

Area Rains Bring Heavy Accident Toll

After a 17 day dry spell the frequent bursts of rainfall last Friday were welcome by many area farmers with open arms. But for 13 area motorists the rain was more of a hazard than a blessing.

Thirteen drivers were involved in eight motor vehicle collisions investigated by the Perth OPP between 1:15 a.m. and 10:15 p.m., Friday.

The first collision occurred on County Road 4, three miles east of Perth. The driver, John Somerville, RR 1, Perth, lost control of his vehicle and struck a hydro pole and posts.

Cuts and bruises were sustained by the driver and he has

been charged in connection with the over \$800 damage accident.

At 9 a.m. a Smiths Falls man, Burton Cassell, was involved in an accident near Merrickville, on a Montague Township road, which resulted in minor injuries and the driver being charged.

Three cars were involved in a crash on Highway 15, at Black's Corners, at 12:30 p.m.

The drivers involved were Real Dumas, RR 2, Navan; Geo. Christophers, Red Deer, Alta., and an Ottawa man, Michael Lanthier, who has been charged by the OPP. Damage to the drivers' vehicles amounted to a total of \$1,800.

According to an OPP spokes-

man the Lanthier vehicle failed to stop at an intersection, struck the Dumas car which in turn hit the third vehicle. No injuries were reported.

At the same time, an RR 5, Perth, woman escaped injury when her vehicle went off County Road 2, half a mile west of Highway 43. Damage to the vehicle driven by Elizabeth Crough was estimated at \$1,200.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

A passenger in a car on County Road 16, half a mile west of Union Hall, was seriously injured when the eastbound vehicle went into the north ditch at 4 p.m.

The passenger, Winifred Dick-

ie, of Aberdeen, Scotland, was admitted to Almonte hospital for treatment. Thelma Lodge, the driver, of Kinburn, Ont., escaped injury in the crash which caused \$300 damage to her vehicle.

A rear-end collision took place at 5:15 p.m. on Highway 17 at its junction with Highway 15 and 29 at Carleton Place.

Drivers involved were John Carson, of Carleton Place, and Gerald Martin, of Lanark. Damage to the cars amounted to \$250 and \$500, respectively.

A passenger in the Martin vehicle, John Martin, suffered minor injuries. The driver of that vehicle has been charged.

Three Toronto women sustained cuts and bruises when the ve-

hicle they were riding in collided with another car at the Highways 7 and 7B junction at 9:45 p.m.

The injured passengers were in a car driven by Richard Dulmage, of Don Mills. Twelve hundred dollars damage was done to his car and \$500 damage was done to a car driven by Andrea McCarron, of Ottawa.

Police said a third, unknown vehicle was also involved in the collision.

The final Friday accident occurred at 10:15 p.m. on Highway 29, just north of the Carleton Place northern limits.

One of the two drivers involved, Doreen Simpson, of RR 3, Carleton Place, suffered cuts and bruises in the crash which caused \$400 damage each to the vehicles involved.

The second vehicle was being operated by John Donaldson, of RR 3, Lanark.

On Sunday, at 1:30 a.m., a two-vehicle collision on Highway 43, one mile west of Smiths Falls, resulted in injuries to one driver and charges laid against the other.

Robert Fisher, of Smiths Falls, was hospitalized for cuts and bruises after his vehicle was struck on the shoulder of the road by a car driven by David Moore, of RR 5, Perth.

Damage to the vehicles was estimated by police at \$900 and \$600 respectively.

Lanark Man Drowns

The Perth OPP marine unit pulled the body of a 30-year-old man out of Flower Lake Monday morning.

Deceased is Cecil McGonegal, of RR 4, Lanark, a single man who had been fishing with two others in the lake, 20 miles northwest of Lanark Village, on Sunday night.

Around 10 p.m. the boat used by the fishermen capsized. The survivors were rescued by Jack Marsh, of Westhill. The body of Mr. McGonegal was found at 9 a.m. Monday.

3 Injured In Collision

A two-car collision occurred on the Noble Bay road, near Murphy's Point Park, on the Rideau, last Tuesday night, at about 6:45 p.m. Mr. R. Christopher of North Street, Perth, was taken to the GWM Hospital suffering body injuries and James L. Orme of Fairmeadow Crescent, Ottawa and his passenger, Peter Altman, of Carleton Parkway, New York, also had body injuries.

Damage to the two cars amounted to \$3,000.

