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## Grass Fire Season Begins Bonfire Permits Required

"Don't light that bonfire yet! Obtain a permit first or you may find yourself in trouble," is the warning issued this week by Fire Chief Mick Holmes.



FIRE CHIEF HOLMES

### Rotarians Take Tour Of Beardmore Plant

Acton Rotarians went out on a little shoe leather Tuesday evening following their regular dinner meeting when they took a tour of the Beardmore and Co. Ltd. plant.

The tour was arranged by Beardmore officials as part of a program to allow tours of the plant by local organizations. Rotarians saw first hand the entire operation of leather manufacture from raw hides to the finished product.

Rotarians were divided into four groups headed by George Lee, Charles Heard, Murray Smith and Frank Simons, for the tour throughout the plant. At the conclusion, plant president W. J. Beatty welcomed the club and expressed his thanks for the interest shown by the members in local industry.

Each club member received a gift as a memento of the visit to the plant.

### Tanners' Tribute

Acton Tanners have just bowed out of their best season since the 40's, and the Free Press and town merchants pay tribute to them today in news columns and a full-page advertisement. See the full-page ad by the merchants who boast Acton; page 2, Hartley Coles' popular sports column page 3; the account of Monday's final game page 1; other games on page 1.

about the fire by-law approved by council requiring residents first to receive a permit before lighting fires. With the time of year for grass fires at hand, Acton Firefighters are asking everyone to take special precautions even after obtaining a permit.

Each year at this time, homeowners are anxious to get into the garden and rake up dead leaves and winter's debris into a pile. The easiest method of disposing of these is to light a match and let everything go up in flames.

"Remember! The grass is tinder dry and fire spreads fast. Don't let it get out of control," reminds the chief. If a bonfire is a necessity, residents are reminded to either have a couple of pails of water or a garden hose handy as well as brooms to douse the blaze in the event it begins to burn out of control. A shovel is also a handy instrument to head off fire, reminds the chief.

Many Alarms  
Fire Chief Holmes said that grass fire calls normally make up about two-thirds of the year's alarms which not only create a hazard to Fire Fighters but an expense to ratepayers as well.

"Children who are allowed to carelessly play with matches are a source of trouble," the chief said. "Many of the grass fires in remote areas with no obvious cause are the result of children having matches." Mr. Holmes stressed the important part parents play in preventing unnecessary fires by telling their children not to carry matches or play with fire.

"Even though a person obtains a permit to light a bonfire, this does not give him the liberty of being careless. Everyone should take every precaution to control the fire," the chief said.

Don't Chase Truck  
Another thorn to the Fire Department when the siren sounds is the thrill-seeker who roars after the fire truck in his automobile, forming a tailgating procession behind the truck. "As well as being illegal, the truck chasers make it awkward to manoeuvre at the scene of a fire and often block a second truck which might have to be called to the scene," the chief stated.

"Although the Volunteer Fire Department is fully trained to cope with any type of fire, remember, they are ordinary working people who could suffer injury resulting in a loss of production to their industries," the chief said.

Everyone is reminded of the Fire Prevention Slogan "Don't Give Fire a Place to Start".



MOGYBUK LEATHER was emphasized Tuesday evening as Acton Rotarians toured the Beardmore and Co. limited plant. Company president W. J. Beatty welcomed the club members. Left to right are club treasurer Jim McCulloch, tour guide Charles Heard, first vice president Mac Sprout, tour guide George Lee and club president Fred Gordon as they admire Pogybuk skins and shoes made from the product.

### Four Straight

## Huskies Topple Tardy Tanners Make Clean Sweep of Series

Durham Huskies won the W.O.A.A. Int. C. Major championship with a 6-3 victory over Acton Tanners Monday night.

The Huskies delighted 1,500 fans, who jammed their way into the Durham arena by breaking a 33 tie late in the game and adding two last minute goals for a straight sweep of the best of seven series.

There was very little to choose between the teams in their final duel, fought to the last whistle. The Tanners came up with one of their best efforts of the series and with the right mill of the puck might have prolonged it. They bowed out, however, to a well balanced Durham club who proved to be, if not the best team, one which could put the puck in the net.

