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Years at Tannery Total 482 As 15 Men Retire Thursday

Fifteen Beardmore and Co. Ltd. workers who racked up a total of 482 years of service punched the time clock for the last time Thursday of last week — which happened to be Dominion Day.

The men were feted by company directors, superintendents, their department foremen and plant supervisors during a social gathering before leaving the plant.

President W. J. Beatty in thanking the men for their valued and lengthy service explained the compulsory retirement plan was in keeping with modern business practice in industry today. He also pointed out the retirement plan applied to everyone regard less of position, whether it be production or administrative.

Mr. Beatty expressed his sympathy with the men in their search to keep occupied in their retirement but stated several had already found other employment. Following are the employees, listing total number of years service, who retired: Alec Orr, 51 years; George Keelan, 24; Al Willis, 43, including employment with Anglo-Canadian; Earl Marshall, 38; Fred Anderson, 42; George Golden, 16; Bill Braida, 37; Alcide Villomiere, 15; Herman Frueler, 28; Bob Turner, 42; Stan Cripps, 40; Alec Mann, 31; John Spahar, 27. Two others who were not present for the get-together but were included in the total number of years employed were G. D. Williamson, 18 and Harry Rogers, 32.

Mr. Beatty noted that the group would possibly be the largest to retire at one time and it was expected a few would reach this stage every quarter.

Dave Manes Owner Of Erin IGA Store

Dave Manes, president of J. D. R. Manes Ltd., announced this week the purchase of a second IGA store at Erin. The Erin store, which was taken over Monday, was formerly owned by Robert Meehan Ltd.

Named manager of the Acton store is a brother, Harold Manes, who will be assisted by another brother, Tom Manes. The staff at the Acton store remains the same.

At the new store in Erin, present staff will be increased and a manager named at a later date. Meanwhile, the president of the firm is expected to spend most of his time at the newly-acquired store.

Dave Manes, who was born in Streetsville, moved to Acton with his parents 11 years ago. His first job after leaving school was working for James Ledger, former owner of Ledger's IGA store here. After working as manager for several years, he purchased the business in April, 1963.

Mr. Manes, married with two children, expects to move to Erin as soon as his home on Acton Boulevard is sold. After a manager has been appointed for his Erin store, the president expects to commute between the two stores.

Four Injured Sunday Crash

Four Acton and district people were injured in a two-car collision at the intersection of 25 Sideroad and the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya, Thursday evening of last week.

The cars were driven by Kenneth McKinnon of 33 Cobblehill Rd., Acton, and Alexander Spurrell of R.R. 2, Rockwood. Mr. McKinnon received head injuries and Mrs. Donald McKinnon of the same address suffered fractured fingers and possible chest injuries. Both were hospitalized in Milton District Hospital.

Two passengers in the Spurrell vehicle, Mrs. Gail Spurrell and her daughter Linda, aged three, were also injured. Mrs. Spurrell had a bruised nose and Linda had a bruised thigh and abdominal injuries. Const. R. Burke of Milton O.P.P. investigated.

Nassagaweya Permits

Big Year for Construction

Building permits with a total value of \$281,100 have been issued by the Township of Nassagaweya for the first six months of 1965, clerk Calvin McIntyre reported this week.

An addition to the Brookville school, the construction of a commercial building and the construction of several residences, brought the total for June to \$97,600, the highest total of any month so far this year.

The construction of several residences, a pump house for the new Milton well in the Kelso conservation area, a permit for the Campbellville Post Office and a permit for a new commercial building, accounted for the rest of the six month total.

The six-month total surpasses the whole 1964 total by more than \$80,000. In 1964 permits were issued for \$199,900. The highest year on record in Nassagaweya was 1962 when permits were issued for construction valued at \$1,715,625. The major item in the total was Mohawk Raceway.

Buick Stolen Masson Motors

Acton O.P.P. Constable Nick Farnon is investigating a break-in at Masson Motors, during which a 1963 Buick was taken and approximately \$100 in cash.

