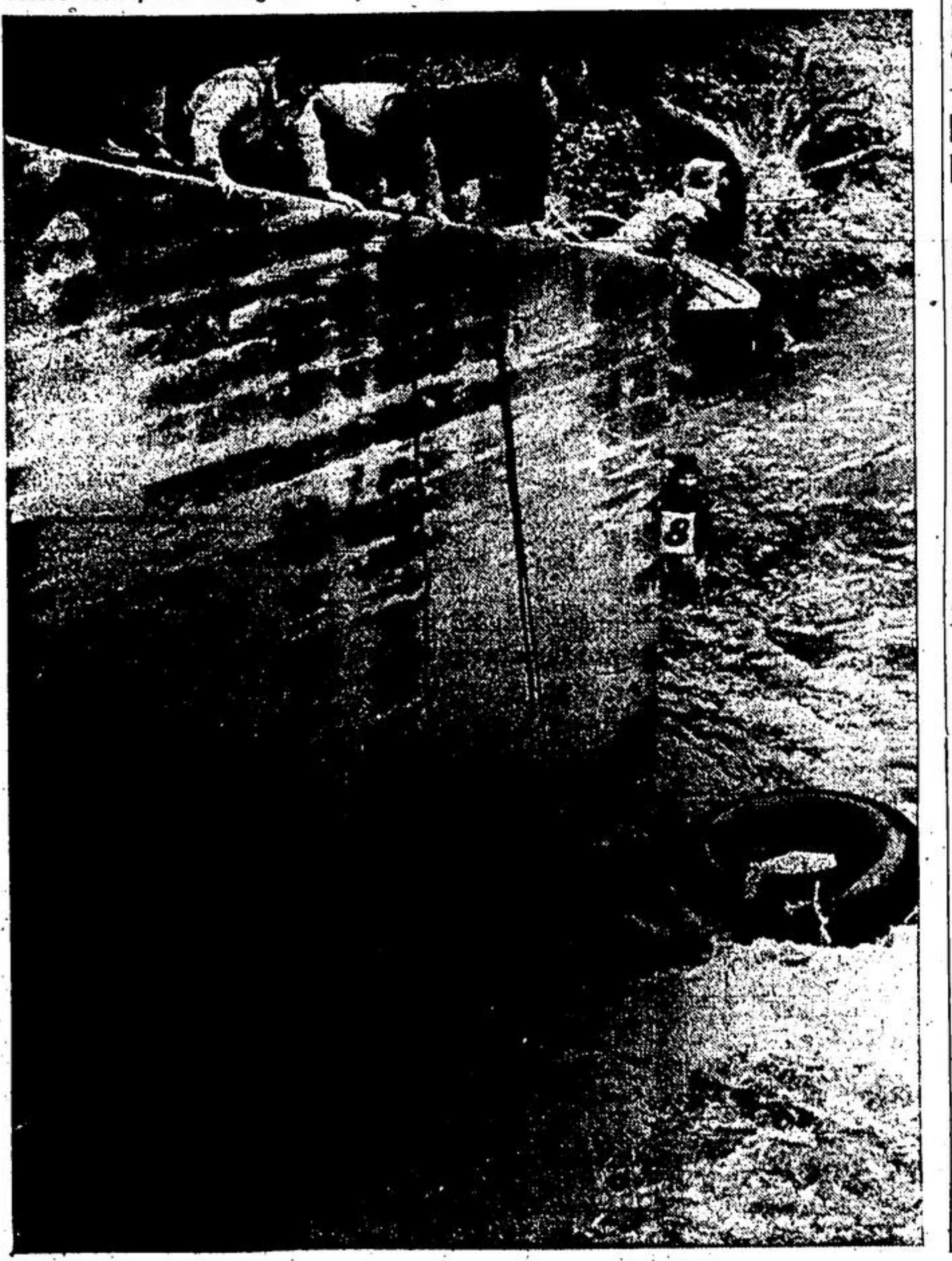
Tuesday night's budget showed some changes in grants to boards and commissions, with a surprising number lower than last year. The grants were allocated as follows:

	1968	1969
Library Board	\$18,000	\$22,000
Committee of Adjustments	500	700
Cemetery Board	9,000	9,500
Planning Board	12,300	8,000
Industrial Commission	1,500	1,000
Credit Valley Authority	11,355	7,362
Community Centre Bd (pool)	3,982	5,000
Cedarvale Com. Centre Bd.	10,605	6,000
Board of Parks	18,212	20,000

## TENSE MOMENTS IN BOAT RACE



At left, a pair of canoeists paddle toward quieter water as Lynne and Monty Hyde and Dave Underhill try unsuccessfully to free their craft from the pull of the turbulent back-current at the base of the lower paper mill dam which is pulling them into the falls. Below, their barrel-boat swamped and abandoned, the Hyde brothers and one of their rescuers cling to ropes let down by Leo Wolf, Norm Long and Herb Wild, who are engaged in a tug-of-war with the churning water. In the water to the right is Bob Wolf whose inner-tube boat proved a valuable piece of life saving equipment. The rescue took place during Saturday's Crazy Boat race. — Adams Photography



ged from the situation at the committee meeting. "I suggest we go into committee of the whole, and reconvene to strike the budget."

Turning to the press he stated, "Please make it clear if we reconvene tonight we don't get an extra thirty dollars." He emphasized that the finance chairman should have this courtesy extended to him.

At 10:30 council went into committee of the whole to discuss the budget further. At this point only a difference of half a "1" 68.5 or 68, was being argued. Cr. Ernie Hyde claimed there was enough allowance for contingencies, the point raised by Cr. Morrow and Hyde. "In fact there are some things in there that are sheer nonsense." He maintained Cr. Denison had more money to "play with" than anyone ever had in that field. Admitting he had been the originator of contingency funds some years ago, he now questioned their validity, because of the low interest rates. "Better we should spend the contingency fund and cut down on debt-enture debt," he advocated.

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Cr. Morrow stated he had understood 67 mills on the new assessment equalled 82.85 on the old. "Now I find out it's closer to sixty, which means a bigger tax jump than I thought."

Cr. Ernie Hyde poured oil on the troubled waters saying he wished everything that was said in the last five minutes could be retracted.

Finally, at ten minutes after twelve the motion to prepare the by-law setting the mill rate at 68 residential and 75.51 industrial was passed with Cr. Ric Morrow still opposing.

## Dental Office, Garages Entered, Cash Taken

Only a cash register and a small amount of cash were listed as missing after break-ins at two car dealerships and a dentist's office over the week end.

The cash register was taken from Murray Motors on Mountainview Rd. and the cash from the office of Dr. M. Wobburgh, in the Halax Building at 69 Mill Street. The other entry was made at Masson Motors on Guelph Street.

At the car dealerships entry was gained by breaking side windows. The door to the dentist's office was forced.

## Rushed to Hospital Child is Recovering

A small child in convulsion was rushed from McGillvray Crescent to Georgetown hospital in a police cruiser Tuesday morning when time didn't allow summoning of the volunteer ambulance service.

Constable John Liver with Cadet Brian Farrell were dispatched to 47 McGillvray Cres. where they picked up 17 month old Debbie Ross and her mother Mrs. Jackie Ross and rushed to hospital. At press time the child was reported in good health but under surveillance in hospital.

Police said she was turning blue and in a convulsion apparently brought on by a high fever, the result of an ear infection when they arrived at the Ross home.