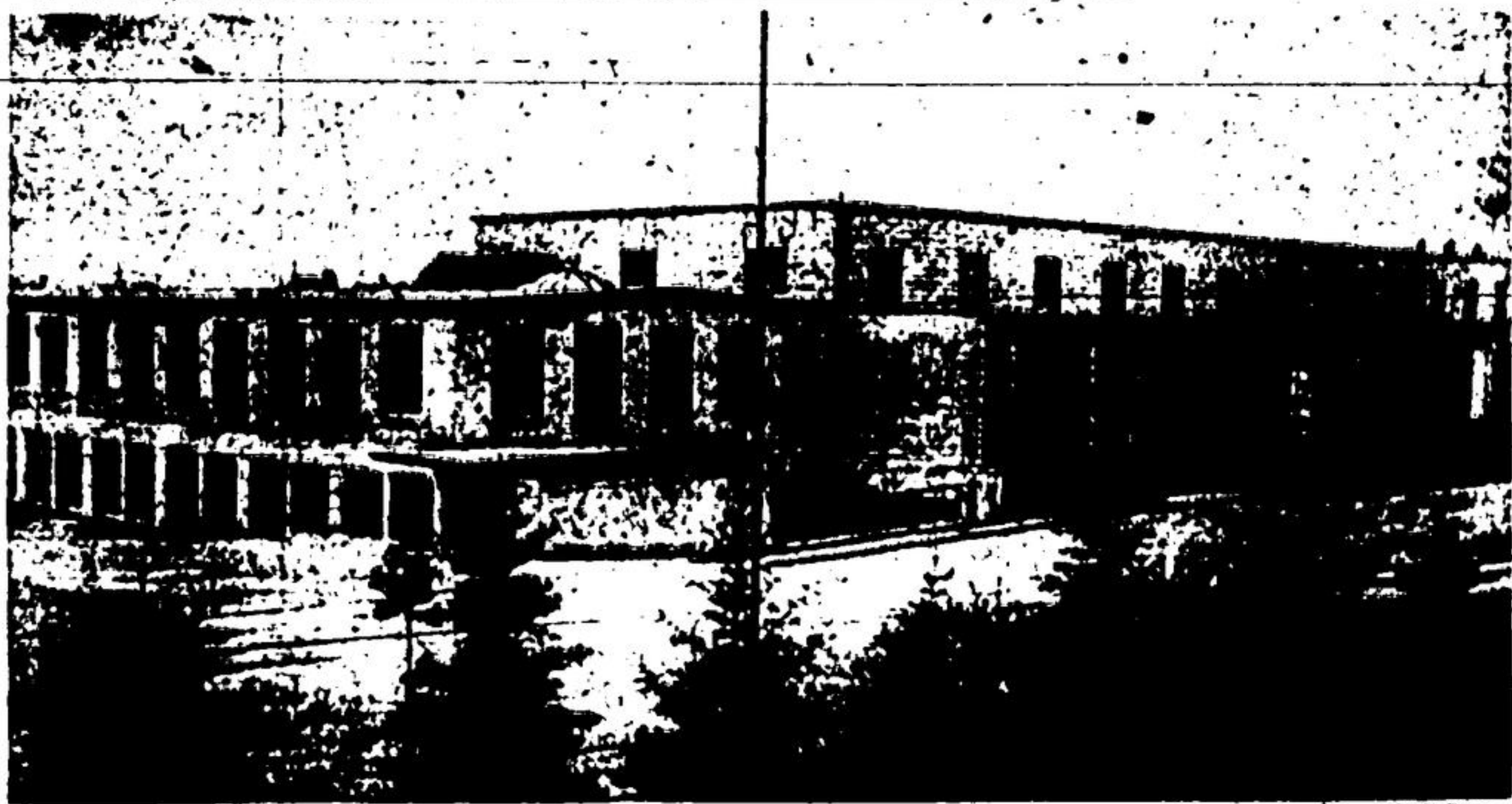


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THE FUTURE of the Wool Combing building is bright again as Beardmores and Company announced its purchase this week. In the announcement, officials stated Canada Packers would operate one or more units in this plant. The establishment of this new industry will provide work for approximately 150 employees by April 1958. The Wool Combing Corporation of Canada occupied the building for 16 years.

