

Five-year-old boy

Child drowns at Kelso

By LINDA KIRBY
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An investigation by Halton Regional Police detectives into the Monday afternoon drowning at Kelso Lake of a 5-year-old boy has ruled out foul play.

But, according to the boy's father, there are still many unanswered questions. There are also allegations the boy was pushed into the water by an older child.

Stephen Wemyes, of 2180 Ellesmere Rd., Toronto, was one of 23 children from a Metro Toronto housing project on a bus trip to the lake for the day.

The youngster was reported missing at approximately 3.30 p.m. by one of four supervisors who had accompanied the group.

Twenty minutes later the boy's body was recovered in less than three feet of water in an area where he had been playing with a 9-year-old.

"We are certainly going to be looking into it and asking a lot of questions," said Robert Wemyes.

"It is just so bloody mixed up," said the distraught father.

Stephen was an only child.

Jean O'Bright, information officer with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing,

said the excursion was one of many activities planned for the group of children, but that it was their first trip to Kelso.

Mrs. O'Bright said the youngster was a non-swimmer and that she suspected he may have been pushed into the water by an older boy.

An autopsy performed yesterday morning showed the boy died from asphyxiation, secondary to drowning, according to a police press release.

More than 100 people from an estimated crowd of 300 formed a human chain to search the waters for the youngster within seconds of an alert given by Kelso lifeguards. (Four were on duty at the time).

It was 19-year-old Doug McCann, of Woodward Ave., Milton, a lifeguard with Milton Parks and Recreation, who found the boy and began giving him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Attempts to revive the youngster on shore and during the ambulance ride to Milton District Hospital failed, however, and he was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Had more people joined the human chain to find the boy, his recovery and chances of surviving would have been much greater, according to one Milton woman who took part in the search.

Lynda Trimble, of Hawthorne Cres., and girl-

friend Cathy Richards had brought their seven children to the beach for the day, when the accident occurred.

"There were a lot of people who came forward, but too many sat back on the beach and watched," said Mrs. Trimble.

"When that call came from the lifeguard to clear the water and a request to form a human chain, I jumped," said the mother of four.

"I realized how little time we had."

"If only a lot more had come forward instead of watching we would have found him much sooner," she said.

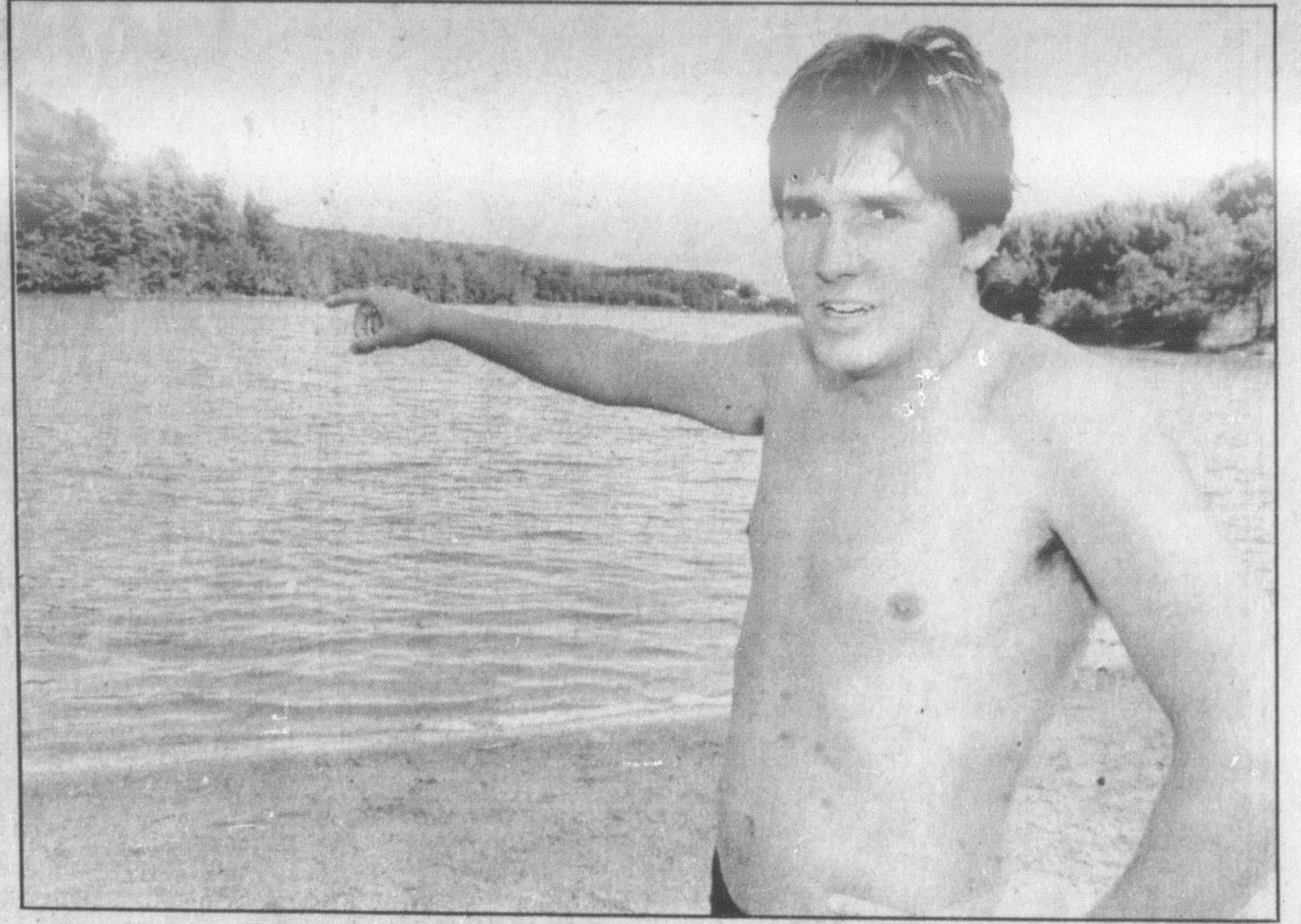
Lifeguard officials confirmed it took several sweeps of the area before the boy's body was found.

