



PEDAL PUSHERS

Mayor Pete Pomeroy helps get the Jaycee bike marathon relay off to a rolling start as he gets ready to pedal the first mile. Six Jaycees left Georgetown last Tuesday afternoon on the marathon bike relay that was to take them 26 hours later to their national convention in downtown Ottawa. The Jaycees hope to raise funds through their marathon for their Youth Award presented to a graduating student in Halton Hills deemed to be an all-round citizen. Ready to undertake their grueling trip are (left to right) Bill Fahy, Dale Thibideau, Mayor Pomeroy, Jack Wallinga, Paul Atkinson and Dennis Borotak. Absent but also pedalling is Doug Penrice. (Herald photo)

IN THE CLUBS



FOSKETT HEADS ROTARY EXEC

The Rotary Club of Georgetown presented its new executive to members Monday night. At their dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, new executive members introduced were (front, left to right) treasurer Maurice Dixon, past president Bob Simpson, president Bob Foskett, (back row) director of youth and vocational service Ralph Ursel, fund-raising director Barry Timleck, club service director Bill Ward and vice-president Rex Heslop. Absent were secretary Joe Nagge, program director Rich Eastwood and community service director Frank Allen. (Herald photo)

Burglar gets 18 months

Car burglar Donald Lawrence of Acton was sentenced to 18 months in prison and three years on probation in Milton Provincial Court a week ago Monday for the 14 break-ins he committed while on probation last month.

Judge Douglas Latimer sentenced the 16-year old youth severely since he had been placed on probation for committing similar crimes in Toronto at the time of the Halton occurrences and already has a juvenile record for breaking and entering.

Mr. Lawrence had pleaded guilty earlier to the charges and defence attorney George Gage asked Judge Latimer to consider placing his client in the House of Concord, a home for wayward youths.

Crown attorney James Treleven told The Herald that since the youth already had a previous record of five break-ins committed during April in Toronto, he received a stiffer sentence. The youth had been sentenced to five days in jail with probation for the Toronto offences.

Mr. Lawrence had been charged with 14 counts of break and enter after a large sum of money was discovered in his car by Halton police May 28.



SPOT OF BEAUTY

Barb Presswood gets a sample of the treatment she and her staff will be providing local residents at her Beauty Spot from make-up artist Handy Brandford. The store opening Thursday morning marked the 11th anniversary of Ms. Presswood's business. The new store is located in Mountainview Plaza. Ms. Presswood, Mr. Brandford and estheticians Madeline Ottorino and Judy Grant will be offering everything from manicures to electrolysis to beautify the Georgetown woman. (Herald photo)

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"I was somewhat confused in trying to determine whether or not this letter was offered for our use from an experienced politician, or was attempting to lay the groundwork for an aspiring politician."

In a lengthy rebuttal which included statements like that one, Mayor Pete Pomeroy assured former regional chairman Ric Morrow that the town is not yet prepared to give any more than a passing interest to a proposal which suggested the town should rent municipal offices rather than build a headquarters of its own.

Last week, the Herald published Mr. Morrow's letter to council in which he expressed "opposition to any long-term lease arrangement for municipal facilities" in Halton Hills.

But the mayor's answering letter to council stressed that the rental proposal, presented by Rex Heslop Associated Industries (International) Ltd. last month, would only seriously be considered alongside other suggestions when the town's building committee has terms of reference with which to embark on a search for a suitable scheme.

As well as placing a considerable tax burden on local ratepayers, Mr. Morrow is concerned that the Heslop plan, which envisions a five-storey office building adjacent to Guelphview Square at the corner of Georgetown Mountainview Road South and Guelph Street, fails to consider Acton residents.

But, Mayor Pomeroy retorts, Mr. Morrow was one of the strongest proponents

of placing Halton's regional headquarters on Bronte Road in Oakville, "and this certainly paid little heed to the citizens who reside in Halton Hills".

"Further," he adds, "maybe the \$2.5 million spent in regional capital costs to construct the building would have been better spent in arresting the financial chaos at the region in the years (between) 1974 to 1978."

Mayor Pomeroy pointed out that, by law, regional council has to consider every delegation which appears before it. He charged that Mr. Morrow was trying to "control" the Heslop submission as a "fait accompli".

