

Tragic accident

A three-year-old Halton Hills boy is dead after being run over by the front wheel of a tractor at a neighboring farm Saturday afternoon.

Halton Regional Police say Chesley Whiting, who lived with his parents and two siblings on 10 Sideroad east of Hwy. 25, died of internal chest and head injuries at Milton District Hospital at 1:57 p.m. Saturday.

Police say Chesley, who turned three Aug. 18, had gone bicycle riding with his five-year-old brother and their friend on a neighbors laneway, adjacent to the Whiting home. The neighbor, Jim Barrow, encouraged children to ride on his laneway because he felt it was safer than riding on the road, say police.

While the three boys were riding, Mr. Barrow was cutting grass and weeds alongside the laneway with a Bush-Hog lawnmower, pulled by a Fordson tractor. Police say he was slowly cutting swaths up and down alongside the laneway when the older boys decided to ride through an uncut grassy area beside the laneway.

Police say the two older boys made it through the tall grass with their larger bicycles but somewhere along the trek,

Chesley didn't and ended up either lying or sitting in the tall weeds and grass. Police say the grass was approximately 42-57 inches tall while Chesley was only 39 inches tall.

Meanwhile, Mr. Barrow kept cutting while keeping an eye on the two older boys. As he drove along, he felt a bump under the left front tire of the tractor, say police. He immediately stopped the tractor and jumped down to find Chesley and his bicycle between the front and rear tires.

Police say Mr. Barrow picked up Chesley and ran with him to the Whiting home where Chesley's parents decided to drive him to Milton District Hospital. Chesley was conscious before they left but along the way, he lost consciousness and never recovered, say police.

A postmortem was done Sept. 1 and police say no inquest will be held into the death of the boy.

Constable Owen Gray, who wrote the police report on the accident, stated in his report that the "tragedy was strictly accidental with no hint of negligence whatsoever."

Halton Regional Police officers are continuing their investigation of the fatality.

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Carroll Baker headlines Fair

The 145th running of the Georgetown Fair is ready to roll this Friday September 6th. Conklin Midway is set and the tribute to Rod Stewart will start the Fair with a blast at 8:00 p.m.

The exhibitors space is all laid out and there have been several last minute additions to the exhibitors. Returning to the fair this year on

Royal visit

A member of the British Royal family will visit Halton Hills Civic Centre Sept. 15 at 11 a.m., the Herald has learned.

The Duke of Kent will be in Georgetown to plant a tree and dedicate a plaque in recognition of the 125th Anniversary of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment), and the construction of the new Georgetown Armoury, scheduled for completion in 1994, confirmed Town Recreation and Parks Director Tom Shepard Monday.

The tree planting and plaque dedication would normally have taken place outside the new Armoury, but since construction hasn't been completed, the ceremony will take place outside the Civic Centre, he said.

Friday evening will be the Heavy Horse Pull.

Carroll Baker is the main attraction this year at the fair and she will be performing at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.

When going to the Georgetown Fair this weekend why not take along a non-perishable food item. The Georgetown Food Bank and the Herald have teamed up with Fair to collect badly needed food.

Ms Ellison says the food bank assists over 600 individuals in the community and receive 12 new people each week.

The Food bank booth will be in the Herald truck located on the fairgrounds. Enjoy the fair and don't forget to bring along a non-perishable food item.

Posties adamant

Only when Canada Post is willing to negotiate on the issues of job expansion and job security will the end of the current Canada Post worker's strike be in sight, says Darrell Moore, union representative for the 45 Acton and Georgetown inside workers and letter carriers.

Mr. Moore made this comment when asked why the corporation's latest offer was rejected by the union. He did add, "anything is possible."

Postal workers in Georgetown and Acton were on strike last Wednesday and Thursday as part of the union's rotating strike strategy. They were also on strike Monday at press time.

Mr. Moore said Monday he would know if his local would be told to go back to work later in the day. This information wasn't available at press time.

"I'm disappointed Canada Post isn't willing to do some serious bargaining," said Mr. Moore.

A Canada Post spokesperson couldn't be reached for comment at press time.



First day of school

Today was a day of good-byes for moms such as Pat Stuart of Glen Williams who sent her last child, five-year-old Brendan Stuart-Hagge off to school with bus driver Jack Beer of Georgetown. Brendan is starting Kindergarten today at Glen Williams Public School. At least for Ms. Stuart, the good-bye

isn't as difficult as for other mothers since she'll be able to see Brendan at school - she teaches French at Glen Williams P.S. Bus driver Mr. Beer has been busing students from across Halton to school for 25 years. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

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