

## Toddler drowns in pond

Efforts to save the life of a three-year-old boy yesterday (Tuesday) failed after he was pulled from a pond by his own mother.

Derek Jones, son of Mark and Louise Jones, 24 Kingham Rd., was pronounced dead at Georgetown Hospital at 11.30 a.m. one-and-a-half hours after Acton firefighters were summoned to the Dan Campbell horse training track on Highway 25, just south of Kingham Rd.

Halton Regional Police explained that Derek and his four year old brother, and another three-year-old were seen playing in the field in the centre of the

track. When Derek slipped into a nearby pond one of the youngsters ran and got Mrs. Jones, who pulled her son from the water.

Firefighters were called to the scene and applied resuscitation, staying with the youngster even through the ambulance ride to Georgetown hospital where doctors took over. But after 90 minutes work on the toddler, doctors realized their efforts were in vain.

Detectives Colin Brooman and Doug MacMillan are investigating the matter and a coroner's inquest is pending.



Bill Brown

## Local Boys' Brigade leader elected national executive

A leader of the Boys' Brigade at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton was elected to the national executive of the Boys' Brigade in Canada on Saturday.

Bill Brown, Greenore Cres., is not just a member of the executive but also chairman of the Centenary Committee. The Boys' Brigade is 100 years old in 1983.

Brown has been involved in the Boys' Brigade here in Canada for just over a year but in England worked with the organization since 1943.

The national youth organization held its annual general meeting in Scarborough at St. David's Presbyterian Church Saturday and that night there was a banquet at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Sunday the national officers of the Boys' Brigade was sworn in at a special service at Knox Presbyterian Church and a Church Parade was held in Acton.

Members from across Canada, there was about 50

adults and boys from the Boys' Brigade in attendance, were on hand for the parade and service here. Local boys are welcome to join the organization. Call Bill Brown.

## Chief Harding to drop-in

For the third time this year Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding will be in Acton to learn about the policing needs of this community.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Friday Harding will be at the ward one councillors' drop-in at the Y building on Mill St. East.

Residents with questions about crime prevention, local force operations, speeding on residential streets and any other subjects of interest regarding the police will be welcomed by Harding.

## Poaching trial remanded to Jan.

The trial of three area men charged with deer poaching last month has been remanded to Jan. 21.

Larry Newell, 27, of 410 Broadway St., Milton and his brother Fred Newell, 23, of 92 Churchill Rd. S., Acton and David DeForest, 43, of RR 4, Acton have all been charged with unlawful possession of game and unlawfully hunting dur-

ing a closed season.

Larry Newell has also been charged with unlawfully transporting deer during a closed season.

Ministry of Natural Resources officer George Humphrey requested the remand last week to allow firearm experts in Toronto an additional two months to prepare lab reports.

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Gotcha... Dave Entwistle tries to run past Mrs. Jones during the annual touch football game between teachers and students at AHS. Teachers took a beating and students took the coveted toilet bowl in a 21-0 win.

Photo by DAVE DORKEN

## St. Joseph's plans approval still pending

Delays in final approval of design plans for the new St. Joseph's School by the province means there is no hope for construction to begin this fall and the school to open next spring.

Trustee Irene McCauley said in an interview this week that Halton Separate School Board staff "are still confident the final design drawings will be approved" by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Final design plans, the last approval step before working drawings are produced and approved and the project goes out to tender, were submitted to the province in mid-August. The board had hoped they would be approved quickly and construction could start this fall, but the delays "mean there's no way we can be open by spring," McCauley said.

She noted a meeting was held in Toronto on October 2, which she attended along with superintendent of plant John Birett, superintendent of education for the north area Tony Hennely with Dick Lawton, head of architectural services for the ministry, and other provincial officials.

The meeting was called to determine the board's feelings about modular school construction.

Modular construction involves a school having a

permanent core area while classrooms are modular units which are added on or removed as dictated by enrolment demands. The core area consists of a principal's office, staff room, nurses' room, washrooms, heating and electrical rooms, a gym, library and storage room.

McCauley said the Halton delegation informed Lawton and the provincial officials that they had considered modular construction and rejected it for Acton.

Extensive study indicated modular construction wasn't needed here because Acton would always be a one separate school town.

The delegation asked that the Acton school be exempted from the province's policy that new schools be the modular type because plans are already quite a ways along for St. Joseph's. They also noted the problem of declining school enrolment isn't really an "issue" in Acton and there isn't the threat of school closures.

