

# Council accepts Oref offer - Marks opposed

Acton is a giant step nearer having a new industry, following a decision made by council Tuesday evening.

On the recommendations of the development commission council agreed to have the mayor and clerk sign an offer to purchase made by Oref Industries.

Oref Industries propose to locate an oil recycling business in the industrial park at the site formerly intended for Frank

Heller and Son leather business. (Heller's instead bought the former Mason Knitting building).

Monday evening the administration committee of council, members of the development commission and the principals of Oref Industries, president M. Rimarchuk and vice-president P. Laehof met. The administration committee then made the recommendation to council that the

offer to purchase be accepted. It now proceeds to the solicitor.

Some changes had been made from the previous offer, turned down by council at their last regular meeting. Clerk-administrator Joe Hurst explained these changes, deleting a section on installation of services and adding a section stating the purchaser would pay costs of the survey. The agreement states certain conditions of sale.

Land involved is just over four acres, somewhat larger than the Heller property had been.

Change in thinking Explaining the administration committee's change in thinking Reeve Oakes said he was "more than enlightened" by meeting the principals face to face. "Their statements changed my mind." All other councillors agreed but councillor Marks who was also present the night before at the

special meeting. He voted against all three readings of the resolution.

Reverse stand Mr. Marks told his fellow councillors they had voted eight out of eight not to accept the offer two weeks ago unless they had assurances from the Air Management branch and they had reversed their stand completely without more information.

Reeve Oakes reminded Mr. Marks "they guaranteed a lot of things."

"Verbally!" fired back Mr. Marks.

Objects to location Mr. Marks said he didn't question the corporate responsibility of the principals or their claims and knew the industry would be an asset. He praised the industrial commission.

His objection, he stressed, is to "the geographic location of our industrial park which isn't suited to this type of industry." It's difficult to assess the possible pollution of reclaiming oil since we have no information on the actual process. There is legislation covering pollution. However, he felt the prevailing north-west winds could carry odors over the town. Council should consider what would

happen in extreme conditions, he urged.

"I'm trying to keep the people informed this sale is not the bed of roses a unanimous vote would suggest," he insisted. As he voted alone against the resolution the mayor remarked "Mr. Marks caused us to be cautious. I had concerns but I am satisfied," and the reeve added "We listened to you with open ears."

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## At least 11 families in Osprunge are affected by hepatitis outbreak

It is believed contaminated well water may have triggered an outbreak of infectious hepatitis in the Osprunge area.

An analysis by the Wellington-Dufferin Health Unit has disclosed one well in the Osprunge district in which water was unfit for drinking and the infected family has been notified of what steps to take.

Meanwhile, however, at least 11 families in the Osprunge area and probably more including the family with the contaminated well, have members sick with

infectious hepatitis. Some of them feel the outbreak could have been avoided if the health unit had acted promptly when the disease was first diagnosed in June at Osprunge public school.

But Dr. B. T. Dale, medical officer of health, says the health unit is only aware of six cases and he feels adequate steps have been taken to control the disease. He is not sure the one well identified as unfit for human consumption is the only source of infection, however.

Two full time health unit inspectors are busy checking wells in the area now but affected families feel the health unit is trying to close the door after the horse has escaped from the barn.

One R.R. 1 Acton mother told the Free Press of a young Osprunge student, Mark Ballantyne, who was on a two week vacation in the Maritimes when he took ill with the disease and had to be hospitalized in Prince Edward Island. (See Osprunge news). "Now the disease will spread

through the Maritimes," Mrs. Tom Shields predicted, because it is highly contagious. She feels if parents had been notified earlier incidents such as those that afflicted the Ballantynes could have been avoided.

"I intend to get to the bottom of this," she said.

Meanwhile Dr. Dale has been quoted as saying he does not believe the situation represents a serious threat to health. He said the attack was not severe and some who have it are not sick enough to go to a doctor.

Mrs. Stuart McKinnon, who first notified the press of the outbreak, now has her eight year-old daughter home from the hospital, but she has been informed convalescence will take the rest of the summer. The girl lost nine pounds in the first few days of the illness and still has a high temperature.

