

# PLAN FOR 300 BED HALTON MANOR ADDITION

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### New Shoe Factory To Hire 30 Soon

Hamilton Industrial Shoe Limited, Acton's newest industry, is completing this week the movement of machinery and equipment from Hamilton and expects to be in production within a week.

Machinery is being installed while work continues by local contractors, J. B. Mackenzie & Son Limited, Shortill Sheet Metal and Elto Electric to complete their new quarters in Acton Industrial Centre (the former Wool Combing Building).

**Safety Footwear**

The company manufactures Goodyear Welt work boots and Industrial Safety footwear, including insulated hunting boots and footwear for construction workers.

While their lines are distributed principally through safety supply companies, many industries and mining companies are purchasing direct for their employees. Regular customers are Union Carbide Ltd., Lever Bros. Ltd., General Motors of Canada and McIntyre, Porcupine Mines. The quality of their branded lines, safety, workmate and thermowelt is recognized as among the best manufactured in Canada.

**Employ About 30**

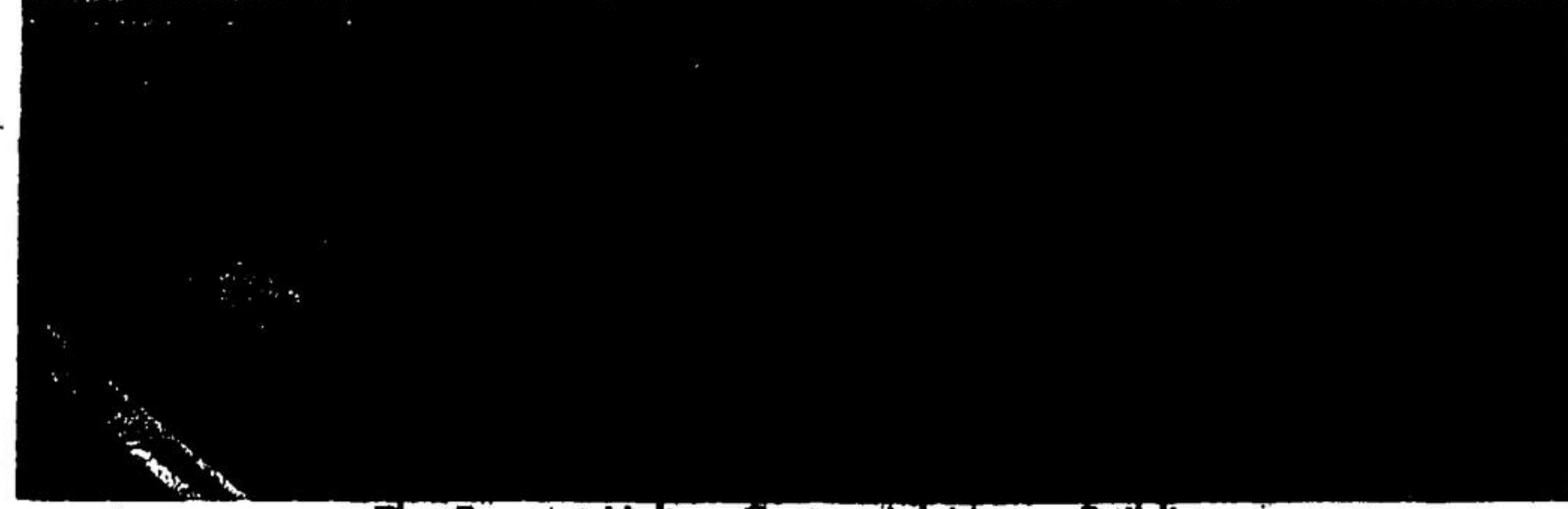
A number of key personnel will move to Acton but all others will be employed locally, with preference being given to applicants having previous experience in the operation of shoe machinery.

The move was necessitated by the need for increased production capacity and it is anticipated that a staff of 30 will be employed within a short period of time. Space which will be occupied will be approximately 6000 square feet, being the last area available in this building. Ten other companies are already operating in this same building.

