

Acton man found dead

A 45-year-old Acton man was found dead underneath a forklift at the rear of S K D Company - a Milton automotive stamping plant - early Wednesday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police say Kenneth Brooks, a forklift repairman, was discovered under the forklift immobile. Police and ambulance attendants were then called in and attempted to revive him.

Mr. Brooks was declared dead at the scene.

Mr. Brooks was an employee of Halton Lift Truck Inc. in Milton at the time of the accident. Milton Coroner, Dr. Ivan Hunter, ordered

an autopsy to be performed.

No results were available at press time.

The cause of death is still undetermined, Detective Michael Kingston of 11 Division in Georgetown said.

Halton Regional Police, along with the ministry of labour's health and safety branch, are conducting an investigation into the incident, he said.

Not until the investigation is complete will the police decide whether or not to conduct an inquest, Det. Kingston said.

Health and Safety Inspector Bill

Gordon said the investigation is ongoing and could take two to three weeks.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his wife, Clara-Anne, and sons, Kevin and Michael.

Peel to stay with GTA

Peel Region, one of the five members of the Greater Toronto Area committee to find a site for Metropolitan Toronto's garbage, will stay in the group, Peel Chairman Frank Bean said Thursday.

Peel had threatened to pull out of the GTA, a move that could have jeopardized the five-region search for landfill site.

Town should welcome orchestra: Serjeantson

Halton Hills should get "aggressive" and shouldn't "miss the boat" in getting the Toronto Symphony Orchestra into Scotsdale Park.

These words came from Georgetown Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson Tuesday. The orchestra is considering Scotsdale Park near Ballinfad as one of several locations for summer practice.

"I know that the other communities are actively hustling the proposal, and I think we should do the same," Coun. Serjeantson said.

The town sent a letter to the TSO,

saying they would welcome the orchestra into the 530-acre park. But Coun. Serjeantson said there should be something "more substantial."

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority, managers of the park that was bequeathed to the town by Stewart and Lotta Bennett, said the Ontario Heritage Foundation is negotiating with the Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board for use of Scotsdale.

The TSO and the school board could have "compatible" use, the CVCA said.



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Willow Park residents will go to Acton's Nor-Halton Trailer Park

Willow Park residents will have a place to move their trailers after being told by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to be out of their Norval site by November 15.

Halton Hills town council approved a Regional Road 12 in Acton site Monday that will allow 30 permanent trailer sites. Nor-Halton Park, the home of 225-seasonal trailers, owned by Merv and Doris Barber will go through a bylaw process for approval.

Given the appeal period for such bylaws, it will be at least two months before permanent trailer residents can move in, town staff say.

The CVCA gave Willow Park residents on Highway 7 in Norval until November 15 this year to remove their trailers from what has been called a "dangerous" location. Authority general manager Vicki Barron says the property is "dangerous" because it lies in the flood plain of both Silver Creek and the Credit River. Storm run off from the housing development on the Ninth Line would expose Willow Park residents to dangerous flood conditions the CVCA says.

Town councillors at Monday's meeting said if homeless Norval residents had a place to go after Willow Park the CVCA might extend the eviction date.

The CVCA is expropriating the land.

The CVCA gave Willow Park a year extension last September. The extension idea was supported by the CVCA general manager. "I'm sure if we were approached (by town council) we would consider an extension," Ms. Barron said. "Nobody likes to displace 30 families."

Councillors asked for a recorded vote Tuesday night when they approved the Barber application.

Two councillors, Acton Coun. Norm Elliott and Georgetown rural Coun. Alf Spence opposed using Nor-Halton Park for permanent trailer residences.

It is "premature" to put permanent trailer homes on the site, said Coun. Elliott. "We have a piece of land that is trampling on the rights of at least three neighbors. My conscience is my guide. I have to vote for the people who are most affected by this."

Coun. Elliott referred to the neighbors whose property connects with the proposed trailer site.

Rural councillor Alf Spence was concerned that there would not be adequate water to service 30 new families. "The water scenario has never been properly addressed here," he said.

But town deputy planning director Bruce MacLean said Halton Region is "satisfied" with water studies. Neighbors near the Nor Halton site said their rights were not being looked at by the town, and taxpayers are not responsible for finding housing for the evicted Norval trailer home owners.

One neighbor said the value of the homes in the area would decrease. Another said that it will be like having a subdivision in the rural area.

