

Funerals Monday

Father, son electrocuted in tragic accident at home

In a tragic accident at their R.R. 1, Acton home Friday, Donald Leece, 44, and his son Douglas, 16, were both electrocuted when they touched a dump truck which was in contact with a 4,800 volt hydro line.

Mr. Leece was working on

the roadway on his property on 22 Sideroad at the town line, Esquesing, and his son approached on his bicycle, when both died instantly, within minutes of each other. Funeral service for the two was held Monday afternoon at the Shoemaker funeral home, Acton, conducted by

the Rev. Walter Fosbury. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

Pallbearers for Donald Leece were Grant Bonner, Ron McCausland, Ernie Dare, Herb Fisher, Roy McDowell and Ray Webster. Pallbearers for Douglas

were Bill Frank, Jim Cohen, Dave Piehl, Mark Kri, Richard Ruck and Todd Kri.

Douglas was a student of auto mechanics at General Brock secondary school in Burlington. He had attended Brookville school previously.

They are survived by wife and mother Dorothy (Cowan) Leece; sons and daughters, brothers and sisters Darrell, Donald, Debora and Denise; mother and grandmother Mrs. Emma Leece of Brampton.

Mr. Leece, a driver for Ridley Transport, for about 10 years, was using a company truck to spread gravel on the driveway through a swampy area. Police think that he realized the top of his truck had come in contact with the wire, and got out to lower the raised box. The controls for the box were housed behind the cab.

Investigating police think Douglas came up on his bicycle and touched the truck while trying to go around it. The swamp is very close to the road.

Mrs. Dorothy Leece came home from Acton, about three miles away, and could not get past the dump truck in the driveway. Seeing sparks, she went into the farm by another lane and phoned for help.

Milton firefighters who were first on the scene, arrived a few minutes before the Milton ambulance and the regional police. They moved the boy away from the truck with a dry stick and began mouth to mouth resuscitation. . . in vain.

The ambulance crew took over when they arrived. The firefighters then stood by to assist if necessary.

Milton fire chief Jim Coulson said the call was received at 8:02 p.m.

The coroner Dr. Alistair MacIntosh of Georgetown said Tuesday he has not made a decision yet on whether to hold an inquest, but he does not think one will be necessary. The decision will be finalized in a few days, he said. Autopsies were performed.



NARROW DRIVEWAY at the Leece home, R.R. 1, Acton, was the scene of a tragic double fatality Friday. Donald Leece, 44, was spreading gravel on the driveway in a swampy area when the top of the dump truck came in contact with a 4,800 volt hydro line and he was electrocuted. His son Douglas, who approached on his bicycle, was also killed.

Lavender says:

No great exodus from schools

A large exodus from Halton public schools to other schools which some claim is taking place just isn't happening, according to statistics.

Thursday, Halton Board of Education reviewed figures presented by Director of Education Em Lavender which he says show "there is no great exodus."

His figures showed the pattern of movement between Halton's public and separate schools between 1973 and 1976.

While the number of

students coming to public schools from separate schools dropped from 253 in 1973 to 130 in 1976 the number going from public schools to separate schools jumped from 183 in 1973 to 321 three years later.

He said the increase in recent years in the number of public school students going to separate schools in Halton is due to an increase in separate school facilities including the development of a separate high school in Burlington and a separate elementary school in Acton.

Lavender said he knows there are a number of Roman Catholic pupils still going to public schools but they can't by law be identified by the board.

He said he thought there is no great exodus one way or the other but instead an "annual movement" of pupils between the two systems.

His report was in response to a letter from Rev. Ken Campbell, of Renaissance, who claims there are "tens of thousands" of parents throughout the province who have been forced to pull their children out of the free public school system and place them in other school systems such as Catholic Separate schools.

Campbell said parents are taking their children out of the public school system because they reject the school's secularist religious views.

