

KING CITY, OAK RIDGES LAKE WILCOX

"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest regarding people and events in the Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox and King City districts. Our news correspondent in Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox is Mrs. Lillian Atcheson, Wildwood Avenue, 773-5479, in King City Mary Dawson, 884-1105.

Erect Warning Signs At Glenville Pond: Request Of Coroner's Jury

Signs warning people of deep and dangerous water should be erected near Glenville Pond at Highway 9 and Concession 3 in King Township, a coroner's jury recommended August 21. The jury was investigating the drowning of Gabriel Felice, 23, of Richmond Hill, in the pond on July 14. Felice, who was a non-swimmer, drowned after slipping from a six-foot raft on which he had been floating with a friend, Nick Tomarelli, of Richmond Hill. Evidence disclosed that Felice's body was found in 13 feet of water four hours after he had slipped into the water and sunk. His friends had tried to support him, but had failed. Cries for help, made in Italian, did not bring a response from nearby swimmers until too late. Tomarelli told the inquest through an Italian interpreter, Joseph Parisi of Richmond Hill. The body was recovered after pole dragging by the Emergency Measures Organization. Scuba divers had attempted to find it, but were hampered by murky water. None of the deceased's friends were good swimmers and none were familiar with the pond, it was revealed. King Township Constable Michael Wolfers told the jury that the pond was used by people in the Glenville area. He said the pond is unfenced and has no life-saving equipment. In parts it is 20 to 30 feet in depth, he added.

Ownership of the pond is shared by the Department of Highways and by two township residents. "No trespassing" signs have been put up nearby by the private owners. The jury found no evidence of foul play in Felice's death, nor any that he had been drinking before. Dr. Jack Saunders was coroner. He was assisted by Sergeant L. E. Stribell of King Township Police. The jury consisted of: Norman Greensides of Kettleby, who was foreman; Robert Dalziel of Kettleby; Calvin Dean of Newmarket; Charles Grubbe of King, and Stuart Mills of King.

INQUEST: Outlaw Use Of Inflatable Toys On Preston Lake: Jury

All inflatable toys should be outlawed in public swimming areas in Preston Lake, near Vandorf, and lifeguards should be given "the authority to insist on rules and regulations," a coroner's jury recommended August 29. The jury was probing the death of 48-year-old William Solowinski of 232 George Street, Toronto. It found that Solowinski drowned at 3 pm on July in Preston Lake, which is located a few miles south of Vandorf, off Don Mills Road.

The coroner's jury consisted of: Oliver Pellett, RR 4, Stouffville (foreman); Ronald Holmes, RR 1, Gormley; Manfred Job, RR 2, Stouffville; John Hickson, RR 2, Aurora and Louis Sedore, RR 2, Aurora.

Her husband had gone on the lake with a borrowed tube at about 1.30 pm, she thought. **JUST SAT** When he got into difficulties, "the lifeguard just sat there. Never moved. He went down for the third time before he (the guard) jumped off," Mrs. Solowinski declared. "I say he could have been saved," she cried out later. Asked by Dr. Greaves what indication she had that "the guard had seen your husband," she answered "I can't prove he did see him. It appeared he was looking." She told a juror that "lots of people" were swimming at the time. "I want to get across," Mrs. Solowinski added, "that half-an-hour later (after the drowning) I had to call the police." She stated that she had asked "a man at a hot-dog stand to phone the police," and she thought this was at about 2.20 pm. The investigating police officer, Whitchurch Constable Ivan Bates, told the inquest that he had been summoned to the lake at about 3 pm, and had arrived there at 3.07 pm. He estimated there were about 600-800 people at the lake at the time. There was a strong wind blowing, but the water was "not very choppy," Constable Bates testified. The man's body had been taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket, where an autopsy performed by Dr. Donald Guthrie found the cause of death to be drowning. The final witness, Anthony de Giovanni, who leases Preston Lake Park, stated that he no longer permitted "inflatable toys, rubber mattresses, etc." to be used on the lake. He also said that lifeguards now "force" swimmers to stay in safe areas away from weeds. Before the tragedy, lifeguards had been instructed to persuade swimmers to remain in safe water, he said. He disclosed that he had since hired an additional qualified lifeguard for weekend duty when the lake was busy. This brought the lifeguard strength at such times to two qualified guards, and one unqualified assistant, with two boats available to them. Mr. de Giovanni said that he had called the police after the drowning. He thought there were about 350 cars at the lake that day, and that there were perhaps 150-200 people in the water at the time of the tragedy. On warmer days some 600 to 700 cars had come in to the park, Mr. deGiovanni told Sergeant Fellows.

Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox News

Fall Activities Registration for all Guides and Brownies will take place September 9. Both 1st and 2nd Oak Ridges will register at the Oak Ridges Public School, and the Lake Wilcox Brownie Pack at the recreation hall on Wildwood Avenue. There will be a registration fee of \$3 for mothers of Guides or Brownies. For more information please call the president of the local association, Mrs. Doris Smith, 773-5371. There will be an open meeting October 8, at St. Paul's United Church. The first meeting of the season for members of Our Lady's Guild will be held September 10 at 8 pm at Our Lady of the Annunciation School, Bond Avenue. Bowling will also get underway this week, with the Thursday afternoon ladies starting at 1.30 pm at ABC Bowl, Richmond Hill. Any lady wishing to bowl is asked to call me at 773-5479. Pre-school children may be taken with you. Usually bowlers are home for there children coming home from school. The Friday night mixed league will start at 9 pm at the Aurora Bowl. Anyone wishing to bowl with this league is asked to call Bob Koenigsberger, Aurora, who is trying hard to build up the league this year. Come along and get your exercise while you are having a little fun. Don't forget the annual corn and wiener roast of Elmwood Park Cottagers' Association September 7, on the beach at Wildwood Avenue. Festivities start at 7 pm. Admission is 35c for adults and 25c for children, with games and fun promised for everyone. The Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox branch of NCHA is holding a fall fashion show with fashions by Patricia and hair styles by La Riviera Coiffure, Maple. It will be held in the auditorium of Our Lady of the Annunciation School, Bond Avenue, at 8 pm. Admission is \$1.50 and there will be a variety of door prizes.

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Unexplained Assault Sends Youth To Ont. Hospital For Examination

A Highland Park youth who assaulted a man for no apparent reason in Richmond Hill June 29 was sent by Magistrate Russell Pearce to the Ontario Hospital in Penetanguishine for an examination, after the case was heard in Magistrate's Court, Richmond Hill, August 29. Gerald Hoskins, 18, of 46 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, pleaded guilty to assaulting Miltiadis Printezis, 25, of 37 Arnold Street, Richmond Hill. Magistrate Pearce reserved judgment in the case until Hoskins has been examined in Penetang Hospital, where he was remanded for a period of not more than 60 days. The court was told that Hoskins had punched Printezis in the face and head while the latter was waiting for a bus at 56 Yonge Street South near midnight, June 29. "Do not call the police or I'll kill you," Hoskins is then said to have warned the complainant. He was arrested shortly afterwards outside Montgomery's Tavern by Richmond Hill Police. Defence Counsel Alf Stong of Richmond Hill said that Hoskins had been drinking that day from 2 pm and that he believed he hit Printezis "because the gentleman chastized him for being in the condition in which he was." The youth, he added, did not know the complainant and could in no way justify his actions. After observing that "a normal person doesn't go up to someone he doesn't even know and hit him," Magistrate Pearce called for other evidence that could throw further light on the assault. Sergeant Edward Green of Richmond Hill Police testified that Hoskins "had been drink-

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ing, but was not drunk." He said that Hoskins admitted hitting the man for no apparent reason. "In his own words, he 'sucked' him," the officer said. Evidence from two other Richmond Hill officers, Constables Arthur Cusworth and Dennis Dekuyper, confirmed Sergeant Green's observations that Hoskins was rational and contrite after his arrest. The assaulted man had four stitches put in a cut above his right eye, the court learned. The youth's mother, Mrs. Alice Hoskins, called to the stand by Mr. Stong, told the court that her son had been examined two years ago at the Clarke Forensic Institute in Toronto, following "some trouble" he had been in. Psychiatrists there had concluded he had an "uncontrollable temper, and was emotionally disturbed but not to the point where they could do much," Mrs. Hoskins disclosed. They also said that her son would "grow out of" his problems, she added. A similar opinion had been expressed by a doctor when her son was 12, Mrs. Hoskins said. She stated that her son, who has a grade 8 education, had just started work in a plastics factory where he could learn a good trade. "Hard work" would help him most, she told Mr. Stong. Hoskins had a previous record for thefts but had committed no crimes of violence before, Crown Attorney Jerry Woron informed the court. He said he agreed with Mr. Stong's contention that Hoskins should not be confined, but should receive some form of treatment. "The court is doing this man a service by having him examined in an institution," Mr. Pearce remarked before remanding Hoskins to Penetang.

Court NEWS

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September Busy Month On Farm Harvesting, Fertilizing & Testing

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He next saw Solowinski at five minutes to three after a man came up and said "there's a guy, out there having difficulty." The guard said he saw Solowinski's hands go up as he ran over the dock to swim to him.

Huffstead, who said he was a qualified life-saving instructor, told the jury he had come on duty at 10 o'clock that morning, and had one unqualified assistant with him whose job was to patrol the beach. He had been "watching the kids" in the enclosed swimming area and did not notice Solowinski get into difficulties, he stated. He told Dr. Greaves that the weeds started 30 to 40 yards out from the shore-line. The buoyline enclosing the swimming area was out about 15 yards at which point the water was about shoulder-depth, he said. **LOCATE BODY** Norman Foster of RR 1, Gormley, an experienced diver from the Emergency Measures Organization, disclosed that Solowinski's body had been found by divers at 4.45 pm about 100 yards from shore, floating near the bottom in eight to ten feet of water. There were few weeds in the area, he said. "How extensive an area is there where weeds might be considered a hazard on the lake?", asked Dr. Greaves. Mr. Foster replied that the area was extensive, although there were three swimming areas free of weeds. The weeds constituted a hazard about 25 yards out from the swimming spots, he said. Mrs. Bernice Solowinski, who appeared pale and distraught, told the inquest that her husband was "an excellent swimmer", in good health, and that as far as she knew he had not been drinking before going into the water. The night before he had gone to bed at about 12 pm, and had risen the next morning at eight.



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