

Children die in house fire

Two young Hillsburgh children are dead as a result of a fire at their home. Daniel Arthur Hunter, 12, and Teresa Rae Hunter, 14, died in Guelph General Hospital of burns and smoke inhalation on Sunday.

Their father Desmond Hunter, 38, received burns while trying to rescue the children and is in satisfactory condition.

Guelph OPP reported the fire broke out at 3:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Mrs. Hunter ran to the neighbor's for help after the parents smelled smoke.

Mr. Hunter apparently tried twice to rescue the children who were found by firefighters near a second storey window. The lower part of the house was on fire. Firefighters, a nurse and ambulance drivers tried to save the children's lives to no avail.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office is investigating the blaze, which gutted the two-storey vinyl-sided frame house at Church and Baker Sts. in Hillsburgh.

A fund has been started with donations accepted at the Royal Bank, Hillsburgh.

Women killed in accident Tuesday

Two Hillsburgh residents were killed last night when the car in which they were passengers overturned in Erin Township, near Erin Village.

Dead are Anna Reid, 71, and Doris Hilton, 51. The driver of the vehicle, Elmer Hurren, 69, suffered cuts and bruises in the accident.

Drop grade from school

Wellington County School Board backed a proposal to study the effects of dropping grade 13.

The board endorsed a resolution from Peterborough's board which asked for research into "the educational merits, problems, cost savings and social impact of telescoping courses of study to 12 grades above kindergarten instead of 13."

21 pheasants killed at night

Erin Township officials are checking into the Livestock Protection Act to see if payments to a pheasant farmer qualify.

The farmer, James Heseltine, lost 21 birds in a midnight raid on his West Garafraxa farm.

He's asking for \$525 in compensation. Evidence from the scene of the killings suggest to Heseltine that a husky dog might be responsible.

According to Guelph OPP, it was very wet and foggy when the vehicle missed its turn at the T intersection of Wellington County Rd. 23 and 17 Sideroad of Erin. The car slid into a ditch and rolled at 7:50 p.m.



RON McLEAN of Acton, a longtime Royal exhibitor, will once again be representing the home town with chickens and ducks. Here he checks a young Barred Rock rooster for condition. Mr. McLean will be entering Barred Rocks, light brown Leghorns, white Leghorn chickens and Rouen, Cayuga, Buff, and Blue Swede ducks. The Royal starts Friday and runs till Nov. 20.

230,374 in Halton

Population growth largest in Milton

Halton Region's 1977 population is 230,374, an increase of 4,229 residents since the provincial enumeration was taken a year ago. The figure was released Monday by Robert H. Beach, the assessment commissioner for Halton and Peel Regions.

The Town of Milton had the largest percentage rate of growth in 1977, according to Beach's figures. Milton's 1977 population is 22,095 or a 7.73 increase over the 20,509 enumerated in 1976.

Burlington had the next largest population rise, a 1.92 per cent growth. There are 105,714 in Burlington this year, up 1,986 from the 103,728 listed in 1976.

Oakville's population rose .67 per cent, from 68,116 in 1976 to 68,572 this year, for a .456 increase.

The smallest increase was in Halton Hills, where there were 33,792 residents enumerated last year and 33,993 in 1977. That represents a .59 increase and a gain of 201 residents.

Mr. Beach reports Halton's total taxable assessment this year stands at a record \$648,612,499. The previous year it was \$622,574,449 so that means an increase of \$26 million or a 4.18 per cent increase.

Milton added 1,586 new residents in the past year.

Winter Fair opens Friday bringing country to the city

The 49th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair opens Friday of this week and runs until Saturday, November 19th.

This "Queen" of the agricultural fairs in Canada and, in the eyes of many, in the world, is the once-a-year event that brings the country to the city so urban dwellers can get together with rural cousins and learn more about the primary source of their food.

In excess of 300,000 visitors will view nearly 18,000 entries of purebred and market livestock, breeding and perform-

ance horses, grain and vegetable crops as they compete for record prize money of \$280,000.00. Livestock and poultry entries alone will exceed 9,000.



A GIRL AND HER PONY always make a winning picture, especially when they're on the way to the Royal Winter Fair. Kim Muspratt of R.R.4, Acton is one of the youngest equestrians ever to be selected for competition in Canada's premier horse show. Kim, at 10 years old, has only been riding for two-and-a-half years. Her pony's name is Shartonka.

Erin township

Dogs ravage sheep, cost township \$2,433

Dogs running loose have cost Erin Township \$2,433.82 for the month of October. Dr. and Mrs. Brian Buckrell attended council meeting to support their claim of \$1,989.30 when their flock of 160 sheep was ravaged by dogs. The township evaluator said it was the worst he had ever seen. Council is paying \$10 to anyone shooting a dog caught in the act of molesting poultry or livestock, and stresses it is the owners' responsibility to keep their dogs at home.

