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Inquest into twin Fairy Lake drownings begins

Victims dead a while before found



BOWLING GREEN QUIET AGAIN FOR SEASON

The lawn bowling youth team finished off their season Friday with a gala party and top bowler presentations. Earning the top girl point awards were Shelley Russell, Stephanie Crabbe and Terry Cowbrough. The top girl point awards went to Scott Dobbins, Michael James and Jaimie Brerar. Seen here from the junior team are (front row, left to right) Scott Dobbins, Michael Brown, David Payne, (middle

row, left to right) Cindy Brennan, Shelley Russell, Stephen Brown, Paul Glass, Paul Taylor, Michael James, Ian Vint, Brian Bell (back row, left to right) Danny Brennan, Krista Chapman, Stacey Bell, Stephanie Crabbe, Wendy Farley, Andrew Payne and Jaimie Brerar. (Herald photo)

By **MAGGIE HANNAH**
 Herald Special

While at least four life-guards were in Prospect Park at the time two young Acton boys disappeared the afternoon of July 10, the boys had been dead some time before separate searches of Fairy Lake located their bodies.

Dr. Gordon Longfield, the pathologist who performed post mortems on the bodies of Nick Dimic and Brent Patey, both age 7, said Wednesday skin abrasions with bevelled edges were found on both youngsters. He was definite that the marks were inflicted after death by "some aquatic animal" such as fish or turtles.

Both boys drowned and his examination revealed no indications of foul play. He also offered the opinion that it was unlikely either boy had struggled or surfaced after they went under the water.

Dr. Longfield, the last of 13 witnesses to testify before an all-male jury in the first day of evidence at an inquest into the double

fatality, said the nibbling indicated the bodies had been underwater for some time. He couldn't estimate the length of time.

Four witnesses who had been at the lake with Brent and three who had been there with Nick said they had not seen the boys together at any time that afternoon.

However, a statement volunteered by a young bystander to Halton regional police officers investigating the incident contradicted that.

Zack Vetricek, 13, has recently moved to Guelph and could not be contacted in time to attend the hearing. His statement, told to the court by Det. Bill Riddel, indicated that Zack had seen the two boys swinging on branches of a large willow tree from private property adjacent to the beach which overhangs the water.

Det. Riddel said he checked that information with his partner and determined that Zack would have a clear view of the

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Police bicycle auction tomorrow

It may be just about the end of the warmer season, but if you're in the market for a new bicycle for next season, tomorrow's the big day. Halton regional police hold their annual auction tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 10 a.m. outside the Guelph Street headquarters in Georgetown. There'll be literally dozens of bikes to choose from - all shapes and sizes - and they're going for a song. Other odds and ends will be auctioned off as well, so don't miss out.

Extend comment deadline on MNR gravel policy

Herald Special
 Deadlines for comments on the proposed resource strategy plan will be extended to mid-December rather than cut off Aug. 31 as originally proposed by the ministry of natural resources.

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, Liberal resource critic said the extension was promised by natural resources minister Alan Pope in a recent meeting to discuss the 20-year plan. Mr. Pope also agreed to make a statement on the 10-point aggregate policy currently in use by the ministry. The aggregate policy, which gives the ministry sweeping powers and puts designations on aggregate

resources through official plans is not official cabinet policy, Mr. Pope told Mr. Reed. It can't be withdrawn however, he said.

because the ministry must have some sort of guidelines in place until the new aggregate bill is ready for use.

Mr. Reed said Mr. Pope also agreed to release the text of the party's new aggregate bill which was expected earlier this year. Mr. Reed said he sensed the New Democratic Party may be willing to support the government on the bill going to committee for public input but with a time limit on that input period. Mr. Reed fears there may not be sufficient time to hear public response properly if the committee period is limited.

"It's too important to leave to the politicians," Mr. Reed said.

Mr. Reed said the extension of the comment deadline on the MNR plan is "mildly encouraging."

Tickets still available for UWC's Super Sundays series

Tickets are still available for the Georgetown University Women's Club Super Sundays series which starts Nov. 7. The popular series features a number of talented Canadian artists who have a special appeal for youngsters and parents. For tickets, contact 877-6414 or 877-7879.

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CALVES FOR THE QUEENS

Beauties and their "beasts" gathered at the CNE last Wednesday evening. Five finalists in Ontario's 27 Dairy Princess contest were each presented with a purebred heifer calf for participating in the event that crowned Glenna Howley from Haldimand county Dairy Princess. Vying for the title were (left to right) Marlene Parkin of Grey county, Angele Beaulieu of Nipissing-Sudbury, Dairy Princess Glenna Howley of Haldimand county, Diversey-Wyandotte Inc. marketing manager Arthur Griffiths, Carol Cavanagh of Carleton county and Halton's Marilyn McNabb. Diversey-Wyandotte Inc. donated the five calves. Miss McNabb received a jersey calf for making it to the finals.

(Photo submitted)