Terry Masales, employee at Masson Motors, reported the break-in July 1, when he noticed the back window had been smashed. The stolen car has not been recovered to date.

Accepts Position

Peter Hurst, Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hurst, 294 Arthur St., has accepted a position as foreign communicator with the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa. He began Monday.



BILLY BUTLER, former pupil of Miss M. Z. Bennett who taught at Woodside school in 1899, pins a rose on his teacher during ceremonies at the school closing Saturday afternoon. Mr. Butler was four years of age when he first attended school and began to learn the three R's from Miss Bennett.

Summer Playground Program Begins; 150 Youngsters Register on Monday

Acton community centre and Prospect Park are a hive of activity daily as over 150 youngsters take part in the summer playground program and swimming lessons.

Under the direction of Recreation Director Harris Roe, seven playground leaders and two swimming instructors will be kept busy every day. Miss Donna Landsborough, supervisor for the playground program, has as assistants, Jo Marie Marchment, Lois Kirkwood, Cavell Marshall, Linda Ralston, Barbara Nicolai and Joanne Landsborough.

Looking after swimming instruction are Steven Dubois and Mary Lou Perry. In the afternoon swimming classes at present are about 50 youngsters taking lessons in the "Learn to Swim" class. The instructors are also conducting a special session in the morning for about 10 who have had previous instruction.

Monday afternoon mass registration took place for the playground program and the recreation director was assisted during this time by his wife Mrs. Roe, Mrs. Harold Denny, Mrs. John Krapick and Mrs. G. Brav.

Youngsters taking part in this program enjoy music, crafts, drama, games and all kinds of sports.

June Above Average

Rain Grants Farmers Reprieve

During the month of May rain in the Acton area totalled 1.33 inches which was two inches short of average. In June the area had more than average with a total of 2.95 inches.

To date this month, there has been a total of 22 inches and Wednesday's rain, which was welcomed by both farmers and avid gardeners, was still falling when these figures were compiled at noon by Walter Lock, local statistician for the Meteorology Air Services for the Department of Transport.

Acton and this farm area had considerably more rain in June than farther south in Halton.

"Welcome" "The rain was welcomed by Halton County farmers," said Henry Stanley, agricultural representative for Halton.

Corn, although quite thin on the ground, is showing new vigor and growing rapidly since the rain, he said. Having is about 90 per cent completed and the second growth is "doing quite well." First cutting hay yields were variable — ranging from 30 to 100 per cent normal in the county, he added.

Most farmers who are short of hay have been able to purchase sufficient hay in their own neighborhood, while others have travelled north to Wellington County to purchase additional hay. Some hay is still available in central and north Wellington, the agricultural office in Milton reports.

Mr. Stanley suggested that, due to extreme drought conditions in eastern Ontario, local farmers would be well advised to purchase their hay requirements now, rather than wait until the fall or winter when prices could be considerably above last year's level.

Some farmers report 1965 has been the driest year in 15 years, and the worst growing year since the 1930's. A few pastures are reportedly dried up and farmers fear a slow-down in milk production.

Nassagaweya to Protest Federal Redistribution

Opposition to the proposed redistribution of federal ridings was expressed Monday by Nassagaweya councillors, and they agreed to have a representative submit a protest at a redistribution hearing in the fall.

Under the recently announced redistribution plan, Nassagaweya Township would become a part of Wellington Riding which would include Guelph, Paris, Nassagaweya, Eramosa, Puslinch, Beverley and South Dumfries. Councillors indicated they favoured the provincial plan for the redistribution of ridings, which would have Nassagaweya, Acton, the 10 uppermost lots of Esqueving and Burlington in a new riding with the proposed name of Burlington or West Halton.

Councillors also approved a notice of intention to introduce a zoning by-law at their next regular meeting. It will principally be a holding by-law until a more precise by-law and official plan can be prepared.

