

Early Pool Closing Order Rescinded

A move by the Recreation Committee last month cutting back the closing hour of the outdoor pool from 8 p.m. to 6 p.m. because of "rowdiness" at the pool in the evening, was revoked by Council Tuesday night.

The pool will now close at its regular hour of 9 p.m. The motion to return to regular hours was brought forth by Councillor George Vaughan who said the town should not be intimidated by a small group of persons causing trouble.

Recreation Committee Chairman Orville Buchanan had reported at Council's last meeting that some young males were causing a disturbance at the pool, giving female instructors a hard time. Mr. Buchanan instituted the early closing hour when he heard of the incident, and was backed by Council.

However, at Tuesday's meeting, the matter was brought up again since Council had agreed to the 6 p.m. closure only if it was to be a temporary measure. "I understand this to be just temporary, and I don't feel we should be intimidated by this kind of person," stressed Dr. Vaughan. "We should not have these points scored against us. We must emphasize the principle that there is law and there is order."

Mr. Buchanan explained that he had not bothered to change back the closing time because there are only three weeks of operation at the pool left this summer, and by the time the proper advertising procedure was carried out, announcing the change, the season would be over.

"Even if it was just for one day that we closed again at 8 p.m., I think it would be worth the trouble," argued Dr. Vaughan. He suggested the Town em-

phasize that any persons causing further disturbances at the outdoor pool will be prosecuted.

The boys responsible for the previous incidents, added the Councillor, had all been spoken to by the Police Chief and there should be no trouble in future.

In other Council business, a motion by David Crowley to donate \$250 to the Cobalt fire fund was tabled until Council has a chance to find out if Lanark County Council is going to give a donation.

Cobalt, a northern Ontario

mining community, was severely damaged earlier this year by fire, and a request for funds to help rebuild the town was received by Perth some weeks ago.

The provincial government is matching the dollars donated to Cobalt on a four to one basis.

The idea of giving a donation received several reactions from members of Council.

Reeve Norm Turner felt Council should draw up a policy concerning requests of this nature, so that all requests would be handled the same way.

Dr. Vaughan suggested a formula be set up that would create a reserve fund especially for the purpose of covering requests for donations each year.

"It's a human thing to do... we spend money on all kinds of luxuries, \$25,000 in renovations on the indoor swimming pool for instance, and here is a town that needs to be rebuilt. That's something to think about," he said.

"It could happen to us," echoed Deputy Reeve George Ashley.

He pointed out that Council had donated \$100 to local Boy Scouts attending the World Jamboree, but he did not agree that a set sum should be specified for a fund.

"This should depend on the severity of the disaster," commented the Deputy Reeve.

Mayor Bill Warren, however, did not completely agree. He felt setting up a fund was not the solution, and sided with Mr. Turner that perhaps a policy might be drawn up. Both the Mayor and Mr. Turner wanted

to wait and see what County Council would do, since a donation from that body would represent everyone in Lanark County.

Councillor Buchanan interjected at that point, that he felt this was merely "passing the buck" onto County Council. "I don't feel it's right," he scolded.

Council finally decided, after a motion made by David Crowley, to donate \$250, to table their decision, pending County Council's next meeting, Wednesday, August 17.

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Mercury In Area Fish Enough To Merit Limits

Industrial Pollution One Possible Source

Sources of mercury contamination found in fish in area lakes and rivers have not yet been positively identified, but it is possible that industrial pollution could be to blame in some cases.

The fish and wildlife supervisor with the Ministry of Natural Resources' Lanark branch office, Howard Mulholland, said Tuesday that there are some "good indications of industrial pollution getting into the Tay River, but we don't know exactly which industries are responsible."

The pollution that has created the concern is that which contains mercury. Last week, the provincial government released a 50-page report on contaminants in fish listing warnings about fish found in 167 lakes and rivers including, in Lanark County, the Tay River, Mississippi, Rideau and Kerr Lake.

