



DRIVER PHIL CHAPMAN, LEFT, AND ATTENDANT JOHN ROBAR (Daily Times Photo)

AMBULANCE FIGHTS TRAFFIC

Extraordinary efforts fail as infant dies in hospital

By PETER WEST
Special to The Herald
Despite extraordinary efforts by a Brampton ambulance team, police, a radio traffic reporter and thousands of car drivers trying to get to work Wednesday morning, an eight-week-old Georgetown infant died early Thursday in Sick Children's Hospital.

The race to save the boy's life started shortly before 7 a.m. Wednesday at Georgetown District Hospital when doctors there decided to transfer the critically ill baby Stefan Dickenson to Sick Children's Hospital intensive care unit.

The new air ambulance service was not available to take the child by helicopter to Sick Children's since the service currently only operates from noon to midnight. To get a crew together at 7 a.m. would have taken about an hour — an hour the doctors decided they could not afford. So the ambulance crew in Georgetown was told to take the baby to Toronto

despite the Toronto Transit Commission strike and morning rush-hour traffic problems.

"We didn't know that anything out of the ordinary was going on," said driver Phil Chapman in an interview later Wednesday. "It was a routine run."

However, at the Brampton Ambulance service dispatch center manager John Ben-

sette had his dispatcher alert the OPP's Port Credit detachment to the ambulance's situation. Hearing the OPP dispatcher alerting police cruisers on the highways leading into Toronto, Constable Dave Craig at OPP headquarters news bureau let Toronto radio stations in on the situation and had them advise motorists on Highway 427, Lakeshore Road and the

Gardiner Expressway to be on the alert.

CFTR pilot and traffic reporter Darryl Dahmer spotted the Brampton Ambulance just before it would have hit a traffic jam on the Queen Elizabeth Way. Through his dispatcher to the police and Brampton Ambulance dispatchers, Dahmer guided the ambulance into the Lake-shore around the traffic tie-up and back onto the Gardiner, where Metro police cruisers escorted to the ambulance through commuter-clogged streets to Sick Children's Hospital.

"We didn't know what was going on," said Chapman, who made the 40-mile trip in 50 minutes. We didn't know about the aircraft. All we heard was our own dispatcher telling us what to do."

Despite the successful arrival at Sick Children's Wednesday officials at the hospital reported that the baby died at 7 a.m. almost exactly 24 hours from the time the race to save his life began.

Ballinafad wedding for area couple

By WINIFRED SMITH
Ballinafad United Church was the setting for a lovely wedding on Saturday afternoon when Lorraine Hurt and Bruno Knoepfl exchanged vows.

Lorraine is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Burt, Ballinafad. Bruno is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knoepfl of Georgetown.

Bob Pinkerton was organist for the occasion.

The bride wearing the traditional white, looked lovely in a beautiful dress with veil and head piece to match. She carried red roses.

Her only attendant was her long time friend, Mrs. Jean West. She wore a lovely dress of pale green embroidered with yellow flowers and also wore a head piece of pale green and yellow flowers. She carried yellow roses.

The bride was escorted down the aisle on the arm of her father. They were preceded by the Maid of Honour and a niece of the bride, 10-year-old Susan O'Connor, who looked sweet dressed in pale blue.

The young groom greeted his bride with a smile as they met in front of the Sanctuary. The best man was Richard, younger brother of the groom.

John Burt, brother of the bride and Charlie Knoepfl, elder brother of the groom, were ushers.

During the signing of the register Susan, who is the eldest daughter of Dan and Linda O'Connor sang "O Perfect Love."

Beside parents and families of the bridal couple attending the wedding they were honoured by having three Grandmothers and one Grandfather present, Mrs. Knoepfl Sr. of St. Catharines, Mrs. Ada Burt of Erin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Ballinafad.

Other guests were aunts, uncles, and several cousins, along with special friends. The reception and wedding supper was served in the Community Centre. Later in the evening the guests and several friends gathered upstairs in the centre to bestow best wishes to the happy couple. When the couple had opened and admired some lovely gifts, dancing commenced.

Half way through the evening festivities there was a silence in the hall, as a friend from Sudbury Jim Simpson, sang by request that inspiring hymn, "Amazing Grace."

During the interval Bob Smith of Burlington claimed the bride's garter, and Gwenda Greig of Brampton caught the bride's bouquet.

The bride and groom stayed

until the last dance, then slipped away. Coffee, sandwiches and cake was served. An extended honeymoon is planned for a later date when the newlyweds hope to visit relatives in Switzerland where the groom was born. Music was supplied by Sonic of Georgetown.

There was a very happy occasion at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery on the 6 Line on Sunday Sept. 17, when they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Daughter Beth and family of Tara with the help of close-by relatives planned the party.

There were 60 guests present including the McLeans who have been neighbours for all of 40 years the McEnery have lived there.

Grace and Jesse have seen and met four or five generations of McLeans.

