

# Bail refused Horst Baron in triple shooting

A 49-year-old Acton stone-mason charged with attempted murder following a triple shooting last week was refused bail at a hearing in Milton on Monday.

Justice of the Peace Brian McDermott ended the 30-minute hearing by ordering handcuffed Horst Baron back to provincial cells in Milton.

Evidence heard included a statement the accused made

to Halton Regional Police shortly after his arrest last Monday night on his farm two miles east of Acton.

Bans publication

But the Justice of the Peace imposed a ban on publication of evidence heard at the bail hearing.

Baron, a stocky man who wore a blue hunting shirt and work pants, showed no emotion when bail was refused.

Baron was charged with three counts of attempted murder after his wife Hilda, 59, and a man and his son who boarded with the family were each shot once in the chest with a .38 calibre revolver.

Mrs. Baron and Guy Mayer, 49, were seriously injured while nine-year-old Wayne Mayer was rushed to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children

where he was listed in critical condition.

All three victims remain in hospital and are reported in satisfactory condition Tuesday. Mrs. Baron is recovering in Guelph General Hospital and Guy Mayer in Toronto General Hospital.

Wayne Mayer, who was at first listed in critical condition at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, has had

surgery and is recuperating well, according to police.

The triple shooting was the second tragedy to strike the Baron family in two years.

A son Manfred, now 25, is serving a 14-year prison term in connection with the beating death in May, 1974, of his girlfriend's husband.

The girlfriend, Mrs. Regina Weriman of Toronto who was an instructor at a dance stu-

dio where Manfred took lessons, also received a 14-year term for her part in the killing.

Young Baron was arrested at the family farm after the slain husband's body was burned in an oil drum and then buried.

Mr. Baron is expected to remain in jail until his trial comes up next year.

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JULIAN REED

## \$5,000 damage in house fire

An electrical short was the cause of a blaze which completely destroyed the residence of Ross Fuller, Lot Nine, Concession Six, R.R. 2, Acton on Halloween night.

Erin firefighters were at the scene and estimate \$5000 damage to the house.

# Reed says no way Hydro will get 25% rate increase

There is just no way Ontario Hydro is going to get their 25 per cent rate increase Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed vowed this week.

"I think the government has come up with a way to give Hydro an easy out so they won't have to ask for a 25 per cent increase. Friday it was announced the government will drastically limit Hydro's borrowing power and one of the reasons Hydro says it needs the increase is so it can borrow for capital development," he explained.

Reed added that while this move will probably force Hydro to ask for a much lower increase there is still a lot of work to be done to bring Hydro under control.

"I can't see any way they will get 25 per cent. I think the

increase will be 12 per cent at the most," he stated.

Last week Hydro issued a press release announcing rates will be going up 25 per cent.

Reed is in a good position to fight Ontario Hydro, which he describes as a "bureaucracy run amuck", since he is able to attack the 25 per cent price increase as Liberal critic for Consumer and Commercial Relations and also sits on the caucus committee on energy.

"Moves must be made to bring Hydro under government control but the government just doesn't seem to want to come to grips with Hydro," he said.

According to Reed, Ontario Hydro suffers from tunnel vision and has not realized

the real future of power needs of Ontario.

"The situation is ridiculous. Hydro is a crown corporation over which the government has no real power."

"This is a bureaucracy which is determining the entire future growth of Southern Ontario for the next 50 years and when you look at Hydro's plans for nuclear development in Southern Ontario you'd swear they expect Southern Ontario to be one huge city with no farms and no open spaces."

He thinks it will be easy for the opposition parties in the Legislature to fight Hydro's request for a 25 per cent rate hike since there are so many areas of the electric empire's operations which can be questioned.

Reed predicts that before the fight against Hydro is over "the rules will have become a political decision and will be decided by the government."

He wants Queen's Park to force Hydro to restructure the rates they charge customers so that conservation will be encouraged. Right

now he says hydro rates become progressively cheaper the more electricity a customer uses and this doesn't encourage conservation.

Another idea he wants Hydro to hear loud and clear from the Liberal caucus energy committee is that nuclear plants are not the answer to growing power needs and that if all the potential water power was used in Ontario, then coal and natural gas wouldn't have to be imported to fuel power plants in Toronto.

"Over the past 20 years Hydro has closed out many smaller water power plants which has cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost power. Hydro says the smaller plants are too expensive to operate but I have evidence, on good authority, that the smaller plants can be run by remote control and quite economically."