Although industrial pollution is a source that requires further investigation, there are numerous "natural" sources to blame in many cases, according to Mr. Mulholland.

"For example, Kerr Lake, across the road from our district office (just north of Lanark Village) is nowhere near any industries, and yet there was mercury found in fish from that lake," the ministry official told The Courier.

One possible source is an abandoned mining operation in Lavant Township where, according to Mr. Mulholland, there is a natural mercury line.

"It's a possible source," he said.

"All that we know for certain at this point is that there is mercury being found in the larger fish in many of our waterways — and it has to be coming from somewhere."

The ministry only began obtaining fish samples for the purpose of analyzing mercury content last year in this area, and it took a year for the information to be tabulated and released.

The program has this summer been expanded to include some other waterways such as Ouy Lake and the results will be known next year, said the ministry spokesman.

Within the next couple of weeks, warning signs are to be posted at the lakes and rivers where fish contamination has been found.

The Ministry of the Environment which studies and tabulates the data provided by the natural resources offices warns, in the contaminants in fish report, to limit consumption of specified sizes of fish in the following area waterways:

Tay River: largemouth bass 12-18 inches, black crappie 8-14 inches, pike 18-22 inches.

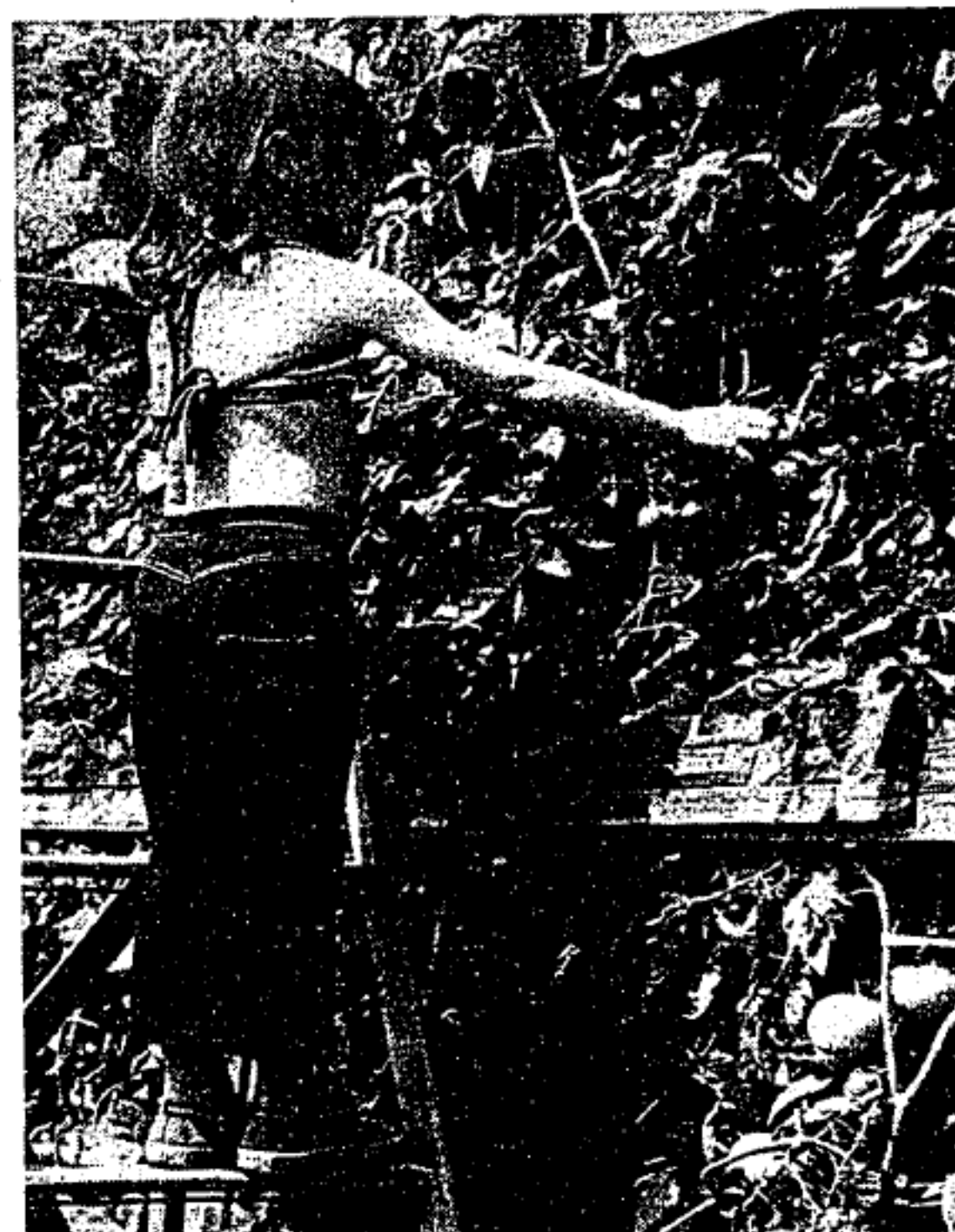
Mississippi River: smallmouth bass 8-14 inches, walleye 12 to more than 30 inches, redear sucker 14 to more than 30 inches, white sucker 18-22 inches.

