

'Let It Be': A favourite song was played

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Staff Reporter

Reaction to the death of a family member and the high speed police chase which brought instant death to seven young people Saturday night still had not crystallized for some of the families Monday.

At the entrance to Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home, prior to going in to view the closed casket containing her son's remains, Mrs. Oudesluis spoke for the members of family and friends which surrounded her.

"We're sad," she told the Herald. "We don't believe it yet."

Like many others, she could not understand the futility of the accident which claimed the life of her 19-year-old son, Johannes.

"They were just driving..." she said, shaking her head. "But we don't want to talk."

They ducked from the CTV cameras which were focussed on the door of the funeral home and entered the building.

In the McHugh brick bungalow, just half a block from Acton High School where her 17-year-old son John graduated in 1975, Mrs. June McHugh said: "We don't really realize it yet with all the friends and relatives around. I'll bet you there's been 40 kids here this morning."

Of the boys who were in her son's car—his first and purchased the day before the fatal accident—Mrs. McHugh said: "I knew the boys."

"They were here all the time."

About the action of Halton police pursuing the stolen car which ended the life on her only son, Mrs. McHugh said: "I can't say at this time."

"When you are in an emotional state, you can't

think. Our main concern is our boy's death," she said. "We can't think of much else for the present time. It has been such a blow, we haven't..."

But in the Broostad home near Fairy Lake, Dave Broostad, older brother of Kevin who was killed in the accident, said: "We're over it now, but the trial is still to come with the funerals."

Dave had returned home with his wife from London. With his sister, Andrea, who studies pharmacy at the University of Toronto, they sat surrounded by sketches, paintings and pottery which their dead brother Kevin had created.

Dave said Kevin was a great fan of the Beatles and at the funeral Kevin's favorite song by the rock group, "Let It Be", would be played.

"What impressed us were his friends," Dave said.

"Kevin would have been happy to see all the kids who cared about him."

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Broostad were not available for comment at the time of the interview. They were out visiting other parents of those killed in the tragedy.

Dave said his brother Kevin and his friends were "very close, like brothers."

He said the youths had driven to Milton "on a good Samaritan trip" to start a truck owned by John Oudesluis but were unable to get the vehicle started. John Oudesluis, a student at Seneca College in Toronto, took his textbooks out of the stalled truck, Dave said.

"Kevin was to try to be home by 11 to get to sleep to go to work in the morning," he said. Kevin worked at Beardmore tannery in Acton.

"There's some consolation

in knowing it ended quickly and they weren't doing anything wrong," Dave said.

As for the police chase, Dave said he was of the "same opinion as everyone else."

"The value of every stolen car is not worth one life," he said. "Now there are seven dead."

member of parliament to control police chases.

"We feel sorry for the boy

(Eric Couture, 18) who hit them," Dave said. "He was confused. He obviously made a decision to run."

"This is a lesson to a lot of people not to leave keys in cars," Dave said referring to the stolen vehicle in which the keys had been left. "This fellow (Cornelius Snook) had no bad intention," Dave said. "The kid was just at the right place at the right time."

Dave said the family had considered "all the millions of factors" resulting in the death of Kevin. "If only they had been one minute..."

At this point relatives from Manitoba and Saskatchewan arrived to share in the Broostads' family grief and the interview concluded with Dave saying wistfully, "but nothing will bring back Kevin."