W.O.A.A. representative Dick Parker presented the trophy to Andy Grant, Durham captain, at the end of the game. The Huskies will set their sight for a W.O.A.A. grand championship next.

Penalties played an important role in the fourth contest as they did in the first three. Huskies took a 2-0 first period lead while First Kentner waited out a 10-minute misconduct. Both goals came within a two minute span with Lawrence hitting the target from directly in front and Nixon poking the puck away from Max Stafford at the Husky blue line and going in with veteran Andy Grant to register.

Sweeney Stars  
Further Husky markers were delayed by the sensational tie-up feuding of Jim Sweeney in the Acton net. He came up with big saves on several Durham breaks, keeping the Tanners in contention while they were shaky.

The Tanners made a quick recovery when Max Stafford and Billy Wheeler combined to beat Schwindt at the 16-minute mark with Max drilling in the rebound. From that point the Acton club started to dominate the play.

During the scoreless second period both goalkeepers turned in flawless performances while the sides weathered five penalties, three of which were served by Huskies.

Durham emerged from the second period still ahead 2-1 with the Tanners coming on strong but Bob Davis took crafty Andy Grant's relay at 1:22 of the third and marched right in to score. His shot hit the post and ricocheted past Sweeney.

Tanners' Loss  
Three minutes later with two Huskies and one Tanager in the sin bin Junior Beaumont cashed in another goal-mouth pass to put the Acton team right back in there. Less than four minutes later the coach tipped in his second of the night from a goal-mouth shot by Stafford to tie it up. It was a new game. The Tanners sensed victory.

But victory was not to be. Max Stafford took the gate at 10:55 for throwing elbows and while he was off Jim Nixon, the Durham star, caked-walked in and shot what proved to be the winner. Sweeney never had a chance.

The Tanners never gave up. Several close calls in the Durham end didn't net a counter with two of the Tanners missing open nets. Finally at the 19:10 mark old Andy Grant banked in Nixon's relay after the Husky pivot recovered a loose puck in his own end. Nixon got another with 17 seconds left to play but it was only window dressing. No one made a move to stop him.

Hands were shook all around when the game was over.

First Period  
D—J. Lawrence (J. Schafer) 10:33  
D—J. Nixon (A. Grant) 12:30  
A—M. Stafford (Wheeler) 16:00  
Pens. — Hopkins, Kentner 2 & 10, Baxter.

Second Period  
Pens. — Kentner, E. Schafer, Noble, Marshall, McEachern.

Third Period  
D—B. Davis (A. Grant) 1:22  
A—J. Beaumont (B. Inglis, Stafford) 4:55  
A—J. Beaumont (Stafford) 4:55  
D—Nixon 12:45  
D—Grant (Nixon) 19:10  
D—Nixon (Grant) 19:43  
Pens. — Reeves, Allen, McKenzie, Stafford, Allen.

Acton — J. Sweeney goal, Fred Kentner, Bob Marshall, Max Stafford, Gerry Inglis defense, Blake Inglis, Don McKenzie, Junior Beaumont, Jim Farrelly, Bill Wheeler, Emmerson Baxter, Ugo Bolzon, Ron Melton, Harold Townsend, forwards.

Durham — W. Schwindt goal, L. Schafer, J. Schafer, J. Nixon, B. Allen, A. Grant, B. Davis, D. Reeves, R. Reeves, C. McEachern, J. Lawrence, B. Mortley, D. Ross, B. Pinder, H. Noble, J. D. Hopkins.

Officials — P. Schram, Stratford; Fred Dunmore, Stratford.

Widen CNR Crossing  
For Highway Change

The Mill Street C.N.R. crossing is being prepared for the highway widening planned for this summer. C.N.R. workmen are setting back the wig-wag signals prior to the highway widening program beginning.

## Tories Name Federal Man Friday Coulter, Masson Seek Nomination

The man who is expected to oppose sitting Liberal M.P., Dr. Harry Harley of Oakville in the next federal election will be chosen by Halton Progressive Conservatives at a nominating convention slated for Milton this coming Friday evening.

To date just two candidates have tossed their hats into the ring — with Nassagaweya Township Reeve Bill Coulter of Campbellville presently holding a slight edge over Oakville Mayor Allan Masson.

