



Bower Avenue resident Doug Scott donates a pint of blood during Thursday's clinic at the legion. More than 100 pints were collected during the three-and-a-half hour clinic. Clinic Assistant Cheri Dalton offers cheerful encouragement.



Elma Braida and Arlie White count up some of the \$1,500 which has been donated for the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope in the past week.



Renee Voskamp signs her son up for minor hockey in Acton Saturday morning at the arena. Richard Voskamp will play major pee wee hockey and Jackie Phelan and Bruce Cargill help Mrs. Voskamp with the paperwork.



Mayor Peter Pomeroy performed the honors at the second weekly Actario draw downtown Saturday morning.

**This week thru the lens**



One of the two car fires Acton Firefighters responded to in the last week was Monday's at the corner of Mill and Willow streets. Passengers Mrs. Brian Cargill and son got out safely. Last week there was a car fire on Knox Ave. Firefighters also handled a chimney fire Friday.



Philip Shea checks his progress as he competes in the Halton Plowing Match at Allison's, Eighth Line Georgetown, Saturday. Weather proved to be no problem for plowmen.



George Archibald of Georgetown presented a Bowling Proprietors' Association of Ontario award to Timmie Masales Saturday morning at Acton Bowling Lanes for his work with YBC for over 25 years.



Ike VanSoelen from Puslinch entertained people who attended Saturday's Actario draw downtown.

## Inquest urges...

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of hospitals. The beach patrol ought to be in charge of emergency situations until the arrival of an ambulance, the jury found. Moreover the patrol's safety equipment should be reviewed.

Suggestions from some Acton residents concerning improvements to the Rockwood conservation area also turned up in the jury's recommendations. The coroner's jury asked that a second buoy line be set in the water and also that beach patrol members wear a uniform when they are on duty.

The letter from Gwyneth Gibb, John and Barb Hogenbirk and James Caissy sparked the inquest. The coroner's office was not, at first, calling for an inquest into the accidental drowning.

Coroner Strathearn and expert witness Dr. John Edmonds, praised the efforts of beach patrol members: Barb Kelly and Carolyn Denyes. "I think they did an excellent job. They did all they were required to do. They did it efficiently. They have a difficult task, of which life saving is paramount," said the coroner.

Strathearn suggested the jury consider asking the medical profession to set guidelines on the pronouncing of death outside the hospital. "Chaotic" and "I think there were several people in charge" were some of the views of witnesses to the events of that Sunday afternoon. Witnesses said they could not identify members of the beach patrol.

Ambulance attendant Pat Sullivan testified that no one seemed to be in control when he arrived.

"In this whole picture; no one seemed to take charge. Everyone seemed to work independently, though there were qualified people," commented Strathearn.

Testimony from various witnesses estimated there were about 200 bathers and about 150 people on the beach when the first alarm went up.

Grand River Conservation Authority operates the park at Rockwood and authority safety officer Victor Ross told the inquest that three beach patrol people are allocated to Rockwood. Two patrollers, however, were on duty when the drowning occurred.

Ross said the authority removed life guard towers from the Rockwood park about two years ago under orders from the provincial ministry of the environment.

Ross described Rockwood's conservation area as being "reasonably safe for people to swim." The beach patrollers are given a T-shirt with the authority's emblem. Ross said that even without the shirt "it's very easy to pick out a person patrolling the beach. They are continually correcting people."

When the coroner tried to pin down the distinction between life guards and beach patrollers he could not get an answer from another authority staffer concerning differences in wages.

"I find it a rather artificial distinction. You want them to watch people in the water; you want them to help people when they get into trouble in the water; you just don't want to call them life guards."

The coroner also heard testimony from an Ontario Provincial Policeman that there were no signs in the Rockwood park, only a sign at the gate stating the rates and the fact that there were no life guards, there was a beach patrol.

Jury members were from Rockwood and vicinity.

## Mann Cup . . . . .

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children, at the age of 21 years. He married Jennie Williams of Winnipeg and they had one son.

Mann died in 1934 at the age of 81. He was buried in Acton's Fairview Cemetery.

Some skillful digging by one or more budding historians will cast away some of the shadows from Sir Donald Mann.

## Boat engine stolen

A 1970 motor boat engine is missing after thieves hit Silvercreek Shell last week. Police say the engine was reported missing Thursday, and are investigating the matter.

## Rec dept. improves relations

Great strides have been made in improving relations between the recreation department and groups using town recreation facilities but the staff has a way to go yet, according to Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy. Councillor Ed Wood said the new recreation co-ordinator Joy Gwiltam should know about the hockey school, but staff not working closely enough with groups at Friday's ward one councillors' drop-in. He said a member of the recreation staff wasn't even aware there is a hockey school run in Acton.

Acton resident Ed Norton raised the question of recreation staff not working closely

has worked here only a short time. Norton suggested recreation staff should attend the meetings of community groups. Pomeroy said the town's recreation director Tom Shepherd, who has only been in town six months, and his staff have been busy arranging meetings with groups using town facilities but hasn't been able to touch base with everyone yet. Noting the backbone of local sports is volunteers, Norton said volunteers in Acton would like to know what the municipal recreation department does. The mayor said: the town hasn't increased the number of recreation employees and has kept tax hikes below the inflation rate and yet been able to improve the level of service from the recreation department. Acton councillors pointed out they received many favorable comments and even some letters from residents praising this past summer's playground program.

## Alma's not running

Contrary to rumor, Alma Swetman is not going to run for the new Acton seat on Halton Board of Education. Mrs. Swetman said Tuesday she was asked to run by a number of people and considered tossing her hat in the ring, but has now decided not to enter the race. She said she expected being a trustee would be very interesting but she would have too much to learn and doesn't now have the time to devote to such a large job and responsibility.

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