

## Lights dance Sunday

Residents of the town and district who were outdoors to observe Sunday evening's eclipse of the moon were given an extra bonus when the Northern Lights staged a spectacular display of shimmering light.

The partial eclipse of the moon was easily visible on the clear sky which lost its murky look after several days of intense heat and humidity. Warm air and the full moon made the evening pleasant to be outdoors.

Around 11 p.m. the aurora borealis sent shafts of green tinted light into the atmosphere. Light danced across the shimmering sky. Almost like some giant kaleidoscope the lights changed in beauty and form while would-be eclipse-watchers stretched their necks to catch the awe-inspiring spectacle.

The show lasted more than an hour.



CHOSEN TO RIDE in an open convertible in last Wednesday night's Playground parade were Mr. and Miss Playground of Prospect Park, Mike Roach and Lorainne Cook.—(Staff Photo)

## Four cars involved in bizarre accident

Four vehicles—three of them parked—were involved in an accident at the Main St. N. business section Thursday evening around midnight. Total damage is estimated at \$1350.

Police said a bizarre string of collisions was alleged to have started when a vehicle owned by John McKenna of Georgetown, driver unidentified, emerged from the Dominion Hotel driveway. The driver lost control and struck a vehicle on the east side of Main St., crossed the

street and collided with two more parked cars on the west side, before ending up on the front lawn of the C. F. Leatherland law offices.

Parked vehicles belonged to Fergus Quee, Acton, with estimated damage of \$300, Michael Rogers of Guelph, \$450 and William Anderson of Georgetown, \$200. The McKenna car's damage was estimated at \$400.

Charges have been laid. Constable McArthur investigated.

DAVID SOMERVILLE and Patti Dawson were chosen Mr. and Miss Playground for the M. Z. Bennett Park and rode in an open convertible in last Wednesday night's parade.—(Staff Photo)

## Mr. Clean could swim in Fairy Lake

Fairy Lake is one of the cleanest bodies of water in Ontario, according to a recent test for bacteria by the Halton County Health Unit.

Acton Board of Parks Management exulted over the "very clean" tag at their regular August meeting Thursday night.

It is clean at the campsites on the far shore, too, said chairman Marks, which speaks well of the operators who are doing a good job of keeping premises clean.

Rumors circulating in town that Acton's Lake was polluted were later traced to another Fairy Lake in Newmarket which is polluted.

But even Mr. Clean could swim in the Acton water since it takes a count of 2,400 coliforms to make a lake unclean. The Fairy Lake figure is about .150 at the swim area.

# Child killed hit-and-run tragedy Sat.

An Acton man has been charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident following a hit-and-run late Saturday afternoon in which an eight-year-old Acton girl was killed.

Police called off the province-wide alert Wednesday morning for a vehicle described by witnesses after charges were laid. A car owned by the local man was seized by police Sunday and sent to Toronto for tests at the forensic laboratory.

Laurie Lynn Shaw, a resident of Acton for only the last four months, was almost instantly killed on Main St. North, just above the CNR tracks about 5:45 Saturday as she allegedly walked on the east shoulder of the road. Police said she was struck from behind by a vehicle proceeding north.

The eight-year-old child was walking with girl friends Alana McInyre, 12, 301 Main St. N. and Beverly Cox 11, of the same address, but Laurie Lynn's two friends were on the west shoulder of the road. It is believed Laurie Lynn stopped briefly to pick some berries along the roadside.

The two girls never saw their friend hit. They turned around after the car had gone by to see Laurie Lynn lying on the road.

### Witnesses

Witnessing the tragic accident were Steven Marshall, 15 and Marilyn McIntyre 22, who were on their way to the Highway Garage to pick up a lawnmower. Steve ran to call police while Marilyn stayed to flag down approaching cars. She stopped Ray Fawcett of Winchester, Ontario, who immediately started to apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to revive the little girl. He was joined by Dr. Walter Burford of Hamilton who was passing through town and stopped at the scene to aid Dr. D. W. Van der Bent also arrived to assist.