Among the general accounts a discussion arose on the fill for the garbage dump which cost the township \$4,398.50.

Council donated \$75 to the Salvation Army, and \$606.74 will be advanced to help pay the fuel bill in Ballinafad Community Centre. This cost is shared by Wellington and Halton Hills.

Nine building permits were issued in October. This is down three from last year. Two of these houses are started, with a construction value of \$160,000.

Council was asked by L. Stockwell to appoint fence viewers so work on a new fence can be done before freeze-up. Fence viewers

appointed were Jesse McEnery, Ken Jessop and Arnold Carney.

Reeve Don Matheson and Bert Wheeler will be attending a county meeting on Nov. 8, at the council chambers in Guelph, on the request of the warden, regarding hospital financing.

A resolution wanting to put more pressure on the government regarding pornography, was made in Etobicoke and circulated for support. Council agreed to endorse and support their motion regarding pornography and its availability to children.

Erin Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion requested a donation for a Remembrance Day wreath. Council will donate \$35 for the wreath to be placed on the cenotaph in Erin village.

A County Seminar on OMB to be held Nov. 9, at Wellington Place, was discussed. This is a joint program for a one day seminar on several topics, courtroom procedures, severance appeals, what happens to zoning by-laws, official plan amendments, and questions will be answered on any topic of OMB.

A road closing request was received concerning lot 15-16,

con. 5. There is 346 feet of land-locked property involved. Three owners are entitled to a portion of the road allowance. Council is in favor if the owners agree to how it is proportioned, and also agree to accept costs. It was suggested they have talks to close the road completely through.

Regarding the Marbro subdivision in Ballinafad, Dryden and Smith Consultants did not recommend council to proceed with rezoning until the Minister has given draft approval for the subdivision.

Domtree Ltd. was given permission to pursue a traffic count on 17 Sideroad on the first week of November.

Erin council intends to apply for a zoning by-law. The by-law is being circulated for approval to neighboring townships.

Ed Barden reported on the road construction. The Seal-Coat hardtop completed this summer cost \$7,000 a mile. Work on the First Line below 24 highway is finished. The road was raised, gravelled and ditched, which should eliminate flooding in the spring.

The next meeting will be Mon., Dec. 5, at 11 a.m.

Distinguished guests A number of distinguished guests will attend this year's Royal. His excellency Sir John Johnston, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., British High Commissioner in Canada will officially open the show at 9:00 p.m. On Tuesday evening, The Honourable Hughes Lapointe, P.C., Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Quebec will be the guest of honor.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Pauline McGibbon, Q.C., B.A., LL.D. will tour the Fair on Thursday morning and attend the Horse Show that evening.

The Royal Horse Show, the traditional and very colorful feature, will highlight international jumping teams from Great Britain, West Germany, United States and Canada as well as a champion open jumper rider from Mexico. The Metropolitan Toronto Police Musical Ride and Pipe Band will also be featured at all performances which take place every evening except Sunday and afternoon shows November 11-13 and 17-19.

The Royal "Flower Show", always a dazzling spectacle, will salute the Queen's Silver Jubilee with a beautiful flower crown as its focal point.

The Ontario Food Festival will have an exciting new look as the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture unveils its new food promotion theme "Foodland Ontario". Food demonstrations, games for children, musical entertainment, wine and food sampling and recipe handouts will all be part of this consumer display area.

More than 20 marketing boards and producer organizations will be on hand to answer questions about food production and preparation.

At least one exciting livestock auction will be open to the public every day except November 17, with a total of 16 being held during the nine-day event.

On Friday, November 18th nearly 350 steers prepared and shown by 4H club members across Ontario will compete in the Queen's Guinness Steer Competition.

A sheep shearing competition on the evening of November 15 will also be of interest to urban and rural people.



ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP council reeve Bill Adsett was at the Rockwood cenotaph Sunday morning to lay a wreath of poppies on behalf of the township.

Charges laid against officer

Georgetown policeman Sergeant Jason Fields faces an assault charge after having allegedly slapped a resident seven months ago.

In an interview this week Halton Regional Police Chief Ken Skerrett revealed there was a hearing for Fields in his office last week and the case has been remanded for trial until next month.

The trial, held under the Police Act, will take place in Skerrett's office, with the chief acting as judge. He said a police trial is the same as one held in a court.

Milton lawyer Peter

McWilliams, who has brought a number of charges of alleged police brutality to the attention of the Crown Attorney and police recently passed the complaint against Fields onto police about three or four weeks ago.

Gary Sparling, Mountainview Road, alleges he was slapped in the face by a policeman. He says the incident took place in May.

Skerrett said Fields would naturally continue his duties since nothing has been proven against him.

When asked why it took so long for this to surface Skerrett said, "That's a good question."

