

Quarry claims two lives in two days

# Second drowning at Waterfalls

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Two drowning deaths within two days at Waterfalls Park near Limehouse last week have brought the park's death toll to eight in the last 14 years and have many people wondering what went wrong with town council's recently passed bylaw

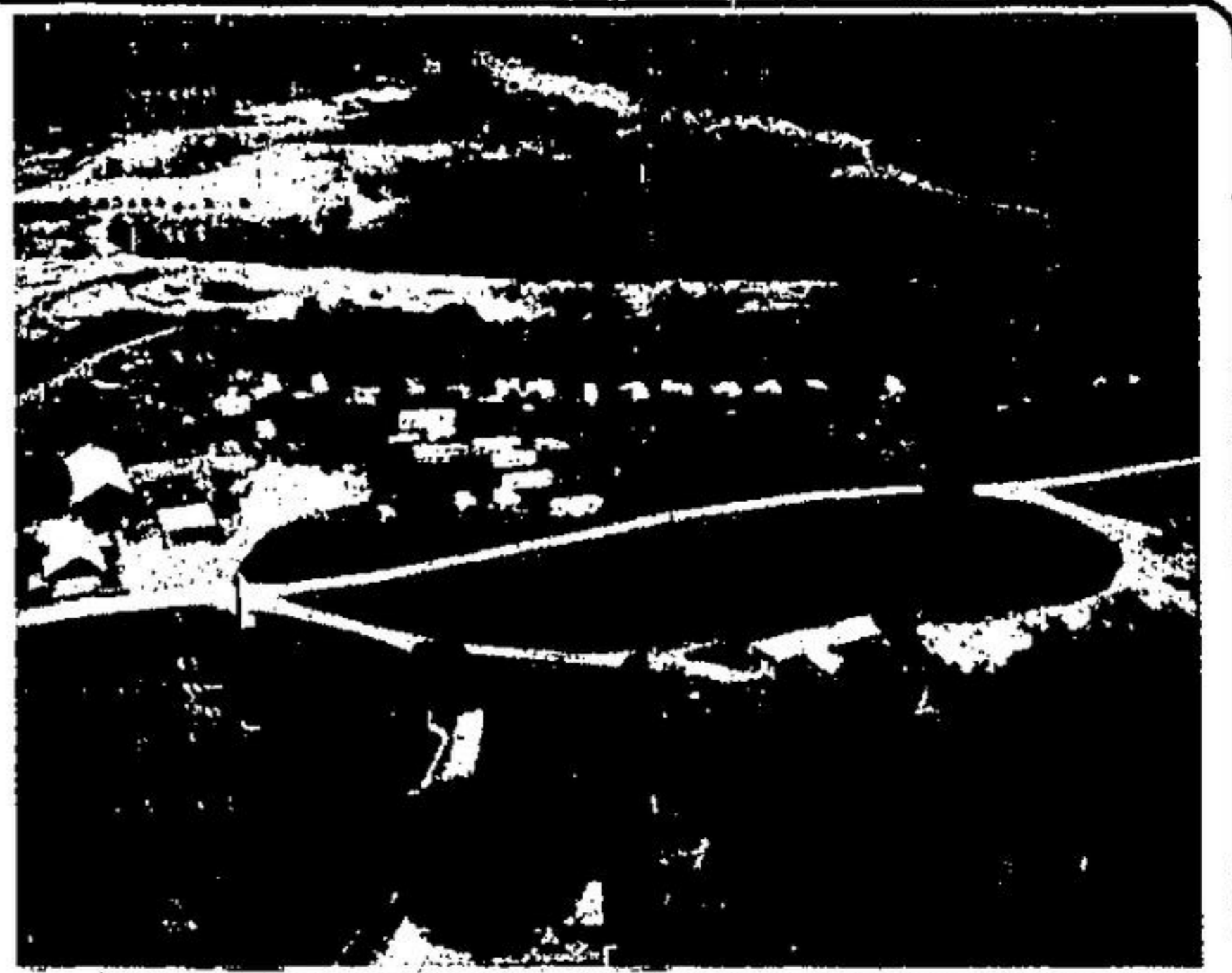
legislating safety requirements for public swimming areas on private property. The deaths of 19-year old Tony Duarte of Mississauga July 1 and 27-year old Ronald Barrett of Toronto July 2 have raised questions once again as to what safety requirements of public swimming areas in privately owned parks, specifically Waterfalls Park should be implemented. The effectiveness of current bylaws regulating the safety requirements has also come under scrutiny.