At 4:55 p.m. on Tuesday, a tractor-trailer overturned on a curve at Port Elmsley, Hamilton D. Blair, of Spencerville, was travelling east through Port Elmsley when it is believed that the load shifted, causing the vehicle to veer off the road. The driver was taken to the GWM Hospital in Perth with cuts and bruises. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$10,000.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

A Perth youth who was involved in a single-vehicle accident in Smiths Falls early Sunday is presently in Ottawa Civic Hospital being treated for serious injuries.

A second Perth youth, believed to have been the driver, was treated in Smiths Falls Public Hospital for minor injuries.

According to a Smiths Falls Police Department spokesman the accident occurred on Brockville Street shortly after midnight. The car, owned by Diane Crote, of Smiths Falls, was damaged to the extent of \$1,200 when it smashed against a tree.

Police are withholding the names of the youths involved pending further investigation of the occurrence and surrounding incidents. It is believed that auto theft charges will be laid.

MOTORCYCLIST INJURED

A motorcyclist, Steven Burke, of RR 3, Perth, was injured in a collision with a pick-up truck at the intersection of Dufferin and Wilson streets last Saturday afternoon.

The motorcycle, damaged to the extent of \$900, collided with a vehicle driven by Wilbert C. Cook, of McDonald's Corners, at 2:40 p.m.

Police have charged Cook with failing to yield and Burke with operating his vehicle without having a motorcycle driver's permit.

Cable TV Planned For Perth

While explaining the advantages of having cable television in Perth, Mayor Glenn Crain told Council Monday night that among other things cable they could televise Town Council meetings.

Of course this is not necessarily so, although it would technically be possible with cable.

Council approved a motion which gives approval in principle for Communications Associates to begin the work involved in bringing to Perth homes via microwave, four additional American television stations, a couple more Canadian stations, additional FM stations, an educational television station and local programming.

The cost to individual subscribers for cable will be \$6 per month. The cost to the company of bringing the cable facilities to Perth will amount to over \$300,000.

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Council Gives Go-ahead To Home Subdivision



PERTH WILDLIFE RESERVE buildings are being restored to their original form by a Rideau Valley Conservation Authority SWEEP crew working five weeks in this area.

Dick Opposes Abolitionists And Reversing Priorities

In the House of Commons last week, the MP for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton, Mr. Paul Dick, again spoke on the capital punishment bill and charged that the priorities of parliament have been reversed.

His claim is that government should be dealing with matters in the best interests of the majority, hard working Canadian citizens and not spending its time debating something that directly affects only a very small minority of citizens.

"Although I am in my freshman term, it is interesting to me that this parliament has its priorities reversed. For some years there was discussion on changing the family allowance legislation so that many law-abiding people who are contributing in a useful way to society would be better able to do so. Now we have decided to deal with capital punishment, with the government's legislation proposing more benefits for the criminal element and murderers. We are discussing this question instead of trying to help people in need of financial assistance through some means as a revised family allowance plan."

Mr. Dick continued by saying - "When this bill was first introduced it had priority over increasing old age pensions. It was introduced with priority over increasing the veterans' allowances. What I am concerned about is that the government has proposed to confer benefits on criminals with priority over conferring benefits on the law-abiding citizens of the country who foot the bill. I feel that this is improper."

The representative for this area told the house that he has been informed by the Solicitor General, Hon. Warren Allmand, that no person in Canada is now awaiting the death sentence and thus he feels that there is no rushing in settling the matter of reinstating the capital punishment law.

"We could easily be discussing family allowance legislation to put more money into the pockets of law-abiding Canadians at an earlier stage that can now be expected simply because we are giving it lower priority than affording murderers extra benefits."

During that session certain amendments to the bill were introduced which would attach two further categories of crime for which a convicted person would receive the death sentence.

These crimes include death ensuing kidnapping and death as a result of rape. Mr. Dick questioned how one life can be considered more valuable than another and why, if the amendments go through, the government should propose any abolition of capital punishment.

Mr. Dick suggested that if the members of the House are in favour of making more exceptions to the abolition they should

Tayside Textile Plant To Re-open

A Manitoba firm has purchased the Tayside Textile factory and will begin its spinning operation shortly, according to an announcement made by Mayor Glenn Crain Monday night.

The mayor said to his knowledge the new owners intend to employ up to 10 people at present and hope to increase this to 40 employees by next year.

Referring to the plans for expansion Mayor Crain said this is the same as if the town had obtained a brand new industry.

Details about the sale and the name of the new firm were not announced at this time.

Perth Girl A Princess

A 17-year-old Perth area girl is the new Lanark County Dairy Princess.

She is blue-eyed, brunette Sheila Spence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Spence, of RR 1, Perth.