Fallen soldiers are remembered

Those who gave their lives in World Wars one and two were remembered at the Soldiers' Memorial, Nassagaweya on Sunday.

The Rev. Mrs. Farmery was the minister in charge of the cenotaph service, and led in the singing of the hymn O Valiant Hearts before the invocation, prayers and scripture reading.

The hymn Abide With Me followed the placing of the wreaths, the reading of names of fallen soldiers, the last post and reveille. The Royal anthem was sung by the gathering before the service was closed with the benediction.

Those who died in 1914-1918 were Pte. Stanley R. Adamson, Pte. Arthur Hadley, Pte. Edward Harrison,

Capt. Chas. M. Carbert, M.C., Pte. Orville Fletcher, Pte. Edward Hamman, Pte. William Tremblott, Pte. James Milne, Pte. Clarence Carton, Corp. John H. Blair, Pte. William Graham, Pte. William Pollock, Dvr. Mark McIntyre, Pte. L. J. Kingsbury, Pte. Harvey Elliott, Pte. Wesley Roberts, Pte. H.C. Elsiey, Pte. Fred Hilson, Pte. Joseph Fryer, Pte. Allan Reading, Pte. Howard C. Robinson, Pte. William Roberts and Pte. Melvin Bonas.

Those who gave their lives in 1939-1945 were Sgt. Pilot Clayton Taylor, Flt. Sgt. Peter McLaren, P.O. Clarence Elsiey, Sgt. Marshall Wilson and Pte. R. Cecil Wilson.

Girl's fight to walk aided by hospital



"I hate ice cream!" Christine Quackenbush blurted out to a nurse at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

The words came as a huge relief to the nurse and the 13-year-old's parents, as they signified the end of a week and a half semi-conscious state the Erin high school student had been in since a terrible car crash on the Seventh Line just below Highway 24.

The two-car collision occurred September 13. Occupants of both cars were taken by ambulance to Guelph General Hospital, but Chris was later transferred to Sick Children's. She had received a severe bang on the head, and needed a brain scan. This revealed two blood clots, which doctors hoped could be treated by medication. If the clots did not dissolve, brain surgery would have been necessary. The young teenager also received a fractured shoulder, which, as her parents say "was the least of our worries."

For several days the Quackenbush family of

R.R.2, Acton kept the daily vigil by her bed. Her father took time off his job at Texaco Oil Refineries in Port Credit and spent 12 hours a day by her side until Thanksgiving.

When she fully awoke from her semi-conscious state, it was revealed that Chris was paralyzed on the left side of her body. She was faced with the prospect of having to learn to use her arm and leg again.

Intensive therapy followed for Chris. The young girl and her parents credit the staff of the hospital with her daily progress.

One of her favorite nurses told Chris she had to learn to walk again, twice. Another nurse went to the same high school, and still another was the niece of a neighbor of the Quackenbush's. They helped her through the trying moments and encouraged her to walk again. After three weeks at Sick Children's hospital, Chris was transferred to the Hospital for Crippled Children. More therapy followed.

By the time she got here, she was walking with the aid of a walker, or with someone

assisting her. Her determination to walk alone became even greater as a friend in the hospital had part of her leg amputated, and was living in fear of having the remainder of it taken off. Chris realized how lucky she was.

Once at Crippled Children's she was able to come home on the weekends. Her progress was even faster with this type of treatment. She came home for good on Friday, and even though she can walk and use her arm, she still has to wait to do the one thing she wants to do the most—go horse back riding. The doctor has forbidden her to do this for a while in case she falls off the horse and bumps her head again.

During her almost two months in the hospitals, Chris lost 15 pounds. She said the food was very good at Sick Children's, but she is used to farm milk, not city treated milk.

Students at Erin High school took up a collection and bought her a huge teddy bear, and gave her some cash also. Fellow employees at

Texaco also took up a collection and presented Mr. Quackenbush with a substantial amount of cash, and the Union gave Chris a clock radio. Numerous other cards, gifts and stuffed animals were also given to her.

For four weeks, Chris was in the hospital's special care unit, where a nurse is on duty 24 hours a day. The Quackenbush family has nothing but praise for the staff of both Sick Children's and Crippled Children's hospitals.

It is because of the quick action and constant continued care the hospitals gave that Chris' aunt Eileen Quackenbush has launched a fund-raising drive for the Sick Children's Christmas fund. She explains it is just one of the many ways the entire family would like to repay the hospital for what they did for Chris.

Former Toronto Maple Leaf George Armstrong will be at the 747 Dining Lounge in Acton Saturday morning signing autographs and helping to raise money for the cause. Donations will be taken Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



MILTON MAYOR Don Gordon lays the wreath for the town of Milton in remembrance of all the Nassagaweya men who gave their lives in both World Wars. Services were held Sunday at Soldiers Memorial, Nassagaweya.