

Negotiate with tannery for land . .

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"Why doesn't Beardmore's put a value on the land and sell it to us?" asked the reeve.

"I agree with the reeve," said Councillor Drinkwater, "but they could put an exorbitant price on it and then we'd have to appropriate. That's why I prefer the second proposal. We have land that could prove of no use to the town and we could deal it for land we need."

"I can see land for land," remarked the reeve. "That's in the best interests of the town."

"I AGREE land for land looks good. I've only one objection," stated Mr. Tyler. "If we retain the old dump site we can use it for a buffer zone for property owners or industry. We don't want apartments or houses right on the dump doorstep complaining about the smell."

"You can do this by zoning," retorted the reeve.

Councillor Drinkwater felt there were too many unknowns in the first proposal because "we don't know the potential of the well."

The town would regain sale possession as soon as the water becomes drinkable said the mayor. "The purpose of this meeting is to move ahead on this. We'll submit our proposal and the company will submit counter proposals. The company representative asked us to bring the south spring into the negotiation."

"THEY ONLY want a little assurance the spring is available to them," said Mr. Tyler. "They will pay for the use of it."

The reeve persisted. "Our contract with them still has two

years to go. We can make up our minds on renewal. Let's leave it and get on with a land deal."

The company has asked us to consider this in our request for land," the mayor reminded the reeve.

"Let's advise them the south spring is not a negotiable item," persisted the reeve. "You're missing the point," said the mayor. "The south spring is in the proposal."

"Let's reject it then," the reeve answered.

FURTHER DISCUSSION developed on land value with Councillor Masales asking the reeve if the spring is ever going to be of use for anything but industrial and the reeve reiterating his stand that the spring is a town asset.

"The line is there and the company is willing to pay for water," said Mr. Tyler. He suggested submitting both proposals to the company and ask them what they are willing to negotiate on.

The reeve felt council shouldn't fool around with "our inheritance like this". He claimed council had no right to bargain with the water.

"On a five year lease the town has made a nice little bit of money," said Mr. Masales.

Mr. Hinton disputed this saying it was only true when all hidden costs for equipment, pipes etc. were not considered. "In my estimation every other industry in town is subsidizing Beardmore's."

"We haven't sold below cost. We're making a profit," contended Mr. Tyler.

"Let's talk trading land, not the spring," the reeve continued.

THE SECOND proposal of a trade of three acres for seven acres for a new dump site considered a bit lopsided horse trading was explained by Mr. Drinkwater who said the three acres is of the same value as the seven acres of semi-swamp land. The deal wouldn't involve any stalling, he said. Although he preferred a straight cash deal.

"Let's negotiate on a friendly basis," he asked, "not expropriate."

The reeve said he was not advocating expropriation. "Beardmore's can be negotiated with easily and readily."

"I've been saying that all evening," said the mayor. "We're thinking of trading land given to us in the first place."

"We're willing to pay for it," stated the reeve.

WHEN THE motion came to the floor, two amendments to them were defeated. The first amendment to the amendment was defeated when the mayor cast his vote with the nays which made a tie.

The reeve, deputy reeve Oakes, councillors Masales and Drinkwater voted for it. Councillors Perry, Williams, Tyler and the mayor against.

The amendment asking the first proposal be omitted was also defeated with Mr. Hinton and Drinkwater in favor.

A motion passed with Councillors Drinkwater and Masales and the reeve opposed agreeing to submit both proposals to Beardmore's for their consideration.

All councillors were present except G.W. McKenzie who was away.

Fairy Lake dredging . .

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everybody. A special rate had been set for the south spring since it was suitable only for industrial use.

The mayor, summing up, said the company was concerned and may not let the contractor start dredging unless we can assure them the town can supply water if required.

Mr. Hinton maintaining he was not dependent on Beardmore's for anything, said as far as he was concerned they were just in town like any other industry. The mayor objected to Mr. Hinton's statement strongly.

