

239 cases stolen canned goods seized by O.P.P. in homes, stores

Following up a tip, Acton O.P.P. this week recovered over 239 cases of canned goods, apparently stolen from Toronto harbor, some at two homes and the rest in stores.

The recovered goods, valued at \$6,741 were loaded from the back window of the Acton police office Monday morning by members of the Toronto Harbor Commission police onto a three-ton truck.

Two Acton brothers, Robert Robinson of 333 Queen St. and Ronald Robinson of 37 Churchill Rd. N., were charged with possession of stolen goods by the Acton O.P.P. They appeared in

court in Milton Monday. Ronald Robertson pleaded guilty and is in custody for sentencing until October 30. The charge against Robert Robinson was withdrawn.

Search warrants

As a result of information received October 6, police began the investigation. By October 14 two warrants were executed and the search began. By the time the investigation was over Corp. Bob Arbour's office was banked with cartons of canned goods.

Main item reeled in was 136 weighty cases of tuna fish from Japan, with 24 cans in each case. Apparently from the same

shipment came 65 cases of mandarin oranges. Recorded as well were 15 cases of one brand of mushrooms and 12 cases of another brand, two cases of pineapple, nine cases of carrots and 15 cans of baby clams.

The cans were recovered at the residences of the two brothers and in six stores, two of them in Acton. Stores were also searched in Georgetown and Guelph. Apparently few cans were located at the home of Robert Robinson.

Over month

The cans represented different shipments on different days,

shipment extending over a period of about a month.

Police explain the charged man was apparently posing as a salesman with a legitimate-sounding explanation. No charges are contemplated against the store owners, according to Acton O.P.P. One store involved had two deliveries while the others had one.

Acton police informed Milton detachment of the O.P.P. and the Toronto Harbor Commission police. The port police are still investigating and it is understood four more persons are being charged there as a result of the investigation.



THREE TON truck is loaded with 232 cases of stores. Acton O.P.P. laid charges and more canned goods, seized by police at two Acton homes, two Acton stores and four out-of-town police are pending. (Photo by K. Dills)

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Region rumors rampant

Regional government rumors are flying thick and fast around Halton this week, and some local politicians appear excited over the prospect of finally learning more about Halton's future in a regional government in the very near future. . . possibly the next few days.

One unconfirmed rumor that began spreading across Halton on the weekend is that the provincial government will announce the expected separate regions for Halton and Peel Counties later this week — ostensibly right after a Thursday meeting between three Halton County officials with Premier William Davis.

A second rumor, which is being denied by politicians as both impossible and ridiculous, is that the province will cancel local municipal elections this December and extend the terms of present elected officials until next October, when elections for the first regional council would be held.

Four units

Another rumor, supposedly attributed to a "source close to Queen's Park" is that Halton will become a four-unit, two tier system of regional government, as proposed by the town of Milton.

Halton County Council's brief, which Warden Jim Swanborough will present to Premier Davis on Thursday, calls for a three-unit Halton with Oakville and Burlington as separate boroughs

in the south and the remainder of Halton (including Milton) a third borough covering the north of the county. Milton's brief, which was criticized by councillors from the other six municipalities, urges Milton and surrounding lands become a fourth unit covering the central part of the county.

Sparked by a rumor the province will give the Aldershot area of Burlington to the city of Hamilton and lump the remainder of Burlington in the Halton region, politicians in Burlington have started a campaign to retain Aldershot. Mayor George Harrington has sent Premier Davis a six-page letter outlining reasons why the south-western arm of Burlington should be retained and has urged residents of the area to deluge the prime minister's office with complaints.

Promised in fall

Last June, the minister of municipal affairs, Darcy McKeough promised that a regional set-up for the area between Toronto and Hamilton would be announced this fall. He has since resigned. Elected officials here who were contacted by this paper are of the opinion the announcement could come as early as this Thursday, but probably no later than the first week in November.

Nomination period for municipal elections is Nov. 9 to 13 this year and everyone is sure the form of region would have to be announced prior to that time.



SMILING BRENDA DENNY was the lucky winner of a 1966 Custom 500 Ford at L&L Ford Sales last Saturday. Approximately 200 people were on hand to watch as Val Mitchell, this year's Miss Acton Fall Fair, drew Brenda's card from the drum. L&L president Lorne Doherty presented the happy Miss Denny with the keys. (Photo by J. Jennings)

G.W. McKenzie resigns after 42-year career

The dean of Halton county principals, G. W. "Pat" McKenzie resigned his position as principal of the Robert Little school. A teacher almost 42 years, he has been principal here for 34 years.

