

### Discuss lake dredging... Using five year plan

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have been assessed against Acton... The method of estimating the amount of silt taken out by grid surveys was explained. It was estimated from 8 - 10,000 cubic yards had already been removed from the lake, leaving roughly 50 times that amount to take out. Land ownership is not affected where silt is stockpiled. Beardmore and Co. owns the property the lake is on to the existing high water mark. Reeve Hinton told the meeting that since his objections to the methods employed by the Authority were one of the reasons the meeting was held, he'd like to know the extent of the information Beardmore and Co. knew about the project. Mr. Bralda said the company knew only what he had read in the Free Press, no more than the town. Mr. Parker said the Authority could not elaborate about the project until it had reached a point of some development but he had been in touch with the company and the town as it progressed. Authority chairman Roy McMillan said the dredging could have taken place anywhere but was settled for Acton since Mr. Parker was familiar with his "own back door". Councillor Bob Williams re-emphasized Mr. Hinton's implications. "We have been well informed on this project," he stated. "I was unaware details had not been settled," said Mr. Parker. "I've known for two years, too," said the reeve, "but Beardmore and Co. was not notified and the project was on their land; Esquesing wasn't notified and they

own a patch of the land around the lake. C.U.C.A. may be more aware of the areas of jurisdiction now and this meeting will be all to the good." He denied the town was aware of the details of the dredging. The deputy reeve of Esquesing got on the C.U.C.A. for a number of years," answered Mr. McMillan. He said the township was not aware of what was going on. Mayor Doby said there was a difference in the degree of desire for information. "The reeve just made up his mind he wanted more information," the mayor stated. An attempt by the reeve to discuss the sale of water to Beardmore and Co., a controversial item at a recent council meeting was quashed by several councillors who felt it was neither the time or the place. The reeve said he wanted to make his point clear while Mr. Bralda was here. "I don't think Beardmore and Co. want to take advantage of our clear water at a price better than the other industries." Several more questions were answered before the meeting adjourned including one about who controlled the flow of water in the Black Creek. "The O.W.R.C. does when you get right down to it," said Mr. McMillan, "but the Authority and the company will co-operate in this regard." Mr. Parker said the Beardmore company bought the lake land about 1896 and the present dam, replacing an older one, was constructed about 1911. Mayor Les Doby chaired the two hour meeting in the library which had Mr. Bralda from Beardmore and Co., Roy McMillan, secretary George Bentley and field officer Stanley White from the Credit Valley Authority, Reeve Hinton, Deputy-Reeve, Oakes and Councillors Drinkwater, Masales, McKenzie, Tyler and Williams in attendance.

### Engineer reviews work on roads

In his thirty-seventh report, presented recently to Halton County Council, County Engineer D. J. Corbett covered work done and observations made during 1966 and the first half of 1967. Winter control costs during 1966, described as a normal winter, amounted to \$65,000; but it is shared by the time November and December have been added, 1967 expenditures could be much higher. Gravel roads were calculated during the summer of both years, and 12,000 cubic yards of crushed gravel were spread. Weed spraying was done on all roadsides, in some cases reseeded, and is still being carried out. Last year, 26 miles of paved road was treated with a mixture of asphalt emulsion and stone chip, and another 29 miles is being coated this year. Re-painting of the white centre line was done on 120 miles of pavement during 1966, and will be repeated. Spring break-up was not severe last year, and pavement repair and gravel patching costs were \$35,200; however, the break-up was more extensive this year, and these two items could cost up to \$50,000 by the year-end, he says. Construction included completion during 1966 of the lower bridge in Glen Williams started in 1965. An upper bridge engineered and designed the same year will be completed by late October. Other erections during the eighteen months include a new bridge at Stewarttown, a new grade separation structure at the CNR tracks on Mountainview Rd. in Georgetown, and reconstruction and paving of part of the Esquesing Seventh Line near Ashgrove. Paving and repairs to the Trafalgar Road were started in 1965 and completed July 1966, and later that year a start was made on