Kerr Lake: smallmouth bass 14-18 inches.

Rideau River: walleye 14 to more than 30 inches, pike 18-30 inches, smallmouth bass 10-22 inches, black crappie 10-12 inches.

According to Mr. Mulholland, there has also been mercury found in some large pickerel in Lanark County.

The restrictions on limiting consumption of the listed species do not apply in all cases.



THIS WEEK'S RAIN is simply too little, too late for many Eastern Ontario farmers. The lack of rain in some spots, such as north-west of Glen Tay, has stunted the corn and other crops so badly, it can't recover. However, right in the middle of that area, the tomato plants at the DiTullio residence have already grown to about 8-10 feet high and are still growing strong.

Wolf Bounty A Solution Or Ineffective?

Several area townships are crying wolf again. At least, they're crying for the reinstatement of wolf bounties.

Almost every year, as soon as some livestock kills are reported, pressure is applied on the rural municipal councils to bring back the bounty.

The provincial government terminated its involvement in bounties several years ago. This has not stopped some municipalities from paying varying amounts for wolves, hybrids or coyotes killed within their jurisdiction.

The bounty question, despite the fact that it has been raised so frequently, is still without an answer. While many farmers and municipal officials feel it is an effective means of eliminating the wolf damage problem, others disagree.

One of the anti-bounty group is Howard Mulholland, fish and wildlife supervisor with the Lanark branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"As far as I'm concerned," Mr. Mulholland told the Courier on Tuesday, "the bounty, when it was in effect by the province, did not do any good. It didn't eliminate the problem."

In response to rural outcries for government action, the ministry has initiated a predator control program in which they send a trapper around to any areas that have experienced livestock damage attributed to coyotes or wolves.

"If several area townships are seeking reinstatement of the bounties now, I don't know why, unless they simply have nothing better to do," Mr. Mulholland said. "The coyote problem is not that serious now, according to the reports we've been getting from trappers and area residents."

As well as the predator control program, the population of coyotes is also depleted by private trappers — getting \$40-\$50 per pelt — and winter hunters, the ministry spokesman said.

"If the townships, or the county, want to reinstate the bounties, they can go right ahead, then the trapper can cash in on that as well as selling the pelts," he said.

