A HUGE ELM tree, felled on Mill Street last week by workers from Moffitt Tree Removal Service, Preston completely spanned the street, just west of the Frederick Street intersection. Mill Street was blocked off between Frederick and Elgin to allow the work to proceed.—(Staff Photo)

MOFFITT TREE Removal Service experts were in town last week felling old, decayed trees and potentially dangerous limbs. Felled limbs were fed into a mechanical chopper which reduced them to chips of wood.—(Staff Photo)

44 decayed, old trees doomed by tree surgeon

Forty-four of the town's biggest and oldest trees toppled last week—slated for the saw by Moffitt Tree Removal firm of Preston.

These tree surgeons, considered by the mayor to be "the best in the country", came to town, assessed trees which were old, decayed and dangerous, and then proceeded to trim or cut them down completely.

Despite some complaints and sorrow at the loss of the trees, the mayor this week claimed the contractors here are the kind of people who will always save a tree if they can. "We feel we have the best tree surgeons in the country," Mr. Duby asserts.

Regular program

The project is part of the town's regular program of assessing trees to see which might be becoming dangerous. The tree surgeons determine the health of the tree and give advice. In some instances, they have changed their mind about a doomed tree, and decided after they trimmed that it did not need to come down after all.

Most of the trees were on town property—such as at the music centre, in the school yard, entrance to the park, in front of Knox church and the Baptist church, at the Legion and the chicken drive-in, and in the Crescent.

Some were on the borderlines of lots, and the cost is shared with a homeowner. Some on private property were also taken down by request, with the homeowner assuming the cost.

Mostly maple

Most of the trees were maples, including the seven taken down on Bower Ave. It was the shade of these spreading trees that made the town's prettiest residential street truly a "bower".

In the Crescent, it was mostly poplars that fell. A few of the trees were elms.

Spare that tree

In a couple of cases, trees which the contractors felt were dangerous have been left, due to the wishes of nearby residents. However, Mayor Duby recalls that one listed tree, kept for three years out of sentimental reasons, crashed down last winter during a storm. He is always aware of the town's liability in such cases.

The routine checking of trees always produces concern among nearby residents who hate to lose them. The mayor repeats this week that the town's tree planting program replaces lost trees two to one. Of course they are not always planted in the same place.

The downed trees on Bower Ave. have nothing to do with the proposed widening of Bower Ave., the mayor explains. In normal checks, they were found in bad health and a potential hazard.

The company will be back later to stump out the last vestiges of the trees.

The oyster may discharge up to 500 million ripe eggs in one spawning.

Ramautarsingh rejects Board allegations

Halton OSSTF president Tom Ramautarsingh disputes allegations by the Halton County Board of Education that he turned defeat into victory in the long drawn-out salary negotiations between the secondary school teachers and the board.

He points out that OSSTF members, not the Halton president, rejected the board's offer, presented to the teachers on the last day of school (June 30). He lists four reasons why it is impossible to resume negotiations:

1. Many teachers are taking courses at universities.
2. Many are teaching at summer school.
3. Some are attending conferences and seminars.
4. Most of the teachers are on vacation.

Ramautarsingh said for the board to suggest he turned defeat into victory is beyond anyone's comprehension.

Want high morale

"The teachers' concern is not one of defeat or victory but to provide a climate of high teacher morale which will allow them to provide the best educational services to the community," he said. "District 9 executive feels that if members felt the board's offer was unacceptable then it was their democratic right and privilege to vote accordingly. Democracy shall prevail regardless of how the vote is interpreted by the board."

Ramautarsingh said the teachers turned down the board's merit plan because the board offered only the negative aspects as compared to the Toronto plan, and included no incentives. He rapped the board's neglect to set up a joint committee to study the merit plan system and suggests this, and the lack of time, combined to compel rejection. However, he said joint research into the plan would be acceptable to teachers in the future.

Won't match offer

Regarding the two year contract, Ramautarsingh said the teachers expressed a willingness to accept what Toronto teachers were offered but the board stated they were not prepared to match that offer, so the proposal fell through.

The teachers proposed a 16 month contract for this year only so negotiations each year could be completed before the board struck its budget but the board refused, preferring to deal with a locked budget.

The Halton OSSTF president wondered why the board expected teachers to adhere to economic guide lines and ceilings proposed by the government when Peel, Toronto and Hamilton boards of education as well as firemen, policemen and others did not adhere to them.

Better offers

He also maintained:

1. Twenty per cent of teachers would get no negotiated salary increase in the board offer.
2. The board failed to mention in its press release that the Peel Board of Education offered its teachers a much better salary agreement in spite of a lower pupil-teacher ratio and Hamilton made an even better offer. He suggested the best Halton teachers would soon leave for the surrounding boards and the quality of education in the county would suffer.
3. The board's reasons for rejecting a $75,000 grant were based on the fact ratepayers had to contribute 50 per cent. The teachers consider it a good investment to receive $37,500 instead of nothing.

