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Limehouse man died in 1977 crash

Ottawa blamed for glider death

From the Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

The glider accident that killed a Limehouse man in 1977 could have been prevented had transport department officials acted on the advice of the Erin Soaring Society, a federal report on aviation safety has stated.

The society, of which John Richard Glynn was a member, concluded in early 1977 that the federal department should revoke the man's licence because instructors at the club had declared him incompetent the inquiry was told.

While the Ontario office of the Canadian Air Transportation Administration was seeking independent advice on the matter, Mr. Glynn joined the Toronto Soaring Club.

In May that year, Mr. Glynn lost control of his glider while attempting to harness his safety belt and ploughed into the ground from an altitude of about 400 feet. The impact was sufficient to dig an eleven-inch



CAST OFF, MATEYS!

Knox Presbyterian church hall in Acton was filled last Wednesday night with scouts of all ages celebrating the 75th anniversary of scouting in Canada. Dinner guests included District Commissioner John Sharples, Jean Layman and Gord Douglas, president of the district scouting council. Entertainment was sponsored by the boys themselves as the Beavers, Cubs and Sea Scouts, led leaders and parents through a number of songs. Church ladies prepared the dinner for the group and the hall was decorated with a 75th anniversary theme honoring the founder of modern Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell.

About the Hills

Ticket turmoil for Cockburn

While Brampton and Toronto pop music fans are responding enthusiastically to ticket sales for the March 17 Bruce Cockburn concert at Norval Junction, Georgetowners are not, according to concert promoter Jerry Robertson. Mr. Robertson told The Herald Thursday that ticket sales at both local outlets - Neil's Music Centre and G and S Television - have been slow, whereas fans of one of Canada's foremost troubadours are lining up for tickets at BASS agencies outside town. With a slew of Juno awards already on his mantle, Mr. Cockburn is again nominated this year as Best Male Vocalist, an honor he seems to exchange year by year with Gordon Lightfoot or Murray McLaughlin. Mr. Robertson said he is also trying to book Mr. McLaughlin and American folk hero J.J. Cale for the Junction, formerly known as the Way-Jay Club and the Riviera.

Arcade decision appeal

Supporting planning department arguments, town council doesn't like the idea of a games arcade moving into Acton's Highway 7 commercial strip, despite the Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment's approval of the proposal as long as it doesn't include the operation of a gas station. The town will appeal the committee's decision, citing danger to pedestrians from the traffic flow along the highway and near the southeast corner of Highway 7-Churchill Road intersection, where the proposed arcade is to be located. In granting the variance necessary for the arcade, the committee "may initiate additional requests...for commercial uses which should be contained in the downtown business area", planning staff argued in a report to the town's general committee last week. The appeal is expected to be debated at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

Game of kings

The ancient and fascinating game of chess gets some substantial local attention at the Halton Hills public libraries starting this Saturday. Herman Cano hosts "Chess for all ages", beginners to experts welcome, each Saturday through March and April from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring your own set and settle down to learn the game, improve your technique or just plain relax.

For the young ladies

Learn all about makeup, skin care and personal grooming this Saturday (March 6) at the Acton Public Library. This free workshop is designed for girls 12 years of age and up. Call the library at 853-0301 to register and for further details.

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In the third and final volume of his report ending a two-year investigation, Mr. Justice Charles Dubin accused the air administration of complacency in failing to respond to the recommendation that Mr. Glynn's licence be revoked.

"If Mr. Glynn's licence had been removed, it seems unlikely that he would have been given the opportunity of gliding at any premises where such activities are carried out and, in all probability... the fatal accident could have been prevented," the Ontario Court of Appeal judge states.

"It is apparent that administrative procedures must be improved upon to avoid the repetition of such a tragic and unnecessary fatal accident," he added.

No beach bumming on military exercise

Lorne Scots take U.S. by siege

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

For 400 members of the Canadian Armed Forces militia, 16 of them from the Halton Hills area, a quick jaunt to Florida last weekend wasn't meant "to catch a few rays."

Instead, the Canadians, joined by their counterparts in the American Air Force reserve, launched a simulated attack on a site located in the northwestern part of the state. Once the site had been "seized" by Canadian infantry, the Americans who had flown the militiamen from bases in Ontario and New York were to drop supplies on the "secured" zone.

"There were two things which stood out significantly in the exercise," Col. Frank Ching, the commander of the Hamilton militia district told The Herald Monday. "It was new ground to the troops (normally the forces train at Canadian Armed Forces bases) and you had to be able to read a map."

He added that the militia, composed of reservists who serve with the forces on a part-time basis, proved that they could organize themselves quickly by securing the zone on time.

