

Add Mighty Goss Press to Modern Newspaper Plant

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WITH THE TOUCH of a button the new Goss newspaper press, recently installed in the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. plant, leaped into action for its pre-press day trial run. The firm's president, G. A. Dills, is shown at the controls to initiate the use of the new press.

Introduce Two Color Printing With Goss Press Installation

One of three in Canada, the famed Goss Cox-O-Type newspaper press has been added to the plant of the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. in the firm's largest expansion program to date.

Leading newspaper press in the field, it will produce colors as well as the black in one printing, as well as speeding printing over the present method by an estimated six times.

Publishing firm president G. A. Dills, noted this type of press, with the latest color provision, will be only the third installer in Canada with similar presses already installed in Trenton and Portage la Prairie.

In Halton county it is the only known newspaper press that will provide this color service. In the near future advertisers will be able to take advantage of this provision of the installation, in their advertisements.

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Report One Accident Here During July

With holidays prevalent during these weeks, streets seem unusually deserted. Police this week reported that only one accident had been reported to the local detachment during the month of July. Other infractions of the laws had been similarly low, they noted.

Milton, Acton Cars Collide at Corner

Two miles above Crewson's Corner Sunday a car driven by Glen McLean of Acton was in collision with a car owned by Sergio Zoppas of Milton Heights. Investigating officer, Constable Ray Andrews of the county O.P.P., estimated the damage at \$275.

Halton Fire Prevention Bureau Plans School Contest, Publicity

At the second meeting of the newly formed Halton Fire Prevention Bureau on Monday evening at the Milton Fire Hall it was decided that all grade five pupils in Halton would be asked to enter a poster competition from which one boy and girl will be presented with a trophy for their school and a smaller one for themselves. Milton fire chief A. E. Clement explained at the meeting that the large trophies are being donated by the Halton Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company and will be available for annual competition.

The rules for the poster competition were completed and it was decided that the size of the poster would be approximately 14 x 22 inches. The theme for the poster was set as 'Fire Prevention in the Home', and it is to be finished in crayon. At least five inspectors have been promised the bureau for their county-wide fire inspection of commercial and industrial buildings, and more are expected. Chief Clement noted the Oakville-Trafalgar Chamber of Commerce was the only outside group taking an active interest in their project. He said more help would be greatly appreciated. Representatives of various areas in Halton reported prices quoted on the printing of Home Inspection and Baby-sitting cards, containing information on fire prevention and protection. It was moved that the

Industrial Picture Bright, No Details

While no further statements were available on the industrial picture for Acton this week, Mayor Tyler noted there had been more prospects lately than for some time previous.

He reported the three vacant local industrial properties, Wool Combing, Hesters and Storey's, had been shown to inquiring industrialists in the past few days but no developments could be announced at this time.

Continue Study Parking/Price

Possibility of charging a 50 cent parking fee at Acton's Prospect park is being investigated following a meeting of the Board of Parks Management on Thursday.

If the parking fee was introduced it was also suggested no parking signs would be necessary on streets leading to the park.

The meeting also engaged Shirley Barrat and Susan Wilson for pool supervision at \$1 an hour for three hours on alternate days. Total cost of the supervision was \$21 weekly. Accounts for pool paint, sign painting and advertising were approved for payment.

A new agreement with the Bell Telephone Co. covering the phone booth on the grounds, was also approved.

Chairman George Barbeau informed the Board that plans for new washrooms and change facilities are under consideration.

Present for the meeting were Mrs. G. Fryer, A. Irwin and Mayor Tyler with G. Barbeau presiding.

Passes Examination Linda Jeanne Brada

Linda Jeanne Brada received first class honors in her grade two piano examination at the Royal Conservatory of Music, with 85 marks recently.

She is a pupil of Miss Lampard.

Local Firm Gets Suspended Sentence Pleads Guilty to Pollution of Stream



HAND EXCAVATION around the edges for the basement addition at the Scout Hall is being done by Albert Van Gils and Hank Ullterwick. Constant caving in the sandy walls delayed work until well points, to remove the excessive water in the area, were installed.