Tables were to be set up and supper eaten on the lawn, but as the weather didn't co-operate, the meal and a social time was held in the church basement.

Many beautiful gifts and cards were received by the happy couple. One surprise was when a huge umbrella

plant was delivered at the home. Twelve of Jesse's pals in the show business at numerous fall fairs went together and bought the gift.

We extend congratulations to this popular couple and hope they continue to live in our midst and have many more years of happy married life.

The annual reunion of the Yeman family was held at the Community Centre on Sunday.

The weather was disappointing so all the action had to be in the basement of the hall. A nice time was had as relatives met again and talked over old times and new events.

Visitors from the Yeman family reunion on Sunday and some guests staying with relatives after the Saturday wedding helped to fill some seats in church on Sunday. It was the first Sunday for a few weeks

that Mr. Siles had occupied the pulpit.

The month of August was holidays, and last Sunday the minister was under the weather. His sermon on Sunday was on the three Beautitudes and was most interesting. The children had a special story told to them before they went down to Sunday school.

Next Sunday sermon will be on the Beautitudes also.

Disturbances mar fair, police charge five men

Five men face charges as a result of three separate incidents at Acton Fall Fair.

Two Halton Region police constables were injured as they attempted to break up a scuffle at the beer garden Friday evening about 10:30.

Constables Wayne Jessop and Bill McGrath were treated for bruises at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital but were not admitted. Constable Ray Hendry was also attacked

but escaped injury.

Charged with assaulting police are: Gerald Post, 17, of Grove Street, Guelph and Arthur Porte, 21, of Main Street North, Acton.

Terry Holmes, 22, of Arthur Street, Acton has been charged with causing a disturbance in connection with the same incident.

Police are also seeking information from anyone who might have seen what happen-

ed to one of the officer's hats and its attached badge since it was lost in the melee.

John Beerman, 34, of Main Street, Acton was charged after an incident at the fairgrounds at 1:45 p.m. Saturday during which a man struck Denzil Height of Halton Hills.

Kenneth Ziegler, 23, of Station St., Rockwood was charged with assault Saturday evening after a man tackled Constable Alex Fishbein at the fair and ripped his shirt off.



NEW PUMPER

Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill studies the panel on the fire department's new pumper truck delivered Monday morning. The truck, which cost about \$58,000 is a replacement for a 1963 pumper which the fire department

is now trying to sell. Fire Chief Mick Holmes said this truck is the first diesel truck in Halton Hills and includes various safety features such as a recessed cab in the back where firefighters can ride in safety.

McKenzie seeks reelection

Ward 1 Coun. Peter Marks' announcement this week that he will not seek reelection to Halton Hills council has prompted Coun. Pat McKenzie, who also represents Ward 1 on regional council, to reconsider his earlier decision to retire from municipal politics at the end of the current term.

"There are so many issues before council vital to Acton's future that the citizens need and deserve strong representation on Halton Hills and regional council with present-day experience," Coun. McKenzie explained in a press release Monday.

"If I feel that the people of Acton want my experience and full-time involvement, I will offer myself as a candidate for either regional or area level."

Coun. McKenzie left the door to his future involvement in local politics open last month when he announced his intention to retire from the scene, having reached the age of 65, which is the mandatory retirement age for town employees.

He indicated then that he could be persuaded to seek election as Halton Hills Mayor if the need was demonstrated.

Coun. McKenzie is a retired educator who has spent 12 years on various municipal councils. He is a former reeve and deputy reeve of Acton. Coun. Les Doby, who was

Mayor of Acton when regional government combined the municipality with Georgetown and Esqueping to form Halton Hills, has also indicated his intention to seek reelection in Ward 1. Seeking the regional council seat for Ward 1 is Roy Goodwin of Mill Street, a former deputy reeve of Esqueping.

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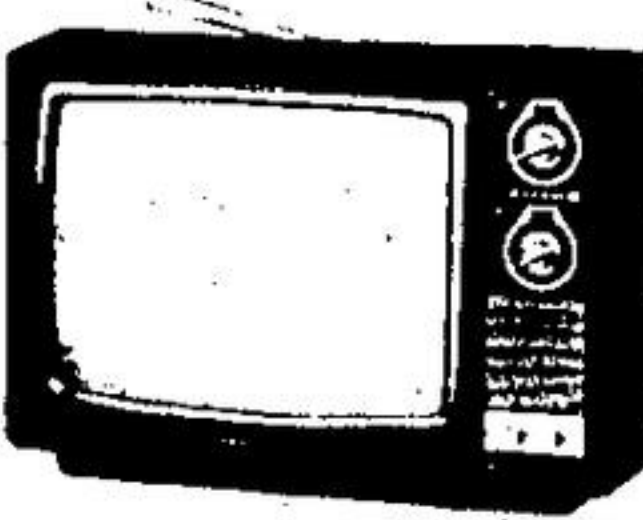
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