Mrs. McKinnon, a grade two teacher at Osprunge school, feels the health unit should have had a public meeting in the school to tell parents how to ward off the infection.

## Wants full staff of health nurses

After being advised Halton County Unit is still two nurses short of their complement of 31 Acton Deputy Reeve Pat McKenzie vowed he would make an issue of it if the complement wasn't full by Sept. 1.

"We seem to be always short and always going to be caught up in a month or so. If I hired teachers like the unit hires nurses I'd have empty class rooms," he said.

Esquering Reeve Rom Hill who had joined McKenzie in a fight to have better health services in the northern part of the county several months ago backed McKenzie's demand that the complement be filled at the meeting of the Board of Health Wednesday.

"I agree with the Deputy Reeve from Acton. Why can't we get nurses? Before it was wait until the contract is settled and now we are still short," he said.

Personnel officer John Watson told the meeting some of the nurses that had considered coming to Halton during negotiations took jobs elsewhere before the contract was settled.

He said he and health unit officials felt they could pick and choose their nurses for the money they paid and noted some applicants had been ruled out as not acceptable.

"I'll wait until Sept. 1 but it better be done," McKenzie chided.

## Liquor vote set

A liquor vote will be taken in Acton Monday, November 20. The by-law passed council Tuesday with no objections.

The town's municipal election will be on Monday, December 4. Reeve Oakes explained council believes there will be much less confusion if a separate vote is taken on a different day.

Clerk-administrator Hurst said other municipalities which have tried the liquor vote on the same day as the municipal elections have run into serious problems. The rolls of voters are different.

New Act It's expected by then the new Elections Act will have been passed and the 18-year-olds will be able to vote.

The vote questions the electorate on dining lounge and lounge licenses in hotels, inns and taverns.

Councillor Greer pointed out the two votes are budgeted for at a cost of about \$600 each.



Corporal Ray Mason

## Corporal Mason's death is shock to community

Police officers from all over the county and province will be in Acton Thursday afternoon to attend the funeral of Corporal Ray Mason, 61, who died Monday afternoon at Toronto General Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Head of the Acton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police for the past 20 years, Corporal Mason was a well known figure, both as a police officer and sportsman.

His death came as a shock to this community and to fellow officers who said he would have completed 35 years in the force on August 1.

Corporal Mason expected to retire in February of next year.

Funeral services will be held from Knox Presbyterian Church at 2.30 p.m. Thursday. Eight members of the O.P.P. will act as honorary pallbearers and an honor guard of eight corporals will also take part as well as a force of 12 uniformed constables in charge of Staff Sgt. Thompson of district headquarters.

Constables Bruce MacArthur, Nick Farion and Paul Brown from the Acton detachment and three officers from the Milton detachment will act as pallbearers.