Solicitor-General wants full report

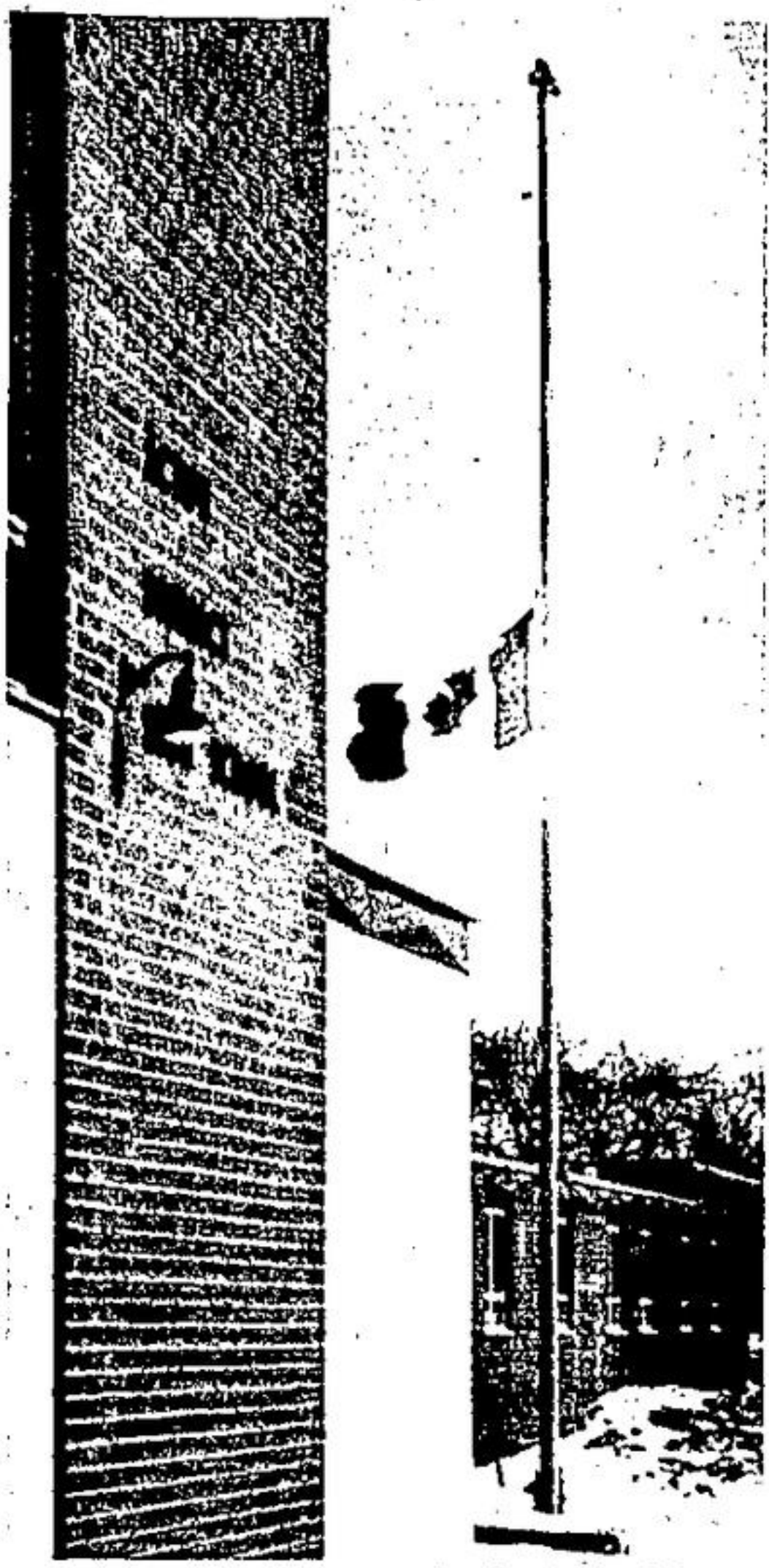
A report on the fatal accident Saturday night near Acton has been requested by Solicitor-General John MacBeth, it was learned yesterday.

MacBeth called for the report after meeting the Ontario Cabinet Monday. He said there may be a whole investigation into whether or not high speed

chases by police should be totally banned or allowed only in certain cases.

MacBeth said he would not comment on the action of Halton Regional Police until he had received the report.

According to the Ontario Provincial Police who are preparing the report, it should be ready for the minister Wednesday morning.



ACTON HIGH SCHOOL marks the death of former students killed in Saturday evening's head on collision

Street drainage problems on tour

A petition from residents along Cameron Street in Acton requesting curbs on their street will be reviewed by the works committee when they take their spring tour.

125 acres for ...

Rural recreation area proposed

A proposal for a new Halton Hills Community Country Club featuring rural area recreation, was presented to the general administration committee Monday evening by Mr. J.V. Wingrove, representing the Pineview Olympic Soccer Club.