Following the death of 21-year old Bruno Scodellaro last Aug. 3 in the quarry lake at Waterfalls Park, an inquest was called to investigate the events surrounding the drowning and to make recommendations to prevent any further deaths. Waterfalls Park, owned by Joseph Prucyk and located on the Sixth Line near Limehouse, has had a history of drowning deaths involving its 50-foot deep quarry lake. Of the eight deaths that have occurred there over the past 14 years, all but one have been in the quarry lake with one occurring in a nearby pond. The first victim was Teresa Van Zutven in 1967 and the sixth drowning of Bruno Scodellaro last year brought about the hue and cry. Inquests were conducted after each death with little result.

The inquest jury investigating Mr. Scodellaro's death, returned with various recommendations designed to improve safety in public swimming areas on private property. They stressed the need for trained lifeguards to patrol the area and the need to post hazard warning signs in the swimming areas. They also recommended that safety equipment be made available and that Waterfalls Park be closed until the changes were made.

Town council closely adhered to the recommendations made by the coroner's jury in a draft bylaw submitted Jan. 25. Private operators of public swimming areas were given a chance to comment on the proposed bylaw and made their objections known March 4. Lawyer Robert Amsterdam, representing Mr. Prucyk, said that the town could have problems enforcing such a bylaw since the swimming area is on private land. Acton's North-Halton Park owner Mervin Barber objected to the need for lifeguards, saying he

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Waterfalls Park near Limehouse, whose large, rain-filled quarry was the scene of two drownings in two days last week - and six others since 1967 - features family camping, a picnic area and a small, shallow pond (lower left). Mayor Pete Pomeroy says the town will clamp down on apparent bylaw infractions at Waterfalls and elsewhere.

## Council ready to take action

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Mayor Pete Pomeroy has promised to move "expeditiously" to try to prevent further drowning accidents at the Waterfalls Park quarry, a popular swimming spot near Limehouse.

Following a half-hour, closed-door session prior to Monday night's council meeting, Mayor Pomeroy and councillors met with Halton's deputy police chief, Robert Middaugh, town bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty and town lawyer Tom Anderson, eventually resolving "to take

the appropriate steps necessary" to enforce the municipality's new swimming hole bylaw, passed in April. "Council feels that (the swimming bylaw) has not been conformed with at Waterfalls Park," Mayor Pomeroy told reporters later.

Following an investigation to determine to what extent swimming areas (including Nor-Halton Park, The Breezes and Smallwood Acres in Acton) have established safety precautions around their properties, council will have to decide whether Waterfalls owner Joe

