

# Keates Organ hit by 10% U.S. surcharge

A Free Press survey of Acton industries conducted this week revealed that most have not yet experienced any adverse effects of President Nixon's levy of a 10 per cent surtax on imports to the United States.

Of five industries contacted, only one, Keates Organ, related

any serious loss of business. "It definitely is affecting us," Keates plant manager Ken Clarke told the Free Press. "The surtax has had the effect of making our prices less competitive in the U.S., where about 80 per cent of our markets are, we've definitely slowed down

since it was imposed," he said.

**No effect**

Building Products executive Dr. Leno Brada said imposition of the surtax has had no effect on the Acton plant, since very few exports from the plant go to the U.S.

"We're primarily geared to the domestic market," he said.

H.K. Porter spokesman C. V. Emory cited similar reasons why his plant has been unaffected. The plant exports in the foreign market, but not to the U.S.

An official of Ajax Engineers, manufacturers of cooling towers,

said the plant does not export to the U.S.

"I can't see us suffering. We're an importer, not an exporter," he said.

A Beardmore spokesman said the surtax has not yet affected the plant appreciably.



COUNCILLOR PETER Marks presented a cheque for \$400 to Ram president Howard Dwyer on behalf of Acton Council.—(Staff Photo)

## Acton time

Clocks go back an hour Sunday with the annual autumn return to Standard Time.

There was confusion in the district when the Erin Advocate announced last week that the change would occur Sunday, October 24.

Turns out it was one of those mistakes that make editors tremble and grow pale. Sure enough, our neighboring weekly had printed and distributed the wrong date in the clerk's advertisement and a front page story.

The Advocate hastily phoned schools and stores to set them straight.

So Erin joins Acton and the rest of the province in reverting to Standard Time this weekend.

## Overnight visitors

Residents of Lakeview subdivision were delighted to view a large flock of Canada Geese, obviously attracted by the tame birds, land on the lake just before dark Monday night.

John Shadbolt estimated the geese numbered about 60 birds. "A tremendous sight," he observed.

The flock spent the night on Fairy Lake and continued their way south early Tuesday morning while the regular lake crew tried vainly to follow.

## Three accidents in past week

Three accidents were investigated by Acton police during the week.

On October 22 at 4:40 p.m. a car driven by Lyndon Keith Thompson, Acton, left Agnes St., struck trees and a fence. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

That night at 11 o'clock a car driven by Paul Forbes, Acton, hit a telephone pole and tree on Eastern Ave. and damage was set at \$200 by police.

Saturday Keith Campbell's car in the Legion parking lot was struck with damage set at \$300. A charge is pending.



JOHN ROOT Retains seat (see inside)

## Set Saturday as Hallowe'en

Following a suggestion by Councillor Bill Coats, Acton Council is recommending that Actonians celebrate Hallowe'en on Saturday night this weekend, even though Sunday is really the final day of October.

Councillor Coats pointed out the police chief of the city of Toronto had already made a declaration that Hallowe'en be celebrated on Saturday night this year.

The recommendation was agreed upon unanimously by all councillors.

Councillor Jack Greer didn't let the opportunity pass without bringing up one of his pet peeves.

"Toronto has already said Saturday. They set our Daylight Saving Time for us, they might as well set this too," he cracked.

Councillor Greer has long favored retention of Eastern Standard Time throughout the entire year.



Acton supporters toast victor George Kerr

MR. CLEAN, WHO made a clean sweep of Halton West, is surrounded by jubilant supporters at the Estaminet, Burlington, after the election Thursday. Minister of the Environment George Kerr is the centre of a happy group which includes Mr. and Mrs. Iain Galbraith, Mrs. Don

MacDonald, Mrs. John Shadbolt, Mrs. George Maltby, Pat Kerrivan, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Staley and Brian Cargill of Acton. Mr. Kerr outpaced NDP candidate Walter Mulkeiwich and Liberal Bob McNutt.—(Staff Photo)

# Kerr clobbers opponents

Probably the most surprised person in Halton West riding Thursday night was Minister of the Environment George Kerr.

The whopping plurality he chalked up in defeating Liberal Bob McNutt and New Democrat Walter Mulkeiwich—16,000 votes—was totally unexpected. Mr. Kerr said he expected a plurality of about 6,000 votes.

### Smashing victory

He attributed his smashing victory to the fact he never had a better organization or more people involved in pre-election mechanics. "The whole riding worked harder than they ever have before and it produced more votes than ever before."

Kerr's plurality was the second biggest of any candidate in the election and the largest in the history of the riding. George Kerr lost only six of the 214 polls—two of them in Acton where the N.D.P. edged him in Poll 201 and had a more comfortable margin in 208, which is Glenlea subdivision.

In Nassagaweya and Esquesing, Kerr was the unanimous choice of rural voters while Burlington came out so strong for their "White Knight" other candidates shook heads in

disbelief. Mulkeiwich took five Burlington polls.

Polls closed at 8 p.m. and by 8:30 it was obvious Mr. Kerr was posting one of the biggest election victories in the history of the riding.

At 9 p.m. Liberal Bob McNutt shouldered his way into crowded campaign headquarters at Burlington to personally congratulate the winner. An hour later Walter Mulkeiwich arrived to concede his defeat.

**Off form**

Unlike predictions, the unassuming McNutt garnered more votes than the N.D.P. candidate, whom George Kerr thought would be his big opposition.

He pointed out Mr. Mulkeiwich to excited supporters and said, "The N.D.P. had a real gentleman running. He ran a clean fight, is a credit to his party, community and province. Kerr said to the crowd who gave Walter a polite clap.

