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TOWN OFFICIALS GATHER in front of a huge press as plant manager Wes Wolfe explains the principals of processing leather for the open market, during their tour of the Beardmore plant in Acton on Wednesday. Shown front row, left to right, W. Wolfe, W. J. Beatty, R. R. Parker (plant officials), Deputy Reeve W. Wil-

son, P.U.C. Commissioner F. Oakes, Councillor J. Goy, Clerk J. McGeachie, Councillor Walter Cook. Back row, [J. Sall, J. Creighton (plant officials), Councillor H. Lowe, P.U.C. Commissioner R. Everdell, Mayor E. G. Tyler, Reeve J. Hargrave, and Councillor G. Barbeau.

## County Declines Halton Deer Season Neighbour Councils Drop Open Hunt

There will be no open deer hunting season in Halton County this year, it was decided Tuesday at the September meeting of Halton County Council in the Court House, Milton. Halton had originally agreed to sponsor an open season if the surrounding counties would also permit licensed shooting in their own areas, but at Tuesday's meeting, it was learned that of 10 Ontario counties approached on the idea, neighboring Peel, Wellington and Waterloo had declined the offer.

Councillors, afraid an open season here would make Halton a mecca for hunters from the surrounding counties, also agreed to decline.

Council also made the first step toward hospital assistance when it gave two readings to a by-law to borrow \$330,000 upon debentures for the purpose of granting financial aid to the new 30-bed Milton District hospital. Third reading will be given when Municipal Board approval is received and the first payment will not be made until early 1958.

**One Hospital Laundry**

The possibility that the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital might be enlarged to handle the laundry of the new Milton, Burlington, Georgetown and South Peel hospitals on a non-profit basis was brought to light Tuesday. The hospital board made the suggestion for county approval. The letter from Burlington suggested a meeting of representatives of each of the hospitals might be held with the thought of adding several thousand dollars worth of equipment to the already established Oakville laundry and taking in all the washing from the other hospitals.

"It would save at least \$50,000 for the Burlington hospital," commented Reeve F. C. Atkinson of that town. He noted the Oakville-Trafalgar laundry is not used full-time at present and is taking in outside work to help pay for itself.

Councillors were pleased that the Burlington board had come to the county with the suggestion and appointed two members of the hospital committee to attend the proposed meeting to lend support to the idea and assist in whatever way is possible.

Reeve Stan Allen of Georgetown expressed the fact that Georgetown's hospital hadn't been mentioned in the Burlington letter. He said Georgetown was just a step behind Milton in obtaining approval for their hospital and insisted Georgetown have representation at the meeting. Mr. Allen was appointed one of the county's representatives to the party.

**Hear Weed Report**

Newly-appointed weed inspector Vernon McArthur of Nelson township appeared before council to give a report on his work and explain the system of administration which embraces two township inspectors and several municipal inspectors. He noted wild carrot is causing the most trouble this year and showed that 130 feet of road had been sprayed and 128 miles of shoulders mowed on county roads and 380 miles sprayed, and 185 miles mowed by the townships.

He explained that below Highway 5, several acres of so-called "speculative land" lies at waste with weeds covering them, but the situation is not as serious as above the highway, where the weeds on vacant lands endanger crops on active farms.

In closing, Mr. McArthur suggested some system of planned attacks against weeds next year would be most beneficial. He also noted more educational work through schools and organizations would be helpful in preventing weed nuisances.

Deputy-reeve Eric Gudgeon of Nelson asked council what action should be taken by municipal councils when accounts are submitted by the Crown Attorney for uncollected fees. Other members recalled no results from a recent deputiation to the Attorney-General about the problem, and Reeve Allan noted that Peel county pays a full-time Crown Attorney. No decision was reached, other than sending another letter to the Hon. Klein Roberts for some action.

Council approved installation by the Board of Transport Commis-

sioners on the Eighth Line CNR crossing near Oakville, of which the county is to pay no more than 25 per cent.

Former deputy clerk Garfield Brown was named clerk at a salary of \$5,000, effective September 1, 1957. In announcing the appointment, Warden Millward noted that at 34, Mr. Brown is the youngest county clerk in Ontario.

The appointment of Mr. McArthur as weed inspector was made official by three readings of the appointment by-law.

Three readings were also given a by-law setting up a contract with Peel county over maintenance of a boundary-line road. Peel is to maintain the road and the costs are to be shared equally by the two counties, effective January 1, 1958.

Authority was given the building committee to proceed with landscaping the county buildings, to cost no more than \$2,500. First project will be the new Registry Office this fall, at an estimated cost of \$650.

Correspondence from James N. Allan, Minister of Highways, said the Department could not at present take over as provincial roads some of the present county roads, as suggested.