Both have been in the field for months, actively campaigning behind the scenes to win the support of the 76 voting delegates expected to attend Friday's convention.

Green, Gudgeon Out  
Two others rumored as being in the competition for the title of federal standard-bearer were definitely listed as out of the race this week.

Eric Gudgeon of Burlington, a former Nelson Township politician, is on holiday at Daytona Beach, Florida, and is not expected home until four days after the convention. Miltonian David T.



Allan Masson

Green, also rumored as a hopeful, admitted he had aspirations toward the post but could not take the time to campaign for the seat in this next election.

Former president of the county organization, Gordon Beatty of Acton, often rumored as a possible candidate, has not confirmed his intentions.

With only Coulter and Masson left in the race, the convention is not expected to be loud, long or lively as the last P.C. nominating convention that was held in Milton, January 25, 1963. That was the night Burlington lawyer George Kerr won out in a five-man race to become the party's provincial nominee, and he went on to beat Burlington Mayor Owen Mullin in the ensuing election.

That night over 800 attended and it took a lot of speeches, some lively processions and spirited campaigning, plus four ballots, to name a winner.

Winning Fight  
Observers say Mayor Masson has a lot of support in the Oakville-Burlington area, where the majority of convention delegates reside, but that Reeve Coulter is gaining ground and winning over a lot of supporters — not only from friends in that north section of the county, but also from youthful Y.P.C. delegates in the south.

Returning officer for Friday's balloting will be Doug Latimer of Georgetown. He said there are 734 voting delegates, with about 400 of these from Oakville and Burlington. A candidate will need a clear majority (369 votes) to win the race.

Allan Masson  
Allan M. Masson was born in Toronto and is 51 years old. He received his education in Toronto schools and began working for Household Finance Corp., remaining there for 17 years with the exception of three years

during the second world war when he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. In 1952 he founded his own firm, Independent Finance in Oakville where he remains today as owner-manager.

He was a councillor in Oakville six years and has been Mayor since January, 1964. He is a former president of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce and head of the Chamber's scholarship fund. Mr. Masson has headed the Red Cross and United Appeal drives in Oakville and has served as a steward at St. John's United Church for four years.

Club Member  
He is a member of the Oakville and Port Credit yacht clubs, the Oakville club and the Albany club.

Both men intend to carry on their municipal council duties, if they are chosen as P.C. nominees for the federal election.

County Councillor  
For the past three years he has been a member of Halton County Council, and his work included chairmanship of the property and administration committee in 1964-5, and the administration of justice committee for the same two years.

In his youth Mr. Coulter was an active scout in Toronto and earned his King's Scout badge and Gold-Cord, the highest honors in Scouting. For the past four years he has been Nassagaweya representative on the 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authority (now merged with the 12 Authority and known as Halton Region Conservation Authority). He's a member of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Campbellville, the Milton Curling Club and Campbell Lodge No. 603, Campbellville.

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year as deputy-reeve and the last two as reeve. When elected reeve in 1964 he was the youngest reeve in the township's history.

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## Public Meeting Draws Just One In Unique Support for Changes

Only one ratepayer showed up at a public meeting Thursday evening of last week when Planning Board proposed two changes to the official plan. Bruce Shoemaker registered support of the proposed changes rather than customary objections.

Chairman Aldo Brandt registered surprise at Mr. Shoemaker's support saying "This is the first

time in my four years on the board anyone has taken the trouble to attend a public meeting specifically to support an issue". Mr. Shoemaker stated he attended to support an amendment to first change the zone of certain land at the Robert Little school to allow erection of a public library and secondly to change the zoning of Rogers Feed Store to allow erection of a laundromat.

The public meeting was called to entertain both objectors and supporters to the proposed amendment according to regulations outlined by the Ontario Municipal Board.

At the conclusion of the public hearing board members went into regular session and discussed and approved separation of a piece of property measuring 150 feet in length by 300 feet in depth on Anthony Seymour property on Wallace Ave. to allow erection of a band hall by Acton Citizens' Band.

Board members discussed a proposal by council to have the board send out notices to every resident within 300 feet of any property under question with regards to a zoning change. At present, the board is only compelled to publish a notice in the local paper regarding a public meeting to deal with a change to the official plan.

Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin and councillor Robert Drinkwater said council would like the board to consider sending individual notices to residents living within a 300 foot radius of any property under question. Board members agreed to discuss the proposal at the next meeting.

Approval was given for payment amounting to \$1,096.74 to Project Planning Consultants for work on the new zoning bylaw and also to renew membership in the Community Planning Association of Ontario at \$25.

## Fairy Lake Still Frozen Said Latest in Memory

Although Easter was late this year, so is spring. Record low temperatures for this date with wet, clinging snow hampered the traditional observance of Easter in new spring clothes, but churches were filled to capacity. Special services midweek and on Good Friday were also well attended throughout town.

Saturday's heavy snowfall inspired the Denny sisters, Sandra and Brenda, with a brainwave — an Easter snowman. He turned out to be a snow sculpted rabbit with long ears, carrying a real Easter basket, on their lawn on Elizabeth Drive.

Ice, No Frogs  
There is still ice on the pond, and a nearby resident says this is the latest he can ever recall it. The ice is generally gone by the first week in April or the second at the latest.

Cold weather has also resulted in a late awakening for the frogs around the banks of the pond and in the swamps in the countryside. They have always begun their April croaking well before this date.

Flocks of Geese  
Flocks of Canada Geese went over town Monday and Tuesday, headed north. Just at dusk Monday a flock went over in perfect V formation. Tuesday morning another group, looked as they flew, went straight up Main St.

Bush is still banked with snow and ice and in only sheltered spots ice is still solid. Elsewhere there's mud.

With Daylight Saving Time beginning this Sunday at 12:01, there have been very few springlike days. There was warmth and sunshine the first of March, but very little of it since.

### 34th Annual

## Crowd Packs Auditorium At Halton Music Festival Finals

Acton Robert Little public school auditorium was packed to capacity Wednesday evening of last week with a large crowd of parents and friends, to hear finalists wind up the 34th annual Halton Music Festival.

Adjudicator Edwin Ferguson, director of music for Waterloo Oxford high school, praised the young singers competing both Tuesday and Wednesday and handed verbal bouquets to school music supervisors.

President J. M. Bell welcomed the crowd and chairman William Benson of the Acton public school board extended his greetings on behalf of the board. Introduction of the adjudicator was made by Inspector O. W. McDowell.

New Competitions  
As well as three new classes being judged, some of the winners from the previous day participated with winning songs.

In the triple duet, competition for schools with six rooms and under, Campbellville placed first, to win the Miss Ruth Evans trophy, which was presented by principal Eric Balkind of Limehouse school.

Limehouse school won second place and received the Ebenezer

Church choir shield, which was presented by Mrs. M. Hayward, church organist and choir leader.

Competition in the triple trio class for schools with seven rooms and over was keen, with Milton J. M. Denves school winning the Milton Kinsmen Club trophy, presented by Mr. Bell, and Glen William school took second.

Don't be Late  
If the TV programs you watch Sunday appear to be contradictory to the listings or you're late for church, chances are you haven't advanced the clock an hour to Daylight Saving Time.

Before you retire for bed Saturday, don't forget to advance the clock an hour as Daylight Saving Time begins one minute after midnight Saturday. The only consolation for the sleepy-eyed objector who loses an hour's sleep at this time of year is the fact the hour can be gained back October 31 when clocks are returned to Standard Time.

Previous winners, delighted the audience with their song "Vesper Hymn", and Brookville senior choir sang their winning selection, "An Easter Carol".

Special appreciation for helping to make the festival a success was expressed to all who participated by Mr. Bell and K. F. Trowbridge, principal of Brookville school.

The evening concluded with the singing of The Queen.



RETIRING AS TREASURER of Churchill church after 35 years of service, Harold Griffin was honored at the morning service Sunday when he received a gold wrist watch. On Tuesday his father, S. E. Griffin, celebrated his 95th birthday and was at the church Sunday for the presentation. Left to right are Harold Griffin, S. E. Griffin, church pastor George Bates, new treasurer Bruce Leitch and Ralph Denny, chairman of the board of stewards, who made the presentation.