Meanwhile, councillors have been invited to offer their comments on Mr. Morrow's letter on a personal basis.

Park's second drowning

Continued from page A1 would go out of business if he had to hire lifeguards.

After listening to the objections, council toned down its bylaw somewhat and passed a less severe version April 6.

The present bylaw requires all public swimming areas to have signs indicating safe swimming areas, hazardous areas and the location of life-saving equipment and emergency telephones. The bylaw also specifies that the owner of the swimming area must provide a reaching pole no less than eight feet in length, a ring buoy and line, a non-inflatable buoyant aid and a spine board. The swimming area must be designated by the use of float lines painted in distinctive colors.

Legislation requiring the presence of lifeguards was omitted from the bylaw, however. The fine for contravening the bylaw is \$1,000.

The bylaw is enforced by Halton regional police, the Department of Health and the municipal bylaw enforcement officer, Jack Lusty.

Asked whether the bylaw has been enforced at Waterfalls Park, Mr. Lusty refused to comment. Halton police said that it's a very "grey area" whether they should enforce the rules, since the park is privately-owned and yet also open to the public. They added that those type of bylaws are usually left to the enforcement officer to supervise.

Tony Duarte visited Waterfalls with approximately ten friends last Wednesday, spending the day swimming in the quarry lake. At approximately 4, Mr. Duarte swam some distance from the shore when he experienced difficulties. Two friends, Charlie Chircop and Tim Johnston, also of Missis-

sauga, tried to help him but were rapidly being pulled under by Mr. Duarte's struggles.

They called for help and scuba diver Robert Gwizo of Oakville later discovered the victim in approximately 30 feet of water. Mr. Duarte was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Halton firefighters attempted to resuscitate him, but he was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Halton police said they don't know why Mr. Duarte experienced difficulties, since he was a fairly muscular man and could swim. The conditions of the lake were good at the time, with the water being fairly calm and approximately 75 degrees.

The second drowning victim, Ronald Barrett, was leaving the park at 8:30 Thursday evening with three friends. The friends later told

police that Mr. Barrett was walking a short distance behind them when they heard a splash and saw he had either jumped or fallen, fully-clothed, into the lake. At first, they didn't think that he was in any serious trouble since he could swim and didn't call for help. They only realized something was wrong when he went under.

Halton police constables Alex Fishbein and Bob Ustrzycki and diver Michael Pignatelli recovered the body in 30 feet of water approximately two hours later.

Mr. Prucyk has declined to comment on the two drowning deaths. He did say, though, that he has been attempting to sell the park for the past three years.

Police are continuing their investigation into the deaths but the coroner's office has not yet issued an order for an inquest.

Council moves

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Prucyk should be charged for bylaw infractions.

