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**STANDING FACE-TO-FACE** with a 1,700 pound bull moose, is no laughing matter and Saturday Mel Sheppard, R.R. 2, Acton, had this experience and has the proof who won out. He bagged the moose with two shots, after shooting a cow moose seconds before. He also shot another bull moose on Sunday weighing 1,400 pounds. The party he was hunting with in the north are pictured above, left to right Murray Hergott, Bill Sheppard, Mel Sheppard and Doug Sheppard.

## Paint Windows?

### High School Board Discusses Paint, Drapes for Gym Windows

Painted windows or not be hind proposed new drapes for Acton-High School gym? This question caused extensive discussion during the regular meeting of the high school board on Monday evening.

Principal E. A. Hansen in his report suggested that an adding machine and two typewriters previously authorized by the board for purchase, would be "foregone" by the staff if the money, about \$500, would be used toward purchase of blackout drapes for the gym.

Board chairman Jack Creighton enquired why the request for the adding machine and typewriters had been made and wondered if they were necessary. Mr. Hansen told the board he would rather see money for this equipment used for new drapes for the gym. Board member E. S. Force wondered why the principal suddenly decided to do without the equipment in preference to drapes.

**Suggests Paint, Drapes**  
Building chairman Bill Coon, who had investigated ways of covering the gym windows, suggested cutting costs by painting them. He showed a sample of glass covered with light blue paint. He added painting would not solve the problem entirely and drapes should be considered as well.

Viewing the sample of painted glass, Mr. Hansen said he had been told the paint would chip in hot weather and would have to be retouched. Mr. Force stated it doesn't chip on factory windows.

Mr. Coon said the caretakers should be considered. The win-

dows have to be kept clean in their present state and it is dangerous to climb a ladder that high. He suggested if the windows were painted, the cleaning problem would be solved but recommended drapes be installed.

Mr. Hansen reminded the board the staff was willing to forego purchase of authorized equipment and was told by Mr. Force the staff had nothing to do with the equipment as it had been recommended by the principal.

**Relations Not Good**  
Mr. Hansen said the staff had to be considered and added the board-staff relations left a lot to be desired.

Mr. Coon told the principal the staff was not being ignored but the caretakers had to be considered, too. He pointed out the pale blue color would still allow plenty of light for gym activities.

Mr. Hansen suggested the windows painted would spoil the effect of the school and recommended they be left the way they are presently. Chairman Creighton suggested the window painting be postponed until after the drapes are installed.

Board member Duncan Moffat requested permission to view the gym windows and was accompanied by principal Hansen and chairman Creighton. On his return he informed his colleagues E. S. Force and W. Coon it was his opinion paint would spoil the windows. He thought too many windows were installed in the first place.

Mr. Force said he had confidence in the building chairman's

suggestion to paint the windows and remarked, "If the building chairman says the windows will be improved by this, I am sure they will."

**Walt Written Guarantee**  
Mr. Coon asked the board if they would not abide by a written guarantee from C.E.L. regarding the durability of the paint if the drapes could be protected from sunlight for an extra 10 or 11 years. The board decided to leave the problem in abeyance until the building chairman is Continued on Page Seven

## No Teaching Time Loss Principals Inform Board

Principals G. W. McKenzie and W. D. Eimer Smith of the public schools informed the school board Tuesday evening that they had willingly and without loss of teaching time distributed plans for group insurance to pupils. This information followed a report of last council meeting when one councillor questioned teachers acting in the capacity of insurance agents during school hours.

Both principals informed the board there had not been any time lost teaching; the plans were handed out as the children were leaving school for home. They also stated the K.P. teachers had printed the children's names on the forms after school hours as the kiddies couldn't do so themselves.

Trustee Tom Watson asked both principals what percentage of pupils' parents had taken advantage of the insurance, and when told approximately 50 per cent, he classified the project as worthwhile.

## Praises Meeting

Present during the meeting inspector R. V. McNeill commended the teachers and principals for taking an interest in school work and the formation of monthly In-Service training meetings. "The meetings are worthwhile and fruitful," he exclaimed.

Mr. McNeill also commended the school board for obtaining assistance for the kindergarten teachers from Mrs. Slovski, a Toronto expert in this profession.

The board received a letter from Miss M. Z. Bennett, former principal, acknowledging her thanks for a framed dedication of prayer given by Rev. A. H. McKenzie during the opening of the new school named in her honor.

Property chairman E. T. Marks reported that seven overhead exhaust fan motors had burned out at the M. Z. Bennett school since

## Rotary Sponsors Student Project

The nod of approval was given by Acton Rotary Club Tuesday evening, to sponsor a student exchange program with Emporium High School in Pennsylvania, U.S.A. This project is pending approval of Acton high school board.