the Miller's Mountain diversion on the Burlington Guelph Line. A two-inch lift of pavement was applied to the Campbellville Sideroad and Esquesing First Line, and surface was applied to nearly 5 miles of new road during 1966. Completion of the job will take place this summer. Reconstruction of the Guelph Line Rock Knoll, Nassagaweya, was started last fall and the job is now completed; while reconstruction of the Waterdown Road is now in its initial stages. Pre-engineering and design work is being carried out for 10 miles on Trafalgar Road, Campbellville Sideroad, Guelph Line at Mt. Nemo and the Hornby East diversion. Work will probably be completed on these projects over the next three years. In his observations and recommendations, Mr. Corbett noted the Road Committee has been working on preparation of a five-year program of capital works to provide a sound basis for the planning and programming of County Road improvements. He suggested the engineering and technical staff of the system should be increased to handle more of the design and supervision work, using consulting firms only during peak periods and when very complex projects are being undertaken. It was also noted the system of County roads is wearing out, and heavily increased amounts of money will be necessary in the future to keep pace with the needs and demands of traffic.

### World Guernsey conference visits at MacPherson farm

With "Programming the Guernsey Future" as their theme, high-ranking Guernsey breeders from all over the world have been travelling en masse through Canada, host country of the first World Guernsey Conference. The Canadian Guernsey Breeder's Association (Gueph) which has been co-ordinating the eight-day-long affair, arranged for the group (including 75 non-Canadians) to meet at the farm of Mrs. H. D. MacPherson, Seventh Line, north of Hornby. C.G.B.A. secretary B.B. Hodgins, general secretary of the conference, stated the purpose of the meetings was mainly to unify the thinking of Guernsey breeders all over the world. As it is, Guernseys from other parts of the world differ slightly from Canadian cattle, and the best qualities of each can be bred into a standardized species. B.G. Blampied, president of the Royal Guernsey Agricultural and Horticultural Society, which is recognized as the origin of all Guernsey associations as it is based in the Guernsey Islands, noted the Island Guernseys are larger than the Western breed, and usually farmed in smaller numbers. The conference began Friday.

Representatives of Guernsey associations from England, the U.S.A., Guernsey Islands, South Africa and all across Canada attended the project.

The average person who lives to be 70 will have eaten nearly 6 tons of meat, fish and poultry. This fact was compiled by a university scientist who also stated that the same person will have consumed nearly 7 tons of grain; 4 1/2 tons of potatoes; nearly 4 tons of sugar; and an incredible 16.8 tons of vegetables, fruits, nuts and berries. The food intake of the average 70-year-old person will also have included 4,500 pounds of fats and oils; 1,400 pounds of tea, coffee or chocolate; 25,200 eggs; and 17,500 quarts of milk. Different people take different lengths of time to eat their 70-year quota. If you eat it all in 55 years, you will be a rocky poly butter ball; if it takes 65 years, you will be pleasantly plump; and if it takes 75 years, you will be the slender type.

