

# Orton man stabbed to death

By JANET BAINE  
Staff writer

An Orton man died of a stab wound early Wednesday morning.

Robert William Gibson, 32, of RR 4, Orton was found by Guelph OPP near a residence on Lot 1, Concession 4, West Garafraxa near Fergus at 2:30 a.m.

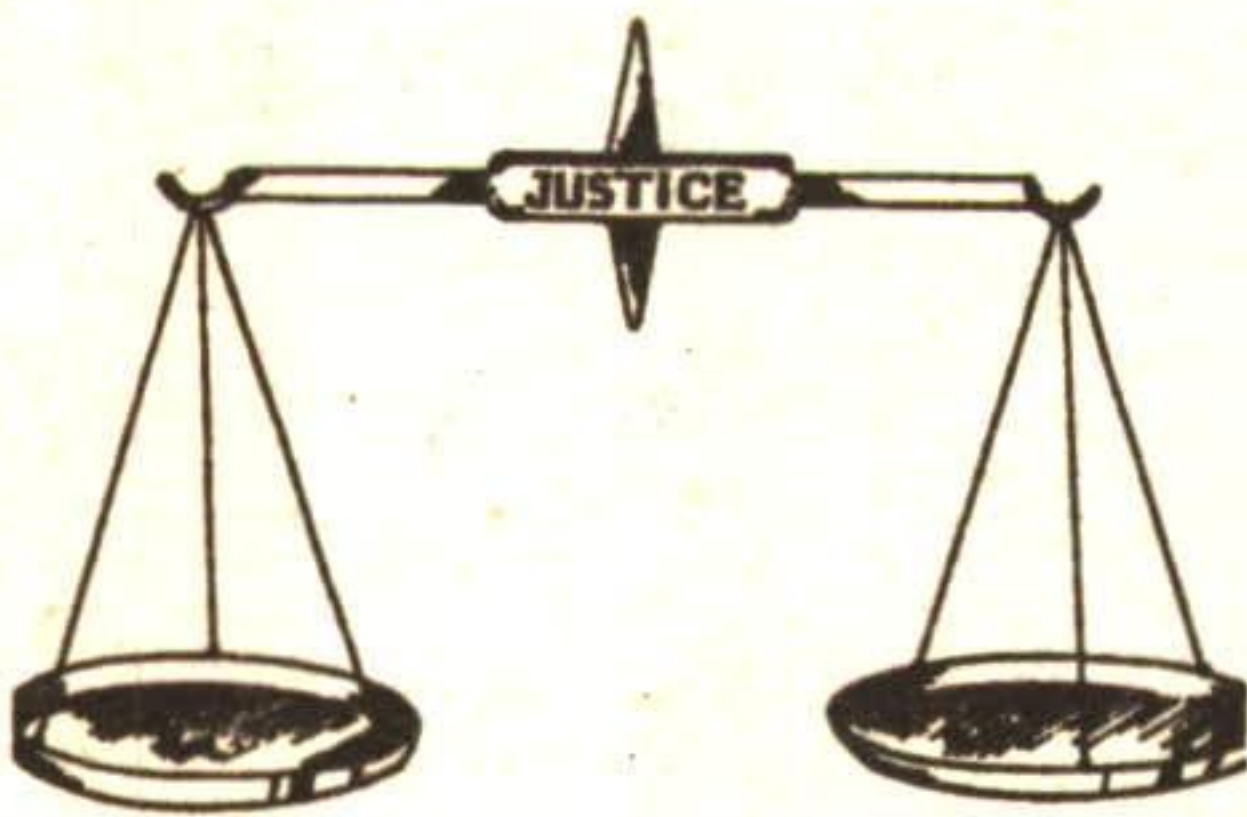
According to police, the homeowner William Marshall told officers he had defended himself with a knife during a dispute with the two men.

A second man who was suffering from a stab wound was found in the village of Arthur. Robert Evans, 29, of

Arthur is in Hamilton General Hospital in serious condition.

