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Poly Pentco to sign building lease soon

General manager of Beardmore and Co. Ltd., Norman Braida, in an interview this week confirmed the new industry Poly Pentco (Canada) Ltd., a branch plant of parent company Polymere Corporation of Reading, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., would be establishing in Acton.

Mr. Braida told the Acton Free Press he had received confirmation from company officials the formal lease for a portion of the former Wool Combing building would be signed in the near future. Renovations within the 20,000 foot area to be leased have already begun to accommodate the operation of the new industry.

It was reported the area to be leased is on the dock level floor on the main building facing Frederick Street. Several Acton people are already taking a training program at Reading, Pennsylvania.

The parent company has branch plants throughout Europe and in Japan and this will be the first in Canada. Products to be manufactured include nylon extruded parts for the automobile, spacecraft and military vehicles not being manufactured in Canada at present.

Mr. Braida pointed out that company officials and Beardmore directors have been meeting since the middle of July in order to finalize plans. Several weeks ago the Free Press published the expectation of the industry.

Thomas Murphy, executive of the U.S. company, will be general manager of the Acton plant.

Anniversary Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Cam Winn

A well-liked Acton couple with a host of friends throughout the district, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Allan Winn will celebrate their 50th anniversary at an open house in St. Alban's parish hall, Acton, this Saturday, October 15. The happy couple were married at St. George's Church, Lowville, in October, 1916, and lived in Galt until 1920.

Then they moved to a farm south of Campbellville. As dairy farmers they lived there until 1959 when they retired owing to ill health, sold the farm and moved to their snug, attractive home at 70 Main St. North, Acton.

Both are especially fond of gardening and flowers, and their garden is an unusually beautiful one. Their home is surrounded by a variety of colorful blooms and fine vegetables all during the summer.

They have one daughter Anna (Mrs. Robert Hayward) of Atwood. Their four grandchildren are all married now, and they have five great-grandchildren in the next generation.

Mr. Winn was born May 1, 1892, the sixth child of George Winn and Jessie Campbell Winn of Milton West. He was raised and educated in Milton, and learned the shoe business with his father, Mary Stella Richardson, his wife, was the eldest

daughter of Christopher Richardson and Frances Annie Powell, and they first met in 1909. They were married seven years later.

Mr. Winn played ball and hockey for Milton teams in earlier years. He was a member of the Milton Fire Department track team.

Mrs. Winn is president of St. Alban's Altar Guild and a member of the church W.A. She is treasurer of the new community welfare council and also belongs to the Acton branch of the W.I. Both are active members of the Golden Age Club, enjoying the meetings and outings.

Both have difficulty walking, but continue their life-long interest in friends, family and community events, and get about quite well.

Friends and relatives will gather this Saturday to extend their congratulations to the popular couple.

Grass fire

Acton firefighters doused a grass fire in a field adjoining the Archie Papillon property on Main St. S. on Sunday afternoon. By the time firefighters arrived, high winds were whipping the flames along the line of the fence toward a nearby bush.



TV WINNER JACK PINK received a portable, combination TV and radio from I.G.A. store manager Harold Manes. He won the set during the draw Saturday.

Bridge, landscaping at library volunteered; tree authorized cut

Reporting on the Centennial Library progress at council Tuesday night, Mayor Les Duby informed members the construction was moving along quite favorably and it was hoped the building would be opened by the first of the year with a possible official opening scheduled for later in the spring.

He noted the windows had been installed, steel stairway completed and terrazo floor laid.

He told council he had authorized removal of one tree which stood in the pathway of the proposed walk to the bridge to be erected across the school creek. It was a matter of urgency to make the decision and there wasn't time to contact members of the Centennial committee. He understood the tree would probably be dead within five years and could see no sense in leaving the sidewalk around the tree and then, after the tree was removed, having an odd-appearing walk. A second tree would also have to be cut down as it is dead now.

Councillor C. F. Leatherland objected to the tree being removed and said "the architect guaranteed us there wouldn't be any trees removed — now he's changed his mind." Mayor Duby told the councillor the decision to cut down the tree was not the architect's and the architect had not regressed from his commitment. "The architect is in no way to blame," emphasized the mayor.

"One of the points in my platform when running for council was to save the trees and not cut them down," remarked Mr. Leatherland. He was told by the mayor council didn't cut down trees unnecessarily.

Councillor Robert Drinkwater quipped "A few residents are unhappy because we won't cut down some of the trees!" Prior to the meeting, it was learned, one resident had requested a tree be removed but had been refused.

The mayor reported Sam Snow has offered to design and build a bridge of old English style made from stone and concrete and Randy Lidka, who is employed by the Niagara Parks Commission has offered to provide a plan of landscaping for the property.

In cast, caretaker suffers second break

School caretaker Albert Robinson had the misfortune to break a small bone behind the knee Thursday of last week. This is the second break in the same leg within the past 20 months. He is still wearing a cast from the hip down as a result of the first accident.

Mr. Robinson, who, in spite of the huge cast, has been doing part time duties at the school, was waiting for school caretaker George Barnes to pick him up in his car last week. He decided to get a little exercise and walk to the corner of Lake and Park Avenue to wait for Mr. Barnes.