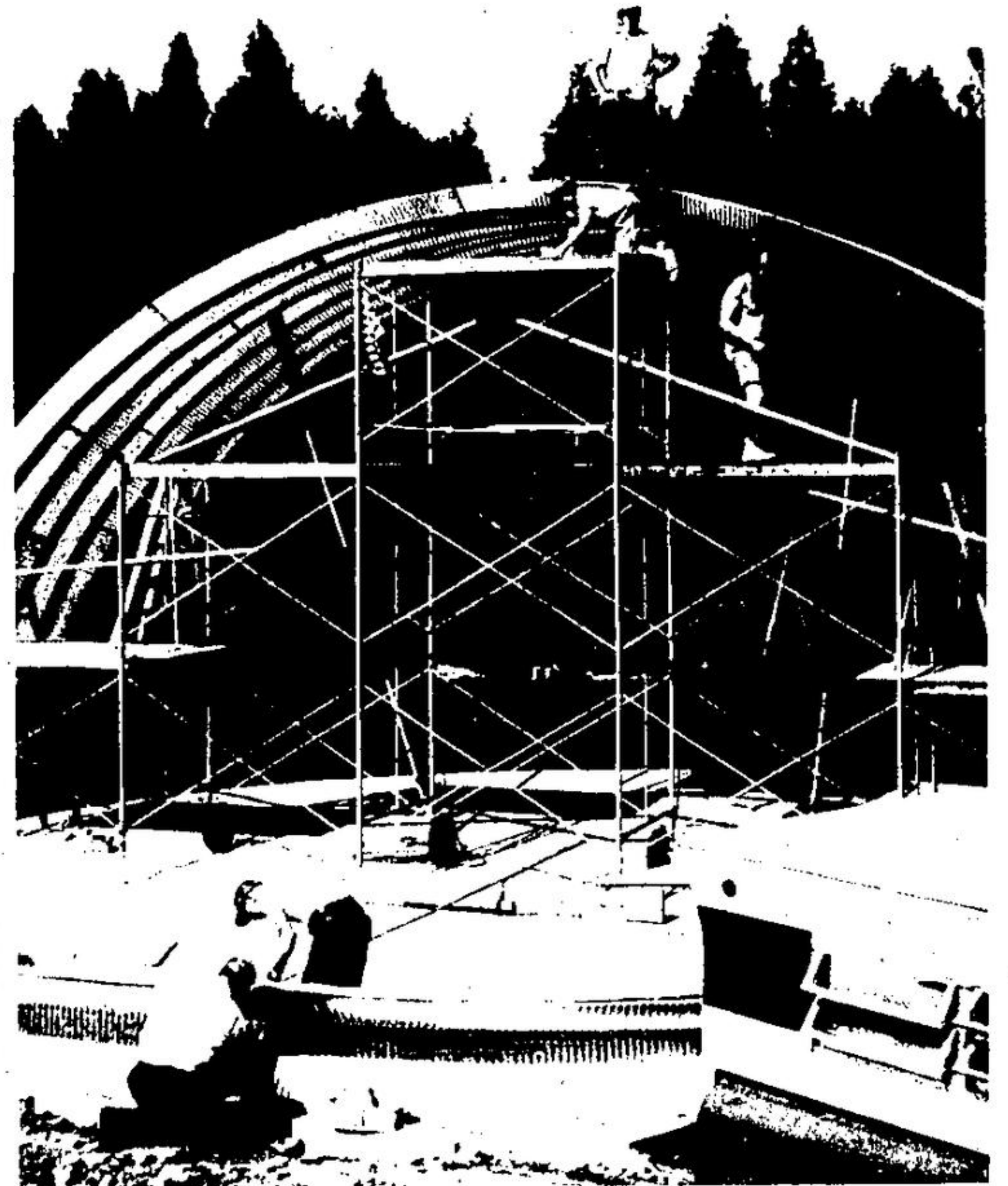
Corporal Mason spent 30 of his 35 years in the O.P.P. in this district, 22 of them in Acton. He was stationed in Oakville and Milton prior to coming to Acton, where he has told the Free Press, he always felt at home.

Ray Mason always took a keen interest in the activities of the community and was actively involved in sports until the last few years. He was president of the Acton Tanners intermediate hockey club, a member of the executive of the intermediate baseball team which won the Ontario championship, and took a real interest in minor sports, serving as a coach and manager in both hockey and baseball.

Respected, liked He was respected and liked as the representative of the law in the community. He was an officer in Walker Lodge and active in Masonic circles.

He leaves his wife at home and three sons, Ronald of Bolton, Gordon of Maple and John of Guelph, and a host of friends and acquaintances from the community and district.

Corporal Bell of the Milton O.P.P. detachment has been in charge of the Acton detachment since Corporal Mason was ill.



A NEW BUILDING is taking shape in the industrial park. Looking much like an elongated igloo the quonset hut will be the eventual workshop of J.J. Gibson Construction and Sheet Metal Ltd. The building is

made of sections which are bolted together in an arch 18 ft. high in the middle and 40 ft. across at the bottom. This particular structure will be 60 ft. long when it is completed.

(Photo by J. Jennings)

## Motorcyclist injured Tues.

Milton motorcyclist Harold Thomas Ferris suffered a broken collarbone Tuesday in an accident at the Foodland Store. Ferris was coming out of the parking lot and was involved in a collision with a car driven by David Kocluk, Poplar Ave. which was eastbound on Mill St.

He was treated at Acton medical centre and in Guelph hospital.