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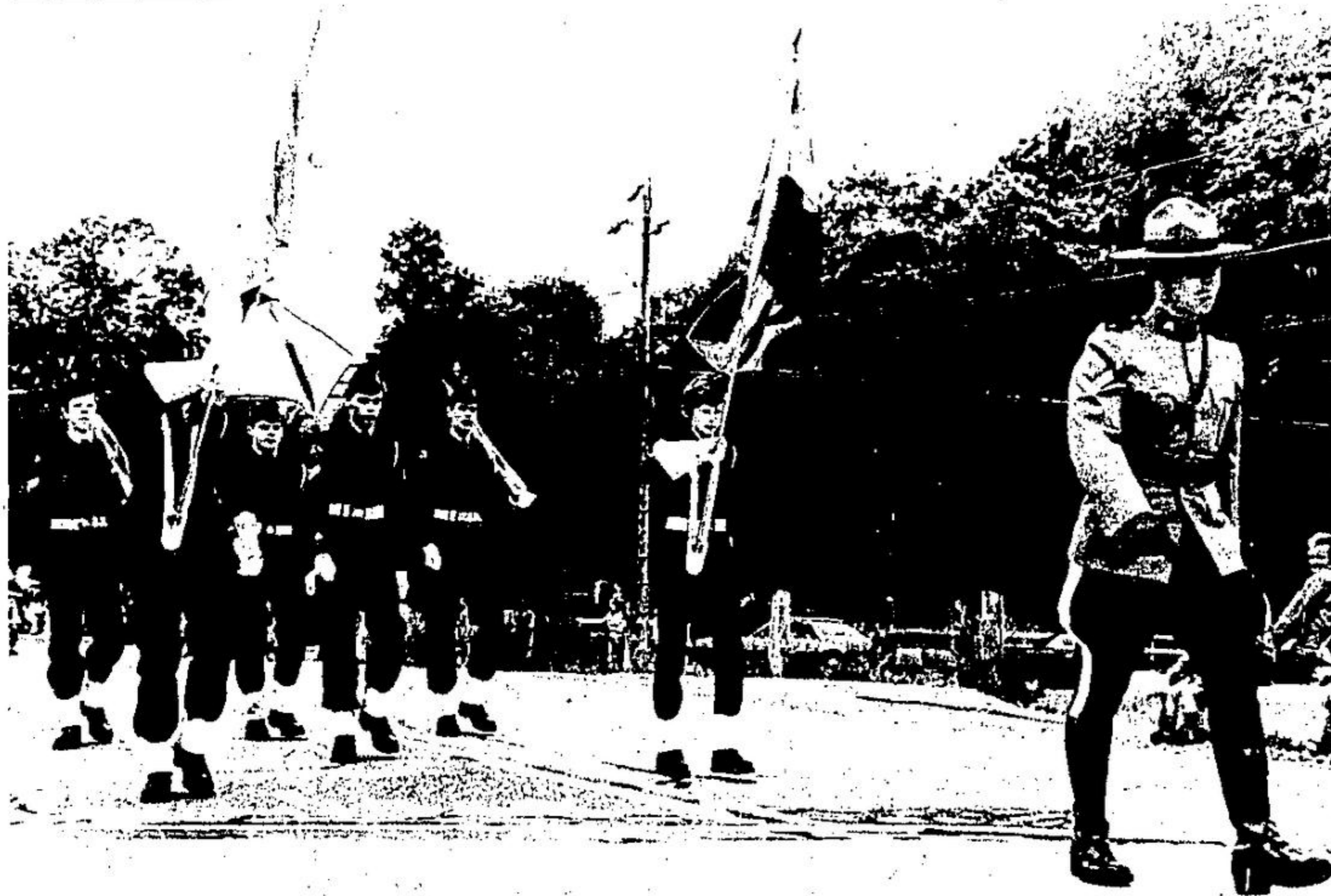
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## AT NOON, THEY ALL SANG 'O CANADA'

What would a Canada Day parade be without a Mountie? Marching in precision, the RCMP constable led this group of air cadets down Glen Williams' Main Street last Wednesday morning, joining other parade participants for the opening ceremonies. Although showers threatened to

drown out fun and games earlier that day, most of the celebrating was done under sunny skies and before some excellent entertainment provided by local and visiting talents. For more photos and a story see pages A2 and A5. (Herald photo by Chris Aagaard)

### Coming soon?

## Whatever happened to Honest Thief?

Ever wonder what happened to "Never Trust an Honest Thief"? Since its filming in Georgetown, Toronto and Atlanta began nearly two years ago, the \$4.3 million feature movie starring Orson Welles, Michael Murphy and Michelle Flaney has gone

through extensive re-shooting and re-editing, but for the most part it's been languishing among the other out-of-work stars in Los Angeles.

Toronto publicist Stephen Chesley told The Herald last week that "Honest Thief" should still make it to your

neighborhood cinema, but when, he just doesn't know.

"It's not uncommon at all for an independent producer (in this case, Zale Magder of Toronto) to spend a lot of time looking for a distributor," Mr. Chesley explained. "The last time I heard about

it was late winter, when people were still looking at it in L.A., but I've heard nothing since."

Once a company is contracted that can distribute the comedy-suspense film across North America, he said, Stephen Chesley Associates will be preparing

a marketing plan for it.