### First results

Election headquarters at Burlington, a busy, well run operation, tabulated the first results at 8:25—26 polls—and they showed George Kerr had 2,577 votes, Bob McNutt 909 and Walter Mulkeiwich trailed with 877. They were a good indication of final results.

By 8:45 results showed George Kerr with 9,984, McNutt 3,436 and Mulkeiwich 3,073.

8:55 p.m.—Kerr 13,955, McNutt 4,779 and Mulkeiwich 4,259.

10:50 p.m.—with only six polls unreported—Kerr 24,603, McNutt 8,688 and Mulkeiwich 8,074.

### Toast victory

By this time hilarious Conservatives were at the Estaminet Inn, Burlington, toasting their victory in more appropriate form. It was a full,

jam-packed house with everyone invited.

In the spotlight, of course, were George Kerr and his attractive wife, Mim, accepting congratulations from citizens of every background. Supporters watched the Conservative machine roll up their tremendous victory on a colored TV set at the back of the inn, marvelling at the big gains they were extracting from the Liberals and N.D.P.

It was a heady brew for the jubilant Tories and the story was being repeated all over the province. In Burlington's strong NDP territory—blue shirt country—the Conservatives took all but four of 19 polls. Bob McNutt took only one poll of the 214.

As the evening wore on Tory workers and voters started to filter in from the north—Nassagaweya, Acton and the top half of Esquesing—big grins on their faces and outstretched hands for George Kerr.

Kerr's 5,000 plurality in 1967 was thought to be a triumph then, but last Thursday's big margin? "We out-manoeuvred the

opposition," Kerr told hushed supporters in his victory speech.

### Support of young

He said Conservatives got the support of the young people and he believed most of the 18-21 year-old vote—leaders of the future. But the theme George Kerr kept hammering at was the "great organization" of the

party. He hugged Acton party president Bruce Cargill as he arrived in from the north with a large number of supporters and workers.

Kerr was in the north end of the riding all day, touring polling stations and encouraging workers who kept predicting a big margin of victory. Figures

which evaporated in the pipe smoke he generated in his own mind.

Final results of the voting Thursday showed George Kerr with 61 per cent of the vote while the Liberals had 20 per cent and the NDP 19 per cent. Only Premier Bill Davis' whopping 18,750 plurality was bigger.



THREE ONTARIO scholars graced the ranks of graduates at high school commencement. Attaining over 80 per cent in grade 13 were Jackie Lemon, Bonnie Garvin and Chris Brunelle. Stephen Yu, right, didn't qualify since he was accepted into the spring semester at the University of Guelph.—(Staff Photo)

## Mayor promises no delay on work

Acton Council will proceed with alterations to Elizabeth Drive at Lakeview subdivision entrance, whether or not an exchange of land with Ted Brankiewicz, a resident of the street, can be arranged, Mayor Dwyer stated Tuesday night.

The mayor made his statement after Deputy-reeve Pat McKenzie informed council an engineer's survey of Elizabeth Drive had been completed and stakes re-established in their proper locations.

"If the road is put in its proper location it will come right up to the doorstep," the deputy-reeve explained, in reference to the house adjacent to Mr. Brankiewicz.

Mayor Dwyer felt the most reasonable plan would be to offer Mr. Brankiewicz, an exchange of land whereby he would receive town land on the north side of the present road in exchange for a portion of land he owns on the south side of the road.

"No one wants to put a road in front of somebody's doorstep. We should try to have a conveyance of land," the mayor suggested.

However, the mayor also warned that if a land transfer is not forthcoming, "We'll not be held up any longer, we'll put the road through where the original survey goes."

He said the town already has a by-law permitting them to put the road through.

### Councillors differ

Councillors Jack Greer and Peter Marks wondered if a transfer of land is necessarily the safest way of improving the road.

"Should we not try to straighten the S turn out of it?" Marks asked. "You can't see around that corner. Even at 20 m.p.h. it's not safe to go around that curve," he said.

Deputy-reeve McKenzie said he didn't think it was going to kill people to slow down a bit.

"It won't be any more hazardous than it is now," Mayor Dwyer said.

"It'll be a square corner," Greer shot back.

"I agree with you Jack," Marks added.

## Attempt foiled

A 15-year-old girl, reported missing to police, has been located.

A report was received of persons shooting at lights near Mason Knitting Co. Suspects are being questioned.

Another window was broken in town by a rock.

### Attempt foiled

Watson's restaurant reported an attempt made by two short-change artists to bilk them out of cash. They weren't successful and police were notified.

## Censure officers

The president and secretary of the Oakville Senior Citizens' Club were unanimously censured at the zone meeting in Burlington on Oct. 19 for refusing continued membership to Mrs. Agnes Forster, a long standing member of the club and one of the original founders.

The reasons given by Mrs. Coe, president, and Mrs. Whitmore, secretary, were that Mrs. Forster did not attend meetings, a reason not considered a legitimate one by the zone president.

Mrs. Forster was offered membership in many other clubs but declined to accept, and tendered her resignation as zone treasurer. She was given a hearty vote of thanks for her excellent service to the senior citizens' club movement since its inception in 1959.

Clubs represented at the zone meeting were Burlington, Brampton, Aldershot, Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville No. 71 and Oakville Golden Age.

The Fall Rally will be held this year in Burlington on Nov. 8.

## Pop 5,033

First results of the Canadian 1971 Census show that Acton has a population of 5,033, up over 600 people from the 1966 figure of 4,416.

Also included in the bulletin sent out by Statistics Canada were figures for Esquesing and Nassagaweya townships which show the former with 9,493, up from 7,550, and Nassagaweya with 3,442, a hike of 651 from the 1966 figure of 2,791.

Population counts in the bulletin are subject to revision—usually higher—since figures do not include persons enumerated at a temporary address, but they are believed to be a close approximation to final population counts.