

## Warden's Banquet Revived

"To dine or not to dine," was the question asked by Warden George Hilliard during last Wednesday's Lanark County Council July session.

The annual Warden's Banquet will likely be held this year after being suspended for the first time, last year by the 1973 warden, Perth Reeve Art Dlanes. The \$1,000 banquet fund was spent on furnishing the new wing at Lanark Lodge.

Warden Hilliard introduced the banquet question at the end of the short urgent-business-only meeting. He asked which members of council favored holding the banquet this year and a show of hands gave the annual social liaison event almost unanimous support. Among the few members who did not vote were Reeve Dlanes and Perth Deputy Reeve Carl Greer.

"With the price of beef the way it is now, we may have to eat groundhog," commented the warden. He did not say whether he intends to proceed with the banquet or when it could be held.

## Waste Study Report In September

The final report of the Lanark County and Smiths Falls waste management committee will be released in September, according to the chairman of the technical committee County Engineer Robert Strachan.

He informed county council, last Wednesday, that everything is operating smoothly except the province.

"It is a frustrating experience trying to get subsidy information from the ministry," he said. "Toronto sold us on having the study and now we're being delayed because we don't know how much money is available to implement the study recommendations."

Council was told that one "heavy landfill site and several stations" will be needed if the recommendations are adopted. The technical committee is preparing to take out options on potential sites and make soil tests to ascertain which property is best suited for the main site.

## Two-day Golf Tournament

The St. Lawrence District Golf Association Tournament is being hosted this year by the Links O' Tay Golf and Country Club.

This weekend the 48th annual tournament will be played on Friday and Saturday with a banquet following the final game.

Perth's representatives in the ten-team event will be: Mike Schneider, Doug Legg, Ken Burns, Jim Peden, Glenn Crain, Mike Armstrong, Norm Dowdall, Mike Ashton and Manse Robinson.

The St. Lawrence District Golf Association was initiated by members of the Cataract Golf Club, Kingston, in 1925. With the exception of the war years, 1943 through 1945, the tournament has been played annually since 1936.

The winning team is awarded the St. Lawrence District Golf Association Trophy. Perth has won the trophy less than five times.

**SOAPBOX DERBY SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

This Saturday afternoon, the corner of Harvey and Drummond streets will be the scene of this year's Soapbox Derby.

The event sponsored by the Jaycees will get underway at 1 p.m. with a dozen entries expected to be vying for trophy and cash prizes. The entry fee is \$1 and it is open to male and female youngsters.

Before the races a draw for a fishing rod and reel will be held. Draw tickets may be obtained at various locations in town at a cost of 50 cents each or three for a dollar.

# Head-on Collision Claims Two Lives

Two drivers were killed in a head-on accident early Sunday on County Road 4, the Westport road, about ten miles west of Perth.

Dead are Robert Leslie Brown, 43, of 176 Beckwith St., North, Smiths Falls, and Robert John Berry, 39, of Apt. 507, 95 Notchville Road, Kingston.

The accident occurred around 1 a.m. in the west-bound lane. Both vehicles,

valued at a total of \$4,500, were totally wrecked.

A passenger in the second vehicle, Mrs. Ann Berry, was taken to Kingston General Hospital with serious injuries.

Both men were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. Perth OPP Constable A. G. Perry investigated the accident.

Last Thursday morning, on Highway 15, a dump

truck operated by Myles McMillan, of Brantford, was damaged to the extent of \$4,000 when it went off the road one mile north of Nungate. The driver was not injured.

A Smiths Falls woman, Frances Halliwell, suffered cuts and bruises when her car went off Highway No. 43 five miles east of Smiths Falls last Friday at 3.30 a.m. Five hundred dollars damage

was done to her car. She has been charged.

**TWO INJURED**

Two people were injured in a single-vehicle accident Sunday, at 5.30 p.m., on a Montague Township road, three miles south of County Road 18.

John Luckner, of Trenton, New Jersey, was operating the \$2,000 car which was to-

tally wrecked in the crash. Injured were James Null, of RR 5, Smiths Falls, and Tom Gilem, of Mercerville, New Jersey. They suffered cuts and bruises.

According to police, the driver lost control of the northbound vehicle after swerving to avoid an animal on the road. The car rolled in the ditch and struck a fence.

