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TANNED PIGSKIN HIDES are being removed from huge drums ready to move along the production line to the shaving machines. The finished product resulting from the new process is much in demand on the market and is known as Piggibuk, a trade name with Beardmore and Co. Ltd. The soft leather comes in a range of colors.

## Extension Branch Staff Finds Spring Busy Time

The new personnel in the agricultural office, Milton, are active with the numerous Spring projects. Henry J. Stanley, agricultural representative, is setting up

soil and crop projects. These include a date of planting and two atrazine projects on corn. In the date of planting project one acre plots of corn are to be

planted during the first week of May; on another acre, two weeks later; and the final plot during the first week of June. These are to determine the benefits of early planting of corn.

The atrazine project is to compare atrazine applied at normal pressure of 40 p.s.i. versus application at a high pressure — 90 p.s.i. — to control weeds in corn. The other is normal atrazine compared to atrazine in an oil and water emulsion.

**Assistant Active**  
Bruce Huff, summer assistant, is active with the H 4-H clubs.

Andrew Ellenberger, fruit and vegetable extension specialist, is very busy with the many inquiries at this time of year.

Larry Argue, engineering extension specialist for Halton and Peel counties, works from the Brampton office. However, appointments can be made to meet with Mr. Argue in the Milton office on Wednesdays of each week by calling the agricultural office, Milton, prior to Wednesday. The plans for building and remodeling etc., can be discussed in this interview. This will greatly speed up requests for engineering assistance.

Appointments can be made Mrs. Cosson, home economist for Halton and Peel. If anyone has a particular problem or wishes advice on any homemaking topic, contact the agricultural office and assistance will be given. An appointment would be arranged with Mrs. Cosson.

Immigration in Canada totalled 93,000 in 1963, and emigration from Canada is estimated at 80,000 persons in the year.

## "Piggibuk" Latest Beardmore Product Used for Shoes, Purses, Hats, Gloves

For over 100 years, Beardmore and Company Limited has led the field in processing top quality sole leather. Now, the Acton firm has branched out into processing pigskins for the manufacture of many products. Already, the demand for the leather is keeping a special department going full speed and company officials expect a still greater demand for the leather.

It is difficult to believe that a material which has been made and used for 20,000 years can be continually improved. However, the tanning industry, under pressure from an ever-increasing number of synthetic and substitute, has undergone a technological revolution, which has, within a generation, brought more change and improvement in the craft of leather-making than has been seen since the dawn of history.

### Leather Centre

In Acton, often referred to as the Leather Centre of Canada, skilled chemists and technicians combine their knowledge and experience to produce a wide variety of leathers, recognized for quality, not only by Canadian manufacturers but by leather users in many countries of the world.

The development of new products is equally as important as the need to continually improve long-established lines. The latest product to make an impression in the leather industry is "Piggibuk", a beautiful suede leather made from Canadian pigskins.

### "Piggibuk"

"Piggibuk" (registered trademark) is a silky, soft, comfortable leather, practical enough for a man's casual shoe, yet luxurious enough for a woman's evening shoe.

A small, distinctive tag attached to every shoe tells the buyer

that "Piggibuk" captures "the magic touch of leather" but is treated with "Scotchgard" to resist dirt and stains, and can be washed with detergent suds.

The story of "Piggibuk" is the story of determination on the part of many people to overcome many obstacles. The best pigskins in the world come from Poland and Yugoslavia — the animals are large and the skin is entirely removed.

### Skins Difficult to Obtain

In North America, hogs are marketed small and lean and most of the carcass is sold with the hind on, so that the only skin available is from the bacon areas. A shoe manufacturer will only cut small pieces of leather if the product has special qualities to compensate for higher cutting costs. Further problems arise in taking off the skins and processing them, due to the peculiar fibre structure.

Canada Packers Limited, whose "Canpack" mechanical hide puller is used in most large packing houses throughout the world, worked with personnel of Beardmore and Co. Ltd. to develop a machine which will take off the pigskins satisfactorily. While this machine was being developed, the tanning and finishing process for the leather was being worked out in Acton, using skins laboriously removed by hand.