Efforts to revive the child were futile.

An ambulance arrived from Milton District Hospital but it was never needed. Constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. said he radioed for help

for the ambulance which could arrive the fastest and the dispatcher contacted Milton where there is a 24 hour service.

Laurie Lynn, who just finished grade three at the Robert Little school, was buried at one o'clock today (Wednesday) from the Washington-Johnston funeral home, Queen St., Toronto. She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Ann Shaw of 301 Main St. N.

The family moved here from Toronto four months ago. Mrs. Shaw also has a son Frank. The grief-stricken mother was taken to the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Peter Edge, who also officially identified the body.

Acton O.P.P., meanwhile, have called off the investigation to trace the car which hit the girl and then left the scene. Constable McArthur, assisted in the investigation by Corporal Mason of

the Acton O.P.P. and Corporal Dumlop of the North Halton detachment, checked out several vehicles answering the description of the car given by witnesses before lodging charges Tuesday.

Police praised the assistance they received on the scene of the fatality from passers-by, singling out Henry Bittorf and John Krapek for directing traffic. They also praised the initiative displayed by Marilyn McIntyre and Steve Marshall who were on the scene first and alerted passing motorists and police, and those who administered aid.

The tragedy happened only a few yards from the hump-backed railway crossing which has been the scene of several fatal accidents involving trains in the last few years.

## Garage fire

Acton Firefighters had their lunch hour interrupted Monday, when they were called to douse a blaze in a garage, on the First Line of Esqueing, south of 22 Sideroad.

## Suspect attack by rabid fox

A valuable foxhound, belonging to Harry Foley, 239 Main Street North was attacked by what is thought to have been a rabid fox, last Tuesday night.

Mr. Foley told the Free Press he heard a noise outside his house about 10 p.m. He took a flashlight and went outside to discover the dog shaking the fox by the scruff of the neck.

By the time Mr. Foley was able to secure a gun from the house however, the fox had made off through some back fields.

Noticing the dog had been nipped under the throat, Mr. Foley called veterinarian Dr. Frank Oakes, who administered shots to the dog, the next morning.

The dog is now penned up by itself and under careful observation. The full limit of quarantine for rabies is 60 days, Mr. Foley said.