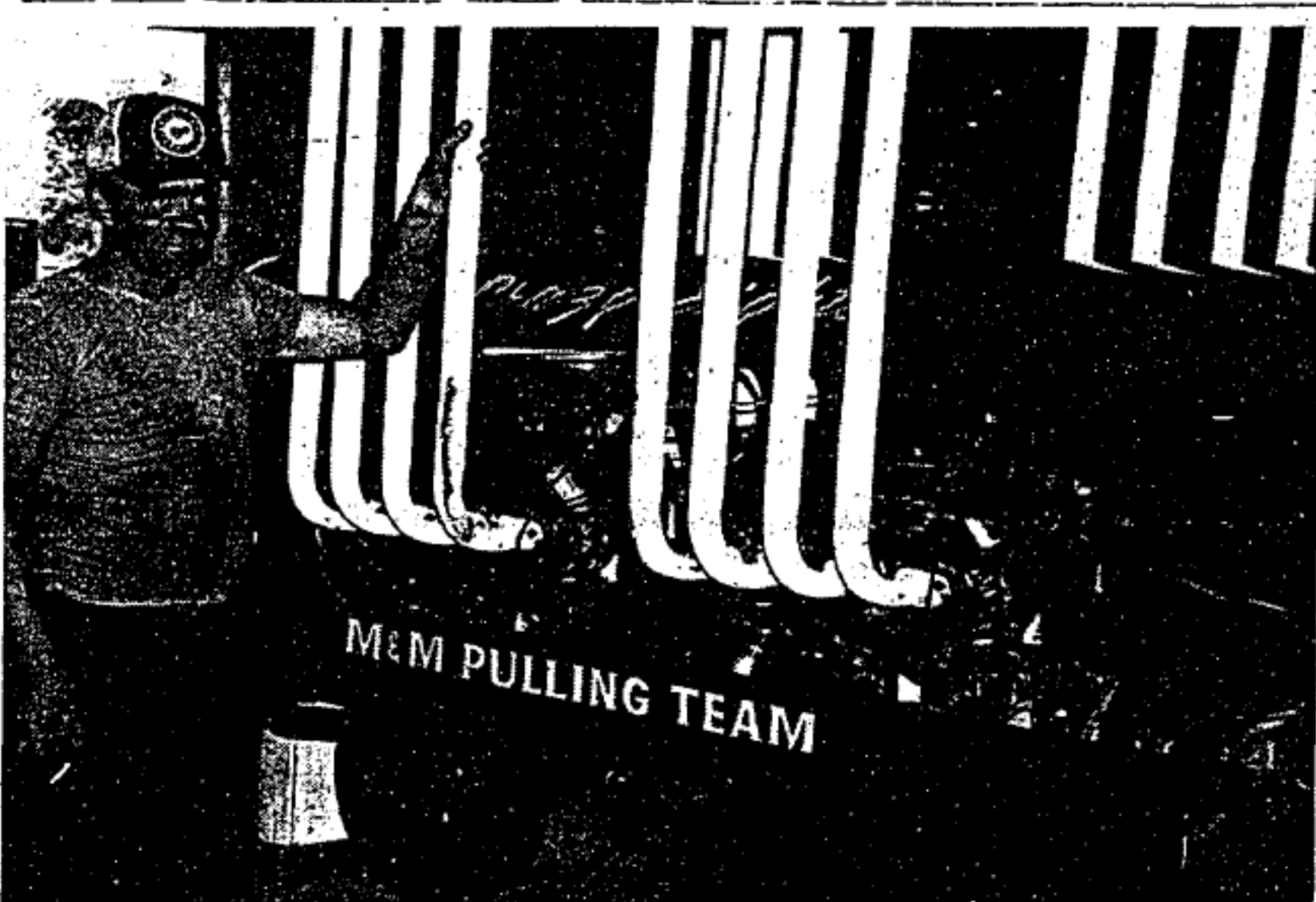
CHARGED WITH BREAK-IN

An area man has been charged by the Perth Police Department in connection with the June 28 break-in at the Giant Tiger Store, Wilson Street.

Charged with break, enter and theft is Neil Willis Gould, 19, of RR 2, Sharbot Lake.

The break-in netted thieves \$1,200 in cash and store items, which included watches, binoculars and a shotgun.

The early morning occurrence was not detected at the time of the incident due to the fact that the store's alarm system had been tampered with and entry was gained through the only door that was not equipped with a back-up alarm.