A car parked on the street while the driver was waiting for a passenger backed up, jolting him off balance. He fell, breaking the small bone and pulling several muscles. He was taken to Guelph General Hospital and after x-rays the break was determined. He is expected to be laid up for about six weeks as a result of the second accident.

Main corner records another two-car smash

Acton's Calamity Corner, at the intersection of Mill and Main Streets, racked up another accident Tuesday.

A car driven by J. E. McMullen, Acton, proceeding west on Mill and one driven by Fedele Mete of Toronto, proceeding east on Mill were involved in the two-car crash.

Constable Nick Farion of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment investigated and estimated total damage around \$300. The Toronto driver has been charged with an improper left turn.

On Monday night constable Peter Campbell investigated an accident on Main St. S. involving damage to two out-of-town cars. One driven by Steven Caswell of Cooksville received an estimated \$35 damage. The other driver, Melvin Burke Daby, Bracebridge, will be charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

Ambulance contract warden's dinner report on agenda

At Tuesday's council meeting members authorized No. 1 committee to review a new ambulance contract with Verma Enterprises, Guelph. The present contract expires in January.

Mayor Duby urged council members to read the Plunkett report carefully and prepare an individual one-page report each for a special council committee of the whole meeting (not open to the public) Nov. 1. The one-page reports are to contain independent thoughts or opinions and they are to be turned in to the clerk to be compiled into a complete submission for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Reeve H. H. Hinton reminded council members of the forthcoming warden's dinner to be held in the Acton Legion, October 27 to which council members and their wives or husbands are invited.

Proposed By-law

Street loitering costly maximum cost is \$300

Loitering on Acton streets could become a costly item for offenders.

Tuesday night, Acton council gave two readings to a loitering by-law similar to the one in force in the town of Georgetown and following a review by No. 1 committee of council will possibly give final approval at a later meeting.

The by-law has been under consideration by council for some time and a copy of the Georgetown by-law was procured and studied by No. 2 committee which includes the police committee of council. It was No. 2 committee recommendation the by-law be adopted. Reeve H. H. Hinton, chairman of No. 1 committee, insisted the by-law be reviewed before the third reading by his committee.

According to terms in the proposed by-law, anyone loitering or standing on a public street or highway or in any public place, can be fined not less than \$10 and not more than \$300 exclusive of costs.

Councillor Bill Williams stated the by-law "is a must," as he told members he had observed the downtown streets during the past few weekends and noticed women had been forced off the sidewalk by people loitering and been subjected to abusive language.

If the third reading is approved, police will be asked to enforce the by-law. It is expected a person contravening the by-law will be asked to move on by police first and in the event this is not done, charges will be laid.

Council paved the way for the first two-year term when the date for nominations was set for the Robert Little school auditorium, Thursday, November 24. In the event an election is necessary, voters will go to the polls Tuesday, December 6 to cast ballots for candidates. It was also agreed to pay the deputy returning officer at the rate of \$18 per day and polling clerks at the rate of \$15 per day. Rental for polling places will be \$15 per day.

Following are the polling places naming the deputy returning officer in charge. Ward 1-1, former post office, Mrs. George Williams; Ward 1-2, BP service station, Mrs. William Dumars; Ward 2, council chambers, Mrs. H. Helwig; Ward 3, Luxton Memorial Hall, Mrs. Joe Hurst and Ward 4, former post office, Mrs. Fred Anderson.

At the nomination meeting ratepayers will be asked to name candidates for a two-year term for council, public school board and hydro commission.

Polling booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it is decided to extend the time in the evening. Also under consideration is an advance poll.

It was decided to engage architect Donald Skinner to pre-

pare tentative plans for renovation of the front portion of the Y.M.C.A. including hallway and library room for use for town offices. The approximate cost for this is \$250. In the event council decides to proceed with renovations, the architect will be paid 10 per cent of the cost, less the \$250. fee.

A tentative site for a new dump has been located and the council is awaiting approval of the Essex council before the details can be finalized. The sewage and sanitation committee of council has been seeking a new site for a number of years and now hopes the proposed location will be approved.

An application from Len Adams, proprietor of Wiles Bus Depot, for a taxi license, was turned down on the basis of the applicant intending to use a 1955 model car. It was pointed out if the applicant intended to procure a more recent model, further consideration would be given by his request.

Clerk - Administrator Jack McGeachie informed members he had received tentative plans for the proposed stop lights at the Mill - Main intersection from the Department of Transport. He also noted several recommendations for changes at this corner had been included.

After a study of the plans, if council agree to them, permission from the Minister of High-

ways must be obtained and then either invitation bids or tenders for the lights will be called.

The clerk also told council the Department of Highways intended to re-surface No. 25 highway from the 401 highway to the town limits. The town has been requested to consider extending the repairs to include the stretch of No. 25 highway to the Mill - Main corner. Council agreed to discuss the proposal with the department.

Installation of a new 12 inch watermain service from Churchill Road N. to Young Street was approved by by-law in order to improve the present water pressures throughout the town. The cost of the project is estimated at \$30,000 which will be debentured over a period of 10 years.