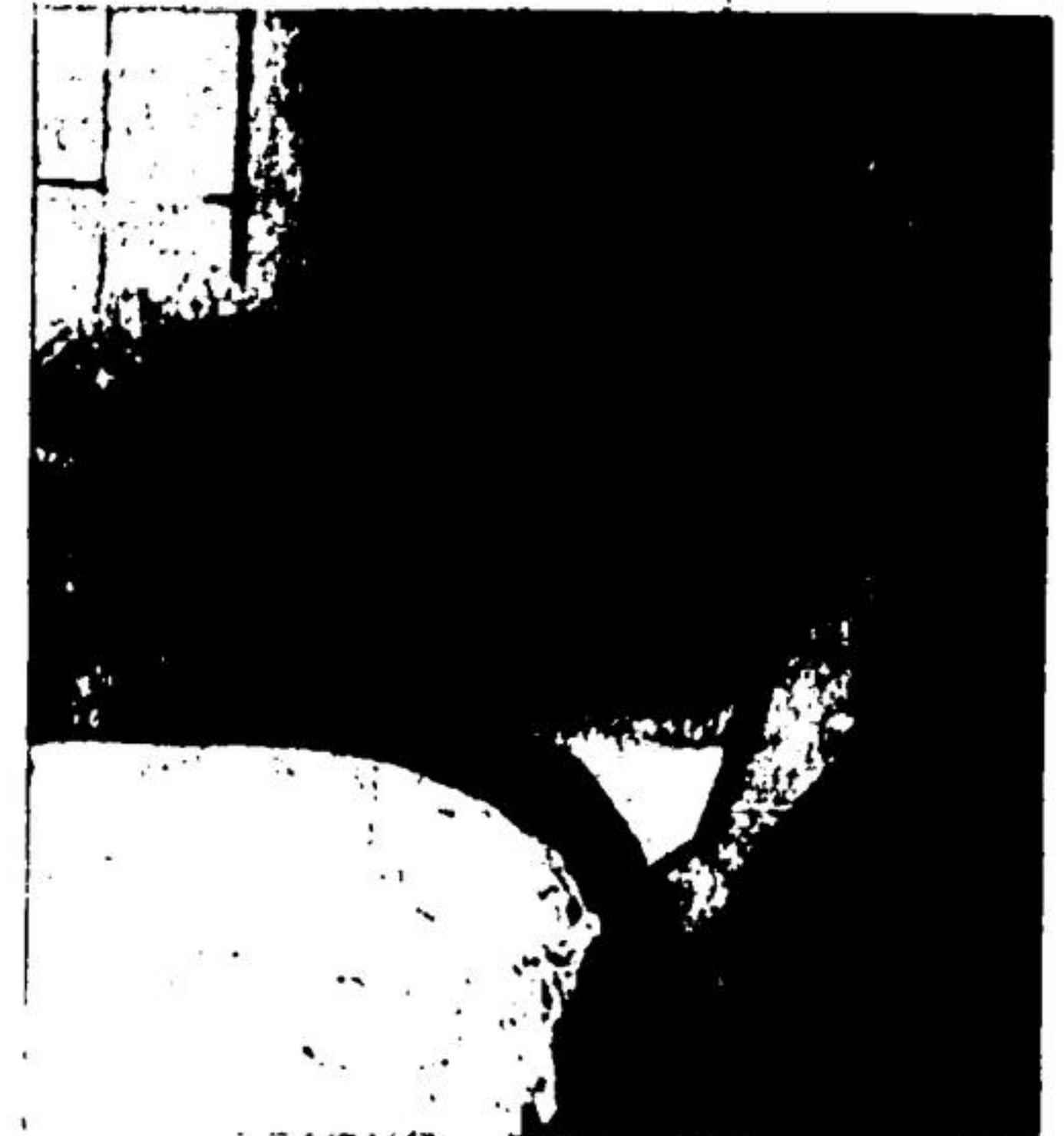
### Unique Leather

The final result was a leather so unique and brilliant in color that it was featured at the recent Shoe and Leather Fair in Montreal by some of the largest manufacturers of Canadian footwear.

Through associations with Canadian footwear factories, manufacturers in other countries received samples, and orders have been coming in from the United States, Africa, the United Kingdom, Holland and other European countries.