The Beardmore and Company tannery, Acton, received a conditional suspended sentence when it pleaded guilty in Magistrate's Court in Milton Tuesday to polluting the Black Creek with tannery waste. Charged by the Ontario Water Resources Commission that the act occurred on May 10, the company chose to plead guilty but provided sufficient evidence for the Magistrate, K. M. Landgon, to sum up the case with "the court is so certain as to whether the conditions revealed by the inspectors was caused by the flooding at the time or by the usual operation of the plant."

The company was asked to pay costs amounting to \$30 and remain on a suspended sentence for an indefinite period of time "on the condition that Beardmore and Company will work with the Ontario Water Resources Commission in an attempt to alleviate any further pollution conditions."

Robert R. Parker, general superintendent at the company for the past 13 years, reported plans were already under way to improve the system of disposing of the tannery waste—blood, hide scraping and other organic material—and agreed the company would work with the O.W.R.C. to prevent a re-occurrence of the pollution.

The case, termed a test case by the Commission as it was the first charge under the new act, lasted an hour and a half in the Milton court room. The maximum fine that could have been imposed under the Act was \$1,000 and Crown Attorney L. D. Dingle suggested the fine be imposed to prevent further breaches of the law.

Charles Simpson, laboratory scientist with the Commission, explained the intricate system of ponds and lagoons through which the waste is taken before it is finally sprayed into the air to evaporate. He reported that on the morning of May 10 he found three plastic hoses siphoning water from two ponds to the marsh, from which a tributary flows into the Black Creek.

A Biochemical Oxygen Demand Test, which determines the concentration of pollution in water, revealed that the waste coming from the plastic hoses had a BOD count of 436 and 508, he said. He went on to explain that water tested in the creek above the tannery had a 429 BOD count, but water half a mile below the tannery carried a count of 37.

A count of one or less BODs is clean water, he explained, and a BOD of 10 is badly polluted and a BOD of 200 is raw sewage. The count of 37, he declared, showed positive proof that the water had been polluted.

Mr. Parker, who is also chairman of the Flooding and Pollution Committee of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, admitted the disposal system of the 85-year-old tannery was not foolproof, but explained that heavy rains two days previous to May 10 had caused two emergency tanks at the plant to become nearly filled with water—mostly rainwater with some effluent. He said the condition was dangerous for if the water had spilled over, it would have caused erosion of the bank leading to the marsh.

"Individual judgment is sometimes necessary in cases like this," the superintendent pointed out, and said he suspected the rains had stopped a pump which would have released the water from the two ponds. "We were only safeguarding by siphoning out the ponds," he added.

The creek was high from the two-day rains. Our employees probably thought the creek would dilute the effluent, which was mostly rainwater anyway," he said.

John O'Neill, biologist with the Commission, reported testing the water for types of animal life above the tannery, where conditions were found to be normal. But, he noted, when the water below the tannery was tested, it was found to be "seriously polluted" as many forms of animal life had been destroyed. The spray discharging system was developed 10 years ago, and had improved within the past year, Mr. Parker told the court. He said more land owned by the company could be used to expand and better the system.

—Old age pensioners received their first six dollar increase yesterday.

—Mr. J. Buckland took his swimming class of girls to the Georgetown pool on Tuesday evening for diving instruction.

Derby, Old-Timers' Ball Game Civic Holiday Program Highlights

An all-star attraction scheduled for the Minor Sports Civic Holiday celebration promises to be the ball game between the Halton Old Timers and the all-star inter-county line-up. The old-timers will be under the direction of Dude Lindsay and include an array of well-known former stars.

About 22 floats will be lined for the parade that officials estimate will be one of the biggest seen in Acton for many years. Four bands will be included from Acton, Milton, Guelph and Hillsburg.

Officials in charge of the soap box derby, being introduced this year, report 30 derby entrants priming their boxes for the take-off from the corner of Frederick and Agnes St. Monday morning.

Trophies for the derby winners will be presented by Legion President Vic Patrick at the park about 2:15 p.m.