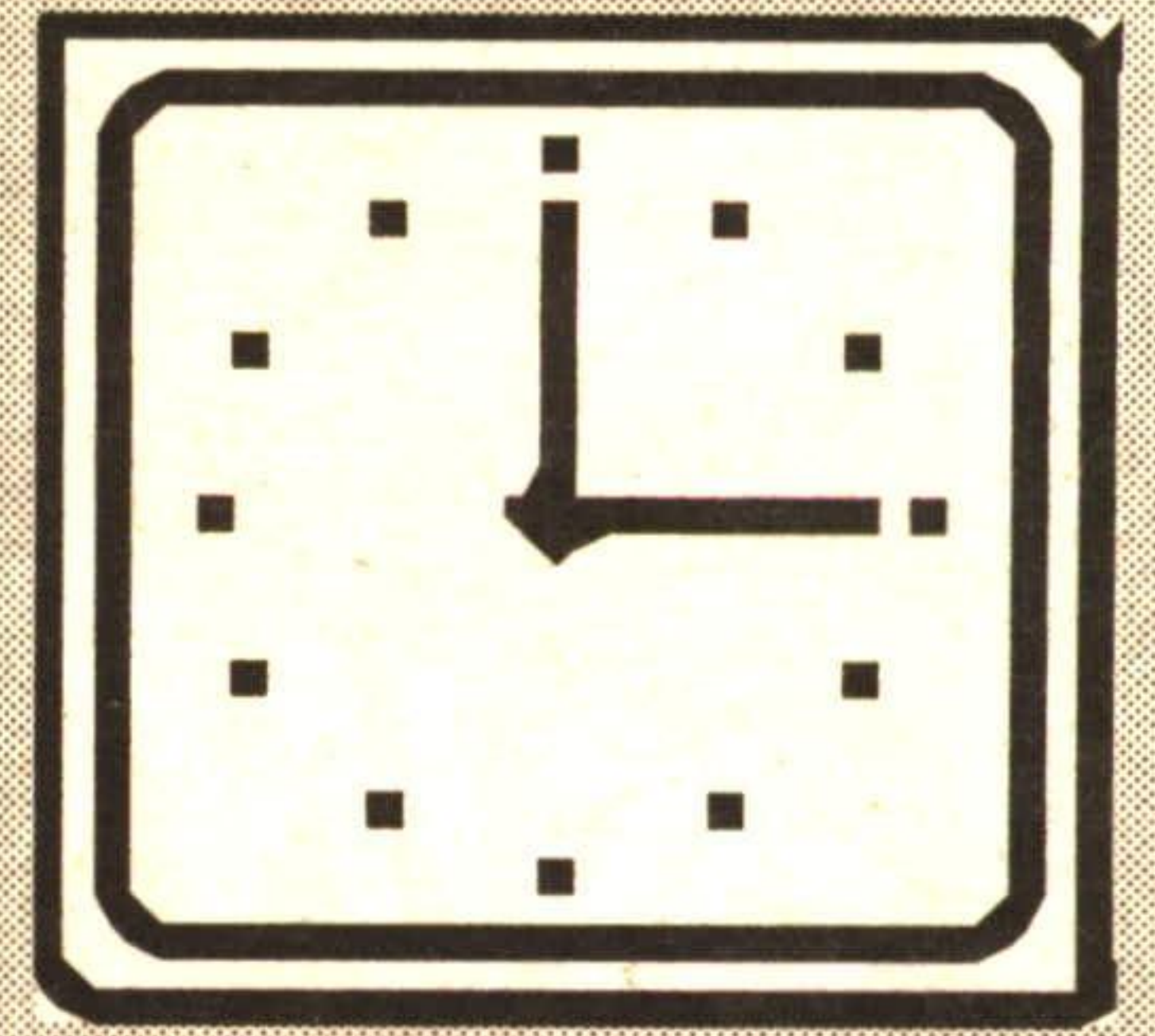
A post mortem examination on Gibson carried out by the Forensic Pathology Building in Toronto Wednesday, found the cause of death was a single stab wound to the heart.

Guelph OPP detectives are still investigating the incident.



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We went to Daylight Savings Time early this morning (Sunday). That means we spring forward one hour.