### Phone from Australia

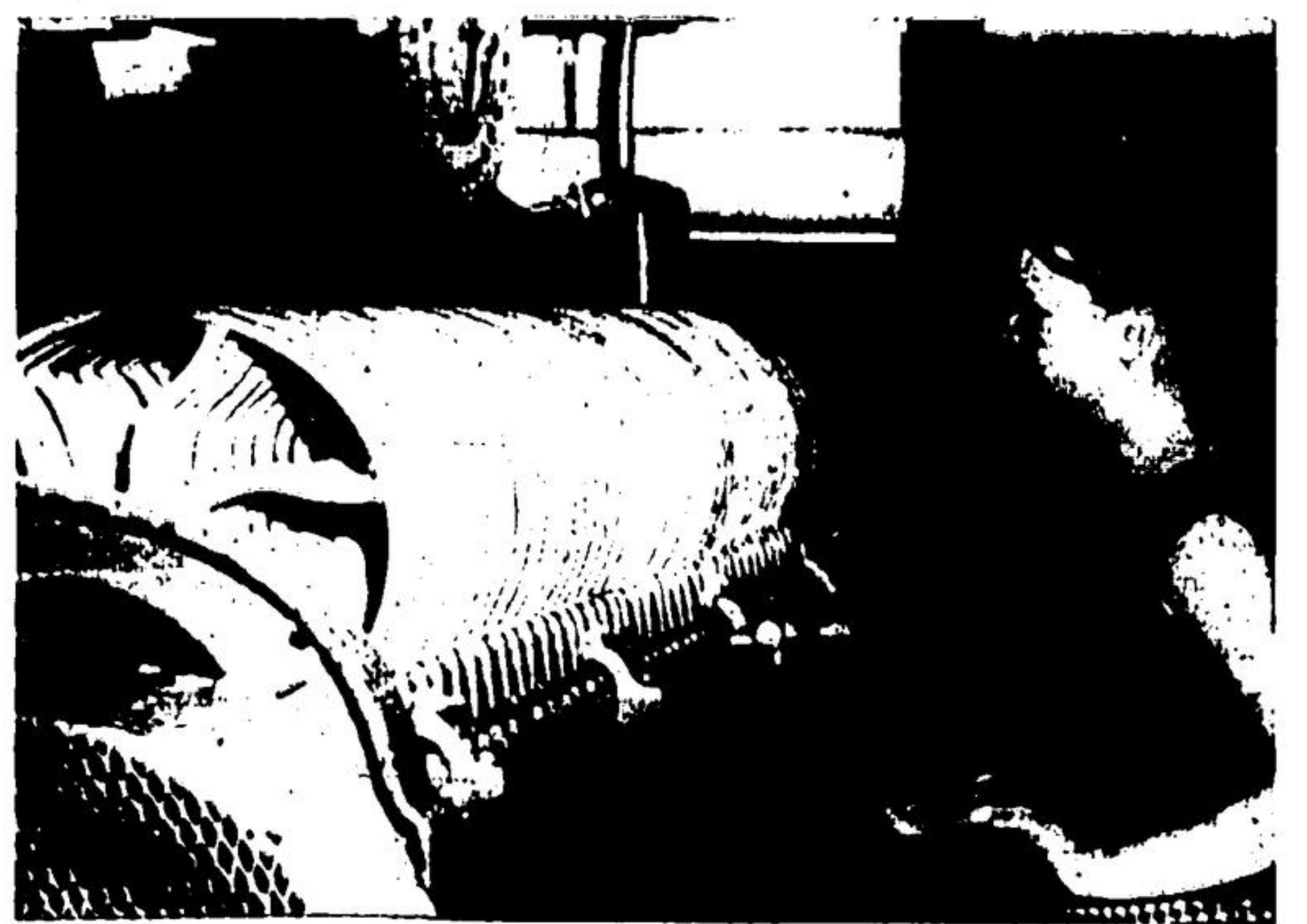
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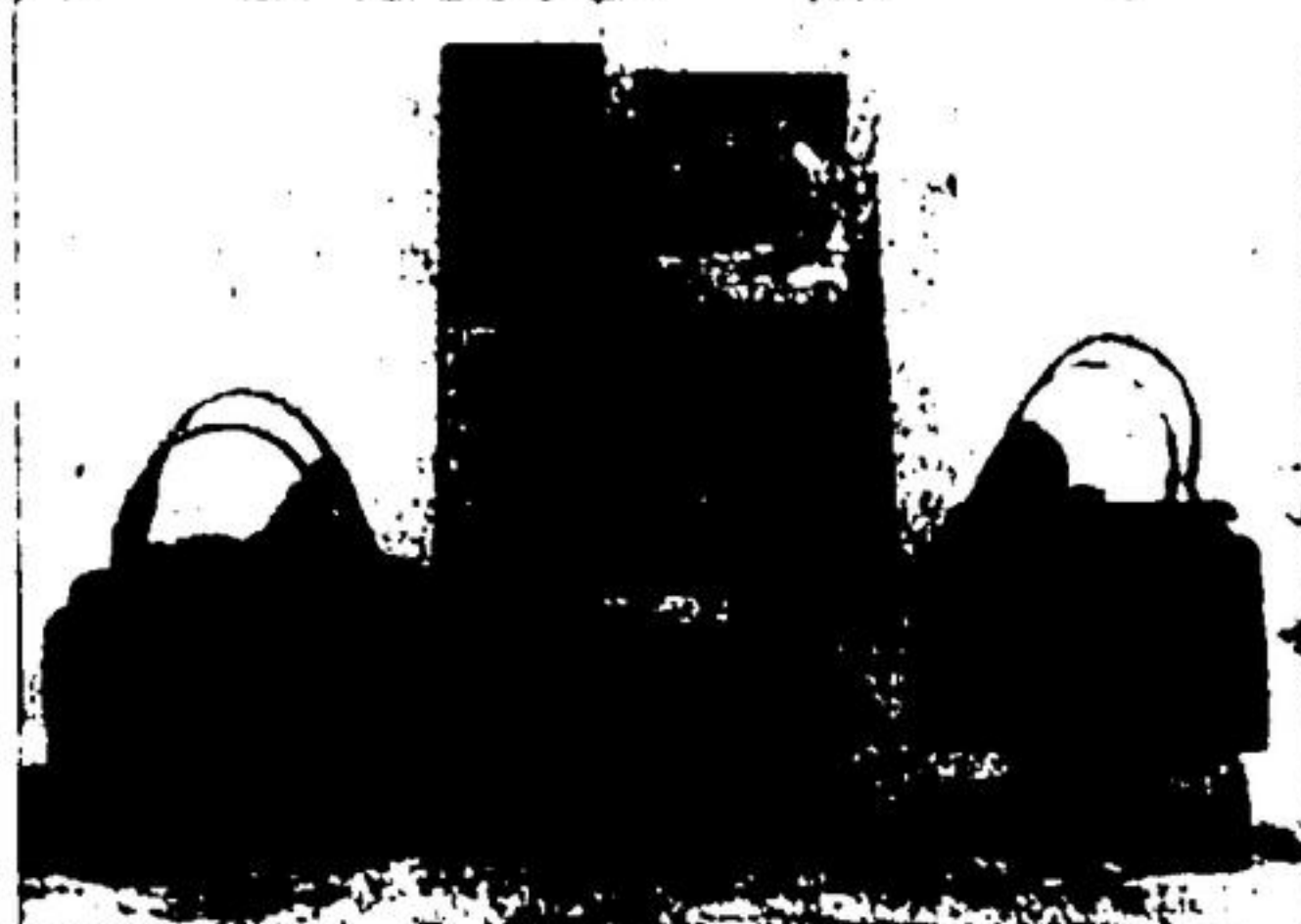
PIGSKINS ARE BEING shaved for proper weight before moving along the production line to the next process. The process from start to finish is a lengthy one and it is planned most of the process will be contained in a new section recently completed.