"Everyone on council is as concerned as you are about the town," he told the reeve, suggesting he should be on the board of

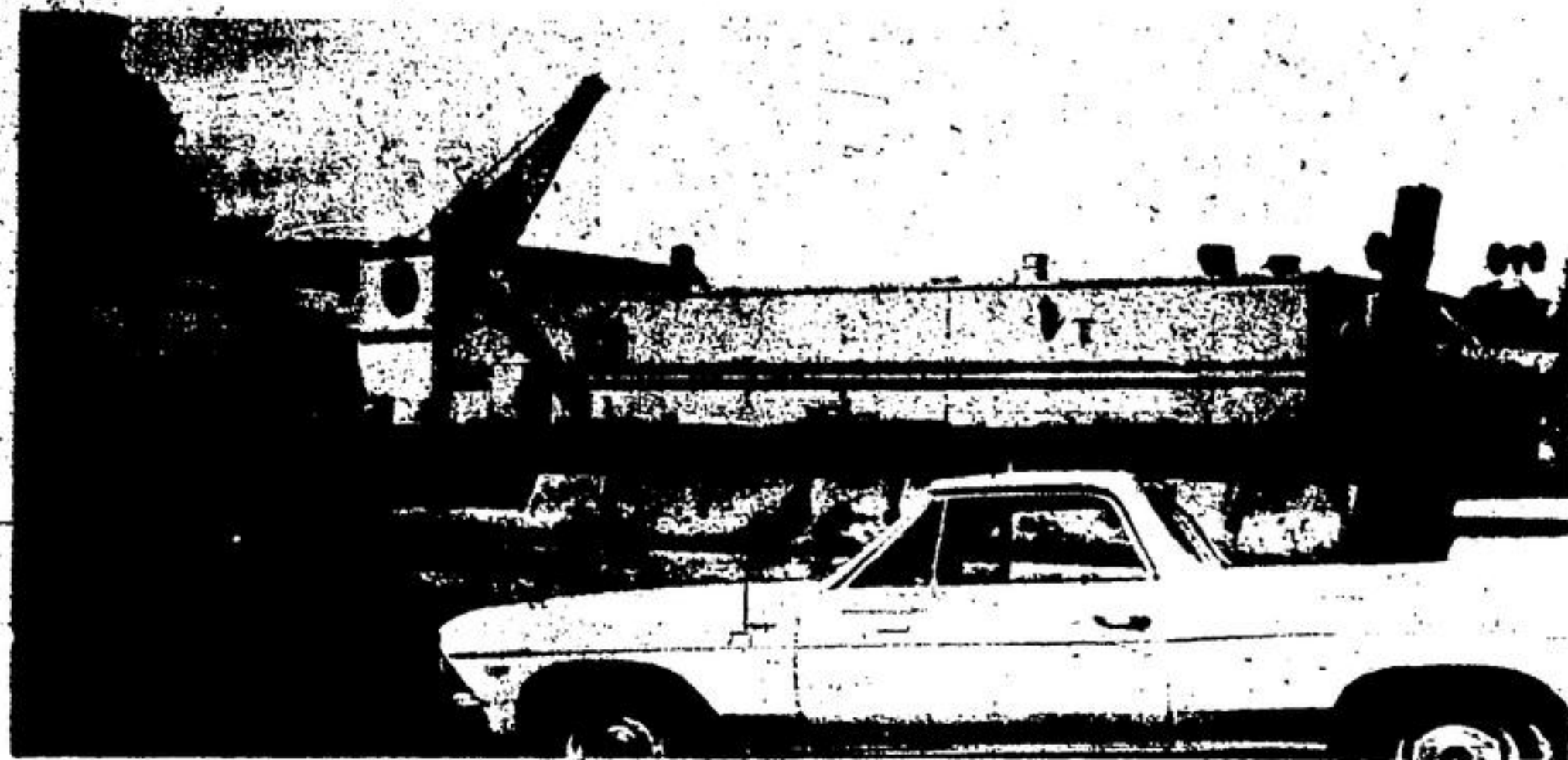
censors for a Sunday school paper.

Further argument was avoided when a motion passed to sell all water to Beardmore and Co. at regular prices for one week. If further period is required, a price will be negotiated.

