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Hunters find bones study reveals wound

The skeleton of a woman believed to have been in her early 30's was discovered in a field near the Eighth Line Esqueping north of Georgetown on Saturday, Milton OPP have revealed. The woman apparently died from a gunshot wound to the head. Earlier reports had put the female's age in the 15 to 20 year bracket. According to investigating officer W. R. Bennett the body was more than badly decomposed, "it was just a skeleton."

Apparently two hunters happened to stumble onto the remains—which were lying in a wooded area. Milton OPP had the skeleton transported to the Forensic Sciences Centre in Toronto for identification.

Tooth missing
The woman was either 31, 32, or 33 years of age. She had reddish brown hair and was missing a tooth from her front lower set of teeth, a Centre pathologist has determined," stated Bennett.

According to the officer dental examinations "very strongly suggest" the body is not that of a Kleinberg teenager, Ingrid Bauer who has been missing since August 16. Her disappearance sparked a massive search. The officer said police are still working on the identity of the woman.



ALL ABOARD for Passports to Halton trip! The Collett family from Acton line up on the back of an old car at the Electric Railway Museum for an autumn ride through the bush Sunday. The Rockwood station was moved to the Nassagaweya site from its original location. The railway with its delightful old cars is one of the stops indicated for bearers of Passports to Halton, a county promotion which began last weekend. (Photo by D. Dills)

Night school classes

Six night school classes began this week. Needlecrafts and typing are Mondays, sewing Tuesdays, bridge, pottery and upholstery on Wednesdays. All classes are in the high school except for upholstery which is in the Y.M.C.A.

Various other classes were offered but these six had sufficient registration to warrant engaging the teachers.

Munch for research

Halloween coming... and so is Halloween candy. Young people will be calling door-to-door in the next two weeks to sell bags of candy for the annual treats. Money raised goes to the Hamilton chapter of the Kidney Foundation to be used for research.

'Kids not that bad' Judge Ord believes

"I sincerely believe kids are no worse today than they were 20 years ago. They're more honest," Provincial Judge John D. Ord told a dinner meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce at the Dominion Hotel last Wednesday night.

A former Nassagaweya resident who also practiced law in Georgetown for 12 years before his judicial appointment, Judge Ord now presides in the criminal court in Peel County. He previously served several years as a juvenile court judge.

Judge Ord used the famous saying "The more things change, the more they remain the same," to reinforce his statement that today's kids really aren't that bad.

"If children get love and concern from their parents, they have a very good chance of making the grade," he said.

Kids change
All kids are attractive at some point in their lives, but somewhere along the line something happens to them and they change at about age 11, he said.

"Is it possible to say a kid has any responsibility at this age?" he asked. "At that age I believe we have to look at the home in trouble cases."

Speaking on his term as a juvenile court judge, Judge Ord described the trouble youths 16-19 get into as youthful delinquency.

"After that age you assume they realize the consequences and you have to draw the line," he said.

Judge Ord admitted he often wonders if it wouldn't be better to give a boy a nine month reform school sentence for his first fight, rather than see him come up before him for larger offences later.

Big hit
However, he added that to give a boy a year when he's 18 or 19 is "quite a hit in the stomach, one that I don't enjoy."

"I've always operated on the basis of There but for the grace of God go I," Judge Ord said.

Youths who he considers to finally be a real nuisance are sent to the House of Concord a Salvation Army-operated home north of Toronto, Judge Ord explained.

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Plan Acton displays for Passport trippers

Acton will have a warmer welcome next weekend for travellers on Passports to Halton. Special displays are being arranged at both the community centre and Beardmore, the two checkpoints for Acton listed in the county warden's promotion scheme.

Passports to Halton admit bearers to 16 places in the county they should know better. The three-weekend project began last Saturday with few participants in the north of the county. By Sunday, about 50 passports were stamped at the community centre by perky volunteers Julie Townsley and Cindy McGilloway, backed up by Harold and Doris Townsley. Facilities for stamping the passports had not been arranged there for Saturday, but callers were few.

At Beardmore gate, watchman Pup Main stamped passports but explained to carloads from Burlington and Oakville no display was ready yet. Some got out to look through the rock gardens; most just turned around and headed for another location on their map.