Reed says Hydro wouldn't need any rate increase if they ever started trying to use the electricity which is wasted during periods of non peak power consumption. He believes incentives should be formulated to encourage

Hydro customers to use electricity during the times when power is being wasted.

Reed and the other members of the energy committee have appeared before the Porter Commission to discuss overall Hydro planning in general and the need for an independent study of the Bradley to Georgetown 500 KV power corridor specifically.

"We have told the Porter Commission we question the need for the line at all and that if it must be built there are alternative routes which would be better. If that 500 KV line goes through Halton Hills we know Hydro will put up another 500 KV line just five miles away from it a little further down the road. That line has to be fought and stopped now or we will have two of them," Reed warned.

Reed promises he will continue to fight Hydro until it is brought under control and believes that "if we keep pecking away at Hydro we will be able to rock the boat enough we will be able to get government control over Hydro."



OLDEST MEMBER of the curling club, Dave Robertson who's going on 78, symbolically tossed the first rock to start off the season Monday evening. Encouraging him are committee members draw chairman John Mintern, president (and his son) Brian Robertson and membership chairman Carolann Sproat.

## Postal worker on job

One inside postal worker went back to his job in Acton post office Monday, thinking it is about time the negotiations are settled. Vic Bristolow has been out for eight and a half days, and hadn't realized at first that employees were free to go back to work whenever they wished.

Postmaster Gordon McKeown points out the doors are not locked against anyone wishing to return to work. "It's not a lockout."

All the seven postal em-

ployees here are members of the bargaining unit.

Mr. Bristolow Monday began sorting and cancelling the mail which arrived at the post office just before the staff here received a call telling them the strike was on.

The postmaster has not heard from anyone else intending to return to work, but thinks that if one or two others came back, the mail carriers could likely be called back to work too.

Orangeville postal staff all

returned to work this week. Oakville staff came, but left again.

Inside workers have stayed on the job at Caledon, Tottenham, Bolton and Bellfontaine.

Workers at Campbellville, Rockwood and Norval do not belong to the union.

Postmaster McKeown and assistant postmaster Chris McMillan who do not belong to the union are still finding work to do, including reports and inspections. They would not normally handle the mail.

## No damage in domestic fire

Acton firefighters were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Waterhouse on Main St. S., on October 29 at the summons of the fire chief Mick Holmes.

A "domestic" fire in the kitchen was the cause of attention, and although no damage was done, smoke ejectors had to be used to clear the room of smoke, according to Mr. Holmes.

## Santa parade being planned

There will be a Santa Claus parade in town after all.

Last year's organizers made an appeal for newcomers to take over the happy task, and Monday night the Y's Men's club members agreed to organize the event.

The parade will be a community effort, the club members expect. They are calling a meeting for next Monday evening at 7.30 at the Y for everyone interested in participating or assisting.

No details are finalized yet - not even the date.

Anyone interested may phone Tom Madrick at 853-2560 or George Wallis at 853-0486 in the evenings.



Harbinger of winter

FACE-OFF FOR the first Sabres hockey game of the season was aided by Sabre sponsor Joe Gardin (centre), Sabre captain Charlie McRea (left), and Meaford Monarchs captain Ron Perks.

## Walker killed on Hwy 7

A 78-year-old area bachelor was killed at supertime Sunday as he walked along Highway 7 west of Acton.

Milton OPP said Frank Kennedy died shortly after being admitted to Guelph

The OPP Monday appealed for witnesses to the accident to come forward because of a mysterious light blue blanket found at the scene.

But police now believe Kennedy found the blanket somewhere along the highway and had it in his possession when struck.

## Sunday morning Remembrance

Remembrance Day will again this year be observed on the Sunday morning preceding November 11. The service at the Mill St. cenotaph Sunday at 10.45 a.m. will be followed by a service in Trinity United church.

The parade, under the auspices of the Legion, will leave the Legion Hall at 10.30 a.m. led by Acton Citizens' Band. At the cenotaph, the

Legion charge will be read by president Fred Allen and the names on the cenotaph by John McHugh. Representatives of community organizations will place wreaths before George Elliott sounds Reveille. Legion padre Rev. A. H. McKenzie will pronounce the benediction.

The Rev. Eric Nelson will preach at the service following.

HIGHEST AWARD in Guinness Book by commissioner meeting Monday.

PROUD KAREN van der Eyken, Commissioner at ceremony will have her Cord soon.

## Canada top award

The highest honor in Guiding, the Canada Cord, was presented to two young women at the Guide meeting Monday evening. Judy Pink and Karen van der Eyken