

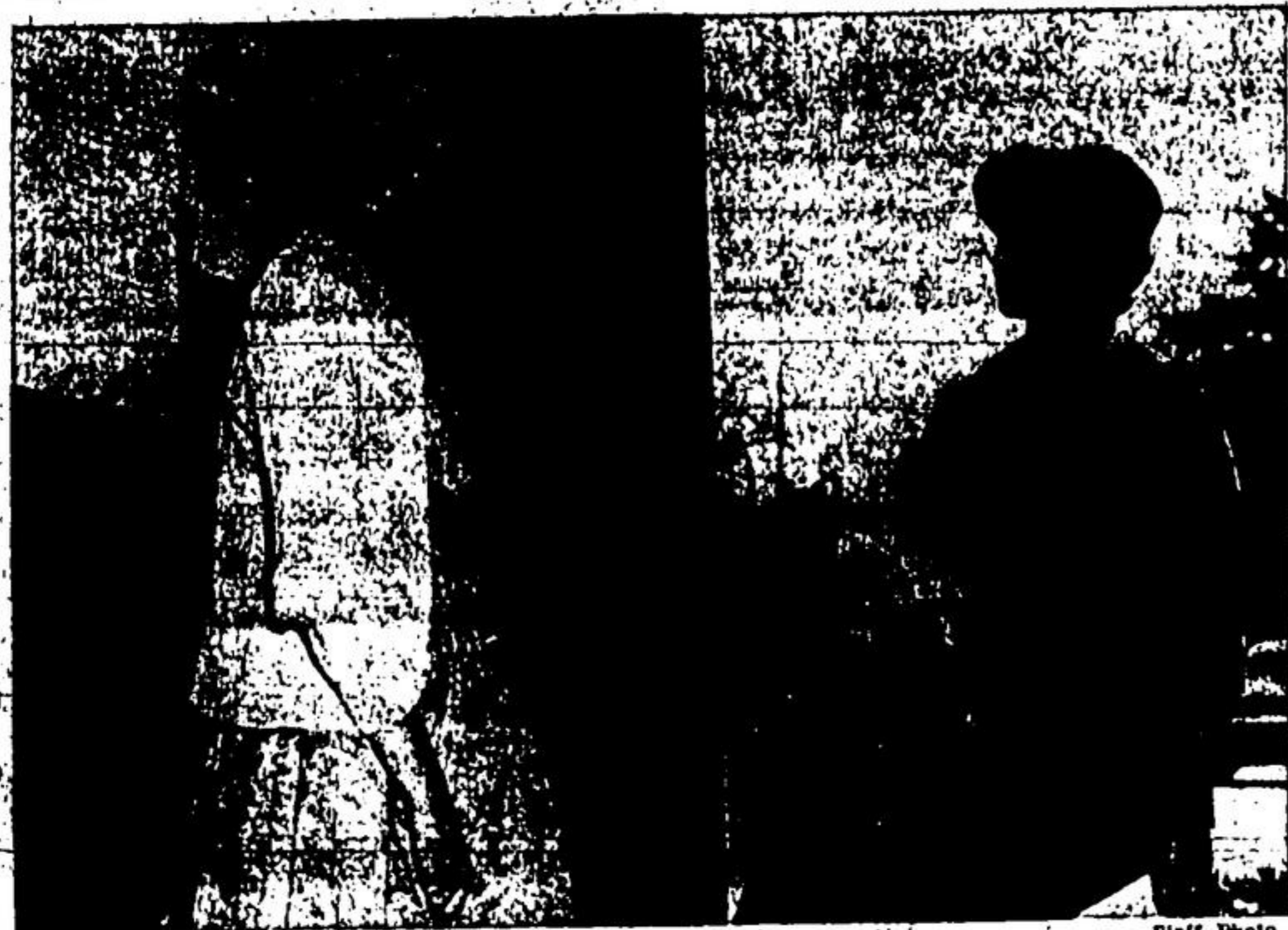
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ADMIRING GLANCES were given part of the St. Alban's Harvest Festival decorations by a mother and two daughters, Sunday, following the morning church service. Shown above are Mrs. Sid Newton and daughters Vicki and Dorothy as they view a sheaf of wheat in the church vestibule.

74.4% Say "Yes"

Township Okays Liquor

"Dry" since 1906, 1,043 Nassagaweya Township voters went to the polls Saturday to approve legal liquor outlets by an overwhelming 74.4 majority. With the vote, they approved a \$3,500,000 night harness racing track that was promised if they could legalize drinking outlets in the township.

The vote set a new record 81.3 per cent turnout for Nassagaweya.