Enjoy rides
At the Electric Railway Museum in Nassagaweya there were plenty of hobby railroaders on hand to take the many visitors on rides on their trains. For Halton passport holders, fares were half price.

Actonians met there, taking in this district tourist attraction—so near home—for the first time.

At Limehouse, a conservation authority truck, with the familiar Passport to Halton sign, stood at the entrance to the trail to the lime kilns. Here Leo Weverink of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority staff stamped passports for the travellers who delighted in a walk through the woods, with sunbeams flaring at the sides of the path. The old lime kilns, ruins of the dam and mill proved charming.

At the Beaumont mills at Georgetown and Glen Williams much preparation had been made for visitors with signs and some of the machines in operation. Owners were disappointed in the attendance but many more are expected next weekend. Visitors here were very happy with their insight into the industry.

Halton museum found attendance away up, with admission charged waived for passport bearers.

At the county building in Milton, passports are stamped in the main council chamber. Guides show the people around the court rooms and explain the county operation.

The blue-covered passports are being promoted by Halton warden Jim Swanborough in an effort to make the county better known to its own residents.

Passports are available at the county building in Milton, at some of the locations designated for passport stamping, here at the Free Press office and in the

Strike continues

Strike by 20 Ajax Engineering plant employees, all members of Local 7515 United Steelworkers reached its eleventh day today (Wednesday) with no sign of a settlement between the union and company in sight.

Local 7515 president Doug Vickery said yesterday (Tuesday) there have been no further meetings since the strike began and that no definite date has been set for a future one.

Union membership rejected a 7 per cent wage increase offer made by the company. The union will hold a regular meeting early next week.



DISCUSSING today's youth problems at last Wednesday night's Chamber of Commerce dinner are l. to r. Chamber 1st vice-president Alan Eastwood, Acton High principal Dave Katz, guest speaker Judge John D. Ord and business man Paul Nielsen.

CN man claims No odor from inert matter

The Canadian National Railways proposal to haul Metro Toronto garbage in the form of inert matter to Indusmin Quarries on the Third Line carries with it no ecological detriments whatever, CN public relations director John Noel said during a visit to the Free Press office last week.

Mr. Noel suggested that "inert matter" is a better term than "garbage" for what is proposed to fill quarries in what would be part of a rehabilitation program.

Transformation
He said Metro garbage would be transformed into a tidy, odorless and publicly acceptable material at two plants in Toronto before it is shipped by rail. There is no burning involved and therefore no air pollution, according to the CN proposal. Dust collection, odor control and noise reduction equipment will be included at the processing plants to avoid further problems.

A copy of the CN proposal shows pictures of the baled shredded refuse at a similar plant in Johnson City Tennessee.

Second proposal
Mr. Noel also said a Canadian Pacific Railways proposal is also before Metro executive at this time although it has not been made public.

George Armstrong of Indusmin said the proposal is only in the discussion stage now.

Reeve Tom Hill of Esqueping and Acton Mayor Les Duby both report their councils have had no official representations from CN.

Who rules park on Fair day?

Who has jurisdiction over Prospect Park and community centre facilities on Fall Fair weekend? That's the question Acton Parks and Recreation Committee members tossed around at their regular meeting Thursday night.

Committee member Barry Insoce started the discussion, explaining he was disappointed to see cars parked on the grassy portion of land north of the community centre on Fall Fair day, after the committee had previously refused representatives of the Sportsmen's Show Committee permission to allow the same.

Arena manager Harold Townsley said he also was disappointed, and added he had told Fair board officials they could use the area only if every other available parking space had been used.

"There wasn't near the parking area used that there could have been," he suggested.

Townsley also reported Fair board officials told him a by-law gives them all rights to the park for the two days of the year the fair is on.

"Could we really have refused them then?" asked committee member Diane Spielvogel.

Councillor Peter Marks felt quite sure they could and suggested that if a previous board had endorsed such a policy, the present one take a look at amending it right away.

"I would be amazed if they could overrule the wisdom of the parks manager," Marks claimed.

Good crowd for Hibbs

An excellent crowd of over 600 attended the Harry Hibbs Fall Frolic sponsored by the Acton Lions Club in the community centre Saturday night.

Attendance was less than at the club's Spring Frolic, but club members were still very happy and termed the event a success.

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