"I am sure if it had been their child, they would have expected everyone else to come and look for him," she said.

"Perhaps some just didn't take it seriously enough," said Cathy Richards.

"I know I kept thinking any moment he would re-appear on the beach somewhere. I thought this kind of thing doesn't happen. You read about it, but you don't expect it to happen to you," she said.

It is unknown at this time if an inquest will be called into the death of Stephen Wemyes.



Doug Orr, a head life guard at Kelso points to area where a five year old youngster drowned

Monday afternoon. He was found in less than three feet of water where he had been playing with another boy.

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Mayoralty race to date

It's Goutouski versus Krantz

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Milton voters will have a choice of two high profile candidates for mayor when they cast their ballots on Nov. 8.

Incumbent Gord Krantz, who has held the office since 1980, will square off against real estate broker Gus Goutouski, a former Regional councillor for Ward 2.

Mr. Goutouski announced his intention to run for office on Monday, citing a lack of leadership at Town Hall as his major reason for entering the fray.

"I believe that what I have to offer is leadership," he said in an interview. "I'm running because my historical background has always been concern for the community."

As example of areas where Milton has been lacking in leadership, Mr. Goutouski mentioned industrial development.

"I knew that times are tough right now, but why are other parts of the Region developing their industrial land faster than we are?"

He suggested the Town form a "business services department" to work with the Region's business development department to attract industry to Milton.

"Our location is so prime that we require professionals to get out beyond the range of Milton to induce industry to locate here," he said.

Another major lack in the town, he said, is a community centre that would provide needed facilities for senior citizens, gymnasts and Boy Scouts, among others.

"We've been talking about providing that kind of centre for years now, but nothing has been done," he said.

A swimming pool is also sadly needed by the town, Mr. Goutouski said.

"We have \$150,000 in the kitty for a

pool right now, and yet Acton has an indoor pool and we don't. Why?"

All Town-owned property, he added, should be evaluated, "and if there's no fundamental reason for keeping it, then we should release it for sale."

Mr. Goutouski mentioned, as a prime example of that problem, the amount of land the Town is holding on Main St.

"We can't afford to hang on to that type of valuable real estate," he said.

Mr. Goutouski served as local and Regional councillor for Ward 2 between 1978 and 1980, losing in the 1980 election to Brad Cementas.