Six applications to the Committee of Adjustment for minor variances received no objection from council and will likely be approved by the committee.

A report regarding sidewalk repair on Elgin street sparked a knuckle-rapping debate between Mayor Les Duby, and

Reeve H. H. Hinton after the reeve requested any major repair projects should become the decision of the entire council.

Mr. Hinton, who was attending his first council meeting since returning from a trip to Europe, was of the opinion repair projects should be approved by the entire council. He was told the road committee made council aware of all projects to be done before proceeding.

The mayor queried the reeve's request, stating "I have never heard No. 2 committee reproach No. 1 committee on any of their undertakings but No. 1 is always reproaching No. 2 committee." He went to explain that each committee (which comprises several individual council committees) had a specific job to do in order to expedite business. He objected to the reeve querying the integrity of No. 2 committee.

During enquiries by members, councillor Robert Drinkwater wondered if an interim report from the development commission would be presented to the (Continued on Page 6)

Population, assessment at record high figures

Acton's population and taxable assessment figures climbed to a new record high again this year. The town's population increased 67 to 4,353 and the taxable assessment climbed to \$7,325,623 as compared to last year's initial figure of \$7,242,291.

These figures, as well as several others, were released this week by town assessor William Erskine. The figures were compiled following the annual summer census and assessment survey.

The breakdown of the population figures show: three and under, 295; four years of age, 102; five, 108; six and seven, 202; eight and nine, 216; 10 to 13 years of age, 362; 14, 89; 15, 80; 16 to 19, 333; 20 to 29 years, 2,074; 60 to 64, 154; 65 to 69, 127; and 70 years of age and over, 221.

Taxes in 1967 will be based on the new taxable assessment figure, plus any additional pieces of taxable property which may be added to the assessment

total between the end of September and December. Some assessments may be changed by the Court of Revision.

Acton's population during the past 10 years has increased by 725. It began to rise at the time Glenlea and Lakeview subdivisions were created. Population figures show the changes this way: 1956—3,728; 1957 — 3,903; 1958—4,053; 1959 — 4,204; 1960—4,336; 1961—4,205; 1962 — 4,290; 1963—4,286; 1964 — 4,295; 1965—4,286 and 1966—4,353.

Mr. Erskine also pointed out that the 1966 taxable assessment included farm and residential at \$3,861,490 and industrial-commercial at \$3,464,133, while churches, government and town owned properties assessed at \$795,420 were exempted.

The 1965 taxable assessment included residential and farm at \$3,719,890 and commercial-industrial at \$3,522,401, while exempt assessment amounted to \$727,050.

Fire Prevention Week sees inspections, drill

Acton firefighters were joined by insurance company inspectors Wednesday as they conducted fire inspections at several local industries to mark Fire Prevention Week.

Schools within the Acton Fire Area were inspected Wednesday morning and fire drills conducted by the firefighters. At noon Wednesday, firefighters from Milton, Georgetown and Acton

along with insurance inspectors enjoyed dinner at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club.

Sunday, Acton firefighters will join other departments throughout Halton County in a church parade to St. John's United Church, Oakville.

Frank Rozee on TV program

Frank Rozee, proprietor of Frank's Auto Collision at Crewson's Corners, was one of five immigrants featured on a TV program "Who's Canada?" Sunday afternoon.

Over two years ago a National Film Board of Canada team visited Acton to shoot pictures of Mr. Rozee and showing the business he set up through the Immigration Department.

The local man was shown at work in his shop and during a shopping tour in town with his station wagon which he designed and remodelled himself. During the visit to town he was shown chatting with Bill Wilson, a former councillor.

Also included in the film were immigrants who had set up businesses in the glass industry, and TV repair, a night club entertainer and a barber. The film was last shown during the Easter holiday on channel 6 in Toronto.

Sunday the film was shown on the Hamilton TV station on the program sponsored by McMaster University, entitled "Space Age: Immigrants".

Prize list changes for next year's fair

Directors of the ladies' fair board held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Morgan Madill on Thursday evening, October 6. President, Mrs. M. McCullough presided in the chair. The minutes were read by Mrs. W. J. McDonald.

Ladies reported from each class and changes were made and good ideas were considered for the advance prize list which are to be handed in at the next month's meeting.

Students from Ospringe school have won prizes in the Ethel Brant Monture essay contest.

The district annual of Agriculture societies is to be held on Tuesday, October 25 at Sutton this year.

The hostess and lunch committee, Mrs. Lloyd McEnery and Mrs. George Wallace, served a dainty lunch. Mrs. Walter Linham thanked everyone.



—Staff Photo

OFF TO SCHOOL! Acton Firefighters visited schools within the area to conduct fire drills and inspect the buildings for Fire Prevention Week. Driver Bill Spielvogel and firefighters Sam Tennant, Phil McCristall and Leo Synnott show some of the literature which was handed out.



—Staff Photo

FIFTY YEARS of married life are being celebrated this Saturday at an open house by Mr. and Mrs. Cam Winn. Dairy farmers for many years, they retired from Campbellville district to Acton.