

Interview Beardmore president Edmonton radio, newspaper

Last Wednesday morning Norman Braids was featured on the program "People of Interest" on radio station CKUA in Edmonton and was interviewed by reporters of the Edmonton Journal.

In Edmonton attending a meeting of the directors of the Tanners Association of Canada, Mr. Braids was invited by the station to be interviewed by Dorothy Dahlgren who introduced him as chairman of the Leather Bureau of Canada, vice-chairman of The Canadian International Shoe And Leather Fair and president of one of the largest tanneries in Canada.

In the half hour discussion about the leather industry, Mr. Braids mentioned that this was probably the oldest industry in the history of mankind and certainly in Canada, as the pioneers had to provide protection from the elements

and used the skins of animals which had been killed for food.

Tanning is a \$60,000,000 industry in Canada with about 85% of the leather being supplied to the shoe manufacturers who produce \$2 million pairs of shoes per year. However, the Canadian shoe industry has not progressed greatly because of heavy imports from low-wage countries. In 1968, 30 million pairs of shoes were imported.

There has been a tremendous increase in the popularity of leather in the past few years, mostly due to the influence of Continental Europe. A few years ago, wearing a leather coat and high boots would have labelled a person as an immigrant but after Europeans smartened up their designs, the leather fashion trend caught on here.

Because of a feeling of insecurity, to-day's young

people in a fast-moving world, are looking for stability, and leather is a symbol of values which are genuine and down-to-earth, he said. They seem to appreciate more the beauty of natural woods, stones, etc., as compared with modern plastics and synthetics.

Questioned about synthetics and other man-made materials Mr. Braids stated that with the sudden, almost insatiable demand for leather, synthetics were bound to follow and have necessarily made strong inroads

into the market. Many synthetics are of excellent quality, although not as comfortable to wear as leather, but unfortunately there are many which are of poor quality and do not stand up in day-to-day wear.

However, if it were not for synthetics, the cost of leather would probably be prohibitive as there would not be enough to go around. The supply of skins and hides is limited as they are only a by-product of the food industry.

Asked if the tanning industry is still considered to be a dying one, Mr. Braids said that while many tanneries have gone out of business in the past few years, this was due to lack of capital to keep up to date with the expensive machinery which is required.

In actual fact, the larger tanneries are expanding. New uses for leather are being found every day.

In Toronto stores, leather postcards are available embossed with designs of the city hall and

other buildings. In Calgary, similar postcards are available made from leather with the hair still on, advertising the Stampede.

The tanning industry to-day is dynamic and exciting with technological improvements being made every day.

This was the first time the members of the Association have ever met so far west. The directors and their wives were welcomed by officials of Dominion Tanners, Ltd. of Winnipeg and Edmonton.

Summer school program sees 81 per cent pass

The summer school program operated by the Halton County Board of Education had 681 students enrolled and 81.4 per cent received pass standing in the subjects taken.

The program this summer also included 55 students in two enrichment classes in music. A group of 41 grade 13 students were accommodated for their subjects in Hamilton.

Trustee L. Pease said he understood the existence of the summer school program was not promoted until late in the school

year and wondered how many courses could not be taught for lack of registration. All academic courses but Latin were offered, Superintendent O. Gilmore reported, for grades 9 to 12.

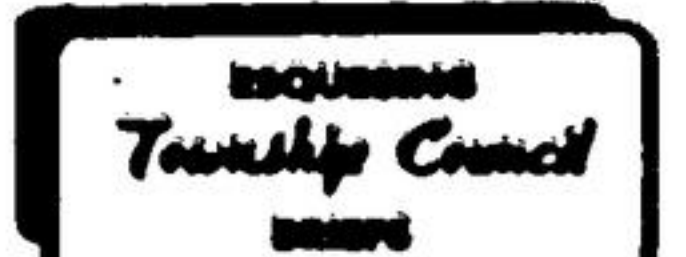
Mr. Pease suggested the availability of non-academic subjects was not generally known and some students might have been interested in paying a fee to learn rather than do nothing all summer.

A detailed report on the program is to be presented to the next meeting.

The Acton Free Press, Wednesday, August 27, 1969

Two new schools, addition approved by board

A school site consisting of 5.4 acres was purchased in



At Monday night's regular meeting, Esquimaux Council:

- Received word from the Department of Highways that further consideration of Esquimaux's supplementary roads by-law had resulted in additional approval of \$45,200 in expenditures which is divided into \$3,000 for bridges and culverts and \$42,300 for roads.

- Heard a plea from Councillor Ken Marshall that Esquimaux seriously consider membership in the Central Ontario Regional Development Council (CORDC). Mr. Marshall said this would give the township some voice in the current upheaval of boundaries and changes in administration.

- Received a request from Ralph Denny that something be done about the road at the top of the fourth line which hasn't been graded for six weeks.