He said he is running for mayor this year "only because the position of mayor affords more thrust and opportunity for leadership."

"I feel personally that I have all the necessary talents to be a good mayor and to get things done for all the citizens of town," he said.

Mr. Goutouski's history of community involvement has been long. He is a past chairman of the Milton District Hospital, past president of the Milton Rotary Club, past chairman of the local Easter Seal Campaign, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the board of The Centre and chairman of the United Way.

He is also president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 344 in Toronto, past director of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and founding director of Halton Recovery House.

If elected, he said he would "absolutely" make the position of mayor a full-time job, turning his business affairs over to two of his children, who are also licensed as real estate brokers.

While stressing that he has no intention of running a campaign that

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A very distinguished couple

Milton residents Betty Kennedy and Allan Burton are leaders in their professions and solid members of Canada's Establishment. The hardworking couple split their time together between their Limestone Hall farm and home in Toronto. They also enjoy the

sunny south on occasion (who doesn't) as well as fishing in New Brunswick. Champion News Editor Steve Arnold and Champion Reporter Jane Muller managed to spend a few moments with one of the country's most famous couples recently. They talk about

their careers and personal lives in interview The Champion has published today on page D1. By the way, their dog's name is Chimo. The photograph was taken in front of their Milton home.

(Champion photo by Murray Rosin)

Cultural festival coming in Sept.

Passports for Milton's annual Festival of Countries will be on sale throughout the town later this week.

Festival organizer Rose Harrison says plans for the Sept. 18 event are blossoming rapidly now.

The 1982 effort will feature 13 international pavilions in total, including two new ventures sponsored by the Egyptian and Danish communities.

The largest pavilion, of course, will be that sponsored by the Irish community. It will be located at Milton Memorial Arena.

A "little different closing ceremony" has been planned this year, she said, as a special citizenship court will be held to welcome several new citizens.

Passport prices are \$3.50—up from the \$3 charged last year.

Pavilions will feature cultural and crafts displays from each of the ethnic groups represented along with entertainment programs.

Last year's festival, which sold 4,500 passports, was so successful that organizers have followed through on their plans to move some of the more popular pavilions to larger quarters.



Old courthouse

Red-D-Mix strike interrupts progress

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

A three-week strike by Red-D-Mix employees threw a curve into the first phase of the reconstruction of the old court house and jail complex but the project is on schedule despite the interruption.

The strike by teamsters Union Local 879, which began July 12, resulted in a slight change of plans in the construction schedule.

Although phase one is on stream and running smoothly, the second phase, which will turn the building originally constructed in 1857 into new municipal offices and council chamber, will not follow the initial stage immediately.

The building will be gutted, the stones repointed and basement areas created by November, at which time the old court house will sit and wait for the implementation of phase two.

Financing is the stumbling block. The initial work was partially funded by an Ontario Heritage Foundation grant of \$210,000 and the remainder of the \$350,000 for the project came from the Town's capital funds set aside for development.

Those figures appear slight when compared to the estimated \$3 million the second phase is ex-

pected to cost. Where this money will come from has been decided but when is anyone's guess.

Revenue must be generated from a block of municipally-owned property surrounding the existing Town Hall. Originally that land was to be offered for sale to developers but, since that time, the Town has come up with a new fate for the property with a real estate value of \$1 million easily, according to clerk co-ordinator Roy Main.

In order to give the Town more control over the type of development to take place in the heart of Milton, an architect has been hired to prepare architectural design sketches. Brian Brisbin, a Toronto architect, will consider development strategies in perspective with the Town's economic needs.

Some renderings have already been viewed at the staff level and will likely be presented to council in September. Mr. Main said he expects decisions, which will also include development controls, won't be made until after the November election.

Meanwhile, Blair Construction of Guelph continues to prepare the Broste St. complex for the second phase and the decision-making for the continuation of the project is likely to end up in the lap of a new council.

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Milton Fall Fair takes place at Milton Fairgrounds on Sept. 24, 25 and 26. The prize list is a special supplement in today's paper.

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One time prisoners of the old jail on Brown St. would likely cheer the work of bulldozer operator Arnold Howden, who was busy last

week digging out the last remains of jail cells. The building is being gutted in preparation for phase two of the reconstruction project.