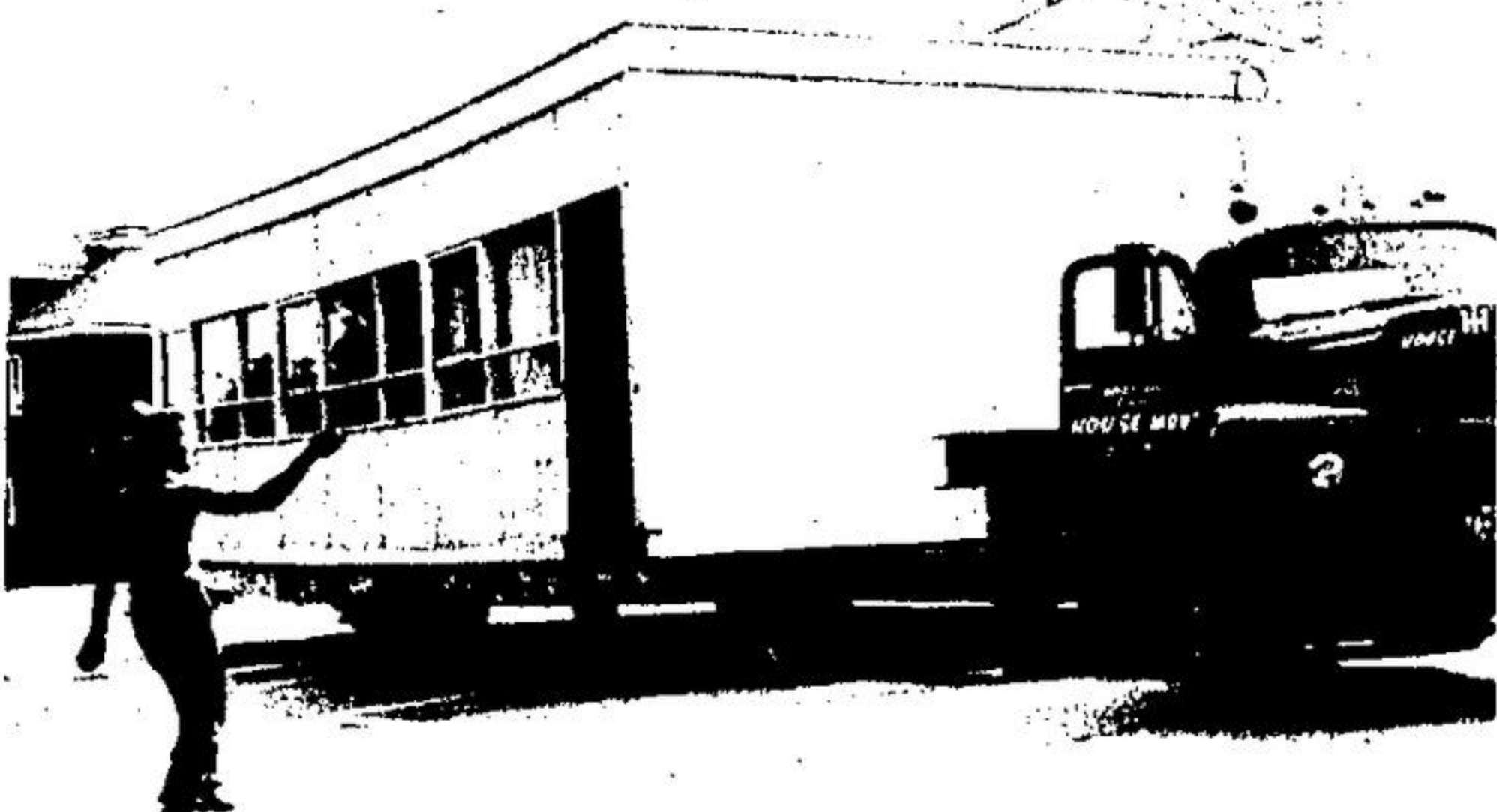
Five other valuable dogs, which Mr. Foley often takes to shows in both Canada and the United States were penned up separately at the time and thus not attacked. The dog attacked was tied up outside.

All of Mr. Foley's dogs receive anti-rabies shots annually.

Mr. Foley said the fox had quills sticking in its lower jaw, indicating it may have tangled earlier with a porcupine.

An Acton man, Barry Insoce, notified police last night

(Tuesday), he had seen a fox, which may have been the same one, near the Acton Monitoring Station on the Erin-Esqueing Town Line, north of Acton.



TRAFFIC IN THE MAIN business section of town was held up momentarily Friday afternoon, as a giant house mover carrying the second of two

portable classrooms to Acton District High School moved through town. The classroom measured almost the entire width of the street.—(Staff Photo)

# Rockwood may get water and sewers

Residents of Rockwood may soon benefit from a provincially-owned waterworks and separate system if the Ontario Municipal Board approves the two projects for the village at a total cost of \$1,391,740.

Eramosa township has proposed construction of the two projects to provide most residents of the village with water services and sewage distribution and treatment plant. Residents would pay for the use of the services at a rate based on frontage and the amount consumed.

Ratepayers who object to the scheme may, within 21 days after the first publication of the proposal, state their objections in a letter to the clerk of the township. A public hearing may be held by the Ontario Municipal Board to consider objections but notice of the meeting will be given only to those persons who have given notice of objection.

Advertisements in this issue of the Free Press spell out the proposals in detail.

The Ontario Water Resources Commission investigated the possibility of installing waterworks and sewage systems in Rockwood at the request of the township. The village has been plagued with polluted wells, and increased building has compounded the problem.