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# '74 Election Year--Council Seeks Taxpayers' Opinions



Perth's Main Street During Friday's Storm.

The storm that swept through this area last Friday afternoon caused injuries to three people who were camping at Silver Lake Provincial Park.

Theodore Mollis, his son, Paul, 12, and Stephen Pundyk, all of Kingston, were

struck by a toppling tree along Highway No. 7.

Mr. Mollis and Pundyk suffered cuts and bruises. Paul Mollis suffered cuts and bruises and a fractured skull. He was taken to Kingston hospital.

The storm which lasted

from about 1.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. caused power blackouts in some areas including parts of the east end of town.

After the storm many campers in the area were faced with repairing collapsed tents and cleaning up cluttered sites.

## Who Should Pay For New Curbs and Gutters?

The Perth Town Council, for the first time in the past two years, is asking for opinions from the taxpayers regarding the changing of the policy for payment of new curbs, gutters and sewers.

During the past 40 years new curbs and gutters that have been installed have been paid for out of the general tax rate. At the same time the Town has received 50% Provincial subsidies for this purpose.

However, one must take into account the fact that if there is a large demand for curbs and gutters, the subsidies will be reduced for other services, thereby curtailing other essential work.

Some members of Council are of the opinion that from now on, except for new subdivisions, all installations should be paid for out of general taxes. Another group is of the opinion that those who wish to improve their services or their property should pay for it themselves through the Local Improvement Act and amortize the cost over a 10-year period.

Under the Local Improvement Act, at least 50 per cent of the property owners affected must be in favour of installing the services. The remainder has no recourse but to follow suit whether they like it or not.

It is expected that a lengthy debate will take place at next Monday's Council meeting, although the final decision is not anticipated until all opinions have been given.

## Accused Suffers Lapse of Memory, Changes Plea

After seven witnesses testified in an assault case Tuesday, in Provincial Court, the accused, who did not remember the incident, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty.

The accused, Raymond Gilbert Lacroix, 29, of RR5, Smiths Falls, was charged with assaulting the couple was the accused's brother, Fidele Claude Lacroix, 33, of 1803 Russell Road, Ottawa.

Acting crown attorney Jack Kirkland withdrew the dangerous driving charge and after all the evidence was heard the charges against Fidele Lacroix were dismissed.

proaching the van from the car Mr. Williams thought he was going to be robbed.

**DRAGGED FROM VEHICLE**

He stated that both men from the car went to the van, knocked on the windows and windshield, then dragged him out of the vehicle. Evidence given by four other witnesses indicated Fidele Lacroix did not approach the Williams vehicle until after the assault occurred and when he did arrive he pulled his brother off Mr. Williams.

they had had 12 pints of beer before going to a hotel in Smiths Falls for more.

After the incident on the North Gower road the Williams family proceeded to Ottawa and stopped at the Bells Corners OPP detachment to report the assaults. Their son, Steven, had written down the taxicab's licence plate number and this information was forwarded to the Perth OPP.

Mr. Williams testified that the only conversation he had with the other men was when he asked what was going on and Raymond said he had forced their car off the road.

The other accused is being held in custody until a pre-sentence report is prepared.

Evidence given by the crown witnesses indicated that the two men were in a car driven by Raymond, ahead of the van in which the Williams couple and their 12-year-old son were riding on March 20, on the North Gower Road.

Court was told that the two men had been drinking during the afternoon and evening prior to the incident which took place at 7.30 p.m. Asked how much drinking they had done, Fidele told the court he wasn't sure "because I drink pretty fast" but he knew

Perth OPP Constable Jim Graham went to the scene of the assault and questioned the Lacroix brothers. He said both men were quite intoxicated when he arrived around 8:30 p.m.

A request that Raymond Lacroix be remanded on his own recognizance was denied by Provincial Judge D. C. Smith, due to the seriousness of the offence. The accused was told that the time he spends in custody will be considered when his sentence is handed down.

## Merchants Reorganize

The retail merchants of Perth are re-organizing their association as a committee under the auspices of the Perth Chamber of Commerce.

The main purpose of the association is to develop and promote the business community.

A predecessor to this group folded after some members became disenchanted with the former association's means of reaching its objectives.