**Eugene Braida President**

Eugene Braida, president of Hamilton Industrial Shoe Limited, is also president of Corona Shoe Co. Limited.

The new company is under the active management of Joseph Janczar who is at present commuting daily from Hamilton but who anticipates moving to Acton in the near future.



The Present Halton Centennial Manor Building

### Scouts, Cubs Gather 9,000 Lbs. of Paper

Over 9,000 pounds of old newspapers were gathered Saturday morning by 26 scouts and cubs assisted by the scout group committee. Proceeds from the sale of paper will be used for equipment and supplies for the boy scout movement in Acton.

Beginning at 9 a.m. scouts and cubs piled into five trucks and two station wagons and blitzed the town loading papers and old baskets until vehicles were full. After several return trips to the scout hall with full loads, scouts re-packed the papers on a Gov Transport truck and made the trek to Galt where papers were sold.

Ron Lewis, chairman of the scout group committee, expressed thanks to those who loaned vehicles for the drive, Pete Mason Motors, Symon Hardware, Acton Lumber Supplies, Town council and Gov Transport.

### Ballinafad Complaint Brings Second Boundary Approval

For the second time this year, Acton council endorsed the original resolution approving boundary changes for Acton, Milton and Georgetown high schools.

This was done Tuesday night at the request of deputy minister G.W. Booth of the Department of Education, who sought certified copies of this resolution from Acton, Georgetown and Milton school boards as well as from councils in the three towns and Esqueping and Nassagaweya townships.

During a special meeting of Milton Council Wednesday afternoon, members launched a formal objection against proposed changes in high school boundaries affecting Milton, Georgetown and Acton students.

It was decided to notify the Department of Education, "the changes are not in the best interests of the town of Milton," prior to a special hearing by the department to review the changes tomorrow (Friday).

This decision was made when it was learned Milton would lose \$119,975 worth of assessment (or \$1,164 cash annually) if the changes were allowed.

Action taken by Milton council is expected to stall the redistribution of school areas for at least another year.

Public Bids

Crown Assets Disposal Corporation notified council public bids would be requested for purchase of the old post office. During the last council meeting it was decided to inform Crown Assets the town was no longer interested in purchasing the building and wished to withdraw its \$10,000 offer.

A report from Acton Limestone Quarries regarding a blast during council's visit to the quarry Friday, May 24, when the seismograph was attached to the Beardmore, smokestack, stated the blast was recorded at 0011. The blast following Tuesday registered 0014 on the seismograph when it was attached to the grain elevators at Lindsay's flour mill. Quarry officials claim .03 is a safety area and no blast to date has registered above .03.

Council also:

- Engaged Parking Lot Construction and Maintenance Co. to mark the white lines on crosswalks and roads in town.
- Approved raising the working category of new employees Don Swackhamer and Matt Johnston from their probationary status to labor class 2.
- Gave approval for the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. to hold a tag day during the fall fair.
- Agreed to have No. 2 committee review the proposed by-law to prohibit heavy trucks from using Churchill Rd. S., and bring back a recommendation to council.

### Hydroplanes to Race At Y's Men's Regatta

Courses have been charted, test runs made and hydroplane motors whipped into top-notch performance for the Y's Men's Regatta at Fairy Lake this Saturday.

Members of the Oakville Hydroplane Club will race their fast, sleek craft in various heats on the lake Saturday afternoon as spectators line the shores to watch.

**Starts at 1 p.m.**

Races will get underway at 1 p.m. as hydroplanes, equipped to race from 20 to 70 miles per hour, skim over the water. Advance ticket sales will entitle ticket holders to several lucky draws. These will take place throughout the afternoon.

During the past few weeks, several members of the hydroplane club have made periodic visits to the lake and tested their craft on the smooth waters. Saturday, spills and thrills will be in store for those attending the event.

In order to prevent traffic jams on Mill St. W., Acton Council has approved a no-parking zone in this area for Saturday only. Police have been authorized to patrol this area and prohibit cars from parking.