Costs for an average home on a lot with 66 foot frontage have been figured out at \$98.80 for water and \$149.47 for hooking up to the sewage system annually. The water charge is based on a 44 cent per 1,000 gallons of water at \$26.40, \$12.40 for connections and a \$60.00 service charge for a total of \$98.90 annually.

Sewage charges would be based on an estimated service rate of \$1.13 per 1,000 gallons of sewage accepted from the municipality which is worked out at \$26.40 for a 66 ft. lot for water, \$15.07 connection charge and a 180 per cent surcharge on a \$60 water bill which makes \$108.00 for a total of \$149.47 annually.

However a person not connected to the water system would pay slightly more — \$150.71 for use of sewage facilities.

Cost of the waterworks proposal by itself would run the province \$550,739 while the sewage system is estimated to cost \$840,801.

See inside this week's issue of the Free Press to a special feature on the village's sewage and water problems, written by Lorraine Root.

## Plans bungalow to house senior citizens, orphans

Clearing of brush has begun on 64 acres of land near Acton where a Georgetown man, Denis Scallon, proposes to donate land for bungalows for senior citizens with no families and orphans.

The Marian Foundation would be the beneficiary and builder. The land located adjacent to the Canadian Environmental Systems building on the Fifth Line, Esqueing, just south of

Highway 7, will be known as "Marian Park".

A trout stream flowing through the property will eventually be extended a mile and a half and a grotto and chapel in honor of the Virgin Mary will be built nearby the stream, Mr. Scallon, a devout Catholic, told the Free Press this week.

Library facilities may also be erected to house a selection of

Christian books.

"The idea is to give orphaned children as much of a family life as possible," Mr. Scallon explained.

Mr. Scallon envisions bungalows housing five or six children, with a den mother in charge of each bungalow.

"Our object is to build bungalows for the old and lonely and the young and lonely."

further improvements on the shoreline. Acton council allowed Parks Board to overbudget \$2,000 which raised the money for the project. Cost was \$3,700.

Mr. Ruppert also said the association would still accept donations to help finish the job.

Mr. Marks pointed out that although the shoreline was improved the Board had posted signs to discourage swimming.

Board member Bob Laughlin said there was also a need for a fence in the area to prevent vehicular traffic from driving on the land. He suggested the fence should be erected solely to prevent vehicle traffic from using the property, not people. He envisioned a barricade approximately 18 inches high.

"We've still got to think of planting something there and save what we've got," he noted. A few hundred dollars will be needed for that, he guessed.

Mr. Marks told the Board one contractor he contacted wanted \$2,000 to sow seed on the barren land but he suggested if Lakeview residents brought their rakes and did the work the Board could save hundreds of dollars.

Parks manager Harold Townsley agreed, saying with some harrow and seed the total cost would run probably in the \$200 to \$300 bracket.

Mr. Laughlin thought perhaps school children would be interested in helping with this and with a tree-planting project on the park land. "Let them plant trees," he urged. If they plant them, they water them," he observed.

"Get the children involved" he urged.

The Board agreed seeding of the park land would have to wait until fall.

Mr. Ruppert was thanked for the aid he and his association supplied to the Board as well as for the \$1,500 cheque.

## Arrest four drug charge

Police from Acton, Milton and Kitchener arrested four young men in a car at approximately 11 p.m. Monday night in Acton and charged them with possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking.

The four — three from Acton and one from Erin — are lodged in Halton County jail at Milton. Search of the vehicle located \$275 worth of hashish, a drug of compressed brownish resin cake. One of the four ran but was pursued and caught.

Police Constable Roy Wood was assisted in making the arrests by Constable Nick Fardon, of Acton O.P.P., Constable Gary and Johnston of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from Kitchener.

The four accused are charged under the Narcotics Control Act.



IT'S A TENSE moment for the Limehouse Atoms as they face the strong Moffat club in the first game of

the Tri-County softball playoffs. Turn inside for story and more pictures.—(Staff Photo)