The Grade 12 student of Perth and District Collegiate Institute won over two other contestants in the contest sponsored by the Lanark County Milk Committee.

One of the prizes is the right to compete for the title of Ontario Dairy Princess when next year's contest is held in Toronto.

Pioneer Services



This year's Middleville Pioneer Days will officially begin with an outdoor church service at 11 a.m., Sunday.

Speaking to the congregation will be the well known local author and columnist, Rev. Gordon C. Smyth.

Last year this event drew 15,000 visitors into the quiet village located 15 miles north of Perth in Lanark Township. If the weather is good the organizers feel that even more people will show up this year to view the historic machinery and craft exhibits.

Along with the many interesting exhibits there will be a dance Saturday night, the crowning of the 1973 Pioneer Queen and various other competitions on Sunday and Monday.

Hydro Services Create Lengthy Debate

Taking a firm step towards the development of a 45-year-old registered subdivision can create more problems than taking steps towards obtaining new property for future development.

At least that was the impression given during Monday night's Town Council meeting when two motions which could have a major impact on the future growth of Perth were presented and carried.

The first motion created most of the headaches as Council could not agree on the type of hydro services to be installed in the area bounded by Drummond Street West, Elliot, Welland and Wilson streets.

The property involved is lots three, four and five including the Arbuthnot farm, property owned by Mrs. Arden Stewart and a smaller produce farm.

Council was told that a developer who had been looking at this area with a view towards constructing up to 1,500 homes has since reconsidered but is still interested in constructing a lesser number of houses in the area.

It was learned that at a mid-July meeting of Drummond Township Council had unanimously approved Perth's annexation proposal. No objections have been raised by the property owners involved.

Another annexation applied for by the town recently is not going as smoothly as the Drummond Township one.

One North Elmsley Township resident failed to submit a written consent to the annexation to the OMB within the time allotted and as a result an OMB hearing on the case is to be held here in or after October of this year.

AUGUST 2 DEADLINE

Developer Arnold Carson informed council that he had to have a decision whether or not the town would approve the proposed subdivision's agreement so that he could proceed with submitting his agreement to the Ontario Housing Corporation by the August 2 deadline.

If approved the agreement with OHC calls for the construction of 14 Home Ownership Made Easy houses. Had Council not finally approved the subdivision's agreement at this time it would have meant at least a one month delay in the application to OHC and construction then could not be expected to begin before winter.

While discussing the matter of whether to use overhead or underground Hydro wiring, it appeared that a stalemate had been reached. Mr. Carson said he felt that Council was "being a little bit unreasonable by letting it go this far then not being able to agree on this aspect of it."

Reeve Art Daines pointed out that the agreement stating all aspects of the costs and services to be provided by the parties involved was drawn up and placed before Council early this spring so they should all be quite familiar with it.

\$16,250 PRICE TAG

"We are not starting a really high class subdivision," Reeve Daines said quoting \$16,250 as the sale price for a three bedroom HOME house, "but how else is the average working man ever going to own a home in this town?"

Councillor Bill Hodgkinson commented that a subdivision of these OHC homes could develop into a slum area in a very few years. Councillor McLean said, "The town has a responsibility to provide low cost housing, but we should set a good example. I hope that we are not acting in too much haste that it will backfire."

Councillor Sally Church, the strongest advocate of studying the two Hydro service systems before reaching any agreement, said that by using the cheaper overhead wiring throughout the subdivision Council would be taking a definite step towards making it a second-class area.

It was agreed that where the overhead system is already in use it would continue to be used but Council will look into using the underground trench system before further development is proceeded with between Wilson and Drummond streets north of the CPR tracks.

Grant Approved

Health and Welfare Canada announced this week that a \$12,945 grant has been approved for the Perth and district Senior Craft Fellowship.

This New Horizons grant, applied for several weeks ago, is to be used when negotiations have been completed between the town, the senior citizens and the Heritage Foundation for the use of St. John's Hall as a day and lounge senior citizens centre.

The grant does not include any salaries but will cover restoration of the interior, including transportation costs for the senior citizens and initial maintenance and maintenance.

It is expected that the Heritage Foundation will be sending in a lease for the approval of Town Council this week and work could begin on the building by mid-August.

STORES CLOSED

Due to the Civic Holiday on Monday, August 6, the following stores will be closed: Dominion Store, Wilson St. IGA, Conlon's Super Market, Henderson's Red and White, M and M Foodland and East End Grocery.



DOUG SCORRAR was presented with the Bill Wilson Memorial Trophy by Peter Code after he placed first in the senior division of the Glen Tay Block Race.