Acton-Esquesing Trustee Bert Hinton has said several times in the past that Halton's public school system is losing many pupils to the separate school system. He has also suggested separate schools are recruiting students in the public system.

He urged the board work with the Halton Separate

School Board to set up a "Heritage" high school.

Former board chairman Judy Alexander wondered how the moral levels Campbell wants in "Heritage" schools could be ensured as well as accountability of the trustees and staff for such a school system.

She said Campbell's letter is so full of generalities it is hard to answer.

Mrs. Alexander said she would be curious to see what "lies behind" Campbell's philosophical arguments.

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WI hall addition to museum

The building which has been designated the Women's Institute (WI) Hall at Ontario Agricultural Museum dates

to about 1838. It was built originally in the little village of Sheridan, located on the Town Line

dividing Halton and Peel counties, south of where the QEW now runs. The 20 by 24-foot building

served the community of the Lawrence family, who bought it, as a temporary dwelling, an ice hut, a storage shed and a workshop.

Donated to the museum by the Lawrence family, the building has been resurrected as part of the museum's crossroads community and will take on a new role as a WI Hall. The original framework was preserved intact and used in the reconstruction.

The agricultural museum has been responsible for erecting the building and equipping it. A small addition, a kitchenette, is under construction.

The Women's Institutes of Ontario have provided the display materials and are staffing the hall with volunteers. This summer, two

volunteers from Peel and Halton WIs are on hand to greet touring groups.

Establishment of a WI hall on the grounds of the agricultural museum shows recognition of the WI as an important part of early rural Ontario life, says Bob Carbert, general manager of the museum.

The purpose of the hall is to provide a building where WI displays and crafts can be shown and where WI members can feel at home when they visit the site.

Construction of the WI hall is part of the museum's on-going site development project scheduled for completion in 1985. The crossroads community, of which the hall is a part, is intended to show the services of particular importance to early farm communities.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Hall, the latest addition to the grounds of the Ontario Agricultural Museum, has a history as a school, church and meeting hall dating to about 1838. Muriel Nurse and Norma Alexander of Ashgrove are two of a corps of WI volunteers who staff the hall.

WIs were significant force in life of rural Ontario

Women's Institutes were a significant feature of early Ontario life. Displays in the WI Hall on the grounds of the Ontario Agricultural Museum illustrate some of the history and work of the organization.

Started in Ontario before the turn of the century, Women's Institutes spread

throughout Canada and to Great Britain and other parts of the western world.

The establishment of WIs was inspired by the work of one woman — Adelaide Hunter Hoodless — and WI members today use her story to point out the impact a single individual can make.

Personal tragedy and loss were at the root of Mrs. Hoodless' campaign to educate women for homemaking. In 1889, at the age of 18 months, her youngest son died because she unknowingly fed him contaminated milk. She became determined to help others obtain the education necessary to prevent similar

tragedies.

Women's work was distinct from men's, Mrs. Hoodless argued, maintaining it was wrong for schools to provide the same education for boys and girls. She advocated the teaching of nutrition, sanitation and housekeeping skills be added to the curriculum for girls.

As a result, the domestic science course was introduced in Ontario schools in 1893, leading later to the establishment of the Macdonald Institute of Household Science at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph.

Mrs. Hoodless continued to teach and speak. She accused the government of spending more time and money on the care and breeding of animals than on families and children. Invited by Erland Lee, a man

active in the Farmers' Institute, to speak at a Farmers' Institute meeting in Stoney Creek, she proposed the idea of an institute for women.

Over 100 women responded to a call for a meeting in Stoney Creek and the first Women's Institute was born. Their objective — to raise the standard of homemaking — has changed little over the years.

The date was Feb. 19, 1897. In 1913 the first WI was established in England and in 1927 an international body, the Associated Country Women of the World, was formed.

Women's Institutes today perform a variety of functions. In Ontario these include sponsorship of the home-making groups of 4-H clubs, and the provision of scholarships for women.