"The exercise went off very well," Col. Ching said. "There were no major problems which developed and the soldiers performed as well as I expected or better."

Col. Ching explained that the Florida sortie was conducted in three phases: Canadian troops were airlifted Friday from airbases at Downsview and Mount Hope Airport in Ontario and from Niagara Falls, New York, by reserve units of the 439 Tactical Air Wing.

Armed and laden with supplies, the militia landed in fields within the 750-square mile Fort Elgin Air Force Base in Florida, camped and then marched through 13 miles of underbrush early Saturday morning to secure the drop zone.

Working against the clock, troops secured the zone, then returned quickly to the waiting planes for the 1,400 mile trek back to Canada. The drop, once the troops had taken the zone, had to be called off because of fog.

At one point in the militia's operation, code-named "Prowling Panther", Georgetown troops, bolstered by militiamen from Guelph, lead the foray into the bush, Sgt. Gary Ewing, 25, said.

It wasn't an easy run through the bush to the drop zone, he recalled. A number of Canadian troops left for Florida Thursday, and acted as the "enemy", during the exercise as occasionally "bumping" or attacking the advancing force.

Sgt. Ewing and Cpl. Ron Bell, 18, were at the Georgetown Army Monday, stowing away supplies which local militia members had taken with them to Florida.

Opportunity knocks

It's quite possible to learn an entirely different trade in your free time — and get paid while doing it, too. The opportunity is open to men and women 17 years of age and older who join the Canadian militia, the reserve branch of the Canadian Armed Forces. Besides learning basic and detailed military skills and participating in exciting adventures like the military exercise in Florida last weekend, the Forces open numerous career doors at the reserve level for young people just getting started with their adult lives and older ones looking for a change. The Georgetown militia meets Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Call during those times, 877-3311.

It's 'la semaine francais'

Soyons fiers d'etre francais

Georgetown's John Elliott Theatre will be alive with the sound of French-Canadian voices next week when the community's French-speaking residents and Parent-Teacher Association present a series of special events to celebrate French Week in Halton Hills.

The Elliott Theatre will be a focus for most of the events, but activities are also scheduled for Sacre Coeur Church hall and the Library-Cultural Centre itself.

Interested citizens can take in a screening of Claude Jutra's highly acclaimed film "Mon Oncle Antoine", enjoy twin presentations by the Toronto-based theatrical group Le Theatre de la Gargouille or settle down with the youngsters for a delightful musical presentation by folk-singer Eglantine.

Information about the week's activities is available by phoning 877-5056, 877-5595, 877-6850 or 873-1164.

French Week gets underway this Sunday with an 11 a.m. mass at Sacre Coeur Church. Celebrants are then invited to visit the Cultural Centre to browse through an exhibition and sale of French-Canadian books and material assembled by Librarie Champlain, which continues from noon to 5 p.m.

At 2 that afternoon, Mayor Pete Pomeroy and other special guests will officially launch French Week with a formal dedication followed by a concert featuring the Ecole Sacre Coeur choir and French-Canadian folksingers La Ridaire. Refreshments will be served, admission is \$2 for adults, and 50 cents for seniors and children under 12.

Next Monday at 8 p.m., Le Theatre de la Gargouille presents two live productions at the Elliott Theatre. "Jouez-moi d'amour" examines in whimsical terms the cultural obstacles a Canadian traveller might encounter upon meeting a Parisian "madame". The "Le Defunt" takes a serious look at a scene arranged to contact a woman's recently-deceased husband.

The \$2 per adult, 50-cent per senior citizen admission again includes refreshments. See the write-up below on la Gargouille (en francais) for more details.

Next Wednesday (March 10), a screening of the made-in-Quebec movie "Mon Oncle Antoine" will be followed by a discussion about director Claude Jutra's story and his approach to the subject matter. The screening at 8 p.m. in the Elliott Theatre is free, although a silver collection will be taken.

March 12 Cafe Chantant takes over the Sacre Coeur parish hall on Guelph Street for an evening of wine and cheese, musical entertainment by francophone performers and a special draw, the winners of which will enjoy a weekend for two at Toronto and Toronto's Harbourfront. Admission is \$4.

Eglantine brings her charming musical magic to the Cultural Centre gallery March 13 at 2 p.m. The clown-guitarist is well known in French Canada as something of a piper among preschoolers and those up to Grade 4 level. Admission is 50 cents.

Police Beat

Burglars busy in Acton

Thieves were busy in Acton over the weekend, breaking into a Division Street home by smashing in a rear window and taking a ring valued at \$200. Jewellery was also taken from a Churchill Road South home overnight Saturday. Worth \$800, the jewellery was taken after a ground floor bathroom window at the back of the house was broken. On Tyler Avenue, thieves forced a kitchen window taking \$1,800 worth of jewellery and \$30 cash Saturday night.