Teachers' and high school students' trip have been approved. Since word had to be sent to the States today, board members were consulted by phone and approval given. Names of the students have not been announced yet and dates of the visit are not finalized.

Morris Klein and Jack Moore of the Orangeville club were present to outline details of the project to the local club and promised splendid results.

Four high school students and possibly two teachers would journey for a week to the Pennsylvania school and four students and two teachers would visit the Acton school for a week.

It was suggested the principal should accompany students for the first two days and then another teacher would complete the balance of the week.

International student contact committee E. A. Hansen and T. Shields invited the two Orangeville representatives to explain details of the project.

During the evening members enjoyed a sing-song and were joined by Rotarians Jim Dills of the Milton club and Jim Dodds, from Orangeville club as well as J. J. Stewart, an Acton businessman.

During the evening Rotarian Fred Wright, international contact chairman, read excerpts from a letter from Andrew Brown, personal adviser to Donald Campbell, racing enthusiast.

## Draw Winner

William Verbeck, 105 Queen Street West, won the \$60 in the third weekly merchants "Frog Lining" draw Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Verbeck claimed the prize when his name was drawn from a huge drum at the post office.

The weekly draw is held at 3 p.m. each Saturday and winners must be present to claim the prize.

## Drag Stumps to Shore

A heavy duty grader loaned by Mansell Nellis Construction Company was the main means of motive power used to haul the stumps to shore. Lloyd Johnstone operated the controls and guided the half submerged stumps onto dry land.

Men in boats transported heavy cables from shore to the next victim. After the lines had been fastened securely, the once dangerous stump was pulled high and dry.

At noon the stop signal was given and everyone converged on the W.L. booth in the park where Mrs. G. Fryer, Mrs. C. Shultz, Diane Shultz and Diane Matheson had a hot meal prepared for the tired and hungry crew.

Eating was no problem and food provided by Beardmore and Co. was cooked to perfection. Workers dined on a meal of pork, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, beets, tomatoes and gravy, topped off with a choice of pie.

## New Board Member

William Benson was sworn into office to replace J. W. Wolfe who resigned recently for business reasons.

Accounts amounting to \$4,038.24 were approved for payment.

When board chairman Murray Smith asked inspector McNeill to say a few words, secretary W. Middleton suggested the meeting should adjourn to allow the press to retire.

## Council Overcomes Ambulance Problem Engages F. Toth on Temporary Basis

Temporary ambulance service for Acton residents has finally been arranged. Following notification from Guelph ambulance operator Vern Bogue that he would be unable to continue service to Acton, council's welfare committee engaged Frank Toth Motors on a temporary basis.

Mr. Bogue informed council that circumstances would not permit him to continue supplying the town of Acton with this service after September 30.

**Offers Ambulance**  
He did, however, offer the use of one of his ambulances to the town providing council could supply an operator. The ambulance was delivered to Acton Friday.

**Suffers Broken Collarbone As Car Overtakes in Ditch**

David Beerman, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Beerman, Acton, suffered head injuries and a broken collarbone when a car in which he was a passenger, overturned in a ditch approximately a mile and a half east of Acton Saturday.

The driver of the car, William Craig, Toronto, swerved his car in an attempt to miss a dog which had darted out on the road.

**No Outside Calls**  
Milton O.P.P. officer William Bennett summoned Acton ambulance, but learned later council had issued orders to local police that the ambulance could not answer calls outside the town limits. David was taken to Guelph General hospital in a Georgetown ambulance.

Last month, council learned the Guelph City ambulance operator servicing the Acton area was discontinuing the service the end of September.

An ambulance on loan from Guelph was being manned over the weekend by Acton O.P.P. officers, until different arrangements could be finalized.

This week, arrangements were made for Frank Toth to handle ambulance calls within the community until permanent arrangements can be made.

**24-Hour Basis**  
The ambulance will be stored and maintained by Mr. Toth and will be operated on a 24-hour basis.

Acton residents wishing to use the service can do so by calling 52.

**Expresses Regret**  
Clerk administrator J. McGeechie expressed council's regret at having to limit the ambulance service to town residents only but pointed out it is hoped this will only be temporary.

**Speyside Area is Site For Fourth Large Quarry**

Plans were announced this week for a new quarry operation in Esqueving Township in the Speyside district.

Standard Paving Company is taking up an option on 600 acres of land fronting on Highway 25, and plans to erect a large mill on the site for processing crushed stone. The firm is the fourth large outfit to establish a quarry in the Milton-Campbellville-Speyside district in the past two years.