The questions on beer for men, beer for men and women, beer and wine with meals, dining lounge and liquor lounge passed by 70.4 to 74.4 per cent majorities. They needed a 60 per cent vote to be carried.

The 1,043 voters cast a total of 5,212 ballots of which 110 were spoiled, township clerk and returning officer Don McMillan reported. Voting was so heavy that final totals were not known until nearly 11:30 p.m. that evening, although polls closed at 8 p.m.

Deputy returning officers reported a flood of voters early in the day, but toward evening nearly everyone had cast their ballots and the rush subsided. Extra help had to be secured to handle one polling subdivision, W. Von Richthofen, one of the

promoters of the track and a township horse breeder, expressed his thanks to the Vote Yes organizers at a party held to celebrate the victory. He said the voters could be sure the new track would be an asset to the community. It is to be erected this year north of Campbellville near Highway 401.

The last liquor plebiscite in Nassagaweya was on New Year's day, 1906, when voters endorsed local option by a 171 majority.

	Yes	Yes%	No	No%
Beer where women are admitted	756	72.7	266	27.3
Beer for men only	729	70.4	291	29.6
Beer and Wine with meals	766	73.6	253	26.4
Dining Lounges	768	74.5	250	25.5
Liquor Lounges	778	74.7	245	25.3

Dismiss By-law Charge Against Beardmore Co.

Ruling in court Monday there was no basis for Esquing Township's charge of by-law contravention against Beardmore and Co. Ltd., Acton. Magistrate Kenneth Langdon dismissed the case.

Represented by solicitor John Van Sicker, Esquing township council charged Beardmore and Company with breaking a township by-law governing the disposal of refuse, garbage, industrial waste etc., within the township.

The solicitor for the township maintained that tests taken of sprayed effluent, submitted in

Assessment Completion in Doubt South Spring Future Cloudy

The assessor is empowered to work 16 hours overtime over a period of two weeks, exclusive of Saturdays, until October 10, when the assessing program will be reviewed. He will be paid at a rate based on his present salary. This was the conclusion reached when Acton Council resolved a lengthy discussion which started when the Clerk advised councillors he felt it would be impossible to complete the re-assessing under the D.M.A. manual in the two month time limit extension granted to the town.

John Ladouceur, the assessor, attended the committee meeting on Monday evening to discuss the subject with council. He was agreeable to working overtime, provided he received remuneration, in an effort to complete the assessing and bring in the assessment roll by the extended deadline of November 30. The clerk reported that, based on the information collected since the start of the crash program to complete the assessing, he felt it would be unlikely, the deadline would be met unless the additional overtime was granted the assessor.

Mr. Ladouceur told council he felt it would be impossible to hire a part-time qualified assessor assistant at this time because all assessors were very busy with the finalization of their own assessment programs. Various councillors spoke, emphasizing the necessity and urgency in having the assessment roll brought in no later than the November deadline.

Waiting \$2,000 Yearly

The water and sewer committee was empowered to investigate the Main Street South spring with a view to abandoning the supply or finding a

source of revenue from the spring.

This action followed the receipt by council of an O.W.R.C. study on the spring. In the report, the chemical analysis of the water from the spring had not improved.

It was suggested the operation of the pumps and equipment and the maintenance at the spring were costing the town \$2,000 per year. This amount was charged directly to the water and sewer department and there is no revenue being derived from the spring.

Council felt there were two

alternatives — either remove the equipment and stop the operating and maintenance costs or find a way in which some revenue could be derived through the sale of the water output of the spring.

The O.W.R.C. report suggested a local industry might possibly be interested in the water from this source.

To Paint Hydrants

Acton Fire Fighters' Association will take on another chore. The association has agreed to paint the almost 100 fire hydrants in town. The town will supply the paint and brushes

and members of the association will do the painting. At the same time, they will code the hydrants, by which the size of the watermain supplying the hydrant will be indicated. The town staff has been unable to complete the painting this year because of the heavy municipal work load, employee sickness and staff holidays.

The C.N.I.B. requested permission to hold their annual financial campaign in Acton during the week of October 2. Permission was granted.

The fire agreement with the surrounding townships was approved. Under the new one-year agreement which is retroactive to January 1, 1961, the township fire area will pay the town \$1,000 per year. The township area will also pay the maintenance and operating cost of their equipment and pay \$100 per fire call to the fire department.

The Halton County Health Unit was re-appointed plumbing inspector for the town.

Sell Town Lot

The town-owned lot on Church Hill Road North was sold. As a result of an advertisement for tenders, two bids were received. The offer of William Findlay for \$500 was accepted. Mr. Findlay owns property to the south and west of the lot up for sale.

The town had acquired the lot during a previous water exploration program. A six-inch well was drilled but the water which was found was not suitable for the municipal system. The lot had been offered for sale numerous times over the past few years.

