

Howlett surprise witness for I.C.G. at hearing

The question of an independent study for the Bradley Junction to Georgetown Hydro corridor is still very much alive. It surfaced again at Durham last week when expropriation hearings in front of F. L. Simpson of St. Catharines saw the Interested Citizens' Group produce Bruce Howlett as a surprise witness.

Howlett conducted the independent study which preceded the Solandt hearings and report on the east to west hydro corridor from Nanticoke to Pickering. His findings almost completely changed the route of the east to west corridor. Howlett told the hearing the study area Ontario Hydro had used to set out the Bradley Junction to Georgetown hydro

corridor was too small and should have taken in the Bruce generating station. He also criticized other aspects of the study. Other witnesses produced by the ICG included Dr. Frank Gilbert of the University of Guelph and Peter Hannam of the Wellington County Federation of Agriculture. Dr. Gilbert said the study Ontario Hydro had done was one of the worst he had ever seen done and did not take into account existing hydro corridors.

Peter Hannam said the diagonal severances Hydro wants to use are the worst thing that could happen to a farmer.

The hearings at Durham also heard representation for the Town of Hanover asking for an examination of how Ontario Hydro decided to use the Cold Creek diversion which affected Hanover, rather than other routes which would have less effect on populated areas. Hydro decided to take the corridor out of the creek bed so trees would not have to be cut in the creek bed which could increase the temperature of the water and endanger the fish.

The decision is costing an extra \$600,000, "for a few fish" said an official of the ICG disgustedly.

Ontario Hydro was represented at the Durham hearings by Art Mosher and lawyer Mr. Marshall. Since Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell has already given approval to go ahead on the Georgetown to Bradley corridor it was the feeling of observers from this district Hydro officials did not feel obligated to justify their decisions on the corridor. Only a limited amount of information was supplied to the hearing.

The hearing is set up to hear witnesses for expropriation of properties from Bradley to Colbeck, above Orangeville. However, members of the ICG from Halton Hills and Erin, feel the hearings have implications which could change the entire structure of Hydro's plans. The hearings adjourned Friday until Monday, July 19.