Beardmores Buy Wool Combing Plant Canada Packers to Operate Units Here

Local O.P.P. Stresses Safety For Back-to-School Children

With the children returning to school next Tuesday, Corporal R. Mason of the local detachment of the O.P.P. stresses safety rules and regulations to be adhered to by both children and vehicle operators.

"The children should remember to cross the street where the crossing guard is," points out the corporal. "When riding bicycles, they should remember to keep well to their own side of the road and apply the safety rules and highway laws. The same laws govern bicycles and cars," he related.

Always look both ways before crossing the street and walk, don't run, the officer stressed.

Beardmore and Company Limited announced this week it had purchased the Acton premises of the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada Limited and that Canada Packers will operate one or more units here.

It is largely due to the efforts of the officials of Beardmore and Co. and the association with Canada Packers that this new industry will be established in Acton.

After preliminary discussions with Canada Packers officials in Toronto, Beardmore officials met with members of the Acton Council, Public Utilities and Industrial Commission.

As a result of these meetings and the whole-hearted cooperation of the local residents of these bodies, the final arrangements were made and the purchase completed on Friday, August 23.

Wood Combing is now engaged in moving the machinery and as soon as it is finished, extensive renovations for the new industry will begin.

The establishment of this new industry is expected to provide employment for at least 150 people by April, 1958.

The building being occupied by the new industry was, of course, occupied until a few months ago by the Wool Combing Corporation and by the Canadian Wool Com-

pany since 1940 this firm furnished employment for a couple of hundred men and women. During the war, two shifts were keeping the plant in full operation.

The building was in the first instance built by Beardmore and Co. in 1912 for its textile and harness leather operation. It was sold by them to Wood Combing Corporation in 1940, who added a large new section at the rear of the building. It has therefore had only two occupants. The changes came about through changing conditions. The leather belts have been replaced by direct motor drives and some rubber belts, and of course, the horse has given place to the tractor and changing farm machinery.

The processing of wool has since the close of the war drifted back to England and other countries where such work was previously centered, being moved to Canada to avoid losses on the ocean.

It is indeed fortunate for Acton that through the prompt action of Beardmore and Co., actual loss of industrial employment is limited to a few months. Previously the building was unoccupied from 1930 to 1940 when Beardmore and Co. arranged the sale to the Wool Combing Corporation, who provided employment for 16 years to many workers.

P.U.C. Reviews, Awards Paint Contract Members Discuss Sunday Power Break

J. B. Frank, local painter and decorator, was awarded the contract to paint the Hydro buildings on Alice Street at the regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission last Thursday evening.

Commissioners F. Oakes and C. Lindsay, who had been appointed a committee to investigate two estimates received on the painting contract, entered into a discussion with regard to individual findings.

Commissioner Lindsay stated he had contacted a paint engineer, and he was in favor of upholding the quality of paint recommended by the engineer. The company will maintain their paint, stated Commissioner Lindsay, and if the job is not done right, it will have to be done again next year.

It was the opinion of Commissioner F. Oakes that Mr. Frank was in a better position to judge the quality of the paint.

"I will have no part of it. Economically, Mr. Frank's bid is the best but I do not think the paint will stand up, according to the paint engineer," stated Commissioner Lindsay.

The debate was terminated when the Commission decided to vote on the matter.

It was resolved to accept the tender of J. B. Frank for the painting of the Hydro washhouse with the committee to decide the color.

The Commission decided to forward an application for a member to attend the fall session of the Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities. Hydro Superintendent Doug Mason indicated interest in attending the lectures on street lighting.

Mayor E. G. Tyler noted that upon request of council, he had notified the hydro superintendent to move a pole and transformer from a property on Mason Boulevard. A notice had been directed along a mutual driveway between two properties by one of the home-owners and as a result, the property owner, making the request was unable to use his position of the driveway on account of the heavy pole.

