

Georgetown man dies in train collision

A young Georgetown man was killed and a second man, Herald sports editor Colin Roy Gibson, was seriously injured in a train-car collision last Wednesday evening in Acton. Killed instantly in the accident was 23-year-old Leonard Chiasson, 29 John Street, Georgetown, a passenger in the car driven by Mr. Gibson of 51A Main Street, Georgetown. According to Halton Regional Police the Gibson vehicle was proceeding eastward at approximately 10 o'clock on Acton's Main

Street when it collided with a Canadian National Railway train southbound from London to Toronto.

Police estimate that both the train and the car were proceeding at approximately 35 mph when the collision occurred. The car was thrown about 30 feet upon impact.

The car was totally destroyed in the accident. The engine received approximately \$2,000 damage in the collision.

Police report that the red flashing lights marking the crossing were operable prior to the accident.

Mr. Gibson was rushed to the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital but was transferred shortly afterwards by ambulance to the Intensive Care Unit of Toronto General Hospital.

He suffered severe injuries to both lungs, right eye and jaw. He remains listed in fair condition at TGH.

An inquest into the incident is pending.

Latest offer goes to the board

\$59,000 for Norval school

An offer of \$59,500 for the purchase of the entire Norval School property was passed during a special Halton Hills committee of the whole meeting held Monday evening.

The town's solicitor is to prepare the offer to be presented to the Halton Board of Education no later than December 11 with a closing date of January 31, 1976.

In the proposal the town also agrees that it will not sell the property for a minimum of five years.

Several attempts were made with the Halton Board of Education to negotiate leasing terms for the school, which will be used by the Norval residents as a community centre. However the board would only talk in terms

of a total purchase by the town of the school. Realizing the need in the Norval community for such a centre the town was not willing to let things stand as is.

The purchase of the Norval school will be financed from the lot levies account of the town and the Mayor and the Clerk-Administrator will be authorized to sign the offer of purchase on behalf of the town.

Paddleboats among new plans for Terra Cotta private park

Rock gardens, waterfalls, paddleboats and a baseball diamond are all part of a three-year proposed plan for Terra Cotta's Wolfe Park by the prospective new owners, Jim Edwards and Ken Heltcher.

At a public meeting held last Thursday night in the Terra Cotta Community Hall, a good turnout of local residents listened to proposals of a "families only" trailer park. Addressing the meeting along with the new owners were representatives of the

town of Caledon, Councillors Alex Rayburn, John Clarkson, and Joan Graham, with John Stevens from the Caledon Planning Board.

Everyone attending the meeting received a proposed review of the park's rules and regulations and a detailed map outlining the proposed changes.

Increasing the existing number of camp sites to 200, for a maximum of 700 people by 1978 is part of the three-year

plan for the 37.9 acre park. Each site would be approximately 1,600 sq. feet. A new permanent dwelling to sit adjacent to the home now on the property where the existing trailer home is now, along with a new snack bar are included in the proposed site plan.

Some local residents attending the meetings were skeptical that all of the proposed rules and regulations could be enforced. One resident asked if barking pets

would be shown the 11 o'clock "quiet hour" regulation as a means of enforcing that rule.

Mr. Edwards and Mr. Heltcher assured all that every method at their disposal of enforcing the rules would be applied. "After all," said Mr. Heltcher, "this would be a privately owned trailer park. We want only families who will comply with our rules. Otherwise they will be asked to leave."

A suggestion of a "buffer strip" of trees or a second fence between adjoining owned land and the trailer park was suggested by one resident and noted by Councillor Rayburn. "I see no reason why this could not be incorporated into the existing requirements of the site plan," he said. Councillor Rayburn along with John Stevens felt that a buffer strip would be an excellent requirement for all trailer parks.

A parking lot is planned for the area where the present garbage dump is and local residents seemed pleased to hear that the new owners are planning to have garbage removed as opposed to open dumping.

Mr. Heltcher and Mr. Edwards stressed that theirs would be a "families only" trailer park operating on a seasonal basis and under the strictest supervision. This would enhance, with the addition of rock gardens and waterfalls rather than take away from the local area. In keeping with this theme the proposed new name for the park is Terra Cotta Gardens Ltd. which would operate from May 25, till Thanksgiving weekend.

In a short interview after the meeting Councillor Graham said, "these public meetings are very helpful to council for we can note reaction and suggestions by local residents before we approve any applications. Council might otherwise approve an application, that might be in direct opposition to what the local residents want," she said.



NOSE TO NOSE. Closely resembling 'cheek to cheek' Shelley Faulkner decided to rub noses with one of the clowns at the annual children's Christmas party put on by the members of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service. Jim Bennett, who was doing a bit of 'clowning around' delighted the over 60 children who attended the party held Sunday in the Holy Cross Church auditorium. Shelley is the daughter of Ron Faulkner, a member of the ambulance service.



I think I can see him! Little Michelle Louth displays some of the true joy of Christmas. And why? Page 8 tells all.

One injured in collision

A three-car collision on Guelph Street last Friday sent one of the passengers to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

Stacey Hamilton of Georgetown, passenger in a car owned and operated by Carolyn Keir of 108 Park St. in Glen Williams, was treated for minor cuts and bruises.