- Councillor Marshall also relayed a request from Mrs. Jones on the third line that something be done to prevent water from going into her well. Mr. Marshall said Mrs. Jones had been promised action by someone in the township offices.

- Authorized payment of \$7 to John Van Arragon for one fox destroyed.

- Read and passed a by-law to charge fees for plumbing inspection of plumbing and septic tanks and an attendant by-law to appoint Robert McDonald, 62 Rexway Drive, Georgetown, as plumbing inspector. He will collect 80 per cent of the plumbing permit fees as salary.

- Promised some action on a request from Keith Leslie for ditching on the town line between Chinguacousy and Esquimaux at 17 Sideroad.

- Passed a resolution confirming John Harris as supervisor of the township dump.

- Told a delegation of Victor Harrington and Ken Sayer from

Georgetown for \$41,107.86 for the site of the new Joseph Gibbons Public School, by the Halton County Board of Education.

It was pointed out the school site was noted on the registered plan of the Moore Park subdivision. The town's subdivision agreement with the developer required the developer to sell the land for \$3,500 an acre plus the costs of servicing.

Wimpy Homes Limited offered the block for \$18,900 plus \$22,207 for servicing.

The Board approved the purchase.

During the Thursday board meeting sketch plans and tentative budget were also approved for the construction of the new General Wolfe High School. Designed for 650 pupils the project is estimated to cost \$2,860,000.

The Board also approved the construction of a double gymnasium, change rooms and showers and music room at the Montclair Senior Public School that will serve students from the north part of Oakville.

Normal that the road superintendent and the reeve and deputy-reeve would inspect a road near their residences and determine whether the township would assist with repairs to the road.

- Received correspondence from the auditors which complimented road superintendent Bud Snow on the condition of the records for road expenditures.

- Agreed to return a tax bill to the Peel County Board of Education which claimed exemption on a property they had purchased. Council could see no reason why the Board should not pay the full amount of taxes amounting to over \$200 since there were no school buildings on the property and was not being used for school purposes yet.

- Amended the motion passed August 11 charging residents who proved to be outside the Glen for street lights. The charge was written off taxes for ratepayers billed by error.

Reeve George Currie presided at the three hour meeting with the entire council present and clerk Del French.

THE OFFICERS and MEMBERS
of HALTON-PEEL CORPS
of the
**St. John Ambulance
Brigade**
extend a cordial
invitation
to the
**Citizens of Acton
and District**
to attend their
ANNUAL INSPECTION
Monday Evening Sept. 8, 1969
at the
ACTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
AT 8 P.M.

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SAVINGS

AT T-R-I-O

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ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT DISCOUNT PRICES

CANADA LOOSE LEAF REFILLS 250 Sheets SUGG. LIST \$1.60 88¢	LAURENTIAN PENCIL CRAYONS 30 Colours SUGG. LIST \$2.69 \$1.88	BIC PENS 3 Pen Deal SUGG. LIST \$7. 44¢	FELT-TIP DRI MARKERS Ass't. Colours SUGG. LIST 39¢ 17¢ ea.	DUO-TANG COVERS SUGG. LIST 30¢ 13¢	Band-Aid SUGG. LIST 9¢ 52¢
VINYL BINDERS 1 Inch Rings SUGG. LIST 9¢ 77¢	Letter Size WRITING PAD HALF PRICE SALE SUGG. LIST 49¢ 2 for 49¢	DOODLE PADS SUGG. LIST 39¢ 33¢	HANDY SCRATCH PADS SUGG. LIST 29¢ 25¢	PENCIL CRAYONS 12 Ass't. Colours SUGG. LIST 69¢ 44¢	STRETCH PANTY HOSE SUGG. LIST \$1.98 88¢
EVERY DAY LOW PRICES ON HEALTH & BEAUTY AIDS					
JERGENS LOTION Free Dispenser SUGG. LIST \$1.50 97¢	NICE 'N EASY HAIR COLOUR SUGG. LIST \$2.25 \$1.47	IMPORTED ENGLISH COOKIES SUGG. LIST 27¢ 5 for \$1.00	VOGUE BATHROOM TISSUE 4 Rolls SAVE 20¢ 39¢	NOXZEMA SPRAY DEODORANT SUGG. LIST \$1.69 99¢	50% off ALL Holiday Magic Cosmetics
SCHICK BLADES 3 PACK SUGG. LIST 75¢ 39¢	A.B.C. LAUNDRY DETERGENT SUGG. LIST 9¢ 88¢	ENO Fruit Salts SUGG. LIST 9¢ 66¢	KLEENEX - OR - ROYALE FACIAL TISSUE SUGG. LIST 2 for 41¢ 6 for \$1.00	OFF INSECT REPELLENT SUGG. LIST \$1.39 88¢	CREST TOOTHPASTE Suggested List \$1.25 86¢
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