In other business conducted at the meeting, councillors:

- Accepted the tender of J. B. Frank for painting the interior of the Township Hall at a cost of \$976.68. The bid was the lowest of two received and includes double coats of paint.

New Folder

Tyler Transport Limited is advertising Acton on a smart, informative folder they begin distributing this week. As well as information about the firm, the red, white and black folder has a map of the town, a "welcome to Acton", lists the professional people, businessmen and factories, and gives pertinent information.

Woodside School Bows to Progress Closes Doors at Reunion Saturday

After 77 years of housing pupils, Woodside school closed its doors for the final time Saturday. On hand for the ceremony were over 300 former pupils and 10 ex-teachers.

The old red schoolhouse, built in 1888, went out of circulation in great style with the reunion of former teachers and schoolmates. A new central school built at Osprunge will house area pupils in September to mark progress in education as the one room school house fades into the past.

In spite of the passing of the "little old schoolhouse", memories of the past 77 years will never be forgotten by many.

Saturday, teachers and pupils alike reminisced about incidents which have taken place. Each of the 10 teachers who were present with a rose Saturday told of former experiences at Woodside with pupils who were in attendance at the reunion — from the pupil who fell asleep at his desk to the one who ran home again on his first day at school.

Guest speaker Dr. Andrew Molozzi, a graduate of the old school who is now in charge of Canada's third satellite program, reminded ex-pupils of the things they enjoyed while at Woodside and said "the children in the city missed these occasions." He told of riding his horse to school and turning the animal to pasture while attending classes.

He told his audience of eager listeners. "Although Woodside school is closing its doors, the doors of knowledge can never be closed." He also reviewed a few of his experiences working on the satellite program and produced a scale model of the current satellite.

Work Continues Western Ranch

Although work on low-lying ground was held up for some time due to heavy rainfall at Silver Spur Recreation Ground being developed north of Acton, construction has begun again at a rapid pace.

Cow-owners of the project Kenneth Mathers and Willis Jarvis, Brampton businessmen, have increased construction on the project which will be a year-round recreation centre.

When completed the park will contain an Indian Village, Western town and many other attractions including swimming and camping facilities.

Bible School Registered 90

Nearly all denominations are represented at the Christian Reformed Church summer vacation Bible school as over 90 youngsters are attending morning sessions at the church.

Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk, church pastor, is supervising the sessions assisted by Mrs. T. Kremer, Mrs. A. Hofstede, Mrs. J. Krul, Mrs. J. Looyenga, Mrs. Hennie Rulp, Miss Renee Leforsink, Miss Rita Dunker, Miss Coby Doornbos and Miss Cathy Krul.

Beginners, juniors, intermediates and seniors are interested in games, crafts, songs, religious study and coloring sessions.

Highlighting the program was the presentation of roses to former teachers by ex-pupils. Mrs. Vera Denny, present teacher at the school, was presented with a gift from the last class to attend the school by Michael Roiz.

The oldest former pupil attending the reunion was Miss Janet McLean. Also attending were Miss M. Z. Bennett, a former pupil and later teacher, and her brother Thomas Bennett. Miss Bennett was later principal in Acton.

Other teachers attending included Harriet Hindley, Miss Florence Fee, Mrs. Wilma McMillan, Mrs. Ross Allan (the former Miss Beatrice Prenter), Mrs. J. Lidstra (the former Miss Edna Hindley), Mrs. Don Matheson (the former Miss L. Jean Akitt), Mrs. Rita Shortell, Mrs. Ralph McKewon (the former Miss Eleanor McDougall) and present teacher Mrs. C. Denny.

United Vacation Bible School Draws 70 to Church Monday

Monday morning about 70 boys and girls registered at the United Church for the Vacation Bible School, under the direction of the Rev. Dwight Engel. Theme for the program of arts, crafts and lessons is "God in His World".

Part of the plan is to include study of growing things, planting of seeds, collecting leaves and making bookends of rocks were among the projects begun the first day.

There will be an open house Thursday, July 15 and the Bible School ends that Friday. (It was felt a Friday program would interfere with plans for weekend trips).