The three-car collision resulted in approximately \$1,900 damage to the vehicles. The vehicle driven by Linda Thompson of 9 Temple Road suffered approximately \$250 damage while the vehicles driven by Carolyn Keir and Ruth Buttrey of 22 Byron Street received \$1,000 and \$700 damages respectively.

A collision at the intersection of John and College Streets resulted in \$400 damage to the car driven by David Laudia of Georgetown and \$800 damage to the car driven by Steven McDowell. The accident occurred last Wednesday.

A rear-end collision last Wednesday resulted in

damages totalling \$300 to the cars driven by Arnold Sntzer of 63 Prince Charles Drive and by Daniel Sikora of 4 Academy Road. The Sntzer vehicle's total damage was estimated at \$100 while the Sikora vehicle suffered \$200 in damages.

An estimated \$150 damages were done to the vehicle operated by Terrance Moffatt of 32 Barstow Crescent when his automobile skidded off Mountainview Road and struck a telephone pole. Police report Moffatt skidded to the right of the road to avoid collision with an unknown vehicle.

Larry Cawker, a passenger in the Moffatt vehicle, was taken to Georgetown hospital suffering from cuts and bruises.

A slippery patch of ice on Regional Road 32 resulted in \$150 damages to the vehicle operated by Catherine Giberson of 17 Albert St. in Georgetown. About to make a left hand turn onto 10 Sideroad the Giberson vehicle skidded

on the snow-covered road and collided with a wire fence owned by Sheridan Nurseries. Several small trees belonging to the Nurseries were damaged.

A total of \$1,400 damages resulted in a collision occurring at the intersection of Mountainview Road South and Guelph Street. Jennifer Green, a passenger in the vehicle driven by Catherine Hart of Georgetown, was taken to the Georgetown hospital and treated for minor injuries.

The Hart vehicle suffered \$700 while the vehicle driven by Edward Anderson suffered \$700 as well. The collision occurred last Sunday.

A rear-end collision at the Brewers Retail Store entrance along Guelph Street resulted in \$175 damage to once vehicle and \$5 to the other vehicle.

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The Ontario Municipal Board hearings on the proposed drive-in theatre in Ashgrove resumed on Monday. Chairman Walter T. Shives and A. Bedford Ball presided for the O.M.B.

The hearings opened with Chairman Shives explaining to a full gallery of Ashgrove residents that the board would hear from all counsels representing both sides, and then the public would have their turn to speak out.

Solicitor Monty Hyde called his client, Barry Allen, president of Sarrila Theatres Ltd., for the first witness. Mr. Allen's testimony centered around his experience in the theatre business. He is the owner and operator of over 70 theatres. Solicitor Hyde produced a map of the Peel-Halton region along with an aerial photograph of the area.

During his testimony Mr. Allen showed his present operations marked in red on the map, and the route that, in his opinion, the

drive-in patrons would most likely take to the Ashgrove site.

"I believe that 85 percent of those coming and leaving the drive-in would take 10 Sideroad to County Road 3", he said.

This was a point that was strongly debated by Solicitor Ray Steele, representing Halton Hills and by Solicitor Dick Howitt representing two ratepayers during their cross-examinations.

The maps often proved quite confusing for Mr. Allen and at one point during Mr. Howitt's cross-examination Chairman Shives said, "You point to what you think is 10 Sideroad to Mr. Allen," much to the amusement of the gallery.

Regarding certain letters that exchanged hands between Mr. Allen and any member of the municipality, Chairman Shives remarked, "If you were encouraged by any member of the municipality it was done so falsely Mr. Allen," which brought a round of applause from the gallery which Chairman

Shives cautioned against.

During one of the lighter moments of the hearings Mr. Hyde asked Mr. Allen to read a list of all the motion pictures that his operations had shown in the past year. The Chairman remarked that he couldn't see what difference the type of movies made but he allowed Mr. Allen to continue.

During the cross-examination both Mr. Steele and Mr. Howitt tried to show that all the drive-in patrons would use County Rd. 3. "I'm intrigued with the phrase you used Mr. Allen," said Mr. Howitt, "that people tend to distribute themselves. Do you want us to believe that 700 people will all use County Rd. 3 without distributing themselves?"

It was later on during the cross-examination that Chairman Shives again referred to letters from the town. He read one letter then said, "I'm amazed that you could read into a courtesy statement that the municipality enthusiastically welcomed your

proposal. It's obviously just a courtesy letter," he said.

Testimony continued with Counsellor Hyde calling Mr. Keith Wilson a supervisor of Mr. Allen's drive-in operations and Mr. John Seppjack, a planner. Counsellor Hyde had one more witness to call who was not available till Tuesday.

Mr. Steele began his submissions for Halton Hills by calling Mario Venditti, the town planner, to give testimony.

During his testimony Mr. Venditti read from the Official Plan of Halton Hills and pointed out that the land in question was designated as "rural and agricultural". A small point was made during Mr. Venditti's testimony that, though the proposed drive-in site plan offers no designated area for septic tanks. At this point in time he noted, it would be too early to tell what effect, if any, it would have on local wells in the area.

Mr. Venditti's testimony was the last of the day with the hearings scheduled to continue Tuesday.