This spring some merch-

ants expressed their desire to revive the association and a meeting was held on June 26, chaired by Chamber President Peter Code, to discuss its formation. At a subsequent meeting, last Wednesday, which was well-attended, the purpose of the new organization was outlined and its executive chosen.

Chairman of the association is Bill Sawdon. Cliff Wiseman is the secretary-treasurer.

**MAJORITY OPPOSED**

Altogether, of the 49 property owners involved, 28 objected to the proposal. This figure is not a true picture as all the owners did not reply to the notice.

A similar notice was sent out to 50 residents who could be affected on Sherbrooke Street. Out of these, only 15 objections were received by the Town Engineer. Again, all the owners did not reply to the notice.

The picture shows that many people strongly object to paying for curbs on their streets. They prefer the cost be taken out of the general fund.

Another aspect of the complicated situation is that curbs and sidewalks in front of private property are being installed at the town's expense in other parts of the town, including Drum-



**GLEN TAY BLOCK RACE** 1974 winners, left to right: Front Row — Bill Allen, Doug Scorrar (senior division winner), David Colgate. Back row — John Hiley, Tony Boerlage, Steve Findlay and Howard Fergusson.

## Doug Scorrar Wins

### Glen Tay Block Race

The Glen Tay Block Race last Thursday drew the largest number of runners since it was revived in 1967.

ario Olympic Track and Field Club was second with a time of 52:21, and David Colgate of Ottawa was third with a time of 54:46.

Twenty-five runners from all over southern Ontario from Hamilton to Ottawa, competed for the Bill Wilson Memorial Trophy.

Steve Findlay of the Seaway Valley Club was first in the Juniors with a time of 49:19, John Hiley, Ottawa second with 50:39, and Howard Fergusson of Seaway Valley, third with a time of 55:46.

Perth's track star Doug Scorrar won this year with a time of 47 minutes, 28 seconds. This was not a record but was an excellent time considering the heat of the day, according to the officials.

Five of the competitors belonged to a "Masters Club" which means they are forty or over. The two youngest runners were twelve years old from Ottawa.

This is the third time Doug has won the race, last year and in 1971.

Tony Boerlage, who works in the accounting department of a large camera manufacturer in Haarlem, Holland, also ran the course.

## Break-ins At Lanark

Two Lanark Village businesses were broken into last Friday night.

According to the Perth detachment of the OPP, \$100 in cash and cigarettes were taken from the local barber shop and \$30 was reported taken from the Lanark Era newspaper office.

The 25-year-old runner rented a car in Ottawa and drove to Perth.

Although Tony's time was well off the mark of the leaders, he said he enjoyed the race and races are not for the wins but for the pleasure of it.

In Holland, Tony belongs to a track team and says he runs almost every weekend there is a meet.

The race is now sponsored by the Perth Legion and is becoming larger every year.

## Airport Feasibility Study Underway

A feasibility study to determine what type of airport facilities are required in Perth is now being analyzed by consultant James Blacklock on behalf of the Federal Department of Transport.

On June 16, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Cornell of the Federal Department of Transport met with the Perth Industrial Committee to view the municipal airport.

In mid-July, members of the Department viewed the area by helicopter in order to ascertain the possibility of other sites for a common

airport between Perth and Smiths Falls.

The study, which will cost an estimated \$2,000 to \$3,000 is part of the special studies program in connection with the Canadian Air Transportation Division.

The last survey regarding air services to Perth was made in 1968-69 by officials of the now defunct Royal Air of Montreal. At that time the company anticipated making a stopover here on the daily run from Pembroke to Peterborough.

Due to the majority of Perth Industries being in-

ternationally renowned for their products, air services to all parts of Canada and the United States are regularly used by the staff members.

**SPEEDERS TAGGED**

Fifty-one speeders were tagged by the Perth OPP aircraft patrol last weekend. Altogether the OPP gave out 86 traffic violation tickets.

Also during the weekend, 14 liquor seizures were made and three motorists were charged with impaired driving.



**THE PERTH ON SALE** promotion initiated by the new retail merchants' association last week drew large crowds in the business section. Some complaints were made concerning the parking situation on the main

street, though, as shoppers had difficulty finding parking spaces while some merchants made use of more than one free space.