The commission felt it was poor policy having a pole blocking a driveway and instructed the hydro superintendent to remove the pole.

Water superintendent J. Lambert reported on the progress of his department and pointed out the defective valve mentioned to the Commission at the last meeting had been replaced by the company.

Hydro Superintendent D. Mason outlined his department's plans for the changeover on Sunday on Church Street. He requested a formal letter be sent to the H.E.P.C. for assistance in this project and outlined town employees he had hired to assist in the ground work. It was pointed out to the Commission the job would take approximately eight hours with a four hour break in power in two sections of town. A notice had been inserted in the Free Press outlining the areas to be affected.

The Superintendent further advised the commission to request the removal of a high tension pole on Wallace Avenue by the H.E.P.C. in order to correspond with town poles.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Hydro Accounts		Federal Wire and Cable	
Petty cash, exp. trans.	41.72	Can. Linc. Materials Ltd.	219.29
Bell Telephone Co.	56.37		303.90
Make Cox	183.95		\$2,927.31
Jensen Elec. Man. Co.	2.21	Waterworks Accounts	
Ellis and Howard Ltd.	24.01	Bell Telephone Co.	11.50
Wm. Knell Co. Ltd.	9.78	Acton P.U.C. Hydro	110.41
Addressograph - Multi-graph, plates	2.69	Can. Brass Co.	139.75
Acton Free Press Inks	10.31	Highway Garage repairs	1.00
H. G. Barlow Co. Ltd.	6.62	Can. Valve and Hydrant	330.98
J. K. Johnstone, meter ser.	5.25	Tyler Transport Inks	25.53
J. R. Kearney Corp.	159.00	Can. Iron Ltd.	24.00
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Grade XIII Student Receives \$500 Award

Bob Landsborough, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough, Lake Avenue, received notice recently of being awarded a \$500 Dominion - Provincial Student-Aid Bursary.

Bob has made application to the University of Toronto and intends taking a four year course in Electrical Engineering.

Born and brought up in Acton, Bob attended Public and High School here.

Recently he was the recipient of a \$100 I.O.D.E. Bursary and a \$50 Scholarship from the Acton branch of the Canadian Legion.



BOB LANDSBOROUGH, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough, 97 Lake Avenue, who recently graduated from Grade XIII at the Acton High School, has recently been awarded a \$500 Bursary. He has enrolled at the University of Toronto where he will be taking an Electrical Engineering Course.

Plan Huge Midway For Acton Fall Fair

Another big midway has been planned for the Acton Fall Fair again this year.

Mrs. Irene Swackhamer, secretary of the Fall Fair Board, announced this week that the T. Green Amusement Company of Toronto has been engaged to supply amusements and midway for the fair.

For Friday and Saturday, the company will set up a tilt-a-whirl, ferris wheel, flying scooter, roller-plane, large merry-go-round, Little Beauty, merry-go-round, kiddie autowar and kiddie airplane.

The above mentioned rides are basic equipment of the company and added to these will be a pony ride and approximately 35 other concessions.

On Friday evening the company announced they will be charging a reduced rate for the children on all rides.

Police Warn Offenders

Police have report complaints have been received regarding children being left in cars without proper supervision while parents frequent beverage rooms.

This is a breach of the law and the direct responsibility of the parents," points out Corporal R. Mason of the local detachment of the O.P.P. A check will be made from time to time and if this practice continues, further action will be taken.

Takes First Prize In C.N.E. Contest

Mrs. Frank Freeman, R. R. 2, Acton, took first prize honors at the Canadian National Exhibition for her tatted table cloth.

Her entry was in the class with knitting, netting and tatting.

\$350 Damage to Cars In Mill St. Accident

Approximately \$350 damage was caused on Saturday afternoon when two cars were involved in an accident during a heavy rainstorm.

