

## Beardmore president confident of solution to odor problem

In view of the interest in the subject and in an attempt to shed more light on the problem of odors which have plagued residents of the town and district for the past several months, an interview was arranged between the editor of the Free Press and the president and general manager of Beardmore and Co., Norman Braids. Beardmore and Co. has taken the brunt of the blame for offensive odors both in letters to this newspaper and in comment directed to the attention of the editor.

Mr. Braids was willing to discuss the issues from every angle so the interview consisted of a straight question and answer session which is published here:

**Question:** Mr. Braids, in the last several weeks several letters have appeared in the Free Press in connection with odors said to come from the operations of your company. There have been no replies from the company. Would you care to make any comment?

**Answer:** It is not our intention to reply to letters which are not addressed to us, or to enter into any public controversy which would create any ill feelings between our company and the citizens of the

community. I have, however, answered personally all enquiries addressed to me or to the company and have visited many of these people as they can verify. I would like to state first of all that the management of our company feels that every resident of Canada has an inherent right to air and water, free from any pollution which reaches nuisance level or which is injurious to health. Unfortunately, our way of life is solidly dependent on industry and industry does create problems, particularly those industries which handle primary or basic raw materials. Many of these inconveniences we have learned to live with but with today's public awareness of these problems, the solution has become more urgent.

**Question:** Has Beardmore and Co. contributed to the odor problems which have persisted during the past months?

**Answer:** We have never denied this, nor do we believe we are the only source of these nuisance odors in the community.

**Question:** Why have these odors reached a higher level this summer than in the past?

**Answer:** This summer, as everyone knows, we have had long periods of severely warm and dry weather. In our case

we believe this has adversely affected the natural process of purification of our effluent in our lagooning system. These lagoons should recover through the natural process of nature but there is no quick answer.

**Question:** Are any steps being taken to eliminate the problem?

**Answer:** Very definitely. We are spending a great deal of time, effort and money and there is no question that an answer has to be, and will be found. We have some of the best engineers and chemists in Canada and the United States working on this, as well as the full research staff of Canada Packers Limited. This is also a project of some of the graduate students of Waterloo University and the University of Manitoba who are working for their Master's degree.

**Question:** What other steps are being taken?

**Answer:** In addition to our disposal system we are working on our actual process to see if we can substitute chemicals which are less offensive. I believe that our company contributes approximately one dollar out of every four which is spent by the Town of Acton, including the construction of the new

sewage disposal plant. We donated the site for the plant and also for garbage disposal, as well as the fill for the new settling beds. However, we do not use these sewage disposal facilities but feel that with some pre-treatment of certain portions of our effluent we should be able to dispose of some of it through the town system. When the new plant is operating we will probably be approaching the town for some co-operation in this connection.

**Question:** What actually causes the odor?

**Answer:** It comes from the sulphide chemicals we use in the process. In the very hot and dry weather the waste lies in lagoons and a septic condition is created when the bacteria are not activated. It dies and the result is a disagreeable odor.

**Question:** We have had reports that tanneries in other cities and towns have no odor problem. Is this true?

**Answer:** Most tanneries dispose of effluent into the city or town sewage system which assists them in minimizing odors.

**Question:** Is there any health hazard in the odor?

**Answer:** If there was, at least 50  
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DENNIS JENNINGS is stuck up—with a tasty candy apple at Acton Fair. Prize lists and more picture of the record-breaking 1960 Fair are on pages 66 and 67 of this issue. (Photo by Jim Jennings)

## Mark liberation

### Dutch Canadians plan sale of bulbs

Dutch Canadians from Acton and district are making plans to participate in a national celebration to commemorate the liberation of Holland by Canadian forces during the last war.

A Liberation Committee '45-'70 Acton has been formed with Jake Kuiken as chairman, Henry Harbers as secretary, Cor Snoek treasurer and an executive consisting of Jake Van der Kooij, John Oosterhof, Bert Loooyenga and Hank Kleins Deters.