\$500 damage

George Bernes, of R. R. 4, Acton, and Homer Johnston of 335 Delrex Blvd., Georgetown, collided in a rear end smash near Norval, Thursday. There was \$200 damage to the Bernes car and \$300 to the Johnston vehicle.

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PREPARATIONS for dredging Fairy Lake are well underway this week as Cummins Construction moved in a dredge from Florida (above) to start the long-awaited improvement. Dredge floats were covered with barnacles from their previous work in the ocean off Florida coast. Survey work to determine the amount of muck to be moved is being done in this Jigger. Below, the Jigger churns up weeds and water as the depth of silt is determined. First excavations in the muck were made by a shovel which dug out a place to float the dredge and prepared an excavation for muck.



Free Press Local News Items

—Police breathed a sigh of relief when the holiday weekend concluded without any accidents in this district.

—Raindrops made about the only noise in town during the day on Civic Holiday.

—The anticipated heavy traffic on Civic Holiday didn't materialize. The bad weather brought some cottagers home early on Monday.

—Racing fans will welcome the return of the trotters to Mohawk. They're at Campbellville track from Monday, August 14 to September 16.

—Last Wednesday evening's severe storm blew fuses as the lightning struck close.

—The fourth Elmer the Safety Elephant coloring contest is the last one for this summer.

—The Hamilton Automobile club reports that for the 72-hour span from midnight Friday night to midnight Monday night over the civic holiday weekend, there were a total of 125 traffic accidents in the counties of Wentworth, Brant, Haldimand and Hamilton. This was an increase of nine over the same holiday weekend last year — relatively little change.

—It's the summer of Expo stories — who waited the longest, who saw the most, who got the tidiest and hottest. Everyone is happy, though.

—The geraniums planted at the cemeteries on Decoration Day haven't needed a lot of extra watering this year. They are blooming very well.

—This year's band camp, run each day for a week by bandmaster George Elliott for the learners, will likely be the last week in August in the usual place, Rockwood park.

—Renewing his subscription, H. S. Harwood of Windsor says he enjoys reading the paper and it "brings back a lot of old times." His name appears in the 50 years ago column now and then in connection with World War I and the Boy Scouts.

Dozen firefighters attend Civic weekend convention

A dozen representatives of Acton Firefighters attended the Ontario Fire Fighters' annual convention in Mount Forest on the Civic Holiday weekend and won first place in the big parade for fancy dress, under 20 men.

Official delegates were Don Van Fleet and Wilfrid Duval. The men entered various com-

petitions — hose race, ladder race, rescue race and 100 yard dash, and were judged in the big parade on Monday.

THE LONG parade took an hour and three-quarters to pass. The Firefighters were accompanied by the Guelph Sea Cadets Band. Results were not announced before they left Mount Forest, and they did not know they

had won the trophy until it was delivered here to the fire hall. George Bundy, Milton deputy-chief, is immediate past president of the Ontario Association. New president elected is Don Johnson of Fonthill.

Problem of accommodation was overcome by many families who camped in the park. Others were in motels.

ATTENDING from here with the two delegates were Harold Townsley, Herb Dodds, John Turkosz, Leo Synnot, Bert Fowler, Phil McCristall, Lloyd McIntyre, Harold Manes, Ed McGilloy and Grant Withers. Some had their families with them.

New uniforms, expected to be here for the parade competition had not arrived.

While the 12 men were away, there were eight on duty back home for fire calls. (There were none).

Youth exchange Kathryn Sinclair spends two weeks in Alberta

Acton district high school student Kathryn Sinclair is spending two weeks in Wetaskwin, Alberta, as part of the Federal-Provincial Youth Training program. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sinclair of R. R. 1, Glen Williams, near Ballinacra.

The trip was postponed for two weeks, and the groups of students with their chaperones left from Oakville on the weekend for their two-week stay in the west. She made the acquaintance of the representative from Georgetown and two from Hornby before they all left together.

Russell Masales and Murray Jamieson have represented Acton high school on similar tours. The program is operated jointly by the federal government

through the centennial commission and the ten provincial governments and two territorial administrations.



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