Others are Milton Quarries on the Base Line west of Milton, Halton Crushed Stone on the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya, and Cloverleaf Quarries on the Guelph Line just north of Campbellville.

**Raze Hill for Road**  
One temporary quarry was also established on the Campbellville sideroad two miles east of Campbellville, this year. Pecl Construction of Brampton put in machinery to process the stone and gravel found in a large hill blocking the route of No. 5 Sideroad, and in a few short months had razed the hill and dug down 25 feet below the level of the road. The eventual plan is to carry the sideroad straight through, where the hill formerly stood.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade was asked to handle the service using the ambulance on loan but R. S. Hart, brigade superintendent, advised council it would be impossible due to a shortage of members and with several members working out of town.

Appeals were made to other individuals but no solution resulted. Faced with a serious problem three contacts were made and a meeting held Monday evening by the welfare committee. It was during this meeting that finalization of a temporary service was completed.

Situations in the agreement prevents the town from allowing the ambulance to answer calls from outside the community boundaries.

**Medical Services**  
It is believed his nose was cut on a submerged broken bottle.

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Taking part in the stump pulling were Jamie Ironside, Al Kirkness, Ivan Kilby, Sunny Townsley, Harold Townsley, R. R. Parker, Charles Lansborough, Mansell Nellis, Herb TTY'er, Alec Johnson, Don Rydler, Ricky Ironside, John Van Der Brink, Nino Braida, John Buckman and Lloyd Johnstone.

**Dogged Attempt**  
Perhaps the most active bystander of the entire group was "Nipper", a six-year-old mongrel owned by Rickie and Jamie Ironside.

Apparently dedicated to helping his two young masters with stump pulling, the pooch kept a steady vigil on the logs.

Unfortunately "Nipper" was the only casualty listed during the day and his injuries required medical services. It is believed his nose was cut on a submerged broken bottle.

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Police were notified and an investigation is underway.

**Plan Formation Of Ranger Guides**

With sufficient interest shown, Mrs. Margaret Wallis will head a "Ranger Guide" group in town.

Mrs. Wallis informed the guide group committee she was willing to instruct the group and requested all girls interested in this movement contact her at home.

If organized, it will mean guides of senior age and training will be able to continue in the guide movement in the same capacity as river scout. With assistance hard to solicit, the girls are advised to take advantage of this chance and register their names to make a worthwhile group.

## Bags Three Moose Lonehanded Hunting With Party in North

Sitting in dense bush 600 miles from home with no companion but a 303 rifle had its merits for Mel Sheppard last weekend when he bagged two bull moose and one cow in two days of hunting.

Mel's father, Bill, brother Doug and friend Murray Hergott left Acton Thursday, September 29 for three days hunting near Chapleau in the northern woods.

It was Mel's first venture in the northern area. On Saturday, sitting alone on a narrow trail he saw a cow moose whip over the hill in front of him less than 120 feet away. Taking careful aim, he squeezed the trigger twice before the animal fell dead 20 feet away. The cow weighed close to 1,000 pounds according to the hunters.

**Charging Bull**  
Sensing a bull moose should be close at hand he ran toward the top of the hill and was met by a charging 1,700 pound bull not more than 20 feet away.

Two shots were pumped in rapid succession before the bull moose finally dropped dead about 125 yards away.

Not content with his two baggers, Mel went along with his companions on Sunday and much to his surprise bagged another bull moose weighing in the neighborhood of 1,400 pounds, with one shot at an estimated distance of 125 yards.

Happily for his companion, the other three hunters didn't even

clear the bolt from their rifles once during the hunting trip!

**Will Mount Head**  
Needless to say the head of the large bull moose will be mounted by the Sheppard's and anyone doubting the story will be able to see the 52 inch spread of the antlers. On one side there are 15 prongs and on the other 13.

All was not sunshine for the hunters. Thursday night a heavy snow began to fall and by the time they were ready to hit the trail Friday, the ground was completely blanketed. Before they could get a drink of water they were forced to break three-quarters of an inch of ice from the top of the water bucket.

Saturday night they were greeted a reprieve when the weather turned mild. Sunday it rained all day.

**Couldn't Care Less**  
Did the weather bother them? Not in the least. Hunters, like fishermen, couldn't care less about the weather—especially after bagging three dandies.