Purchase of desks, chairs and table to equip the new Juvenile and Family Court Building, not in excess of \$600, was approved.

Council will meet again on October 8.

## Editor-in-Chief Accepts Awards For Acton Free Press, at Banff

The Acton Free Press was Wednesday named once again one of Canada's top weekly newspapers as it was awarded a third prize in Canada-wide competition. The award placed this newspaper third to the Delhi Ontario, News-Record, and Windsor, Manitoba, Empire-Advance, in the contest for the best all-round weekly paper having a circulation of between 1,000 and 3,000.

Editor-in-chief G. A. Dillis accepted the award at the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association convention at Banff, Alta., where more than 500 editors from across Canada are meeting for the 38th annual convention of the Association. The award was presented at noon luncheon Wednesday.

Mr. Dillis also accepted the award for the Milton Champion, which is printed in the Acton plant, which was received for placing second in the best all-round paper class for newspapers with 2,000 to 3,000 circulation.

Last year the Acton Free Press received three C.W.N.A. awards when Editor-in-Chief G. A. Dillis accepted the M. A. James Memorial Shield for the best front page and second in the best all-round paper competition, and second in the best editorial page.

The only other newspaper in Halton winning prizes in the competitions was the Oakville Journal, which won a first, a second and a third in the over 3,000 circulation class.

Each year the recognition of Canada's top weeklies through the annual C.W.N.A. awards is the high-

light of the Association's convention. It is estimated that Canada has close to 800 non-metropolitan weekly papers, the largest majority of which are members of the C.W.N.A. In Ontario alone there are over 200 weeklies.

The Free Press has been a consistent winner in the newspaper competitions conducted by the C.W.N.A. Since 1939 the paper has won 10 awards. Among them have been the Clark Cup, M. A. James Memorial Trophy, Hugh Savage Shield, Malcolm McBeth shield and the John W. Edy trophy.

These awards represent the best all-round newspaper in the class with a circulation of between 1,000 and 2,000, the best editorial page and best front page.

## Acton Town Officials Tour Local Tannery

Officials of the Town of Acton were guests of the Beardmore officials on Wednesday when they dined at the York House after touring the local plant.

W. J. Beatty, vice-president and general manager, R. H. Parker, plant superintendent, W. J. Wolfe, plant manager, Jack Creighton, secretary-treasurer, and F. Sall, sales manager, all of the Beardmore plants in Acton, conducted town officials on a tour of the entire plant in order for the town officials to acquaint themselves with the working conditions and processing of the leather there.

## Halton Stretch Call Bids on 401

Tenders were called Wednesday by the Department of Highways for grading and culverts on Highway 401 from the Toronto-Trafalgar township line to Highway 25.

According to the call for tenders, the work would cover a distance of nearly eight miles. Tenders for the work will be received until October 2 and will be opened at the Parliament Buildings.

Earlier this year, tenders were called for similar work between No. 10 Highway and the Toronto-Trafalgar township line. The highway will cross Highway 25 north of Milton where a clover leaf will be constructed.

## Board Engages New Teacher Stop Noon Lunch at School

The board was advised that Mr. Orr would teach P.T. at both schools. The board approved the P.T. requisition, also authorized purchase of additional bicycle racks.

Now that schools were conveniently located, the board adopted a policy of no noon lunches at the schools, exceptions to the rule to be made personally with the principals.

The finance statement of \$5,043.03 was presented, approved and payment authorized. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

## Tannery Blaze Quickly Quelled

On Friday evening, Acton Fire Department responded to a call at Beardmore Tannery to extinguish a small fire believed to have started by someone dropping a cigarette butt between the ties on the railway bridge.

With the assistance of the efficient tannery fire department, the fire was extinguished in short order with little damage, done to the bridge.

The Brownies commenced their meetings last Monday night.

## Study Authority N. Urban Board

The controversial issue of the legal status of the North Halton Urban Board ceased its head again last night (Wednesday) when Acton, Georgetown and Milton representatives met in Milton for the regular meeting.

Secretary Jack McGeachie informed members of the tri-town board that Esquimaux township had questioned the Department of Municipal Affairs on the board's actual legality to make expenditures and enter into contracts, and the Department in turn took issue with the board's legality. The secretary said the Department even "questioned the integrity of the auditing firm" which does the board's books, and threatened loss of the firm's license for conducting an improper audit.

Correspondence from the Department recalled the Municipal Board has no record of issuing an order making the board legally constituted, so it could not enter any contracts or make expenditures, and any present contracts are void.

Board members reviewed the board had acted only in a advisory capacity to the three councils thus far, and had not signed any contracts but had instead referred them to the respective councils for ratification.

Although suggestions were given that the board should now be legally constituted, members decided to carry on in its present capacities.