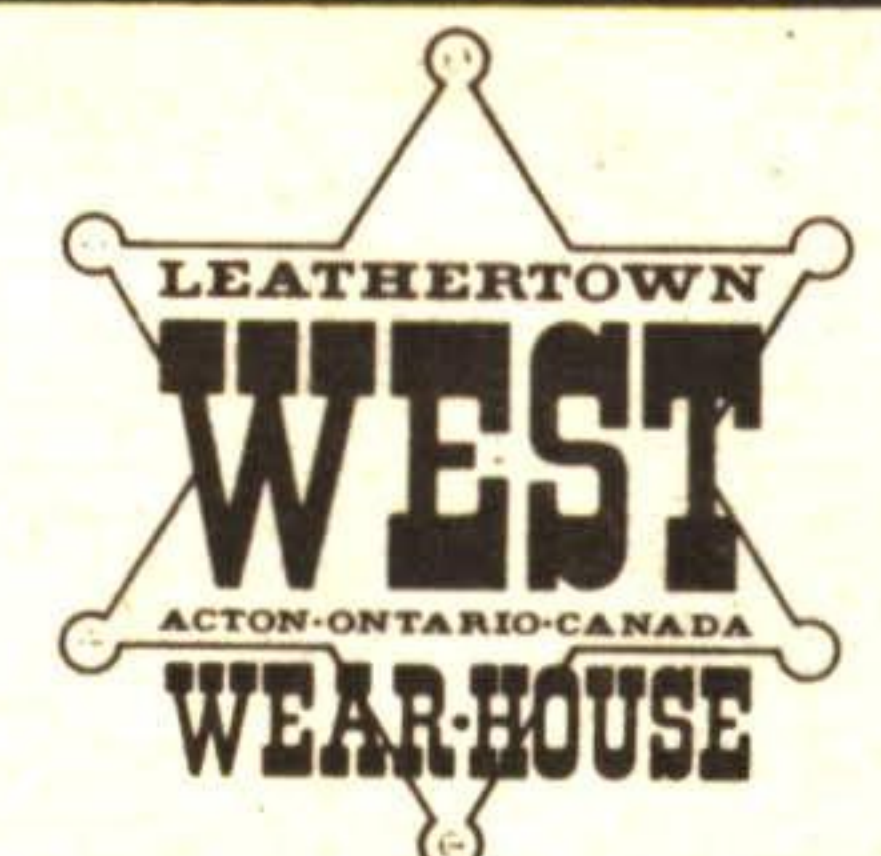
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### Trial date set

An Acton man, charged with dangerous driving causing death and two counts of dangerous driving causing bodily harm, will be tried in Milton court September 15.

The date was set when he appeared in court Monday.

According to Milton OPP, Mark Kri was driving a pickup truck west on Hwy. 7 outside of Acton on Valentine's Day when it collided head on with an east-bound van. The collision killed Joe Lamoureux, 16, of Georgetown, a passenger in the van. A second passenger, Michael Bard, 17, of Acton was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital where he spent some time in the surgical intensive care unit. The driver of the van, Kedron Sararas, 18, of Acton was held overnight at Milton District Hospital.

### Child abuse seminar

A presentation on child sexual abuse will be held Wednesday, April 8, 9-10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Church Hall, Georgetown. Dr. Robert Bates, the founder of the Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse will make the presentation. Please call 877-9372 if you are planning to attend.

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## 69 horses die in \$4 million Mohawk blaze

By JANE MULLER  
Special to the Weekend

A tragic fire at Mohawk Raceway Thursday, claimed the lives of 69 horses and is estimated to have caused more than \$4 million damage.

The fire was discovered at about 3 a.m. Thursday by security guard Victor Rodrigues who managed to

save 11 horses. Rodrigues attempted to douse the fire with a water hose, said Halton Regional Police spokesperson Sgt. Carey Smith.

The Milton Fire Department responded to the call at 3:12 a.m. from Campbellville Station 2 located on the Guelph Line, a few hundred yards from the race track.

Although the barn was "fully involved" by the time Station 2

responded, Milton Fire Chief Richard Playfair said "damage was negligible after the fire department arrived. The fire just kept getting smaller and smaller."

Due to the smoke firefighters had to wear air masks and carry 32 pound air tanks on their backs.

The firefighters conducted four primary searches and three secondary searches to check for

human victims of the fire but found none.

Although investigation by local police, the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office and the fire department was continuing at press time, the fire reportedly started in the east end of the building near an oil furnace, said Sgt. Smith.

An assistant trainer, Craig Gilmour said he had seen the furnace smoking recently. Property manager at Mohawk, Bill Logie said he recalled a problem with the furnace and that a local company repaired it.

Sgt. Smith said the horses died of smoke inhalation before the fire swept through the wood interior of Barn 3. Among the horses lost was Scooter's Boy, valued at half a million dollars. The three year old pacing colt was expected to be eligible for the \$1 million North America Cup at Greenwood in June.

Rick Cowan, vice president of the Ontario Jockey Club, put a \$60,000 price tag on replacing the barn itself. Barn 3 is one of eight barns located in Mohawk's backstretch. About 800 horses are housed at the track which is ranked number two in North America, according to track public relations officer Bruce Murray.

"This is just crippling in terms of morale," said Cowan, "A couple of trainers lost their whole operation." He said the horses are like part of a trainer's family.

The average value of the horses lost in the fire was pegged at approximately \$40,000 by Bruce Murray. Their bodies were still being identified at press time.

The track was open for business as usual Friday night.



Firefighters wore air masks while battling the blaze at Barn 3 in Mohawk Raceway's back stretch Thursday morning  
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