



He's all wet! Martin Claveau, 10, finds himself on the receiving end of a water fight during Day Camp at Prospect Park.

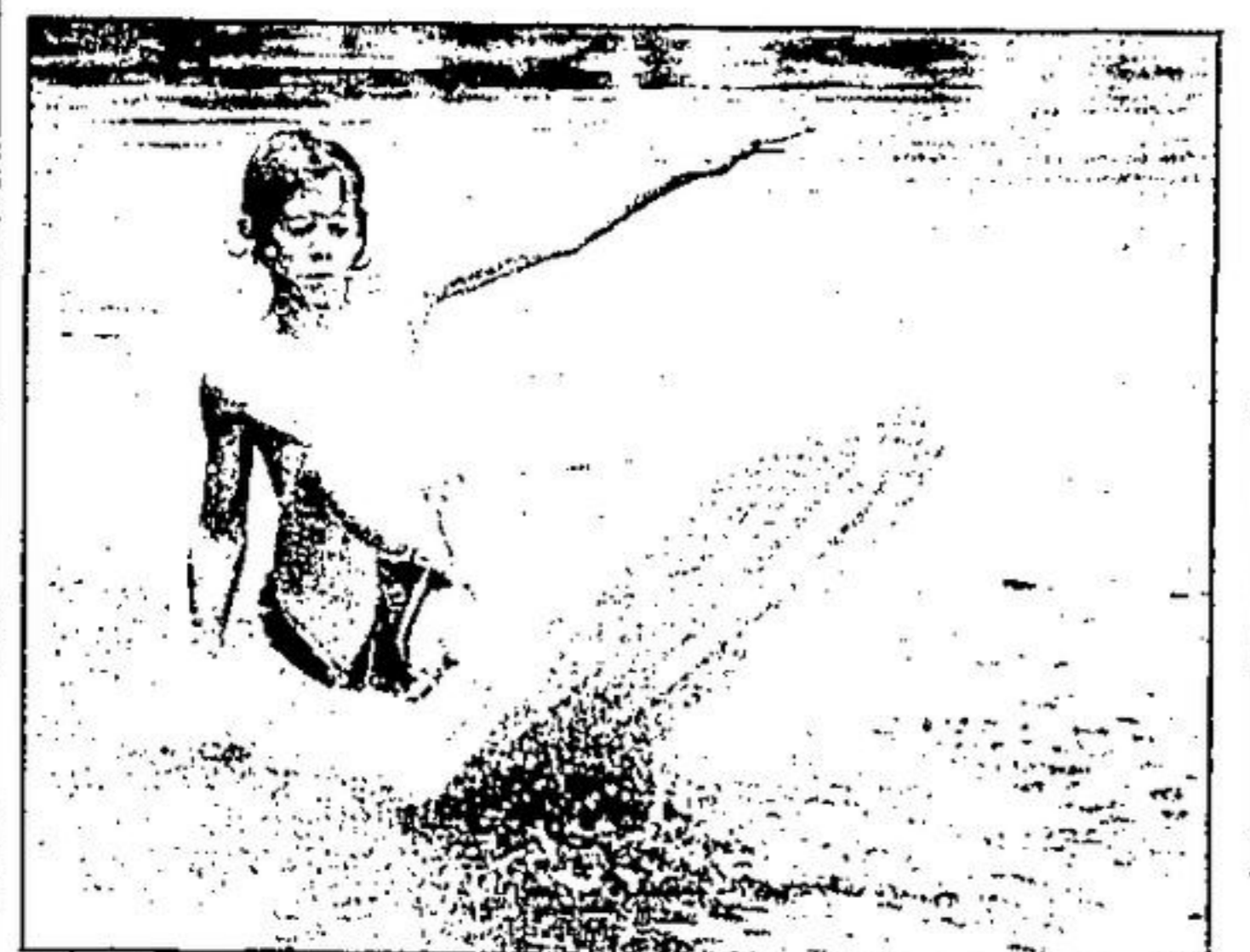
This week thru the lens

Having a splashing good time

Photos by Dave Dorken



Little David Gardener, 18-months-old, gets a lift into the water from his mom Valerie.



John Ford, 10, has a little trouble staying on the surfboard.



Andrew Priestman, 3, tries to cool the inside as well as the outside, as he takes a taste of the water at Fairy Lake.

Marriages up, licence fee, too

The state of matrimony cannot be such a bad state after all—more marriage licences have been issued in Town in the first seven months of the year, than in the whole of 1975, or '76, or '77.

Since 1974 when the Town of Halton Hills was officially formed, the boom year was 1979, with a total of 171 licences issued, but this year until July 24, 122 couples have been serious enough to take out a licence.