TANNED HIDES must be dried before they can be trimmed and three tannery workers are seen using toggles to stretch the hides on drying boards before they are hung to dry in steam-heated rooms.



MEASURING LEATHER after it is trimmed, following tanning and drying process is important in the new "Piggibuk" leather. This machine records the exact weight of each piece before packing and shipping.



PIGGIBUK BRAND products will be on display this weekend at the Cameo Shop on Mill Street. The products made from this new type pigskin leather manufactured at Beardmore and Co. Ltd. include handbags with matching shoes, curling boots (made by Corona Shoe Company) and casuals. Hats, gloves and coats are expected to be ready for the market soon. This is a new process for Beardmore's and the leather is selling well.



## TAX NOTICE — 1964

MUNICIPALITY OF ACTON

### FIRST INSTALMENT NOW DUE

Attention is drawn to the payment of 1964 taxes, which are now payable in four instalments. Taxes are payable to the Municipal Treasurer at the

**Town of Acton Municipal Office**  
(Y.M.C.A. Building)

INSTALMENTS ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS

FIRST INSTALMENT - MAY 15th  
SECOND INSTALMENT - JULY 15th  
THIRD INSTALMENT - SEPTEMBER 15th  
FOURTH INSTALMENT - NOVEMBER 15th

According to the Tax Collection By-law a penalty of 2/3 of 1 per cent, per month will be added on the amount remaining unpaid after the 15th day of May.

This penalty applies to each instalment in a similar manner. The attention of Ratepayers is directed to the Penalties and other clauses as printed and explained in detail on every Tax Bill.

MAKE PAYMENT NOW AND TAKE YOUR TAX NOTICE WITH YOU WHEN MAKING PAYMENT

J. McGEACHIE, Collector.

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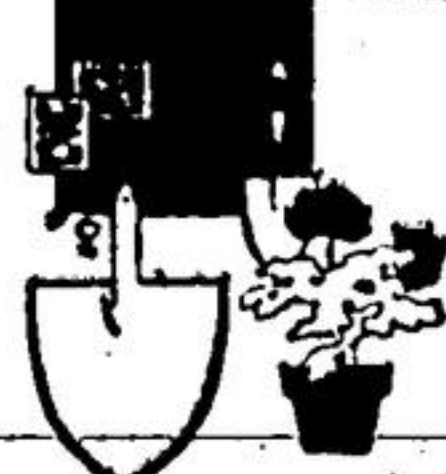
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