### Improve pioneer cemetery family centennial project

On August 12, 75 descendants of the Roots who pioneered in Erin Township met at the Century Farm of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burt, Hillsburgh. The afternoon was spent in various sports, and in renewing old acquaintances, and looking over various heirlooms that had been brought to the Reunion. The oldest descendant of John Root, one of the first pioneers in Erin Township, was Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer, age 89, from Hillsburgh. The youngest was David Root, 13 months, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Root, Hillsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Todd, and son, Steven, of Vancouver, British Columbia, travelled the longest distance. George C. Burt, of Hillsburgh, had the most descendants present at the Reunion. His son, Harry, was president of the 1967 Reunion. Following the picnic supper that had been provided by the ladies, a short program was conducted by the president. Highlights of the program were greetings from members of the family that were not able to attend, read by the secretary, Mrs. Ariel Dyer, of Fergus. Mrs. Morgan Graham, of Hillsburgh, gave a very interesting paper regarding her branch of the family, Nancy Root, a sister of John Root, married Matthew Smith, who settled in Erin Township in 1821. Mr. Smith's own broke the trail in February of 1826, when John Root moved into the township to take the farm, part of which is still in the family, now owned by Frank Root, Lot 17, Con. 6, Erin Township. Mrs. Graham's paper traced the history of this branch of the Root family, and proved of great interest to those who had gathered for the Reunion. The first recorded burial in the Coningsby Cemetery was one of Nancy Root and Matthew Smith's children, son David. John Root, M.P.P., reported on the work of a committee which had been established at the 1966 reunion, and authorized to re-rect the stones and improve the plot where the pioneer, John Root his two wives, and child, had

been buried. As a result of the family taking on this project for the Centennial Year, the stones marking the graves have been cleaned and re-erected on a proper base. The plot has been marked with corner stones, and perpetual care has been provided. It is over 200 years ago, in 1764, since a Mennonite preacher called from Bedminster, Germany, to the United States and took up residence in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The records seem to indicate that his name was David Ruth. Following the American Revolution, in 1796, the oldest son, Henry, crossed the border and took land in Clinton Township in the Beamsville Area. There he married Mary Overholt. The Overholt family had come to the Niagara Peninsula in the 1770's, immediately following the American Revolution. Henry's oldest son, John, was a bugle boy in the War of 1812-14, and after establishing his home in Erin Township, in Wellington County, he was later appointed as a Captain in the Militia, and his oldest son, Robert Root, who took the farm where John Root and his brother, Haines, now reside, was appointed as a Lieutenant in the Militia. Among the relics and heirlooms that were present at the Reunion was Captain John Root's sword and family Bible. Other interesting heirlooms were some of the dishes and utensils that were used in the early pioneer homes.

### Nassagaweya Council Briefs

At a meeting of Nassagaweya Council Monday evening, council authorized Township Clerk J. C. McIntyre to inform the Ontario Municipal Board of council's approval to the official plan for Oakville planning area. Granted permission to George Inglis to park school buses on a municipal parking lot beside the ball diamond at Brookville during the week days. Received a letter of appreciation from Miss Katharine McPhedran and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheelan for an evening at the Hilton Country Club, when the township's centennial committee were guests. Granted permission to Archie Service to build a house on land purchased from the Halton Region Conservation Authority which he had previously owned and sold to the Authority. Learned the Committee of Adjustment had refused an application of Girodana Buna to build due to a lack of frontage. Refused application for separation of property to Robert E. Hearn because of lack of frontage.

Refused David Howard's application to build because his lot was too small and his plans were not compatible with the existing buildings. Passed bylaws covering the erection of stop signs at 20 Side Road and Sixth Line southbound; 20 Side Road and Fifth Line, northbound; and Three Side Road and Fifth Line; all subject to the approval of the Department of Highways. Resolved that trailers would be licensed to prevent anyone living in a trailer outside a trailer camp or staying longer than four months in any one calendar year. Learned the county assessor would attend council's meeting September 11 to explain the proposed county assessment commissioner system. Arranged a meeting of the road committee with Puslinch Council October 2. Discussed the possibility of discontinuing publication of the township's annual yearbook.