A car driven by Spike P. for Bremer of Acton, proceeding east on Mill Street, while attempting to make a turn onto Frederick Street, was struck in the rear by a car driven by Lloyd Alfred Pyke of Ottawa.

Constable Mervyn Barnes investigated and assessed the approximate damage at \$350. No charges were laid owing to weather conditions.

Acton's Intermediate ball team are through for this year.

Retarded Children To Benefit Through Children's Efforts

While away on holiday this summer, J. H. Hurst of Acton, Galt's Hall of Georgetown and Vicki Lockie of Toronto, decided to stage a concert in order to raise funds for some needy cases.

The three girls held a penny concert at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst, Lake Simcoe and raised the sum of \$140 with a program of songs and a variety of entertainment for the neighboring children and parents.

It was their decision to turn the proceeds over to Mrs. Robert Backner of Acton, to be used to buy a record for the retarded children in Milton.

On Monday of this week, J. H. Hurst, representing the girls, presented Mrs. Backner with an envelope containing the money.

Elmer Safety Flag To Fly Again Tuesday

Elmer, the Safety Elephant will fly from atop the flag pole at the school again next Tuesday.

This flag with the outline of an elephant designates safety to the school children. If any child is involved in an accident on the way to or from school, Elmer comes down for the period of one month.

The children of Acton are quite safety-conscious but should always continue to practice safety measures.

Waterloo Car Crashes Avoiding Porcupine

Police report an accident on No. 7 Highway east of the Cedar Springs Hotel, four miles east of Acton at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goodwin of 72 Westmount Road, Waterloo, swerved to avoid hitting a porcupine crossing the road.

While proceeding west to Waterloo the driver of a late model Volkswagen noticed an object crossing the road and swerving to avoid it lost control of the car and crashed into the ditch.

The couple were brought to the hospital where they were attended by a local physician and Mrs. Goodwin received 14 stitches and painful bruises while her husband was treated for abrasions and bruises.

Three Offenders Pay \$45 in Fines At Court Session

Corporal R. Mason reports fines totalling \$45 and costs were paid at magistrate's court this week when two drivers were charged for having faulty brakes and one person charged as a common drunk.

One case of driving and one impaired driving charge were remanded until September 10.

Acton H.S. Student Injured in Accident

Lillian Phillips, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips, R. R. 4, Acton, and local High School student, had the misfortune to stumble while descending from a tractor on their farm and received a bad gash on her leg requiring several stitches.

Helping her father with the threshing, Lillian had started up the tractor which was stationary at the barn and while alighting, tripped and fell against some sharp object catching her leg.

She was rushed to Guelph General Hospital but was allowed to return to her home in the evening.

G. Bowman Wins \$50 In C.N.E. Competition

George Bowman of Acton, received the \$5000 bonus prize given by the Canadian National Exhibition for his hand-carved hand-holes being chosen to enter the purse contest for the third consecutive year.

Mr. Bowman was successful in having two entries chosen for the contest and previously has been a winner twice.



ACTON INTERMEDIATE BALL TEAM are pictured after their victory over Dundas last Monday. Acton eliminated the visitors 8-7 in the final of a best of seven series. Pictured front row (left to right) W. Arpic, S. Scott, P. McCristall, B. Skilling, B. Gibbs, D. Anderson and J. Cunningham. Back row: H. Lawton, T. Barringer, B. Bruce, F. Irvine, T. Follitt, J. Beckett, L. Robinson, P. Lawson and Manager M. Hood. Front and centre Teddy Hood, be' boy.



THE THREE HEROES get together for congratulations after the game. With Acton one run down in the dying moments of the game with Dundas last Monday, McCristall and Arpic, (outside) both received a walk and Paul Lawson (centre) stemmed out a triple to score the two base runners. This tale ended the game and eliminated Dundas from the series.

Borrow Accounts	
Bell Telephone Co.	\$ 14.25
Acton P.U.C. Hydro	124.04
Acton Woodcrafts	1.50
Can. Industries Ltd.	436.27
Ray's Elec. Serv., rental of cleaner	2.50
	\$587.56