Heavy Rainfall Rosslake Boon

Since two exceptionally heavy rainfalls, Joe Ross is able to report a rise of about five feet of water which is now deepening around the island at his park being prepared in Esqueving township. There are four more feet to the overflow. The creek is running strong and he says the remaining approximate two million gallons under normal weather conditions will fill the lake sometime this summer.

He is now sanding the beach in preparation for swimming. Two change houses have been placed in this area to accommodate swimmers. The club house is nearing completion. Construction of an observation tower will follow, he says.

Examination Results For Music Students

Examination results of the Trinity College of music, (Piano) Pupils of Dorothy Richardson Scull:

Grade 1, Honors 1st class—Bonnie McKee, Steve Brunelle, Karen Ashley, Honors Julie Ashley.

Grade 2, Honors 1st class—Debra Bousfield, Honors, John Martin, Mary Keats, Susan Allan.

Grade 3, Honors—Connie Allan, Cathy Hinton, Valerie Coles, Dorothy O'Rourke, Lois Marshall.

Grade 4, Honors—Janice MacKlein, Marguerite Reid.

Grade 6, Honors—Julie Smith, Barbara Champin, Betty Champin, Susan Perry.

Grade 7, Honors—Larry Marshall, Douglas Fowler.

Grade 9, Honors—Marion Ruxley.

Grade 10, Honors—Robert Harper.

Pupils of Barbara Champin: Grade 2, Honors 1st. Class—Brenda Baxter.

Pupils of Donna Landsborough: Grade 1, Honors—Norme Noble.

Grade 2, Honors 1st. Class—Shirley Sayers.

Ralph McKewon was master of ceremonies. Musical selections were given by John Rozzell who played the accordion, brothers Keith and Kenneth Englehardt who played accordion and electric guitar selection, and a group of girls singing.

Horseshoe pitching, softball races and games kept young fry busy and former pupils reminisced about former times. Following a basket lunch in the evening, everyone enjoyed dancing to music supplied by the "Melody Men".

History books of the old school, which were prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny and committee, were sold at the reunion. Also assisting in the program was Harold McIntyre.

Now the doors of the school have been closed for the last time, the building which holds memories for many, will go on the auction block to be sold.

Registers 145 Kelso Swimmers

The first series of swimming lessons at Kelso Conservation Authority opened this week, with 145 registered in the Red Cross and Royal Lifesaving divisions of the four-week course.