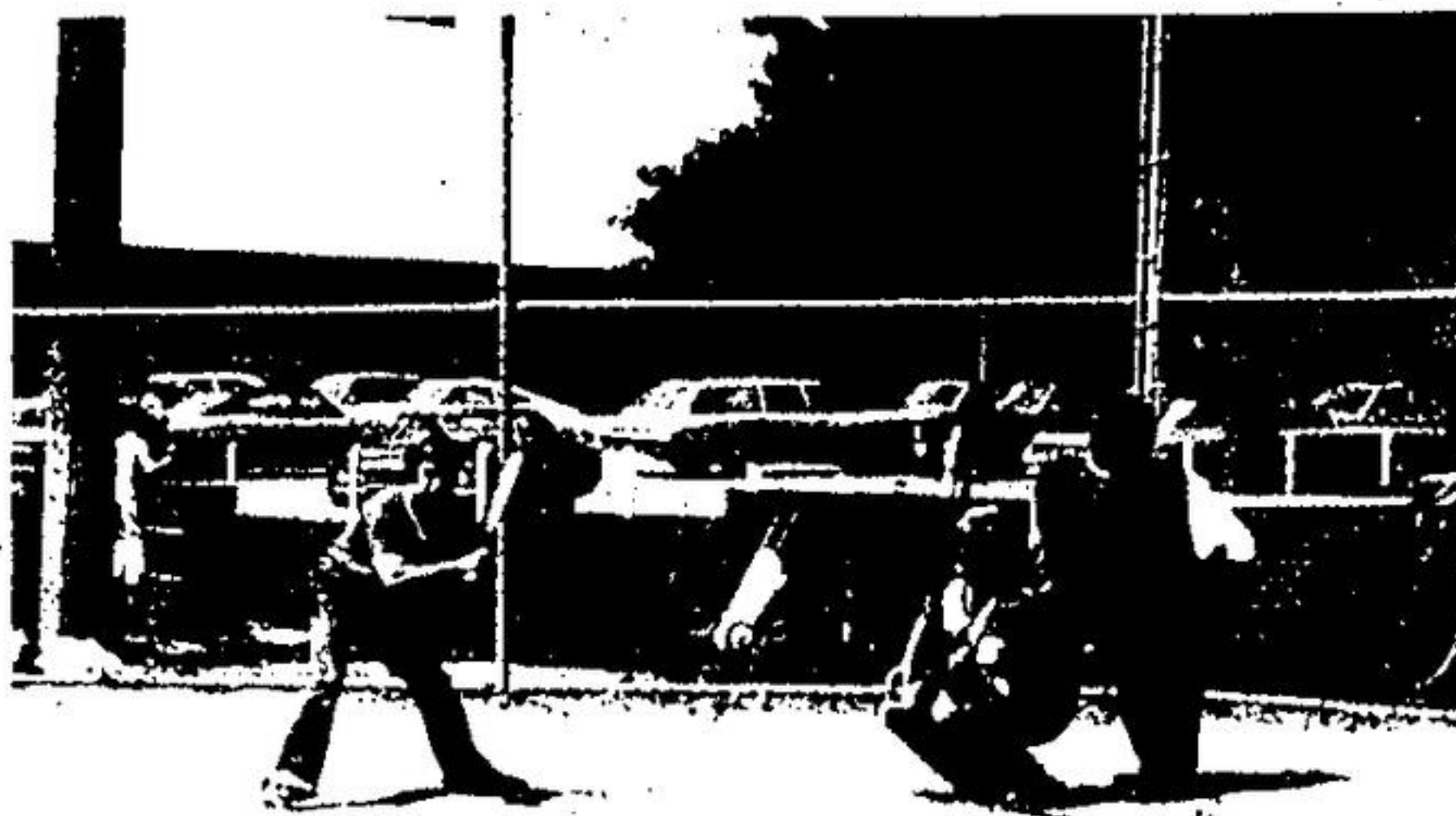
Cyclist injured

A 12-year-old R.R. 1 Acton cyclist was slightly injured at supertime Thursday when he was hit by a car as he pedalled across Highway 7 at the Milton-Halton Hills town line.

Provincial police in Milton said Peter Gintautas halted at the stop sign as required, but failed to look both ways before driving his bicycle across the highway.

Police said the youngster was hit by a 1964 Oldsmobile driven by John Matheson, of Guelph.

Americans celebrated the USA's 200th birthday with special events on the July 4 weekend.



DANNY O'SHEA is up to bat as Halton Hills Catering team beat Ledgers IGA in Sunday's Acton Men's Baseball game. Gary Taillefer catches as Ken Nokes umpires.

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JAKE KUIKEN boosts Block Parents with this sign at his store, Halton Hills Furniture. Meeting is tonight.



RAIN POURS into garages and homes on Cameron St. since the recent paving. Here Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bradshaw's home is protected by a bank of gravel. The Miller, Anderson, Dennison and Townsley homes also report flooding now worse. There are no storm sewers or curbs, and council is "having another look" at the situation.

Escapee gets six months

A 16-year-old youth who escaped for three hours last week from Maplehurst Correctional Centre has been sentenced to six additional months in prison for his efforts.

Judge William Sharpe of provincial court pronounced sentence in Milton last Wednesday after Robert McGee of Oak Ridges, north of Toronto, pleaded guilty to escaping lawful custody.

Flees work party McGee was serving nine months definite and three months indefinite for breaking and entering when he escaped from a work party outside the Highway 25 centre.

Court was told McGee had escaped from training schools 29 times as a juvenile.

One at large Halton Regional Police searchers arrested McGee in the Derry Rd. West and Bell School Line area, but failed to find his partner—Colin Smith, 17, of Hamilton—who remains at large.

Police have warned that Smith is dangerous. His record includes assaulting police and robbery.

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