### Guelph Line farm Asks commercial rezoning

Nassagaweya Council Monday, heard a request from Brian Cargill of R.R. 1, Campbellville for a section of his father's property on the Guelph Line to be rezoned to allow a commercial building and operate as an agent for Cockshutt farm implements. Mr. Cargill explained he would have to have his dealership by the end of August or he would lose a company bonus. He said he had lost several sales in the past week because he could not assure his customers he would be around to service the machinery unless he had a dealership, and he could not get a dealership until he had permission to build a building. Mr. Cargill hoped he could set his business up on his father's property for three years until he could afford to buy land for his building. Reeve William Coulter said it would be necessary to resume the property from agriculture to commercial and this could not be done without an O.M.B. hearing. Cargill's property does not have the required amount of frontage

to comply with the by-law. Councillor Mrs. A. MacArthur asked Mr. Cargill how he would keep the site tidy and where he would put traded-in implements to prevent an unpleasant view from the Guelph Line. Cargill explained he had room allotted for this behind a garage where it would not be visible from the road. Reeve Coulter told Mr. Cargill council would give the matter further consideration later and advise him of their decision the following day. Tractor passengers Not long ago a thirteen-year-old farm boy was killed, when a tractor tipped over on him. He was not driving, but was riding the drawbar. The operator was thrown clear. This type of accident involving extra riders happens all too frequently. Tractors are built with one seat only, and that is for the operator. It is unsafe to carry passengers on a machine built to be a workhorse.

### Acton O.P.P.

### Report sharp decline in number of complaints

A sharp decline in the number of complaints registered from August 20 to August 26, 1967, led the way to a week of relative quiet for the Acton O.P.P. This, enabling more extensive traffic patrols and the successful operation of the radar timer in town.

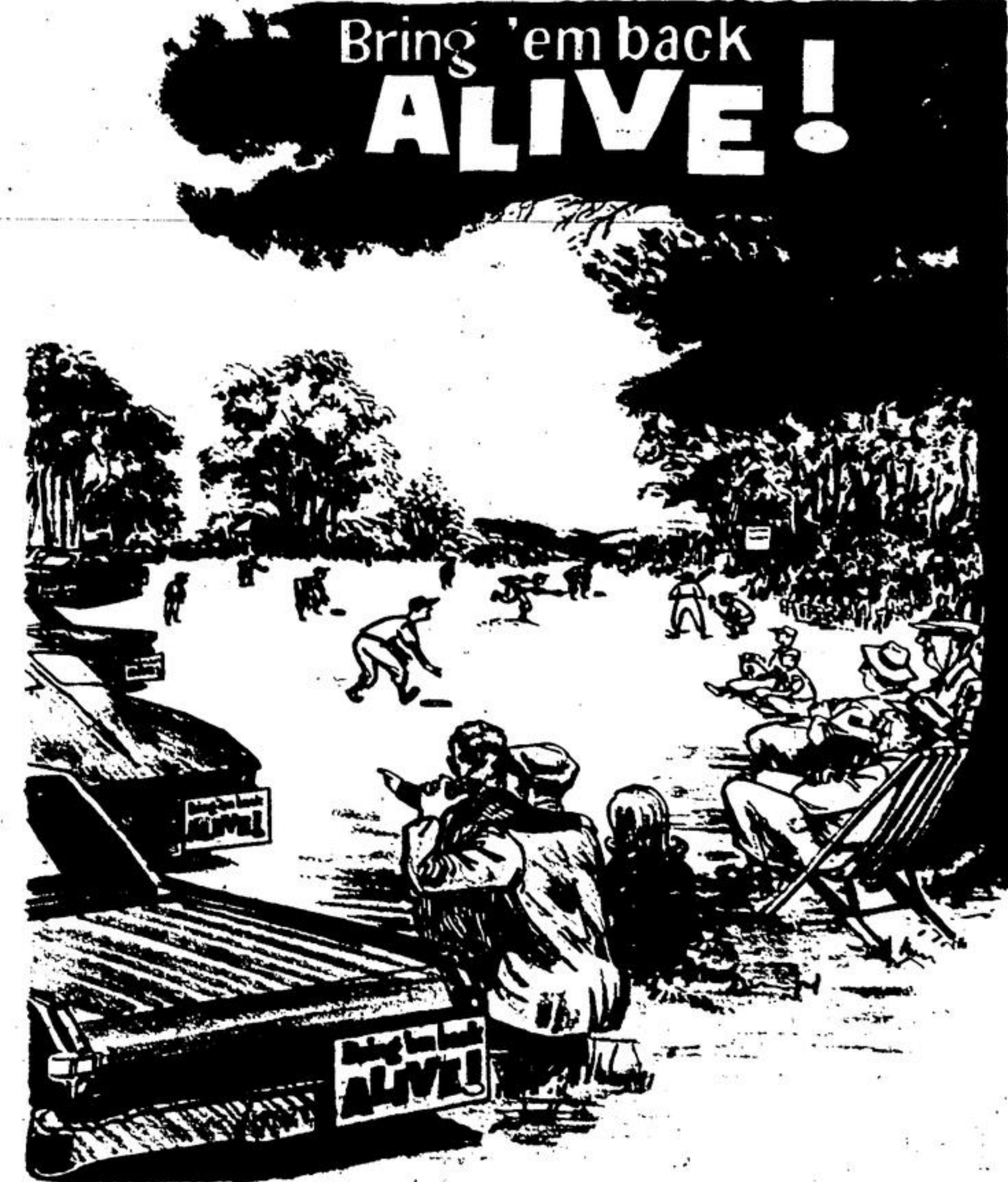
The 586 miles patrolled during 224 work hours resulted in nine citations and 25 warnings being issued to the motoring public. A personal injury accident on Mill St., the first in over two weeks, saw a small child sustain a broken foot when she dashed onto the street from between parked cars. The driver of the car involved had no opportunity to avoid the collision. One theft and six miscellaneous occurrences, including a liquor seizure and an instance where two youths were charged with consuming liquor while under the age of 21 years, were the only complaints reported and dealt with this week. In Magistrate's Court at Milton on August 21, five convictions were registered while two charges were withdrawn, four persons remanded and a warrant issued for a person who failed to appear on a liquor charge. Fines and costs levied on the five traffic convictions totalled \$97. Labour Day, always the first Monday in September and the signalling of the end of the summer holiday season, falls this coming weekend. Originally the day was known as "Arbor Day" - a day for planting trees - and was intended for the relaxation and enjoyment of the people. Today,