Mr. Wingrove explained that the presentation to the G.A. committee was in essence, to see if such a proposal was at all feasible and if so, request guidance from the g.a. committee in the establishment of such a recreational complex.

Upon request, Mr. Wingrove threw out a ball park figure of costing close to one quarter of a million dollars for the purchase of the required 125 acres of land.

The complex would include soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball court, miniature golf course, small bandstand with a perimeter cinder running track. The buildings would house a concession stand, change rooms, implement shed and meeting and reading rooms.

Mayor Tom Hill, attending the g.a. committee meeting, pointed out that the ball park figure estimated by Mr. Wingrove was way out of line. Mayor Hill explained that agricultural land in Halton Hills, in most cases, is presently selling at close to \$6,000 an acre, not \$2,000 an acre which would have to be

the approximate cost if one quarter of a million dollars was to be the approximate cost of land acquisition.

The fact that the proposal requested the acquisition of farm land led into a discussion based on the fact that regions containing prime agricultural land are presently urged to retain these lands for agricultural purposes.

Councillor Irie Morrow, voicing a negative reaction towards the proposal, questioned how many people, other than the immediate surrounding rural residents, would benefit and use such a complex.

"Transportation to such a complex, if situated in a rural area, would become a tremendous problem. I can't see putting taxable dollars into such a complex when, in all probabilities, few people would benefit from it."

Councillor Roy Booth retaliated and said that he felt that the proposal contained a great deal of merit and that there was a good philosophy behind such a plan.

Councillor Booth suggested that if perhaps areas around Hornby, Ashgrove and Speyside were investigated, where the need of such a facility is great, the project

could become more feasible. He also continued to suggest that if the plan was scaled down slightly both in proposed land acquisition and cost, the master plan would probably become more feasible.

Mr. Wingrove explained that a complex as the one suggested, would assist the larger built-up areas and take a great deal of the load from the recreation facilities already established. He also added that the committee, referring to the Pineview Soccer Club, is presently in the process of organizing a petition from local residents to give some idea of the popularity of this scheme.

The councillors of the general administration committee agreed that a great deal of effort and hard work had been put forth in the presentation and that in all fairness the town should also have some input into the report.

A recommendation was made by the committee that recreation director, Glen Gray, further study the submitted report and draw up his own report including any suggestions he may have concerning the proposal which will then be presented back to the committee.

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Donors were rejected mainly because of seasonal illness necessitating the use of aspirin and other medications.

In the afternoon 107 attended and in the evening 297 offered their blood.

Last year there were 373 donors with 74

rejects. At this Monday's clinic there was a steady flow especially during the afternoon at which time another 100 donors could have been easily looked after without a waiting period.

A spokesman for the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic expressed appreciation for the good turnout to this clinic.

The next blood donor clinic will be held Monday, June 7.

Acton has planned a clinic for June 28.



GRETTA LAMB, making her sixth donation of blood "felt it was about time to donate. I just have to do it," she said. Her two young sons told her they think it is "really brave."

Snow crews praised and criticized

The town's works crew drew both credits and criticism last Monday night for their efforts in removing the snow this past winter from the town's streets and roads.

A letter from David Rawson of Georgetown commended the crews for the "exceptional efforts" in removing the snow from the streets but later in the works committee meeting Councillor Ern Hyde commented that snow removal in the downtown area of Georgetown was taking up to three days to happen.

Referring to last week's snow fall Councillor Hyde remarked that "There's no way that Monday or Tuesday's snow should be finally removed from the downtown

section Thursday morning."

Councillor Hyde called for a switch in the works department's priorities so that the downtown section receives immediate attention.

He also suggested that a front-end loader be used to clear pathways through the large piles of accumulated snow piled in the centre of Main Street until the piles can be removed.

Mayor Tom Hill, however argued that by doing so would encourage people not to use the crosswalks and street lights.

"If you make it easy for them to cross along the street you might as well forget about the crosswalks," he said.

The works department will consider Hyde's concerns.



PANCAKE DAY brought out this smile from Jamie Tripp, 3 1/2 years old. Jamie was tucking into a plate of pancakes and sausages at St. John's Church in Stewarttown.

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