Acton youth charged

A 16-year old was charged with possession of stolen property following a break-in of a Tuley Avenue residence in Acton Saturday evening when \$90 in dimes was taken. The youth entered the home by breaking the glass in a side door. He was also charged with mischief in connection with the breaking of the glass in the front door of an Acton apartment building on Hanson Street Feb. 26 at 3:15 a.m.

Mac's Milk robbed

A lone Georgetown youth was charged with break and enter and theft Monday when police caught him robbing a Mac's Milk store on Willow Road in Guelph.

The 21 year old had entered the store after 4 a.m. Sunday and had boxed up merchandise and stolen a small sum of money when Guelph police responded to a complaint by a passerby who noticed suspicious goings-on.

Vacationer's home hit

A homeowners long stay in California gave thieves ample time to make off with \$1,700 worth of jewellery from a Storey Drive home in Acton. There was no sign of forced entry to the home left vacant from the end of September to the end of February.

Collision injures woman

An Acton woman was taken to Georgetown District Memorial Hospital Feb. 28 following an accident that caused \$6,000 damage. Passenger Winnie Vanderleest was treated and released from the emergency department of the hospital for minor injuries. The collision took place when an eastbound driver on Guelph Street signalled and changed lanes into the passing lane just before the Maple Avenue intersection. A driver from the other direction thought the eastbound driver was going to turn left as his turn signal was flashing and turning into its path.

Curling club break-in

Thieves broke a window of the Acton Curling Club on Churchill Road North Feb. 22 and stole \$85, in cash and one bottle of liquor.



BROWNIE PACK GROWS IN LIMEHOUSE

The ranks of the first Limehouse Brownies swelled last week as Tweenies joined the local program. The first Limehouse Brownies are Gay Brown, Colleen Swindlehurst, Holly Sores, Mary Jane Hill, Lauri Tohe, Claire Kilmer, Lisa Laing, Lisa Volmer, Tanya Dale Johnson, Lori Foster, Kirsten Johnson, Paula Laing, Eric Schroll, Mary Ann Yates, Samantha Lund, Leanne Teller, Janet Swindlehurst and Stacy Poux. (Herald photo)

Prime chance to see acclaimed Gargouille

Le Theatre de la Gargouille, une nouvelle troupe itinerante de Toronto qui se produisait pour la toute premiere fois le 18 septembre au Centre communautaire francophone, a remporte un vil succes devant une salle remplie a craquer.

Le groupe de cinq comedien presentait deux courtes pieces. Le Defunt, de Rene de Obaldia, et Jouez-moi d'amour, de Jean Barbeau, qui ont pu surprendre par leur audace le public traditionnel du Centre.

La scene ayant ete deplacee du centre au fond de la salle de La Creperie, on a pu produire une veritable soiree de theatre qui a su divertir, tant par la qualite des oeuvres que le jeu expert de la Gargouille.

Le Defunt est le spectacle insolite donne par deux amies, Julie (Suzon Demers) et Mme de Crampon (Louise Nolan), dans un pare ou elles ont l'habitude de se rencontrer.

Dans une mise en scene de Marie-France Gauthier, les deux femmes s'amusent a derouter la realite (et le spectateur) en evouant un mari defunt dont on se demande finalement s'il a jamais existe.

En deuxieme partie, Jouez-moi d'amour, dirige par Tony Pearce, plus longue et aux decors plus elaborés, est la piece de resistance de la soiree.

Louise Nolan, cette fois en prostitute francaise, et Marcel Aymar, en client quebecois, reconstituent brillamment la quete de Jean Barbeau de la double emancipation individuelle et collective.

La troupe reviendra au Centre francophone en novembre prochain et se dit prete, entre temps, a se produire devant tous les publics de la region.

Les membres de la Gargouille ont celebre avec beaucoup d'emotion la "naissance officielle" de leur projet.

Meme si celle-ci etait constituee depuis l'hiver dernier, ce n'est en effet que lorsqu'elle brule les planches pour la premiere fois qu'une troupe de theatre peut croire que "la, c'est pour le vrai!"

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Popular French-Canadian entertainer Eglantine, complete with guitar and clown make-up, will be one of the featured attractions at the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre during French Week March 7 to 13. The well-known children's entertainer will perform in the gallery March 13 at 2 p.m. Admission is 50 cents. Special events are planned for the entire week at the John Elliott Theatre and Sacre Coeur Church hall, including the March 7 official opening and concert by La Ridaire and a gallery "exposition des livres". Call 877-5056, 877-5595, 877-6850 or 873-1164.