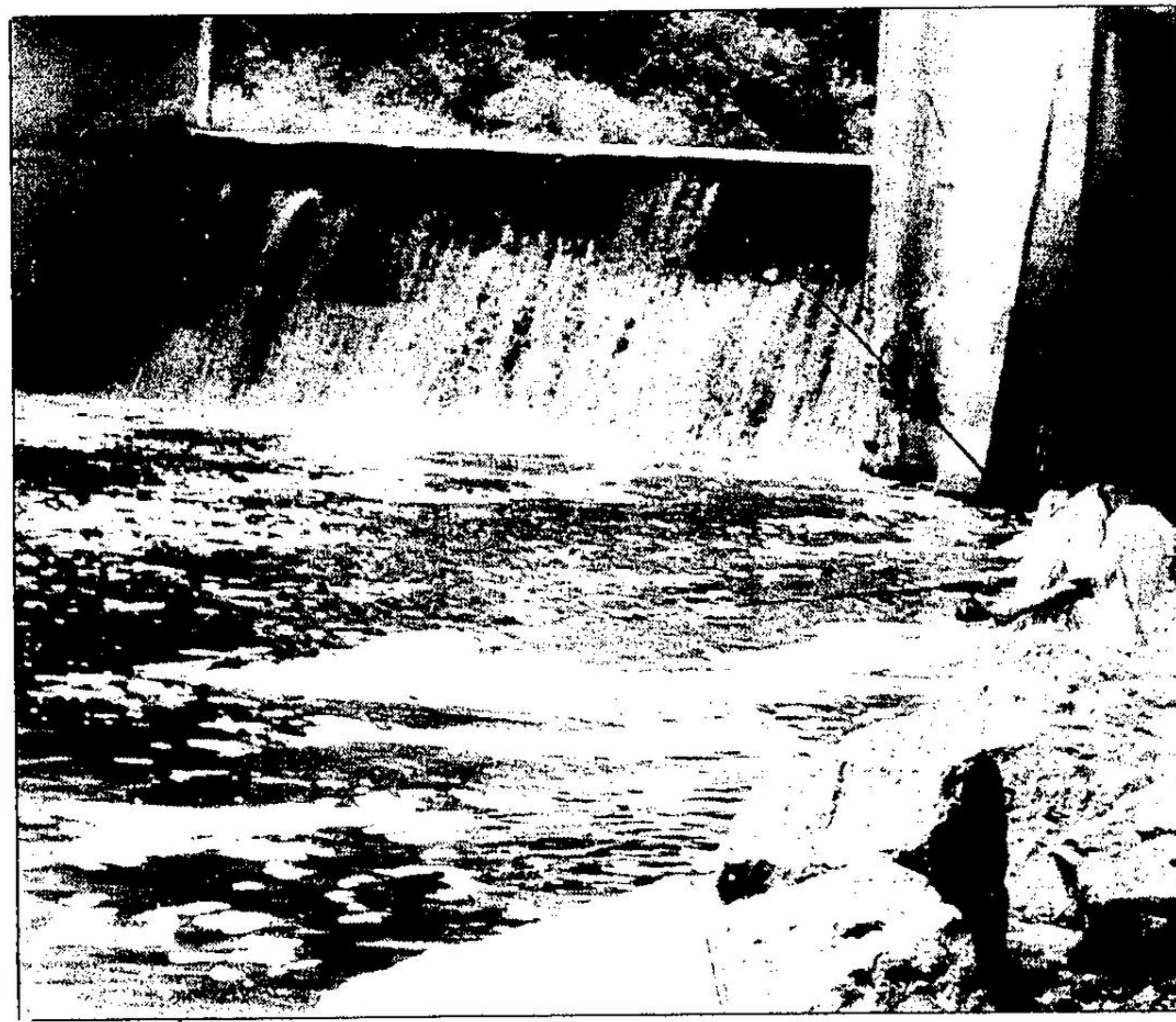
"There are people looking for homes everywhere," said homeowner Emy Lane. "Why should they come here..."

Mayor Russ Miller said he had a commitment to residents to find affordable housing.

"I'm going to support this application," he told a room full of Nor-Halton neighbors and town councillors.

"You're looking at 30 families. Where are they going to go if this

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Clean bill of health

Ryan Reid, 10 and Jamie Stewart, 12 of Brampton test the waters at the Glen Williams bridge. The pair were among those fishing and frolicking up the lazy river last week. The Glen Bridge, the Norval Bridge and spots at the Tenth Line Bridge and the old Barber

paper mill were tested by Halton Region for high bacterial counts. Those four spots and the two beaches at Fairy Lake are safe for swimming this weekend. Temperatures are expected to rise to the mid-twenties celsius. (Herald Photo: Ben Dummett)

Halton Police commended for apprehending escapee

Halton Regional Police gave commendations to two officers from 11 Division in Georgetown Thursday in recognition of their apprehension of an escapee from Beaver Creek Correctional Camp in Bracebridge.

Detective Constable Brian Farrell and Acting Sergeant Steve Bates apprehended Mr. Gregory Kuipers, 22, at a Langstone Crescent home in Georgetown last Friday.

Mr. Gregory Kuipers was serv-

ing a three year sentence for assaulting a Georgetown man while robbing the man's home in 1987.

Staff Inspector Matthew Macpherson handed out the commendations.

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