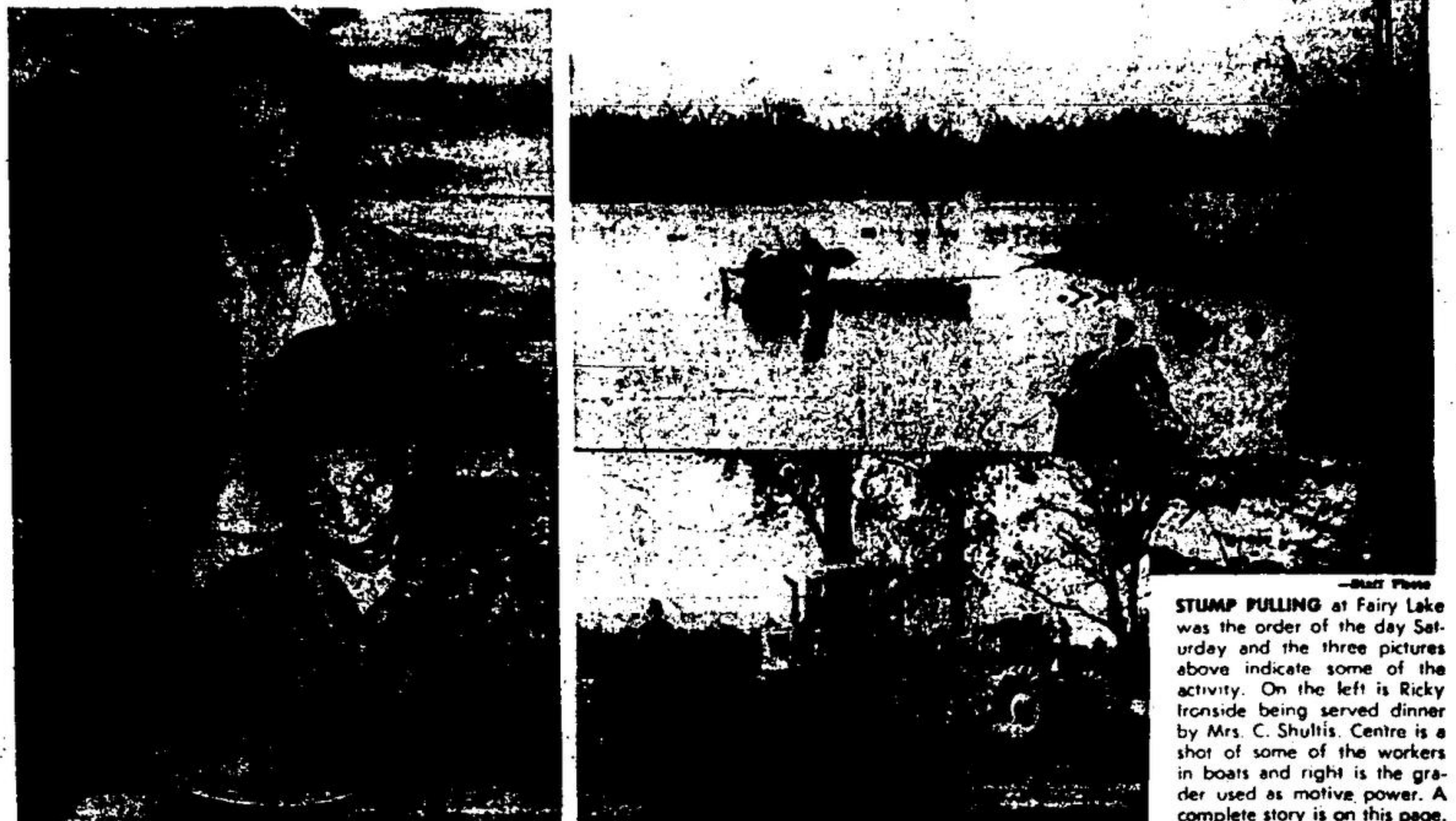
Mel told his story of the trip on Tuesday morning and was still excited about bagging the limit lone handed. He claims he was on the trail around three hours Saturday before getting the bull and cow moose and about four hours Sunday.

Beginner's luck? Perhaps, but on the other hand Mel and his companions are crack shots.

## Esq. Population Assessment Up

Esqueving township's assessment climbed over \$400,000 this past year to a new high total of \$6,553,391, assessor Art Benton reported to council Monday night. The township's population took a small jump—up 54 persons to 5,656.

The assessment is made up of \$4,614 per cent, agricultural, \$1,999 residential and \$13.9 industrial-commercial.



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**STUMP PULLING** at Fairy Lake was the order of the day Saturday and the three pictures above indicate some of the activity. On the left is Ricky Ironside being served dinner by Mrs. C. Shultz. Centre is a shot of some of the workers in boats and right is the grader used as motive power. A complete story is on this page.