The offer of Mr. Findlay was not the highest received and in the voting to sell the property, for were Hargrave, Barbeau, Hinton and Goy. Against were McLeod, Denny and Tuth. Councillor Duby did not vote and under the rules of procedure was considered to have voted for the motion.

Enquiries and Reports

The report of the Acton Industrial Commission was received and is printed in its entirety in another column.

Councillor Duby reported the Macdonald Avenue street extension to the H. K. Porter plant needed repairs.

Deputy-Reeve Hinton reported on the regional planning meeting held last Sunday morning.

Councillor Denny wondered what stage the liquor store and the post office building had reached. Mayor Goy replied that the liquor store was being discussed at a planning board public hearing this Thursday evening. On the post office, he only knew that property had been

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MISS M. Z. BENNETT was honored during the morning service at the United Church, Sunday, when a desk-table was dedicated in her honor. The memorial table and book contained within was purchased by the Friendly Circle Group in honor of Miss Bennett. Pictured above left to right are Rev. Dwight Engel, Miss Bennett and Mrs. Gordon Johnson, group member who presented the gift to the church.

Confusion

There seems to be confusion in the minds of some citizens as to when Daylight Saving Time ends. However, it does NOT end this weekend and will continue until Sunday, October 29 at 2 a.m.

Fined in Court

A Rockwood youth was fined \$100 for drinking while under age with an alternative of one month in jail. He was also instructed to pay damage for two broken windows and given a six month suspended sentence, during court proceedings Monday.

Magistrate Kenneth Langdon heard the charges laid by Constable Ron Rupert and learned a window at the Beardmore and Company gatehouse had been broken amounting to \$39.77 and another at the Frostee Freeze estimated at \$82.00.

Also on the docket during Monday's proceedings was a youth appearing on three counts of wilful damage, being on licensed premises while a minor and drinking while under age.

At the request of the Crown the wilful damage charge was withdrawn and the youth pleaded guilty previously. Magistrate Langdon dismissed the second charge of being on licensed premises while under age, when the Crown failed to establish a proper age. On the third charge the case was remanded for a week.

Witnesses Testify

Witnesses called to testify on behalf of the township included clerk K. C. Lindsay, James Watt, sanitary inspector with the Halton Public Health Unit and Charles E. Simpson, a chemist in the employ of the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

Mr. Lindsay verified that the land in question was within the township boundaries. Mr. Watt gave evidence regarding witness sample, proved beyond question that industrial waste was being discharged within Esquing's boundaries.

Church Decorations Beautiful For St. Alban's Harvest Service

Rev. Donald West, rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Sunday morning, addressed a large congregation during the Harvest Festival service and reminded the church members that Moses had cautioned the Israelites against forgetting God in the midst of prosperity. He used as his text "When thou shalt have eaten and be full, then beware lest thou forget the Lord."

He told the large congregation that one of the great mysteries is, why God had not given up the whole human race as a bad lot long before now. He stressed the tendency for people to close their thoughts to the source of material blessings while enjoying good health and full larders. "Inevitably, in times of tragedy, our minds turn to God. He must grow weary of this one-sided regard shown by his children," the rector stated.

Class Mind

Mr. West pointed out that one of the most interesting aspects

of human nature is the ease in which the average person can close his mind to facts and statistics. He noted how everyone was guilty of taking things for granted and pointed out that even the gifts of harvest were taken for granted, often without any acknowledgement beyond a casual "thank you" to the girl at the supermarket.

"God provides material things for our benefit, but prayer puts material things into proper perspective, bringing into clear relief their transitory importance," Mr. West declared.

The church was beautifully decorated with fruit, flowers, gain and vegetables from altar to vestibule and the rector expressed his thanks to the members of the Altar Guild for their hard work and splendid arrangement.

Prior to the blessing, altar hangings made by the guild were dedicated. Both junior and senior choirs, under the direction

of organist and choir leader Mrs. F. G. Oakes, sang "Our Grateful Hearts" as their special harvest anthem. Lay reader Les Duby took the first lesson. Servers for the harvest festival were Peter Taylor, Bob Hinton and Barry Kirkness.

Expect 120 Fathers, Sons To Attend Scout Banquet

Approximately 120 Scouts, Cubs and fathers are expected to attend the Scout Father and Son Banquet Tuesday evening, October 3, in the Legion auditorium.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be a Sea Scout Skipper from Oakville, who will give an illustrated talk following the dinner catered for by the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association.

Badge awards will be made after which scouts and cubs will attend an evening's entertainment with skits and songs. Expected guests include members of the Acton Ministerial Association, District Commission Bob Gardner, Group Committee members and leaders, Acton Rotary Club members who will act as fathers for boys whose fathers are unable to attend the dinner.