During past performances by the hydroplanes, residents living in the east end of town heard the high-pitched roar of the motors and drove to the park to watch the boats manoeuvred around the lake.

Everyone attending the event Saturday is promised an afternoon of excitement but will be requested to stay well back from the shoreline in the interests of safety.

**Reject Suggestion To Re-Zone Property**

Extensive study was given the proposed rezoning by-law Thursday evening when planning board members met. The rezoned submission was presented to them two weeks before by consultants.

During the meeting, members rejected a recommendation from council to relocate the tennis and lawn bowling facilities and re-zone the present property as a commercial area.

This action was taken in favor of the board's original recommendation to have the present facilities stay where they are and council approach Beardmore and Co., owners of the property, with a view to purchasing the land.

### F. W. Rawlings Celebrates 93rd Birthday Saturday

A former Acton resident and well known to many living here, Frank W. Rawlings, now a resident of Guelph, celebrated his 93rd birthday Saturday, June 8.

Mr. Rawlings was honored during a family gathering at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Crago, Rockwood, with members of the family present.

While a resident of Acton, Mr. Rawlings was fond of gardening and the flower beds at his former home on Church St. were always much admired. He still enjoys working around the garden, but spends more of his leisure hours playing cribbage with friends or reading.

The Free Press joins with his many friends here in wishing the nonagenarian many more years of good health.

**91 Tots Registered**

Kindergarten enrollment for the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett public schools has reached the 90 mark to date.

Principals G. W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith anticipate additional enrolments before school begins next term. Enrollment at the Robert Little school for kindergarten is 50 and at the M. Z. Bennett school 41.

**Two Ham Operators Camp Out Make 240 Contacts by Radio**

Take a numerous amount of way conversations were carried on included Pittsburgh, Penn., Akron, Ohio; Royal Oak, Mich. and Belleville, Ontario as well as many local centres. Messages were received from as far south as Florida, Texas and the Bahamas but on account of atmospheric conditions the operators were unable to transmit messages.

The outing is by no means unique. Ham radio operators are doing this frequently and this is the second outing this year for these two men. The first was in January when the weather was colder.

**Visiting Hams**

Both Saturday and Sunday, they had a few other ham radio operators visit them including Wilo Near and Vic Smith of Acton, Harry Schmidt, Jim Schoenfeld and Milt Brooker of Georgetown.

A few curious residents also stopped in to see the campsite and many motorists travelling on Churchill Road stopped to gaze at the two tents equipped with high aerials on the peak of the hill.

What does one eat when on such an outing? Well, park chow, toast and coffee comes in handy for breakfast, steaks for dinner and plenty more food supplies for nibble on throughout the day.

**Field Day**

In two weeks' time the men hope to take part in a worldwide field day at Pelee Island under the auspices of the Guelph Club when it is anticipated radio operators throughout the world will be contacted by the use of all bands on the radios.

### Police Warn Against "Confidence" Racket

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He reported several incidents recently where older people have been approached by strangers posing as bank inspectors and who produce phoney identification. These confidence men in most cases tell the resident his or her account at the bank is being tampered with and ask that a sum of money be withdrawn in order to catch the offenders.

Corporal Mason urges everyone approached in this manner to make a mental note of his appearance, secure identification of his vehicle and obtain the license number, then call police immediately. He also asks that the bank manager be notified of the incident.

**Premier at P.C. Picnic**

Halton to Get Representation

Under hot sunny skies Sunday, Premier John Roberts reaffirmed to Halton Progressive Conservatives they would have provincial representation before another sitting of the Provincial Legislature was convened.

The premier was guest of honor at the annual Conservative picnic in Louville Park on Sunday afternoon. Also present was Hon. Ray Connell, Minister of Public Works and member for Wentworth.

**Study Road Problem**

Premier Roberts also assured the crowd the Department of Highways was already studying the 401 cloverleaf problems at the Campbellville Road since the opening of the new Mohawk Raceway. He also referred to the development of other roads in the county, including the road from Palermo south to Bromley and the Ninth Line at Georgetown.