with the name changed to "Labour Day", in honour of the working man, the purpose of the holiday, at least for our younger people, seems to have changed. Labour Day now indicates that last "fling" before returning to school or work. And invariably many will finish out the weekend in Hospital or behind bars. Is the small amount of fun really worth this type of an ending? You who intend to participate in the merriment this weekend, try thinking on it for a while. We of the Acton O.P.P. are sure if thought is given, your weekend will be far more fruitful.

### BP magazine has Acton news

A recent issue of the magazine "BP News", featured Acton items on two of its four pages. The main picture in the small publication, titled "A Solemn Moment at Acton", showed an anything-but-solemn group planted a tree to commemorate the moving of the sales staff to Rexdale. Ray Arbie, manager at Acton, planted a Linden tree on the lawn while K. Pepper distributed fertilizer "symbolizing the rapid sales growth expected as a result of this move". With Mr. Arbie and Mr. Pepper were Mrs. Flo Fryer, S. Newton and S. Crust. Main story in the magazine concerned the training course taken by supervisors, foremen and others of the Acton staff of BP dealing with plastics techno-

logy and modern supervision. Harold Schnell, group leader of the supervision sessions, was the principal guest at a presentation dinner in Guelph. Receiving ICS diplomas in modern supervision at Acton plant were: F. Boettcher, L. Broostad, K. Conroy, E. Felker, C. Fraser, G. Gidman, R. Ho, G. Jackson, P. Jenkins, H.N. Hurley, M. McMillan, J. Murdoch, J. Rolfe, D. Sellers, W. Speirs, G. Whitmore, H. Priest, D. Gaines, and P. Palmer. A third item concerned the transfer of the Micro Plastics sales office from its plant at Acton to the Rexdale.



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