The figures since 1974, when Acton and Georgetown were amalgamated are:

- 1974 — 128
- 1975 — 121
- 1976 — 106
- 1977 — 112
- 1978 — 124
- 1979 — 171
- 1980 — 157
- 1981 — 122 until July 24.

Grant Usher, who along with Joan Crabtree in the Town treasury office, on Georgetown's Mall Street, are the only people in Halton Hills authorized to issue marriage licences, says most people are married in a church.

Some indicate they are going to the court house in Milton to be married by a judge.

Contrary to the movies, in Ontario, very few Justices of the Peace can conduct wedding

ceremonies. There are none with that power in town. Only J.P.'s with a special designation can do so.

Another hoary myth can be exploded—there is no such thing as a two dollar wedding licence. Inflation has hit this, too, the going rate now is \$20.

Legislation passed two years ago prevents anyone under 16 being married under any circumstances, but couples under 18 can be married if they have the written consent of both parents or guardian. Until two years ago only the father's consent was necessary.

The same legislation did away with a 15 day mandatory residence period in Ontario.

A marriage licence is valid for three months from the date of issue, but the marriage cannot take place earlier than the third day following the date the licence is issued.

Car fire

Acton firefighters were called to a car fire at Rich's Service Centre east of Acton Friday evening around supper time, according to Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde. Flames were quickly doused.

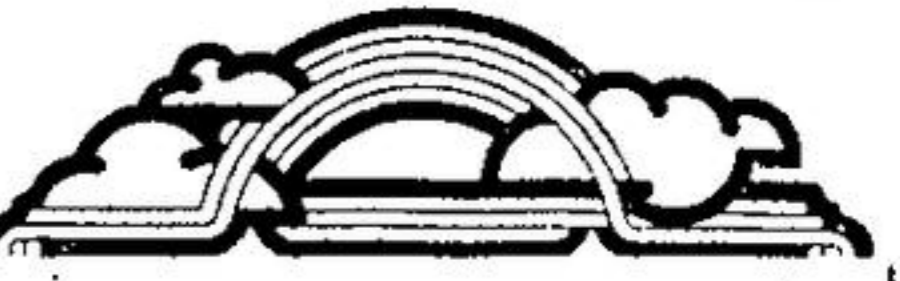
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Yugoslav Centre...

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municipal noise bylaw, and then told council how the president intimated the law was unimportant and ridiculous. The president, claims Brockelsby, said the neighbors are trespassing on the rights of the centre. Besides the Centre knowing and willingly breaking the law, Brockelsby said, the area residents are upset at "the discourteous and inconsiderate people."

Councillor Pam Sheldon pointed out the problem illustrates how the Esquering Official Plan must be changed. At the moment, any rural land is also recreational land, automatically, and this should not be the case.

Sheldon noted that when the president attended the June 15 council meeting, Councillor Harry Levy asked him about noise, and the president said there were no neighbors nearby who would be disturbed, thus no problem. She explained she was very disturbed with that statement at the time. The first-term councillor stated carte blanche permission concerning liquor licence should never have been permitted.

Councillor Russ Miller said he visited the Brockelsby home in June and sat in the backyard. In spite of being over half-a-mile from the centre, they had to speak up to be heard over the noise. "We have to give the residents all the support we can through the bylaw enforcement officer," he urged.

Councillor Dave Whiting has also received complaints about the centre and he visited the site. He noted there were a few building permit contraventions which have not been remedied.

At the urging of Councillor Harry Levy, clerk administrator Ken Richardson said the bylaw enforcement officer, John Lusty, will visit the resident's home to hear for himself the problems.

Richardson pointed out the officer would need witnesses willing to testify in court, and the residents have indicated they are willing to do this.

Sheldon pointed out their liquor permit indicates there is another six weeks to the Centre's season. She suggested rescinding the resolution okaying the permit, and urged that it be granted on a weekly basis. "That way we can have some leverage," she said.

Council passed a resolution that a review by the Official Plan Task Force be prepared on the recreational uses outside urban centres to avoid future land use problems.

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No one stranded because of strike

The strike this week by American air traffic controllers so far has had no effect on Acton travellers, according to local travel agents.

Ted Tyler, of Tyler Travel, explained that people are a bit wary about heading across the border, but it has not deterred anyone from going. At this point, he says, the strike is just a little inconvenient and no one has been adversely affected by it. Business travel is down he said, but not necessarily due to the strike.

strikers back to work will be successful, and he is confident everything will be back to normal by today (Wednesday) or tomorrow. He pointed out hundreds of military personnel have been trained to step

into the jobs if the union defies threats of legal proceedings and huge fines.

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