First objective of the committee will be a Dutch tulip bulb drive in Acton on Saturday, October 4. Proceeds from the sale of bulbs will assist in financing a gift to the town as well as contributing towards a gift on the national level.

The "Holland Liberation" tulip bulbs are early Darwin tulips of orange-red color and

they are registered under this name in Holland.

In May, 1970, it will be 25 years since the liberation of the Netherlands in which Canadian armed forces played a very important part. National celebrations on a large scale are also being planned by Dutch Canadians who number approximately 700,000. They feel a special spirit of gratitude towards Canada for the part their adopted country played in liberating Holland. They picked 1970 as an appropriate date to celebrate.

Present ideas for a national gift are that it should be something for all Canadians to enjoy, not something in a museum. The national committee would like to get a film program for the smaller communities which takes one back to the time of the war and shows Holland as it is now.

### Dairy, beauty salon victims of thefts

Again this week break-ins were investigated by Acton OPP.

First of the week was during the night last Wednesday. Don Timmings of Becker's Dairy reported the break-in to police at 6 a.m. Thursday morning.

About \$35 was taken from the men's aprons. There was no sign of forcible entry.

Saturday morning a break-in was reported during Friday night at Elizabeth-Lo beauty salon. A window screen had been slashed. About \$10 was missing.

On Monday a wallet containing \$45 was taken from the dashboard of a car parked in the parking lot at the new apartments. The car had not been locked.

### Couple injured head-on crash

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fuller of Alice St. were both injured Sunday afternoon in a head-on collision on highway 5 at Trafalgar Road near Oakville. Eight people were hurt altogether in the accident and were treated in Oakville-Trafalgar hospital.

Mr. Fuller received serious head injuries and was taken by ambulance to Hamilton General Hospital, which has the nearest neurosurgeon. At latest report he was still in intensive care, in serious condition.

Mrs. Fuller was released from Oakville hospital and went to the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Len Wright of Oakville. She suffered shock and bruises.

Injured in the other car were Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Gaudet of Toronto, daughters Sharon, 7, Marie, 5, and Rose Anne, 4, and another girl Connie Donaldson, 8. The parents and two of the girls were treated and released. They were travelling in a station wagon when the 3 p.m. collision occurred.

### Council plans look at tourist camp site

Esqueving township council agreed Monday night to go out and have a first hand look at conditions at The Breezes tourist camp near Acton.

R. Nijjadik, a lawyer representing camp operator John Wood, asked council to consider allowing house trailers to remain at the camp year-round until such time as another trailer park is developed in the township.

Council finally refused a request by Mr. Wood that 10 trailers and their occupants be allowed to remain at the camp throughout the winter months at a previous meeting. A township by-law prohibits trailers except

for tourists in the summer season.

Mr. Nijjadik pointed out to Council that there was a site set aside for a trailer park near the Cedar Springs motel on highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown and asked that until such a park is developed, trailers be allowed to remain at the Breezes.