They assured the Halton board supports the policy of modular school construction, but just not for Acton.

The board was asked to submit a written report outlining the reasons for rejecting modular school construction in Acton and it was sent to the ministry by courier the next week. However, McCauley said, no answer has been received as yet from the province.

## Town will talk to board of education about future use of old Stone School

Halton Hills municipal staff will contact the Halton Board of Education to discuss possible future use for the old Stone School, currently the home of St. Joseph's School.

St. Joseph's will move to a new building on Mill St. West leaving the over 100-year-old school vacant as

of the fall of 1982. St. Joseph's was to move to the new school this spring but approval delays mean that won't happen until next fall.

Monday night council received a letter from former Acton councillor Pat McKenzie urging the town acquire the Stone School for community use

once it is vacant.

McKenzie wrote: "Yesterday I had the privilege of visiting the schools in Acton and the surrounding area concerning Remembrance Day. During our conversations on several occasions the question was asked, 'What will become of the Stone School at the Robert Little site when St. Joseph's students move to their new school in the spring of 1982?'"

"The Stone School is a separate building containing five classrooms, an office and two washrooms. It has a gas furnace, three exits, one being a fire escape for the second floor, with excellent parking facilities. However, it would be almost impossible to separate it from the main building at Robert Little and the Public Library so it could be sold on the public market. Although this stone building is an old pioneer building, the Smith residence in Acton's early days, it is structurally sound and in good repair.

"The Halton Board of Education have maintained this building and used the classrooms for a few years and more recently have rented it to the Separate School Board. If any school building has a right to be returned to the town for community purposes this one is the excellent example.

"Ron Chatten, principal of Robert Little School, felt, and rightly so, that it would be wrong to see this building boarded up next summer. During the last election I recall Councillor Russell Miller saying that he would support the formation of a Day Care Centre for Acton and more recently I have heard the Leathertown Committee express a need for a museum. With excellent parking facilities it could be used by the Senior Citizens, too.

"Mr. Mayor and members of council, I am not concerned with the various uses the town might make of the building but I do feel strongly, as do many other citizens in Acton, that it should be put to some useful purpose at no additional cost to the taxpayers other than operating expenses. I also feel that the town council is the proper body to negotiate with the Halton Board of Education. By acting now the town would have an excellent facility for community purposes in September, 1982.

"Since I discussed this matter with Arlene Bruce, the Public School trustee for Ward 1 in my travels yesterday, I am taking the liberty of sending her a copy of this letter. I know that she will do everything that she can to assist you to make this suggestion a reality.

"I shall watch your progress with interest and if I can provide additional information or assist you in any way I would be pleased to do so."

Without comment council endorsed a motion from

## Turn clocks back

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night before going to bed. We return to Eastern Standard Time at 2 a.m. October 25.



Five-year-old Kelly MacDonald has been modelling for four years now, and has a bright future ahead of her. Page 6.

## Wintario firm for Nov. 26

Wintario is definitely coming to Acton. On November 26 the Wintario draw will be held at Acton High School in the gymnasium.

Leathertown, which is bringing the draw to Acton to promote the community, was informed Tuesday the final technical test has been completed and there will be no problems broadcasting the lottery show from Acton.

Doors will open and the audience, between 500 and 700 seats will go on sale soon, will be treated to 60 minute local talent show featuring MPP Julian Reed and former Acton resident and Poel Chairman Frank Bean on the banjo and piano respectively, an early bird Actario draw, the Acton Citizens' band and possibly other attractions. Dave Whiting will be the master of ceremonies.

Then Wintario will complete its set-up and prime the audience for the lottery show. Wintario wants to have the 10 Beardmore workers who shared a \$100,000 draw prize earlier this year to play a role in the program.

Wintario will broadcast information and photographs of Acton during the program.

Leathertown will be paying some expenses for the show, like gym rental, and proceeds from ticket sales, \$3 a person including a Wintario ticket for that night's draw, will support Leathertown projects.

Planning for Wintario night in Acton began in the spring and technical tests were conducted in September at the High School and completed last week.



An apply a day... in Acton A and B pack Cubs (top left to right) Todd DeForest 9, Derek Martin 8, Jimmie Wheeler 9, and Greg Russell 9, test some of the apples they were trying to sell during Boy Scout Apple Day last Saturday.