Local Runner Claims Senior Division Trophy

Hundreds of spectators gathered along Gore Street last Thursday evening to witness the 1973 Glen Tay Block Race and the presentation of the Bill Wilson Memorial Trophy to a local runner, Doug Scorrar.

Although half a dozen expected participants were unable to attend there were 16 runners at the starting line at 6 p.m. when the 1972 Miss Perth, Lynda Montgomery, fired the starting pistol and 14 of these runners completed the nine and two fifths miles course.

Five of the runners who crossed the finish line were members of the Perth branch of the Seaway Valley Track Club.

The Senior Division finishers and their times were: Doug Scorrar, Perth, 48 min. 42 sec.; Don Anderson, Sudbury, 48:47; Ron Wallingford, Loyola University, 53:50; Dave Preston, Ottawa, 55:58; Bill Arnold, Ottawa, 62:58, and Allan Sinclair, Napanee, 67:32.

The Junior Division (under 20 years old) finishers and their

times were: Steve Findlay, Carleton Place, 50:51; John Hiley, Ottawa, 51:14; Howard Ferguson, Perth, 55:07; Don Ferguson, Perth, 55:38; Bruce Chadwick, Peterborough, 57:06; Paul Wolf-er, Peterborough, 62:51; Rick Mitchell, Perth, 71:09; and Kirk Arnold, Ottawa, 72:25.

The second last junior finisher, Rick Mitchell, started the race 10 minutes later than the other runners therefore his unofficial completion time would be in the area of 61 minutes.

The last junior finisher, Kirk Arnold, was the youngest contestant, being 11 years old. He is the son of the fifth place senior finisher, Bill Arnold, of the Ottawa Kinsmen Harriers Track Club.

Doug Scorrar and the second place senior runner, Don Anderson, went to Toronto Saturday to compete in the annual Toronto Police Games. The local runner placed second in the 5,000 metre distance run and Anderson came in first in the 26 mile marathon race.

Perth Fatality Free Area

Twenty-nine Ontario communities completed 1972 without any traffic fatalities. Canada Safety Council Citation Awards were presented to representatives of these communities on Thursday, July 5 at a special luncheon at the Royal York Hotel, British Columbia Room at 12:30 p.m.

Guest of honour was the Hon. Gordon Carton, Q.C., Minister of Transportation and Communications, Ontario. He addressed the group and presented the awards.

Fatality-free communities include Perth, Orillia, Ajax, Brockville, Cobourg, Leamington, Lincoln, Midland, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Trenton, Amherstburg, Arnprior, Carleton Place, Dryden, Espanola, Fergus, Gananoque, Goderich, Hanover, Hawkesbury, Ingersoll, Paris, Parry Sound, Penetanguishene, Picton, Port Hope, Smiths Falls, Streetsville and Tecumseh.

In addition, Niagara Falls received a Special Merit Award for showing the greatest reduction in fatal traffic accidents per 10,000 of population in Ontario during 1972 compared with 1971. Brantford also received a Special Merit Award for showing the lowest rate in traffic fatalities per 10,000 of population during 1972.

This Ontario Safety League luncheon was chaired by President Donald H. Hartford. The luncheon was sponsored by Labatt's Ontario Breweries Ltd.

Drinkers and Drivers Fined

Most of the cases dealt with during Tuesday morning's Provincial Court session were of a routine nature involving driving and liquor offences.

Steven Dale Thompson, 21, of Burnt's Rapids, was fined \$150 and lost his driver's licence for three months when he was found guilty on a dangerous driving charge.

Perth OPP Constable D. J. Cox told the court that at 2:20 a.m., June 17, in Montague Township, he chased a car driven by Thompson along County Road 20.

The constable said he accelerated up to speeds of 110 miles per hour but was unable to overtake the vehicle.

He was finally apprehended at a private residence without having caused any accidents or injuries.

Rodger Dennis Deugo, of Carleton Place, was fined a total of \$100 on four charges of having liquor in a place other than his residence.

On each of the charges, laid March 24, June 19, June 25 and July 8 he was fined \$25. The first charge was laid at a dance in Perth and the others resulted from highway vehicle checks in the Carleton Place area.

Six men were found guilty on charges of impaired driving. Half were fined \$150 while the other three paid \$50 fines.

Five fined drivers were Gary Arthur Nolan, John David Cary, John Johnson, Daniel Glen Buchanan, Gerald Douglas Anghthon and Robert John White.



IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION, Steve Findlay, of Carleton Place, placed first in the 1973 Glen Tay Block Race. Above, he is being congratulated by Peter Code.