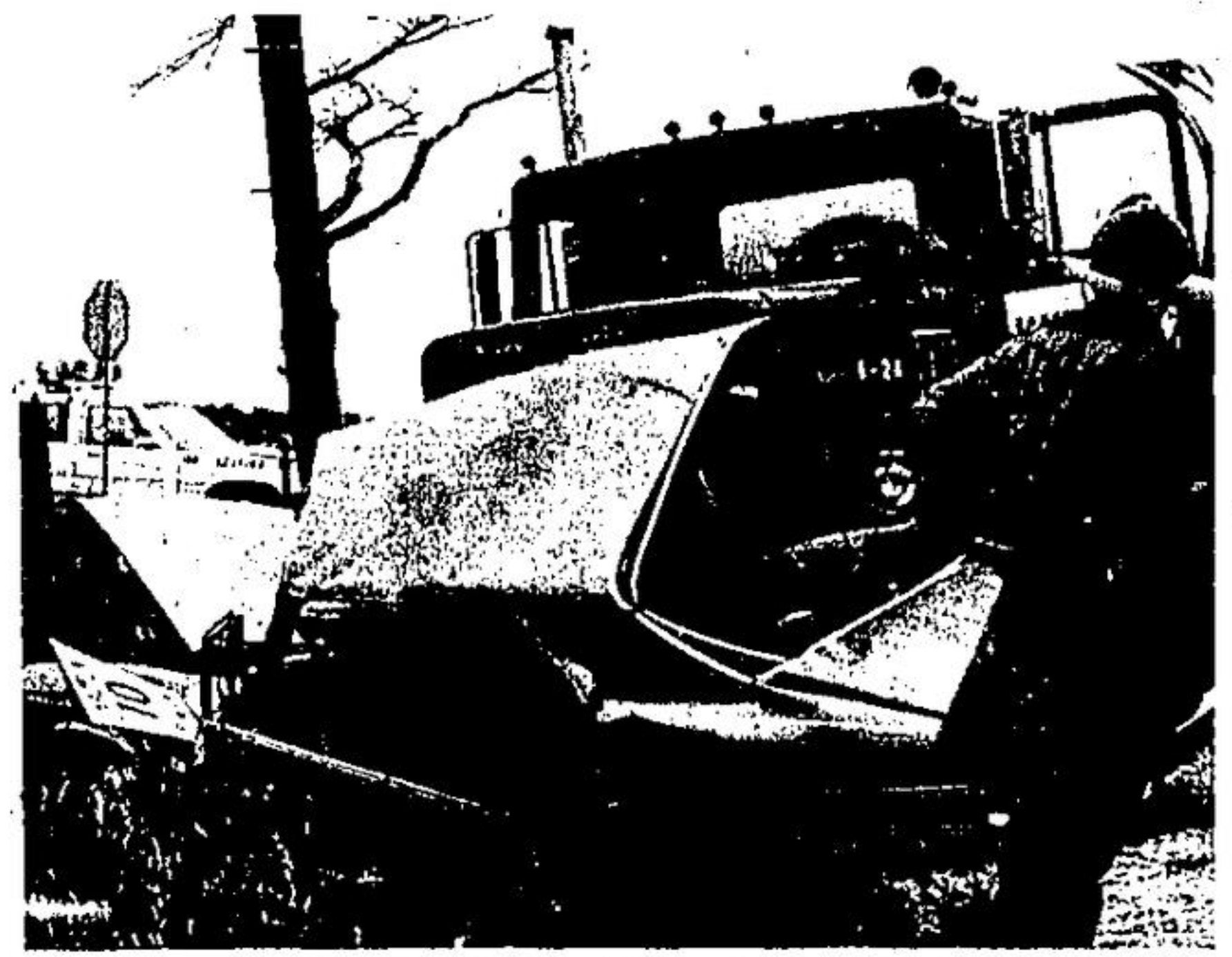
But, Mayor Pomeroy added, "it appears even if all rules had been conformed with, it probably would not have made any difference in the two cases last week."

It's a difficult area for the police to patrol, he said, and the regional force has the biggest problem with controlling drug and alcohol violations around the quarry. At the time of both of last week's accidents, police believe there was drinking in the park, although it is not known whether either victim was inebriated when they died.

Mayor Pomeroy expressed doubt there will be a coroner's inquest into the deaths, since one was held following the death last August of 21-year old Bruno Scodellaro. That inquest suggested the province, and not the town, was responsible for legislating safety requirements at public swimming areas where admission is charged.

Meanwhile, police are continuing their investigation into the deaths. The property has not been closed, a move, the mayor said, which would have to be a police action anyway.

It's up to parents to warn youngsters that there have been drownings in the quarry, he said. They are ultimately responsible for the safety of their children.



ATHENS MAN, 25, KILLED

A 25-year old Athens, Ontario, man was killed in a two-car collision with a cement truck that completely demolished his car last Tuesday afternoon. Allen Weidenar was driving a 1970 gold Chevrolet Nova south on the Ninth Line and had stopped at the intersection of the Tenth Sideroad. The Nova turned left onto the sideroad as a cement truck driving east rammed its side. The truck was driven by David Peavoy of the Bolton-based James Dick Construction Company.

The accident occurred at approximately 1:40 Tuesday afternoon. Halton Hills firefighters were called out to try and remove Mr. Weidenar from the car. They spend ten minutes using steel jaws removing the two doors on the driver's side of the car.

Two firefighters, Deputy District Chief Bruce Lewis and Captain Bernie Egerton, accompanied Mr. Weidenar in the ambulance trying to revive him using CPR but he was pronounced dead on arrival at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Halton police are still investigating the circumstances surrounding the accident.

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