A LOT OF PULL is what Gary Munroe, above, and his partner, Barry Montgomery, are hoping their tractor, "Crazy Eights," has when the third annual Tractor Pull Competitions are held this Saturday at the Perth Fairgrounds. Although he

was extremely busy making some mechanical adjustments at the last minute earlier this week, Gary agreed to pose with the machine that he hopes will prove to be the strongest of the 50 entries expected.

New Sled To Speed Up Third Annual Tractor Pull

Tractors will roar and dust will fly as over 50 entries take part in the 3rd Annual Tractor Pull at the Perth fairgrounds this Saturday.

Several features of the meet have been improved this year so that spectators will not have to endure inconveniences which, last year, stretched the Tractor Pull far beyond the expected finishing time.

The biggest improvement will be a new pull sled that has been guaranteed not to break down. At the 1976 Pull, the sled broke more than once and crowds waited for hours before repairs were made.

This new sled, according to one of the organizers, John Bellamy, operates on a complete hydraulic system that is much more efficient than the old sled set-up which used sand for adding weight.

The new "boat" as it is referred to by competitors, is owned by the Seaway Valley Tractor Pullers Association, and is valued at about \$17,000.

Another new attraction at this year's contest is a competition for four-wheel drive trucks. This class has been included at tractor pulls already in other areas, but it will be a first for Perth. Organizers are expecting a large entry card for this event.

Other regular events are to include four classes in Super Stock: 5,000 lbs., 7,000 lbs., 9,000 lbs., and 12,000 lbs.; three classes in Farm Stock: 7,500 lbs., 9,500 lbs., and 15,500 lbs.; and three Modified classes: 5,000 lbs., 7,000 lbs., and 9,000.

Prize money, also increased over last year, totals \$2,800 and

several trophies will be up for grabs.

Mr. Bellamy commented that safety features for the contest have undergone some improvements for this year as well.

Three local entries will be vying for winning honors: The "M&M" team of Gary Munroe and Barry Montgomery will operate their "Crazy Eights" modified machine; Gordon McConnell and George Rathwell will take on competitors in their "Drummond Flyer" and Mac MacPhail throws his hat into

the ring with his "White Wonder."

MacPhail also has a Super Stock Cockshutt entered.

Participants are expected to come from Ottawa, Kingston and Kemptville areas as well as from across the Quebec border.

Master of ceremonies for the day-long event is Carson Hill, well known Valley auctioneer. Refreshments will be available and food can be obtained from a Lionettes booth on the grounds. A steak barbecue will be held in the afternoon.

Record Number Of Runners Expected

The 70th anniversary of the Glen Tay Block Race could be a real record-setter this Thursday, Aug. 11, beginning at 6 p.m.

Race organizers say there could be as many as 200 participants, compared to about 60 last year which is the average number.

Runners will cover the nine and one-half mile course competing in four categories: masters, open to runners over 40 years; ladies; juniors, for runners under 20; and seniors.

Last year's top runner, Perth native Doug Scarrar, of Ottawa, will not participate in this year's event due to a knee injury.

Scarrar set a new record for the course last year, breaking his previous record-setting pace, coming in after 45 minutes and 30 seconds.

Interest shown in the event by various track clubs, including the new Pioneer Track Club with many local members, has suggested to race organizers that the block race could have a record number of entries this year vying for trophies and other prizes.

The start-finish line again this year is on Gore Street in front of the Perth Museum.

Awards presentations will be made after all the runners are in, which should be around 7:30 p.m.

CORRECTION
In last week's Courier the heading "Costly Water Project Requested By Council," should have read, "By Wampole Ltd."

We apologize for the error and any inconvenience or embarrassment that occurred.

Three Drown At Rideau Ferry, Two Others Injured

A double tragedy occurred at Rideau Ferry over the weekend which took the lives of two Smiths Falls girls and a small American boy who was visiting the area with his parents.

Dead are Susan Francis McBride, 21, of 27 James Street, Catherine Marie Quattrocchi, 19, of RR 4, Smiths Falls, and Brandon James Hancewicz, aged two of New Jersey.