In conclusion, Mr. Ramautarsingh said the board must change its attitude to one of co-operation and called for meaningful discussion for an amicable settlement.

Limehouse pilot in air race

A Limehouse district pilot, Mrs. Barbara Brotherton, completed the 2,442— mile powder puff derby from Calgary to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but ended up out of the prize money.

She and co-pilot Mrs. Ruth Bliss flew a Cherokee 180 in the race. There were 145 planes entered. They were competing for the top prize of $10,000 won by two Arkansas women.

Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton and their two sons all fly.

Official Oktoberfest band inked for Sportsmen's show

Plans for the gala three day Sportsmen's Show planned for Acton on the Labor Day weekend September 3-4 are going ahead full tilt.

Latest achievement for the committee planning the event is the engagement of the official Kitchener Oktoberfest band to play at the Friday night beer festival at the community centre. The band has 13 musicians and there's also hope of bringing along six shoe platter dancers to further enliven proceedings.

Plumes and pants

Julius Rauchfuss, Mr. Oktoberfest of the Kitchener festival, will also be present in the traditional Alpine costume including lederhosen and plumed Tyrolean hat.

There are two dances planned — Friday and Saturday night — and one admission will take a couple into both nights. The Oktoberfest band is playing Friday and Acton's well known ambassadors of rock, the Shaynes, will be supplying the music Saturday.

Tickets are already on sale for the event.

Free Press ad pays off

Advertising on the classified page of the Free Press has paid dividends for another Acton tenant.

Faced with the task of finding a new home to rent in town, Harold Speaker advertised in the Free Press and is glad he did.

Harold called last week to report his success. He also found a new home for his dog, another happy ending to a story that started with a Free Press classified ad.

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Carnation—12 oz box MASHED POTATOES	49c
Surget—16 oz bag SPAGHETTI	3/$1.00
Surget 100 Per Cent—128 oz Can VEGETABLE OIL	$1.99
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Catelli—12 oz pkg SALAD MACARONI	2/43c

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Esso (Barbecue)—32 oz can LIGHTER FLUID	37c
Swan—24 oz bottle LIQUID SOAP	49c
Five Roses or Robin Hood ALL PURPOSE FLOUR—25 lbs bag	$2.45
Duncan Hines—19 oz. box (all varieties) CAKE MIX	44c
Nestles—16 oz can QUIK CHOCOLATE	57c
Hershey — 2 lb can INSTANT CHOCOLATE	79c
Stuart House—18" wide—25' long FOIL WRAP Heavy Duty	69c
Maple Leaf—8 oz pkg CHEESE SLICES	37c
Purina—4 lb bag CHOW WAGON	89c
Kleenex - Size 180's FACIAL TISSUES	3/89c
Chase & Sanborn—1 lb bag COFFEE	89c
Klear—27 oz can LIQUID WAX	$1.18
Giant—Pack 10's GARBAGE BAGS	37c
Christie—16 oz box PREMIUM CRACKERS	39c
Carnation — 16 oz can EVAPORATED MILK	2/35c

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Kraft—7½ oz box MACARONI & CHEESE DINNER	16c
Colgate—Deal Pack 4's TOILET SOAP	37c
Sani Flush—24 oz can TOILET CLEANER	45c
Chase & Sanborn—10 oz jar INSTANT COFFEE	$1.49
Nescafe—6 oz jar INSTANT COFFEE	$1.16
Swift—3 lb can SHORTENING	89c
Stuart House—Deal Pack 5 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	49c
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Burns (All Varieties) Cooked Meat 6 oz. Vac Pack	29c
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Swift Premium Side Bacon 1 lb. Vac Pac.	69c

Philips standard — pack 2 LIGHT BULBS	39c
Wonder Soft—4 rolls pack TOILET TISSUE	59c
Bravo—28 oz can Plain SPAGHETTI SAUCE	47c
Crisco—24 oz bottle VEGETABLE OIL	73c
Glo Coat — 32 oz can LIQUID WAX	$1.05
Burn's (Roy all) — 12 oz can LUNCHEON MEAT	39c
Heinz — 14 oz can OVEN BAKED BEANS	22c
Sani Flush—(Automatic)—12 oz bottle TOILET BOWL CLEANER	79c
Swift Irish or Beef—24 oz can STEW	54c
McLarens—16 oz jar PEANUT BUTTER	47c
Gaines—36 oz box TOP CHOICE	79c
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