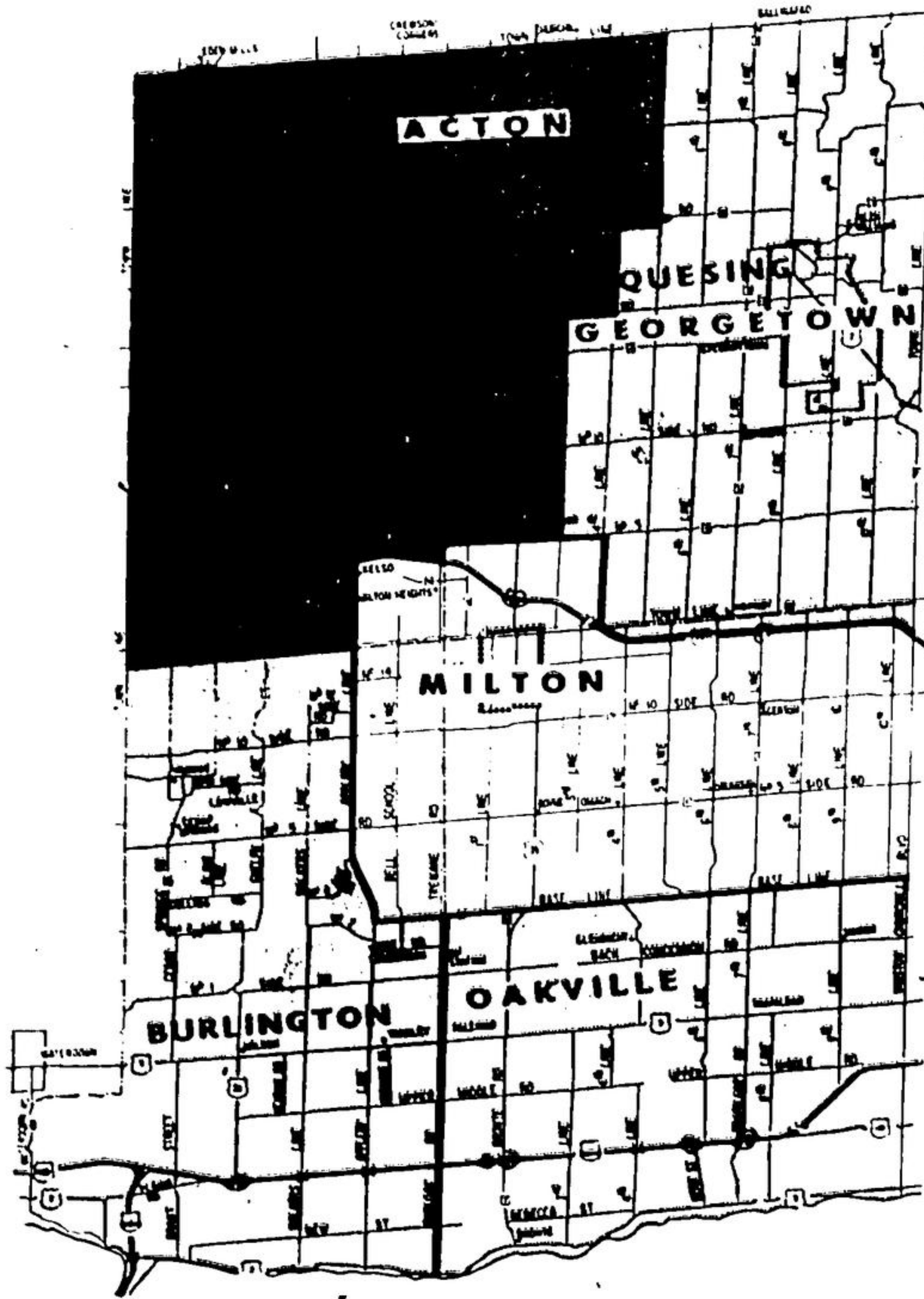
Mr. Nijjadik also explained that Mr. Wood's camp is completely surrounded by trees and that full time residents are separated from the trailer park. He added that services are already installed in the camp.

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### Reeves cut up Halton turkey

The proposed new Halton as envisioned by a special committee of Halton reeves set up to carve up the county for regional government was unveiled by Reeve Frank Oakes following Monday's special council meeting.

The division, which would make the Acton-Nassagaweya region the largest in the county incorporating a large section of Esqueving township, was viewed with interest by councillors.

Georgetown and a large part of Esqueving would consolidate into another section in the north on a line extending from 401 Highway along the third, fourth and fifth lines.

Milton would extend west to the Appleby Line in Burlington and south to the Lower Base Line in Oakville over to the Halton-Peel boundary. Nassagaweya's contribution to the Milton region

would be the Milton Heights-Kelso area.

Burlington and Oakville will both be smaller in size, losing territory to Milton.

The Halton reeves met with MPP Jim Snow following a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs asking them to detail the five proposed divisions of the county.

The map has no status until it is approved by county council but all the reeves were in agreement with the rough outline. However, Milton council has already indicated they are not happy with the proposed boundaries. Some Acton councillors indicated privately that they would also like to see changes.

Nassagaweya council decided earlier that they wished to be in a region with Acton while Esqueving expressed a preference for Georgetown.