A movie crew made up mostly of Toronto-based technicians from Zale Magder's own Scarborough studio spent more than three weeks in Georgetown during August and September, 1979. Initial scenes involved all three stars of the movie as well as hundreds of extras hired in Georgetown.

It was the gala "Fourth of July" parade sequences along Main Street, followed by the free distribution of hundreds of T-shirts bearing the movie's logo, that captured the imagination and enthusiasm of area residents. Those who watched Orson Welles at work downtown or in Fairgrounds Park - and those who witnessed the spectacular staged crash of a Volkswagen beetle near the paper mill dam above Glen Williams - have anxiously awaited news of the film's release.

Georgetown residents have played minor parts in the filming locally of two other feature movies, "Equus", starring Richard Burton, and "Running", with Michael Douglas. Although "Equus" was almost as well-received by critics as the stage play on which it was based, neither movie did particularly well at the box office.

Unofficial reports following the departure of the "Honest Thief" movie crew from Georgetown indicated that the parade sequences filmed here may have been extensively re-shot in Atlanta, Georgia, during fall, 1979.

### Two-year agreement for CUPE

## Works contract settled with 90-cent increase

Town negotiators and officials from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), representing public works members of Local 73, have settled on a two-year contract, ending almost two months of negotiations.

Town clerk-administrator Ken Richardson told council Monday night that both parties met earlier that day to iron out the remaining details of the new package.

The 37 members of the local,

who are responsible for garbage collection and park and cemetery maintenance, will receive a 90-cent per hour wage increase over their 1980 agreement in the first year of the new contract, and an 11 per cent rise in 1982. The agreement is retroactive to April.

In addition, employees assigned to temporarily work at "higher rated" jobs will receive the job's wage for that period. Designated lead hands will receive 43 cents above their rated wage.

The new agreement has also introduced a new short-term-longterm disability plan, scrapping the former accumulative sick leave package. This will benefit both the workers and the municipality, Mr. Richardson told The Herald later. It ensures that employees who, due to ailments, are unable to work for lengthy periods of time will be paid. And the town is relieved of the responsibility of paying out sick leave benefits because the disability package is offered by Mutual Assurance Company of Canada Ltd.

While the old sick leave scheme allowed departing employees to collect 50 per cent of the benefit value accumulated over at least five years, it did not guarantee them a long-term income if they become seriously ill. The union and the town have been in a legal strike or lock out position respectively since mid-June. The workers had been without a contract since April 1.

## Council approves deer hunt but MNR may add fourth day

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Halton regional council has supported its planning and public works committee's recommendation approving plans for a three-day deer hunt this fall, even though the provincial government may require a four-day hunt.

Despite a final plea last Wednesday from Debbie Kilmer of Limehouse, who spearheaded the anti-hunt lobby over the last two months, councillors endorsed the hunt, strongly underlining its benefits to area farmers, some of whom have charged that crop damage attributed to deer is driving them out of business.

While she said she was discouraged that the planning committee during a public meeting two weeks ago "ignored" over 800 petitioners who stated their objection to the hunt proposal, a number of Mrs. Kilmer's recommendations were eventually incorporated into the controlled hunt plan.

Mrs. Kilmer, who embarked on her campaign against the hunt along with neighbor Pauline Martland shortly before council's May 6 meeting, suggested that Halton's hunt boundaries should be re-examined to ensure they don't encompass rural strip settlements.

In addition, the province's natural resources ministry (MNR) will be asked to provide better information to Halton residents prior to this year's hunt in November. Information outlining landowners' rights under the recently revamped provincial Trespass Act. At the planning committee's public meeting, it was also urged that hunters should receive information kits warning them not to hunt on posted land.

However, four recorded votes were required to pass other parts of the hunt proposal.

This year the ministry will award the same number of permits to prospective hunters through its lottery system as it did last year. There were 330

permits issued to hunters in the region and 128 deer reported taken during the three day, shotgun only period.

Farmers and rural landowners may also be asked to list their properties for the hunt in the future if they are having deer problems. Patrols in the Norval area near the Upper Canada College Outdoor School property may increase in response to problems the school had last year with trespassers.

But the ministry was sharply criticized during last week's council meeting for allegedly not informing the planning committee and regional staff that it is considering a four-day hunt for Halton this year.