Industrial Commission Progress Reviewed During Council Meeting

During council's Tuesday evening meeting, a report was received from the Industrial Commission and was reviewed by the mayor and council.

The following is the content of the report received:

Acton Industrial Commission, officially formed in February 1960 consisted of the following members: Chairman N. J. Brada, D. Dills, J. Ledger, E. Tyler Sr., W. Cook, G. Barbeau and B. Evans.

During the season, W. McKay was appointed to replace Mr. Evans who left for employment in Winnipeg.

Meetings were held at the Dominion Hotel and Mayor Goy was invited to attend.

Surveys were made in connection with industrial problems, industrial land available, Ontario Department of Highways plans for roads leading into town.

Commission chairman had a number of meetings with Department of Planning and Development to report on progress being made.

The Commission felt that funds spent on advertising the town in periodicals, etc. did not bring results and that efforts to help and expand present industry are more rewarding. This was confirmed by the Department of Planning and Development.

In order to promote closer cooperation between municipal officials, Industrial Commission and local industry, the Commission sponsored a dinner in May attended by heads of all local

industries, Mayor Goy and Council. Hydro Commission Chairman, Planning Board Chairman, Constable Officer, Town Assessor, Chamber of Commerce President, local bank managers and Town Clerk-Administrator.

Subjects discussed were water supply and pressure, hydro power and rates, insurance rates, telephone rates, customs and excise, public relations, educational expense, small business loans and D.M.A. Assessment.

We feel that this meeting was most worthwhile, and offered an opportunity to officials of local industry to bring out their problems. Conditions in Acton industry at the present time are optimistic.

With regards to the development of new industry, various commission members had numerous meetings with people interested in relocating or starting new industries. It is unfortunate that only a very small percentage of these contacts developed to a serious stage.

Below is a brief summary of results:

Michigan Bulb (Canadian Branch Office Services Ltd)

This Company was faced with the prospect of moving its operations to Toronto because of its location. They have been satisfactorily relocated in the Canada Packers Building and have twice expanded their occupied area because of increased business.

Thermold Division (H. K. Porter Canada Ltd)

A new division of H. K. Porter Canada Ltd. located in the Canada Packers Building and now in operation making brake linings and clutch facings formerly imported by them from the U.S.A. They are supplied with high pressure steam by Beardmore & Co. Limited and a 4" natural gas line supplies their furnaces. They occupy about 9000 ft.

Waleigh Furniture Limited

A newly formed company and have completed their model-making stage. Making upholstered living room furniture of high quality and modern design. They had an excellent display at the recent furniture show in Montreal. Occupy 6300 ft of space with

Dial Equipment Being Installed

The switchover to dial system in Acton is fast becoming a reality and within the next few days Northern Electric Company are busy installing equipment in the new building on Church Street.

Day by day, panel after panel is erected and wires connected and tested. Workmen are hopeful of completing the job in December. The interior of the building is a maze of wires and connections and when the switchover takes place, service on the equipment will be minimized to occasional trouble calls.

option of further space for expansion.

Keates Organ Limited

An established company formerly of Lucan, Ontario, now moved to Acton because of more central location, manufacture and install church pipe organs. They have work two years ahead. Because it was necessary for them to bring families of key employees to Acton the Industrial Commission, in cooperation with local real-estate officers were able to help them find room and board or homes. Company President Bert Keates advised that their decision to move to Acton was influenced by the help they received in connection with living accommodations.

F. Heller & Co. Ltd.

This company expects to commence operations almost immediately — finishing leather and other associated products. Located in the Dills Building.

Further Prospects

There have been a number of meetings with officials of a large Hamilton manufacturing company who are making plans for a new division involving mass production of small articles produced on punch presses. Approximately 13,000-15,000 feet of space is under option. Latest contact with them indicates they expect to have definite plans ready before the end of the year.

This report is respectfully submitted to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Acton, and the Acton Industrial Commission.

N. J. Brada, Chairman.



ACTON COUNCIL were hosted by Beardmore and Company officials Friday afternoon, during a tour of the plant and a buffet dinner following. Council members, directors and technical staff are pictured above after they gathered inside the tannery gates to begin their tour. Included in the picture are Mayor John Goy, president of Beardmore and Co. W. J. Beatty, Reeve J. Hargrave, Deputy-Reeve H. H. Hinton, councillors Les Duby, W. H. Denny and clerk-administrator J. McGeachie. Beardmore staff members and directors F. J. Salt, C. Heard, J. Creighton, C. Cook, R. R. Parker, N. Braids and A. Lauder. Also shown above is Bill Wallace, of Wallace Footwear, Montreal.