Smoke explosion more bombs found

Halton Regional Police are investigating the find of more smoke bombs during the weekend and Monday.

According to police, firefighters from the Milton department rushed to the scene of an assumed car fire at Millside Dr. to find a smoke bomb had exploded inside of a car.

The bomb located in the

rear seat of the car did little damage to the car owned by Shirley Ryder of 81 Millside Dr. who was away on holiday when the incident occurred.

Police stated a witness observed two male youths between the ages of 14 and 18 in the immediate vicinity a few minutes prior to the explosion.

A second bomb was located


adjacent to 81 Millside Dr. in the 16-Mile Creek by a 10-year-old boy.

The Milton boy was searching for a lost bicycle when he came across the live bomb

ROAD DANGERS

The roadside shoulder can be treacherous if a wheel drops onto it at high speed, the Ontario Safety League warns motorists. If this happens, don't brake and don't try to steer back onto

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Fifth Wheel owner re-elected director

Milton Fifth Wheel Truck Stop Ltd. owner Lewis C. Loveridge was re-elected to serve as a director for the National Association of Truck Stop Operators (NATSO) at the 17th Annual Convention and Exposition held in Nashville, Tenn., July 11-14.

Lloyd L. Golding, NATSO's president, stated the election of Loveridge, "is an indication of his hard work and fine capabilities on behalf of the total truck stop industry."

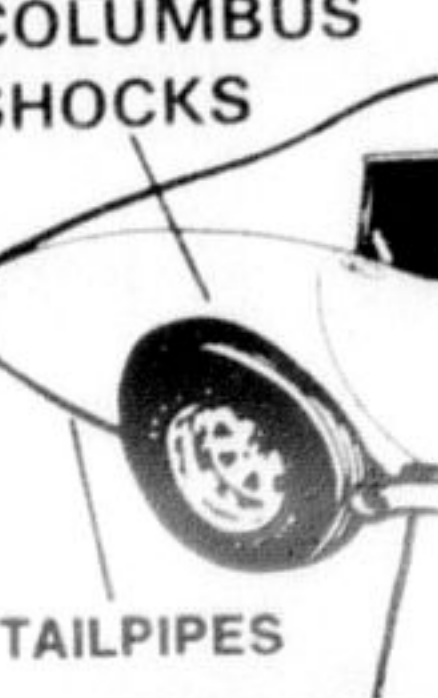
Loveridge, owner of Fifth Wheel Truck Stops in Milton, Cornwall and London, has served as a director since 1975 for Canada, Alaska, Australia, and Hawaii. In the community he is a member of the Rotary Club.

NATSO is the trade association of truck stop operators whose full-service facilities provide fuel, meals, rooms, maintenance, and dominate the 24-hour, \$10 billion-a-year truck stop industry. Business is by no means restricted to truckers, however, and the majority of Fifth Wheel Truck Stop services are available to trucker and traveller alike.


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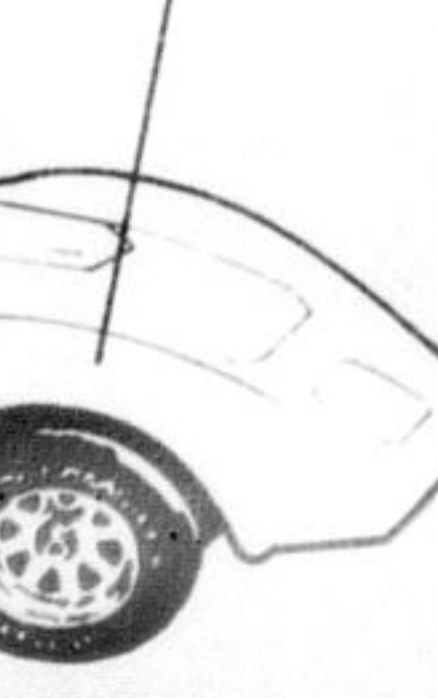
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