There's a whole line up of races too from the six year-olds to the

15 year olds as well as two ladies' races and a men's open.

Winners of the softball tournament will split the \$50 prize money with \$20 of the total going to the second place team. Eden Mills will be pitted against Toronto and Hamilton against Acton in the opener with winners playing off.

Minor league teams will also be in there too with games scheduled for the Toronto Maple Leafs Havana Sugar Kings, Montreal Royals, and Miami Marlins.

Executive members in charge of the event are Gord James, Gord Beatty, Ivan Kilby, Vic Master, Herb Woods, Ab Irwin, George Hollinger and Roy Kirkness. Soap Box Derby committee is George Richardson, Doug Tarant and Ron Smith.

Officials also pointed out that there will be some free prizes too including balloons, chocolate bars, biscuits and suckers.

52 Issues in 1957

There will be 52 issues of the Acton Free Press this year—we're not stopping publication of the paper any week this summer for staff vacation.

Although in other years the paper has withheld publication around the last week of July or the first in August, the publishers have decided to stagger staff holiday periods this year to ensure continuous publication of the paper.

Early Please

Correspondents and advertisers are asked to keep the Monday Civic Holiday in mind and submit their copy early for next week's paper. Your co-operation in assisting us in getting next week's issue out on time is sincerely appreciated.

List Local Polluted Streams Ban Swimming in Areas

The inspection staff of the Halton County Health Unit has recently completed a sanitary survey of the streams used for swimming in the Georgetown and Acton areas. A series of samples has been taken for analysis and the results show that the following streams are heavily polluted and unsafe for swimming:

Lake to the junction with the Credit River; the stream below the Georgetown sewage disposal plant to its junction with the above tributary; the Credit River from the Norval Dam to the County Line. Swimming areas south of Norval in Peel County have been placarded as unsafe for swimming by the Peel County Health Unit.

Showers to Honor Bride of Saturday

Friends and relatives feted Miss Ariene Gordon prior to her marriage last Saturday to Robert James Bruce.

Mrs. Jim Gibson was hostess at a miscellaneous shower. The Mill St. home of Mrs. J. Gordon was the setting for another shower, with Mrs. Gordon and Miss Pauline Pappillon as hostesses. Mrs. Ernie Gregory and Mrs. Paul Lawson held a shower at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. Oakes. Mrs. Bert Robertson, Osprings, opened her home for another gathering, with her as hostess. Mrs. Frank Freeman. Attractive and useful gifts were received by the young bride-to-be.

—The good weather is a boon to the farmers, who are thrashing.

Local O.P.P. Corporal Has 20 Years Service

Corporal Ray Mason of the local O.P.P. detachment on Wednesday marked 20 years with the Provincial Police.

Before joining the Acton detachment in 1949, the corporal served with the Oakville detachment for five years, with the Halton county detachment for five years and with the Brantford detachment for some time. He moved to Acton in 1942 while serving on the County detachment.

Receives Certificate

Miss Ruth Landsborough received the Red Cross Intermediate Swimming Certificate while attending the Ontario Athletic Leadership Camp at Lake Couchiching the past two weeks.

Dairy Purchase New Dapple Grey Horse

Masahs Dairy has purchased a dapple grey horse from R. Russell of St. George. The new horse was started on his route on Thursday of last week-end is working out satisfactorily.

Local Bee Keeper Reports Fair Crop

A. E. "Fred" Anderson of Hornby, one of Ontario's largest bee keepers, reports this year's honey crop as fair to good—with excellent quality honey scheduled to appear on the store stands sometime this week. He says that although on June 10 he had to feed sugar to the bees to keep them alive, the honey is white as snow now.



BASEMENT EXCAVATION at the local Scout Hall is now proceeding since the installation of well-points to drain the area and allow digging in the sandy soil. The hall is resting on steel beams supported by posts in the centre and the outside banks.

—Addition of the full-depth basement is necessary to allow additional meeting areas to accommodate the growing Scout, Cub, Guide and Brownie groups.