### Pave Lakeview roads out of current funds

Alarmed at the constant delays in the capital works program caused by provincial withholding of approvals, Acton Council decided to go ahead with resurfacing Lakeview subdivision and discussed a partial sidewalk construction program out of current revenue.

Council made the decision at a special meeting Monday night after listening to the mayor and clerk describe the terms of another hold-up which may have delayed any capital works in town until late November, a date most councillors agreed would be too late.

Proposed alterations at the corner of Mill and Park Sts. may have to be postponed until next Spring, however, by the delaying action of the Ontario government.

Approval for the capital works program was first applied for on August 12 and there have been a constant string of minor reasons

why the program was not approved by the provincial authorities although they were sought through the usual channels and methods.

"How do you cope with this?" asked an exasperated mayor Les Dudy. "We just can't trust what we are told by Queen's Park."

Clerk Joe Hurst explained that council had received approval for repaving Lakeview and fixing up the Mill-Park corner from the Department of Highways but there was no approval for debentures to finance the work and this is what was holding up the work.

He said council could overcome this and still take advantage of grants from the Department of Highways by paying for the Lakeview paving with revenue from the current year. He also thought this would leave enough money to do at least \$5,000 in sidewalk construction.

"The government is succeeding in what it is trying to do," agreed Deputy Reeve Ted Tyler. "All items are being held up."

Councillor Jack Greer reminded council that they had committed themselves to a \$10,000 expenditure on the sewer extension on Churchill Road North. "We're going to have to find \$20,000, not \$10,000."

"The critical thing is to settle the Lakeview paving project tonight," said the mayor. "The engineers has advised us to get it done now."

After further discussion on how to raise the necessary funds council passed a motion authorizing No. 2 committee to go ahead with the Lakeview resurfacing to the amount of \$10,000, the money to be supplied from the current town budget and the work to be approved by the engineers.

### "Lost battle but won war" Ospringe parents bow

Ospringe area parents have decided to discontinue efforts to have the Wellington County Board of Education reconsider its decision to close the kindergarten at Ospringe public school. Most parents will reluctantly send their five-year-olds to Brisbane school and Ross R. McKay school in Hillsburgh.

Mrs. Eleanor Taylor of R.R. 1 Orton told the Free Press this week parents had come to the decision after a delegation of three, Ray Bernardi, Mrs. B. Boye, and Mrs. Taylor attended a joint committee meeting of the Board last Thursday night. They met no success in their efforts to convince trustees to reconsider the decision to close the Ospringe kindergarten.

Mrs. Taylor said Mr. Bernardi explained that parents felt the Board's subsequent decision to provide a car to transport children living above number 17 sideroad directly to Ross R. McKay school in Hillsburgh had not helped the situation, since some children living near number 27 sideroad would still have to travel a return route of approximately 40 miles.

### Hurt in accident man recovering

Gerald Prevost, badly injured Sunday, Sept. 21 in a train-car collision, is progressing favorably in Guelph General Hospital. He suffered concussion, broken knee, cuts and bruises.

His nephew, Gerard Gauthier, Toronto, died in the accident. Mr. Prevost, 20, has been living at 13 Church St. and works in town.

In a meeting with Department of Education officials in Toronto, Mrs. Taylor replied that the Department had promised to investigate the situation but parents had not yet received a reply.

Parents feel their fight has not been totally in vain and their efforts may aid the plight of other county parents in the future.

One prominent member of the legislature told the concerned parents they may have lost the battle but won the war.

The present set-up will mean an 8-5 day for the five-year-old children on an alternate day basis, another facet of the operation parents find objectionable.

### Hope to give Monex O.K.

Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst told the Free Press, this morning, he hopes arrangements can be finalized this week for the issuance of building permits to Monex Construction so that they may proceed with the building of 23 new houses on Churchill Road North.

Building inspector Ernie Marks halted construction on the subdivision two weeks ago because the firm failed to submit building plans for the project.

Monex Construction is the first subdivider to begin construction under the new subdivider's agreement.