According to OPP at Perth, the two girls were passengers in a motorboat that smashed into a pier at the Rideau Ferry bridge late Saturday night. The boat, being operated by Frank Quattrocchi, 22, also of RR 4, Smiths Falls, overturned on impact.

A fourth person in the boat, Jo-Anne Walton, 18, of RR 2, Jasper, and Mr. Quattrocchi were rescued by people on shore. Mr. Quattrocchi sustained a broken arm while Miss Walton suffered a broken arm and dislocated hip. Both were taken to the Civic Hospital and detained.

The bodies of the young women were recovered from the Rideau about 4:45 Sunday morning by Ontario Provincial Police divers.

Police said the four boaters were travelling east, just before midnight, when the collision occurred.

It is believed none of the occupants was wearing lifejackets. Although fog rolled into the area later that night, police reported that it was clear and dark at the time of the accident.

The Saturday night tragedy was compounded when two-year-old Brandon Hancewicz drowned just off shore at Rideau Ferry, the next morning, while his parents and several other spectators watched police recovering items from the water that were left from the boating accident.

The youngster, said a police spokesman, fell unnoticed into eight feet of water. Although he was spotted shortly after, and rushed to Great War Memorial Hospital, he could not be revived. He was pronounced dead at approximately 11 a.m. Sunday.

Brandon was the son of James and Deborah Hancewicz, of 750 Columbus Ave., Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Bike-Driving Brothers Collide With Car

Three motorcyclists were charged with careless driving and following too close, Monday, Aug. 1, following a collision between a car and one of the bikes.

Perth OPP reported that Daniel O'Keefe, 22, of RR 2, Carp, suffered a broken leg when his motorcycle rammed into the back end of a car driven by Carl L. Killen, 34, of RR 2, Pakenham.

Killen was attempting a left turn off County Road 15, about two miles north of Hwy. 29, when the collision occurred, said police.

Two other motorbike riders, Joseph T. O'Keefe, 23, and Raymond J. O'Keefe, 29, both also of Carp, were travelling behind the first biker and tried to swerve around the accident. They ended up in a west side ditch.

Daniel O'Keefe sustained a broken leg and \$1,000 damage to his bike; Raymond O'Keefe suffered a broken shoulder and \$50 damage; and Joseph escaped injury but received about \$400 damage to his machine.

Mr. Killen's car received damage estimated at \$800.

Saturday, August 6, 79-year-old Louis Peterson, of Almonte was charged with failing to yield to traffic on a through highway as a result of a mishap with a tractor trailer.

According to police, Peterson attempted a left turn in front of the transport, causing the large truck to collide and jack-knife. The transport driver, Gary Schofield, 39, of Ottawa, was not injured, but his tractor trailer, owned by a Kingston firm, was damaged to the extent of

\$1,000. Peterson, also unhurt, received \$1,500 damage to his vehicle.

The incident occurred on Hwy. 7 at the junction of Hwy. 7B.

Smiths Falls Girl Named '77 Dairy Princess

The Lanark County Dairy Princess for 1977-78 is 17-year-old Debbie Yellen, of RR 4, Smiths Falls.

The Dairy Princess contest was held last week at Almonte with CJOH TV personality Bill Luxton as master of ceremonies.

Four girls were in the running.

Janet James, of RR 2, Almonte, was named runner-up. Debbie, who will be entering Grade 13, this September at Smiths Falls Collegiate, plans to pursue a career in the commercial art field.

In the meantime, she is kept quite busy with her involvement in 4-H and a summer job at the Scott's Chicken Villa in Smiths Falls.

Debbie's parents are Hobart and Margaret Yellen. She has an older brother, Charlie, who is assistant manager at a Brockville department store, and a younger sister, Mary, 14, who is entering Grade 10 at Smiths Falls Collegiate.

The judges for this year's contest were CJOH personality Ray Boucher, Mrs. Ken Allan and Mrs. Shirley Saar.