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**Four Suggestions**

Possible areas recommended by the president for relocation of the facilities included either the high or public school grounds, the vacant area adjacent to Mason Knitting plant, which is owned by the C.N.R., property behind the Taster Freeze bordering on Peel Street and property at the foot of Frederick St. adjoining the tannery siding.

It was also noted in the letter the club did not recommend relocation in the park because there is not enough space available nor is it a suitable location. The park is too crowded on weekends now without tennis adding to the congestion, it was concluded.

Council members agreed to have number one committee investigate the problem and meet with Beardmore officials before bringing back a further recommendation.



PILES OF PAPERS were picked up Saturday during the Boy Scout paper and basket drive. Scouts and cubs blitzed the town in several trucks gathering the papers which were later loaded on a Gov Transport truck and taken to Galt for sale. Shown loading one of the town trucks left to right are town employee, Sam Tennant, cubs Bill Fabbian and Larry DeForest, while Gordon Reed and John Van Der Kamp find one of the old papers interesting reading.

A proposal for a 300-bed addition to Halton Centennial Manor, the county's home for the aged, will be presented "in the very near future" before the Ontario Department of Welfare, Manor Board official revealed Wednesday afternoon following their June meeting.

The Board will seek approval for an immediate 150-bed addition, designed so that another 150-beds could be added at a later date.

Probable cost is estimated at \$6,000 to \$8,000 a bed, or a total of \$1,800,000 to \$2,400,000 for the entire project. Provincial grants will subsidize the cost.

**Needed in Two Years**

"We have studied the need, and we will need it in two years' time," chairman F. A. Phillips, Reeve of Oakville said. "Now is the time to start planning it."

The addition, if approved by the Department, would more than double the Manor's present capacity of 225 beds, to a total of 525 beds.

Citing the rate of growth of Halton County, Warden C. A. Martin, a member of the Manor Board, suggested the Manor addition was needed more urgently than a tri-county jail that was recently proposed to serve Halton, Peel and Wellington Counties.

**Three Storeys**

Tentative plans for the addition call for a three-storey building located on Manor property at the rear of the present building, perhaps joined to the Manor by a tunnel. The first floor would include utility services such as boiler room and kitchen, with a 150-bed wing in the second floor and another 150-beds on the third floor.

Reeve Phillips noted preliminary studies have proven the need for the first 150-beds, and that the first two storeys would be constructed in the first phase of the program. The building would be designed so that a third floor and the extra 150-beds could be added at any time.

**Bed-Care Wards**

The addition would consist of mostly bed-care wards, serving residents who would not be able to get out-of-doors, therefore a two-storey building is ideal. The present Manor is sprawling maze of wings stretching out from the administration centre and kitchen area, designed to allow most residents free use of the outdoors without unnecessary walking.

Dr. Martin felt the addition could save the county "a considerable amount of money" over an earlier proposal to build an entirely separate home for the aged on another site.

"We have plenty of land there," he suggested.

When the first 132-bed addition to the original (1952) Manor was opened in 1961, Department officials said the building had reached its limit and if more accommodation was needed for aged residents, a new site would be needed. However the Board has learned, through preliminary discussion with architects, that the site would still be suitable for a large addition, and at a considerable saving of money.

Another factor in the Board's decision to add to the present location was the availability of the large auditorium, administration centre, laundry, staff residence and chapel in the present Manor, which could all serve the new addition.

**Tennis Club Recommends Four Places for Courts**

The letter from the tennis club, signed by president George Elliott, stated the club had been in existence for a number of years and during this time, not one year of operation had been missed through a shortage of members.

The writer stated that in all probability the club would continue for many more years if facilities were available. He also stressed the danger of destroying the continuity of the club if a place to play could not be found for a year or two.

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**Barbecue Chicken**

BARBECUE CHICKEN was the main course offered at the annual Conservative Picnic held Sunday afternoon in Louville Park. Here Bill Pendleton and family are shown receiving their half chickens that had been barbecued over a 60 foot barbecue pit. An estimated 1,500 attended the event under hot sunny skies.