



FELLING, CUTTING UP and piling dead elms is keeping almost 100 men busy working along 401 Highway south of Acton. The much-needed clearance was instituted by the provincial government to provide winter jobs for unemployed men and some on welfare.—(Jack Carpenter Photo)

Dead elms topple

Elm trees ravaged by "Dutch Elm" disease, an eyesore along 401 Highway, are being felled by work gangs recruited from Manpower and Welfare Agencies from Dixie Road to Highway 6. Men from Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Burlington and Oakville are among the crews who are divided into six teams for cutting, trees, cutting it into four foot lengths, stacking and burning brush. They are paid \$2.54 an hour for a 40 hour week. They are clearing dead elms out a quarter of a mile from each side of 401. Some of the men enjoy the outdoor work and are glad to be working, but others admit they would rather be on welfare. Reason? They receive less money working than they get on welfare.

One worker has said the provincial government, which organized the job under the supervision of the engineering department of the Department of Highways to combat unemployment, should make up the difference between his welfare cheque and the one he receives for working.

What do they do with the wood? Apparently, it is there for the asking. Wood burning home owners are bringing in pick-up trucks and loading up for fireplaces.



CHAIN SAWS handled by the work gangs soon cut diseased elms into four foot lengths for stacking.—(J. Carpenter Photo)

Suggest continuity assured by board

Representatives from the Y's Men, Lions, Rotary Club, Halton Antique Arms Association and the Chamber of Commerce discussed arrangements for the 1971 sportsmen's show at a meeting recently. It was suggested by John Shadbolt of the Chamber that a board be formed to handle all aspects of the show in order that there might be a form of continuity from year to year. Chamber representatives argued that a permanent board would assist the project as well as bringing together representatives from the town's various organizations on one project.

and related activities. 3. To have a self supporting and continuous event that will make a profit.

Proposals advanced at the meeting will be taken back to the various organizations for discussion. It is hoped a board will evolve as a result.

John Bomans represented Y's Men at the meeting, Morley Allen and Neil Miller the Lions, Allan Hall the Rotary Club, Hank Ruppert the Arms Association and Alan Eastwood and John Shadbolt from the Chamber of Commerce.

ACTON COUNCIL BRIEFS

Aims of the show are listed as:

1. To promote Acton.
2. To promote interest in sports

Re-elect Wallace to Authority

James Bauer of Waterloo has been re-elected unanimously for a sixth year as chairman of the Grand River Conservation Authority. He has served as chairman since 1965.

Also re-elected to the Authority executive committee were George Wallace, R.R. 4, Rockwood, Robert Pequegnat and W. L. Bradley, both of Kitchener, A. Gordon Skinner of Cayuga, Archie Beattie of Elora, Robert Hawthorn of Brantford, Hugh Elliott of Galt, and Erwin Nelson of Hespeler.

Colored pics available

8 x 10 color prints of any of the five Acton Tri-County minor hockey entries can be purchased through managers of the teams. So far, the pee wee team is the only team, with their order and money in.

Samples of the pictures are hanging in the community centre auditorium. Cash must accompany all orders.

Decided to petition the Department of Highways for subsidy of \$63,030.95 for road expenditures in 1970.

Authorized Superintendent Alf Doby to attend the R. J. Mahoney road school at Guelph from May 9 to 12, all expenses paid.

Appointed Superintendent Doby weed inspector for the year 1971.

Approved a three month extension for J. Gibson Construction before he has to apply for a building permit for his lot in the industrial park, on the recommendation of the Planning Board and the administration committee. No other terms of the contract are to be altered.

Accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board that land on Lot 230 and the NE half of Lot 27 presently zoned R2 be rezoned R4 to allow for construction of town houses.

Councillor Jack Greer presided for the Committee of the whole session in the hour and 40 minute meeting. Councillor Masales was absent.

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Nixon criticizes Tories

In a speech to 800 Halton East Liberals Tuesday, Liberal leader Robert Nixon criticized the Conservative government and Premier Bill Davis for playing musical chairs in the cabinet. The convention was held in Oakville last Tuesday evening.

Nixon said Davis was surrounding himself in the new cabinet with members from his area. "Robarts did the same thing. For a while I thought he might move the capital to London, but John missed his chance," Nixon quipped.

No power
Nixon was critical of Halton East MPP Jim Snow's appointment to the cabinet. "I don't know why he was appointed. He has no power to speak of" as a minister without portfolio, Nixon said. He joked about the large cabinet, saying

the pictures showed ministers fading off in the distance. "They called it a new wave but it is the same gang shuffled around," Nixon said.

Lagging efforts
"The government of Ontario is lagging in its efforts to combat water and air pollution and solid waste disposal", he claimed.

Christmas seal campaign up 10%

Figures just released for the Halton County TB and RD Association's annual Christmas seal campaign show an alltime high collection of \$46,452.86—10 percent over last year's total.

The Association attributes the success of this year's campaign to many factors, including gentle follow-up reminders which bring in 20 percent more money. Because it is a familiar campaign—Christmas seals gracing envelopes at Christmas in most Canadian homes; the Association believes they have established a tradition. Rangers, members of the Girl Guide Association, distribute advertising material and newspapers are generous with publicity, adding more impetus to the campaign.

This year, seals were sent to 48,200 Halton homes early in November, in time to decorate overseas mail.

Expand RD campaign
The 10 percent increase in funds assures expansion of the pulmonary testing for RD respiratory disease which was launched in Acton during

November. RD has replaced TB as the number one community health problem. It is aggravated by pollution, crowded areas, nerves, smoking and careless physical habits, which all take their toll.

Pulmonary testing detects the presence of RD, paving the way for doctor and patient to work out the cause and cure. Plans will be announced shortly for expansion of the program.

The Association has educational material on all kinds of breathing problems, TB and RD, available for schools and individuals. A request is all that is needed to have it sent out. Many requests for literature were received with Christmas seal donations and have been filled.

Loan equipment
The Association also has till boards, respirators to assist breathing, and other aids available for loan to patients on doctors' recommendations. Donations of breathing equipment have also been made to hospitals in the county as well as grants to the Ontario TB and RD Associa-

tion. None of these activities and donations would have been possible without generous support from the people of Halton during the 1970 Christmas seal campaign, the Association points out.

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Club protests weed spray

Oakville Rod and Gun Club is protesting the use of certain sprays on county roads for weed control. Jim Etherington, a member of the club wrote a letter of protest to the roads committee last week.

Engineer D. J. Corbett told the roads committee the spray had been used for six years and was used only after being diluted many, many times.

Warning
Mr. Etherington's letter reminded the county of the warning on the chemical that urged the chemical not be applied to water along ditches or stream banks, or wet land draining into any source of drinking water or recreation area. The warning advises pregnant women exposed to the chemical could have deformed offspring.

The committee agreed to continue the use of the chemical. Unless other members of county council object, the chemical will be used.

Peewees bow

Streetsville peewees gained a 4-1 Tri-County league victory over Acton Y's Men at the community centre, Thursday night. Streetsville led 1-0 after one period and 2-0 after two.

Ford Alton tallied the Acton goal unassisted.

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