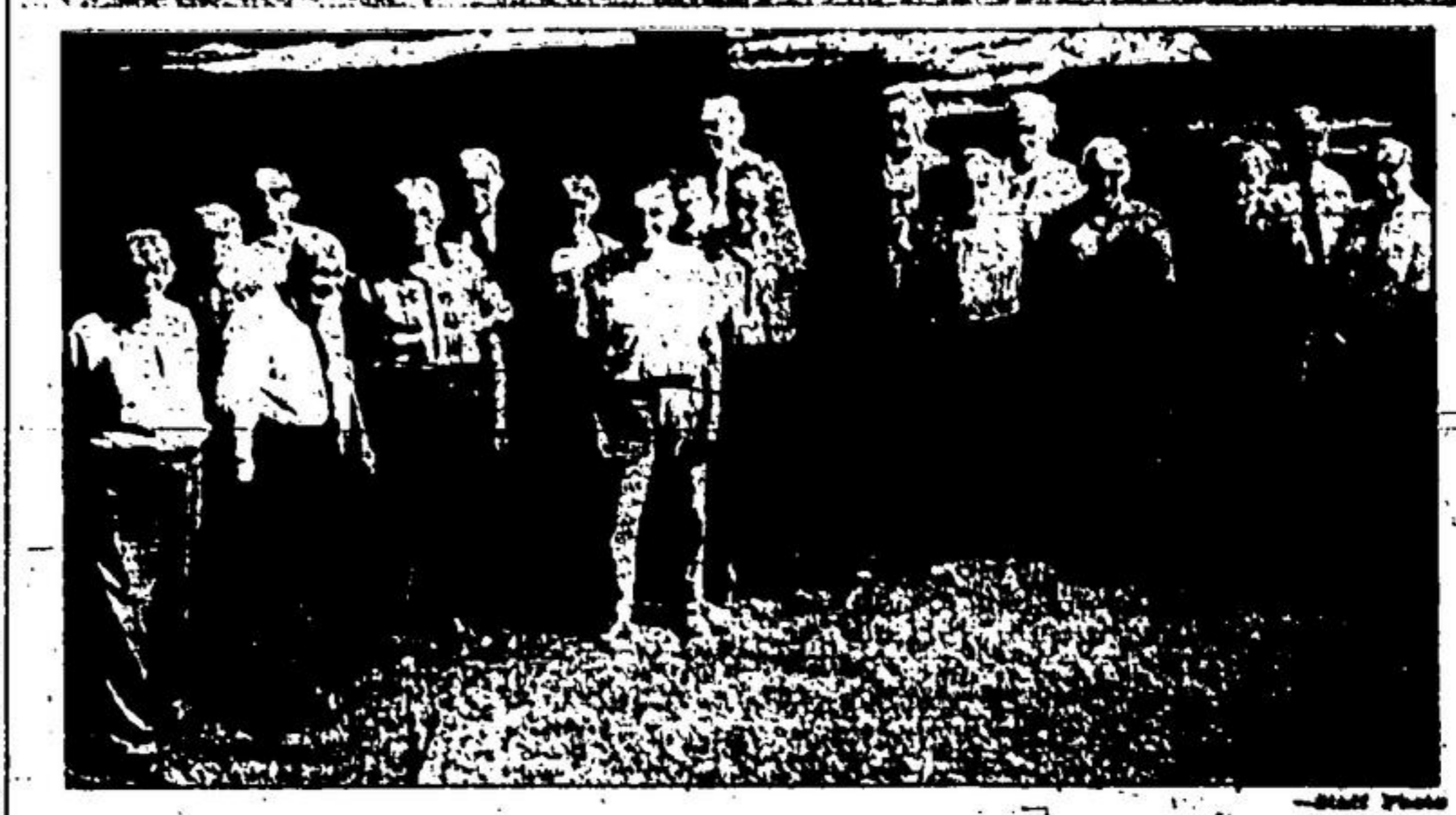
The classes proved quite popular when the Halton Region Conservation Authority offered to set up a bus route to bring children from the town and rural areas to Kelso each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for the lessons. About 70 took advantage of the bus ride (at cost) and two buses are being used to pick up swimming students from Hornby, Drumquin, Pineview School, Milton, Lowville and Campbellville.

Head lifeguard Judy Abel is in charge of lessons, assisted by the Kelso lifeguard staff. More children in the 12 to 15 years age group would be welcome to join this course, and another four-week class will be held in August for youngsters if there are enough registrations.

The Authority is also conducting Tuesday evening lessons for adults, and to date just nine adults have signed up.



PRESIDENT MAC SPROWL received the gavel from past president Fred Gordon during the Rotary Club meeting Tuesday of last week. Left to right are secretary Jim McCulloch, treasurer William Davies, Mr. Sprowl, first vice-president William Pendleton and Mr. Gordon.



482 YEARS OF SERVICE by Beardmore and Co. Ltd. was totalled by 15 employees when they retired Thursday of last week. The men, who were all present but two who had retired earlier, were entertained at a social get-together with company directors, superintendents, their department foremen and plant superintendents. Included in the photo are Alec Orr, George Keelan, Al Willis, Earl Marshall, Fred Anderson, George Golden, Bill Braida, Alcide Villomiere, Herman Frueler, Bob Turner, Stan Cripps, Alec Mann and John Spahar, all retired. With them are company officials W. J. Beatty, Norman Braida, R. R. Parker, Fred Salt and Jack Creighton.