Involved in an accident Saturday were Kurt Eckerich,

R.R. 2, and Herbert Schubert, Churchill Road. The collision was at about 4.15 p.m. at Willow and Mill E. Only damage estimated was \$150 to the Eckerich car.

At 10 a.m. Saturday another collision was investigated at Main and Vimy Sts. Brian McCurdy, Guelph, in a van and Ronald Mellon Cres. St. were the drivers involved.

Acton police laid a charge after investigating each of these collisions.

## New jail tenders in Aug.?

According to Halton East MPP and Minister of government services, Jim Snow, tenders for the \$16,000,000 Maplehurst Correctional Centre may be called in August to allow a fall construction date.

Snow said plans were still tentative but all the indications were favorable towards tenders in August and construction to begin in the early part of fall. He said he hoped the complex which is expected to take two years to build will provide considerable winter employment.

The complex will include three separate institutions and will be situated on an 85-acre site bounded by Highway 401, Highway 25 and the CNR.

Accommodate 600 Plans call for the establishment of an adult training centre with a capacity for 200 inmates, a correction centre for 200 and a medium security reformatory for about 60 inmates.

Maplehurst is expected to replace Halton County Jail in Milton, Brampton Jail, and Mimico centre and help reduce the population at Guelph.

Authorities feel Guelph is too large at 600 inmates. It has been reduced in recent years from 1,000. According to Kerr, employees at the institutions have a better opportunity to work with the inmates if the population of the centre is controlled.

Maplehurst has been on the province's priority list since jails became a provincial responsibility in 1960. Grand Jurors touring the Milton jail invariably describe it as antiquated.

## Bob Stanfield to visit Acton Tuesday morn



Bob Stanfield, quiet-spoken leader of the federal Progressive Conservatives and a candidate for the Prime Minister's chair, will be in Acton for breakfast on Tuesday, August 1, to meet municipal officials, key Conservatives and local citizens.

He will be accompanied by Terry O'Connor, Halton P.C. candidate, on a tour of the riding, which starts with an Acton breakfast at the curling club on Churchill Road. There he will meet P.C. workers and councillors from Acton, Milton and Nassagaweya township.

Mr. Stanfield has travelled extensively throughout Canada during the past six months, visiting every province but Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland so far.

Tuesday's agenda will see him stopping in Georgetown.

Mr. Stanfield will head to Milton following a tour of the Beardmore plant in Acton. He will call at Milton Manor and talk with residents. The rest of the morning will be spent in Georgetown where he will visit an Opportunities for Youth program and have lunch at the North Halton Golf club. He will visit Blakelock High School in Oakville in the early afternoon and tour the Procor plant.

The evening will be spent at an "Old-Tyme Picnic" in Coronation Park, Oakville where five cent hot dogs will be a feature.

Before leaving Halton, Mr. Stanfield will return to Milton to meet the young people at the Milton Youth Council's coffee house.

## Question day care centre

On the urging of councillor Marks, a questionnaire on a day care centre for Acton will be circulated to all homes by mail.

This is a very important social service we should be organizing for the community, Mr. Marks said. Government grants are available, he explained, when the need is assessed.

Reeve Oakes pointed out there was very little response to an ad asking to hear from people interested. Councillor Chapman also expressed surprise the question was being brought up again.

Mr. Marks felt this detailed questionnaire was a better way of getting response. He thought many people did not understand what was involved.

## Council backs Commission

In a formal expression of solidarity council Tuesday unanimously voted in favor of a resolution giving full support to the Acton Centennial Commission "in their present and future programs for centennial year, including the proposed renovations to the Acton community centre to be completed in three stages."

This gives them a solid front for arena renovations, explained Reeve Oakes. This project appeared to be the least costly and the most useful.

Met with committee Representing the centennial commission Jack Carpenter, John Shadbolt, Ted Tyler Jr. and Paul Nielsen had attended the meeting of the administration committee of council on Tuesday, July 18. Members of the public works committee also attended part of this meeting.

Commissioners then said they felt it would be futile to continue with their present plans if it was the intention of council to proceed with a survey on the project.

Mr. Carpenter outlined the commission's plans in detail and councillors explained council's suggestions.

After discussion the committee had assured the commissioners that council would give full support, as was confirmed unanimously Tuesday evening by the full council.