District MNR biologist Nancy Tilt acknowledged the length of the hunt is still being discussed by a special government committee and will affect all ministry hunt districts in southern Ontario. Mrs. Tilt said she did not bring

the suggestion up at the committee meeting two weeks ago because she did not think "it is that big an issue".

If Halton wants to maintain a three-day hunt, she said, it can ask the ministry for special consideration, which would likely be discussed in the provincial legislature.

An angry Bill Johnson, chairman of the planning committee, advised the ministry against "playing games with my committee". Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell said the ministry's four-day hunt plan suddenly announced at the council meeting was "breaking the faith" under which the committee's lengthy public meeting was held the week before. Eventually, councillors backed the original three-day hunt.

Mrs. Tilt told council there will be more people available this year to handle trespass complaints. Instead of covering 33 townships, ministry

conservation officers will patrol seven, using a helicopter and the services of provincial police and local departments if necessary.

Only two trespass complaints were filed with the Cambridge district MNR office, Mrs. Tilt said; one of those was from Halton region. Residents who are having trouble with trespassing hunters should call the ministry which, using the helicopter, can swiftly arrive at the scene.

Although Halton's deer hunt was widely supported by councillors, some still had reservations about the proposal.

"No self-respecting hunter," Coun. Johnson said, "would hunt in north Halton. There are just too many people and too many domestic animals." But he did support other recommendations made in the motion endorsing the hunt, and suggested controlling the deer where they congregate.

### Police Beat

## Glen town hall burglars busted

Seven Halton teenagers have been charged with breaking and entering and theft by Halton police after the Glen Williams town hall was broken into before the Canada Day celebrations July 1. Jane Caldwell, Kevin Wilcocks, Joseph Hills, Clinton Guest and Terry Hills of Glen Williams, Jeffrey Crossman of Georgetown and Thomas Ditchfield of no fixed address were charged by police after the town hall had been broken into early Wednesday morning. Some 26 cases of beer valued at \$325 were taken and the birthday cake planned for the Canada Day festivities was damaged. The seven have also been charged with breaking and entering with intent after two buildings on the Apple Products Limited property in Glen Williams was broken into. Nothing was taken from the premises. The seven have been released to appear in Milton Provincial Court Aug. 10.

### Dump truck flips

A dump truck operating at the construction site on Mountainview Road North flipped over Tuesday morning into a ditch. Halton Hills firefighters stood by as a precautionary measure when the truck was removed from the ditch on River Drive since gasoline from the truck had started to leak. The driver of the truck sustained no injuries.

### Passenger had pistol

A 67-year old Kitchener man waving a cap pistol on a Canadian National passenger train was charged with drunk and disorderly behavior by Halton regional police last Tuesday morning. Police received a call from VIA Rail employees requesting help and were waiting as the Toronto-bound train pulled into the Georgetown station. They charged a Kitchener man after discovering 22-calibre blanks in his possession. He was later released into the custody of Toronto police, who already had a warrant for his arrest for carrying a concealed weapon.

### Indecent assault

A 14-year old Erin boy laid charges against a Georgetown man after he was indecently assaulted Sunday afternoon. The boy had been hitchhiking from Georgetown to his Erin home when he was picked up by a man. While he was in the car, the boy said that the man made verbal and physical advances, but he was able to get out of the car without further incident in Erin.

### Acton trucks stolen

Trucks in Acton seem to be disappearing fast as thieves stole two trucks the past week. A 1969 pick-up truck was stolen from the driveway of Charles Hubell on Brock Street last Wednesday afternoon. A 1978 GMC pick-up was also stolen from the driveway of Robert Almand of Norman Avenue between 3 and 5 Sunday afternoon. Mr. Almand's truck was recovered one hour later though in the parking lot at the Acton Curling Club.



### TUBEFLOAT SEASON

Nothing could be finer than floating down the mighty Credit River on a hot summer's day. These two young ladies seem to know how to lick the summer's heat that's been with us the past few days as they wind their way down the Credit River through Glen Williams. A favorite pastime for as long as they can remember, Suzy Hoekstra of Limehouse and her friend Anita Webb of Glen Williams prepare to make their excursion down the river.

(Herald photo)