Other subjects under discussion included Crown Attorney Dingle's accounts, which will not be settled until the county council gives its report; discussion of the varying fire area contracts as yet unratified in Milton and Acton; and swapping of ideas on noise by-laws, trailer by-laws, building permit fees, water meter charges, licensing of tradesmen from other towns, and proposed Bell Telephone increase.

## Acton Planning Board Complete By-Law Consultant to Study Annexation Plan

The Acton Planning Board, with planning consultant Allan P. Deacon present, completed their study of the proposed zoning by-law at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Deacon explained to the board there has been a change in the policy of the Department of Planning and Development from the time the original plan had been made.

"If a property is presently commercial, there is no use in calling it otherwise," stated the planning consultant. He continued to stress his opinion the Department should abide by the official plan, which originally showed an area as residential which later had to be changed to commercial.

"Perhaps I got a little bit stubborn," explained Mr. Deacon, "but I feel that a change in policy is not justified and the case can be won if taken to a higher authority."

Mr. Deacon agreed with the attitude of the D.P.D. that an area is swamp area regardless of the company owning the property, until improvements had been made to alter it from that classification.

A discussion took place regarding the property fronting on No. 7 highway east of town and the consultant revealed the opinion of a Department member: that although several commercial properties had located on the property mentioned, it should be classed as a residential zone.

"We cannot go too far with the zoning map at present," stated the planning consultant, "until some changes have been made. It would be poor policy to present the by-law to council until correct and after council approves it, a general meeting of all ratepayers can be called in order to explain the by-law to the people."

A resolution was presented from council asking the planning board to prepare a plan for annexation of surrounding areas for the town of Acton.

Mr. Deacon explained to the board a plan of annexation takes considerable time and study, and it is in the interest of the town to have the study initiated.

Planning board resolved to have Mr. Deacon begin a study of a proposed annexation area and report to the board at his earliest convenience.

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THE SMILING WINNERS in the Acton Minor Sports baseball league are the Havana Sugar Kings who came out on top and won the cup. Shown are the players: front row, left to right, James Atrott, Keith Dunk, Bruce Shultis, Merle Harris, Tom McKee and Glenn Holmes. Middle row, Clifford Wedge, Gordon Mason, Joe Massey, Paul Bennett, Gerald Stieritt, and Brian Barbeau. Shown at the rear left is Hec Lambert, proud manager and coach who sponsored the pictures for the boys, Ivan Harris one of the umpires during the year and George Barbeau, an ardent supporter of the Sugar Kings. Absent is Graham Windatt.

## Sunday Christening

Last Sunday at 4:00 p.m., Heather Marie Wilkinson was christened in St. Alban's church, Acton. The sacrament was administered by the Rev. Evan H. Jones, pastor.

## Milton, Acton Cars In Highway Collision

Damage, caused in a car accident north of the 'S' bend on Highway 25 recently, involving Peter Papillon of Acton, and Allan E. Turner of Riverplace Crescent, Milton, was estimated at \$350 by investigating O.P.P. officer Ray Andrews.

## Scout Hall Benefits From Acton Golfers

This week the Acton Scout group were presented with the proceeds of the Acton Open golf tournament held in Orangeville on Sunday.

## Install Movie Screen In Parish Hall, Acton

A new movie screen was installed during the week in St. Alban's Parish Hall. The work of installation was carried on by William Barratt, Vic Bristow and J. H. Price.

## Converted Barn Burns

A large barn recently converted to a modern warehouse belonging to the Michigan Bulb Company near Rockwood was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday evening.

## Rockwood Warehouse Burns Estimate Loss at \$40,000

The fire was first noticed by Rod Downs, a neighbor, who noticed what looked like steam coming from the building. No flames could be seen at first. He called Gordon C. Goodfellow, owner of the bulb company, who was watching television. Firemen from Rockwood were called and were there in a few minutes but nothing could be done to save the building.

Loss was estimated to be well over \$40,000 that was covered by insurance. Fireman Cliff Meadows said that the building would have burned even faster but the asphalt shingles on the roof prevented it. The sky was bright crimson from Rockwood village and some thought in the village that a wooded section north of Rockwood was burning. Cracking of flames could be heard two miles away.

The warehouse was located on lot 6, in the seventh concession of Erasmus township and was completely modernized with oil heating. The day before, \$130,000 worth of bulbs had been shipped to customers through the Guelph post office.

Goodman said he had no idea of the cause of the fire and that a regular check had been made of the premises only a short time before as was done every evening.

## Quick Response Puts Out Fire

Firemen were called to the Flynn Nursing Home on No. 25 Highway last Tuesday shortly after five o'clock, to extinguish a grease fire on the kitchen stove.

## District Y's Men Hold Meeting in Y

Central Ontario District Y's Men held a training corps meeting on Sunday in the Y.M.C.A. in Acton.

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