His resignation at the end of this school year was accepted with regret at the meeting of the Halton county board of education last Thursday. Acton-Nassagaweya board member Tom Watson presented the resignation, adding words of commendation for Mr. McKenzie and wishing him and his wife Mary "a long and happy retirement."

Came in '39

Mr. McKenzie came to Acton as principal of the only public school in 1939 and joined in community events with a gusto and delight he has never lost.

He served in the R.C.A.F. for three years during World War 11 as a bomb instructor.

His record in community service would be almost impossible to match.

A long-time member of the Y's men's club he was international president in 1963-64. He was a prime mover behind the scout hall and the community centre. He is presently serving his fourth year as a town councillor and is deputy-reeve, representing Acton on county council as well. He has

served on the industrial commission, parks board and library board and is active in Trinity United church.

School first

Through it all his prime concern has been his school and staff, and he follows the careers of former pupils with keen interest and pride.

An innovator, he kept a jump ahead of developments in education with firm opinions on how his school would be run.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie moved a couple of years ago from Main St. N., to Jeffrey Ave. Their daughter, a former teacher at the M.Z. Bennett school, is married and living in Listowel.

Lions, Bovis sponsor trips

Forty-three senior citizens from Acton participated in a Passport to Halton tour arranged and sponsored by Acton Lions on Saturday.

The Lions sponsored the bus which covered the northern half of the Passport promotion, starting at Acton park and proceeding to Beardmore plant, visiting Glen Williams and Georgetown and stopping for lunch at Milton.

In the afternoon the group visited the Halton County Museum and Kelso Conservation area and then went north to the Halton County Radial Museum in Nassagaweya. Lions club members acted as guides and chaperones for the senior citizens.

Friday the Lions also participated in a joint scheme with the Bovis Corporation to send 49 children from the Robert Little and M. Z. Bennett schools to the circus in the coliseum at the C.N.E. grounds, in Toronto.

The Bovis Corporation initiated the program and asked the Lions to assist. The club provided the bus and gave each child 75 cents to spend while the Bovis group paid for the circus tickets, the major expenditure.

Lions acted as chaperones and saw the children returned home safely when the bus returned late Friday evening.

Truck troubles

Some farmers oppose route

Reeve Tom Hill said Monday night he expects the county will encounter difficulty expropriating land to construct a truck route north from the village of Limehouse to Highway 7 somewhere between the Fourth and Fifth Lines.

"I've been hammered with calls on it. No farmer wants his land split in half," Hill told council.

Limehouse and area residents made the truck route proposal to council two weeks ago. They received support from ratepayers along 17 and 15 Sideroads, two other heavily travelled township truck routes.

Gargles!

There'll be gargles aplenty at the Robert Little School in Acton as the latest wrinkle in the tooth saving campaign by County dental hygiene program begins October 25.

Instead of brushing teeth with fluoride, a program of using mouthwash to apply the controversial chemical starts at the Acton school.

The new techniques have been authorized by County Dental Officer, Dr. Samuel Green. It is all part of the public health program.

Limehouse and area residents made the truck route proposal to council two weeks ago. They received support from ratepayers along 17 and 15 Sideroads, two other heavily travelled township truck routes.

Residents reached the decision after finding out Ontario Hydro has proposed part of its north-south power feeder line along almost the same route.

Councillor Dick Howitt said he doesn't think farms will necessarily have to be split in half.

"The route could go along the lot line," he said.

Councillor Len Coxe expressed the opinion that if there is going to be a truck route, it will have to be in the area that affects the smallest number of people.

County-retained engineer Jim Barr is expected to present 14 different schemes for alleviating the Limehouse truck problem at a public meeting scheduled for November 2, according to Mrs. John Glyn an area resident.

Residents have already rejected a host of proposals Mr. Barr presented at a public meeting in March.

Reeve Hill promised council will still support residents' request for the north-south route at the county level. Residents are requesting a feasibility study.



Shake . . . and come up fighting

Meet the candidates this Thursday night

The three Halton federal election candidates will be on the spot this Thursday at the Acton Chamber of Commerce Meet the Candidates night in the Robert Little School, Acton.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, not Wednesday as was mistakenly reported in last week's Free Press.

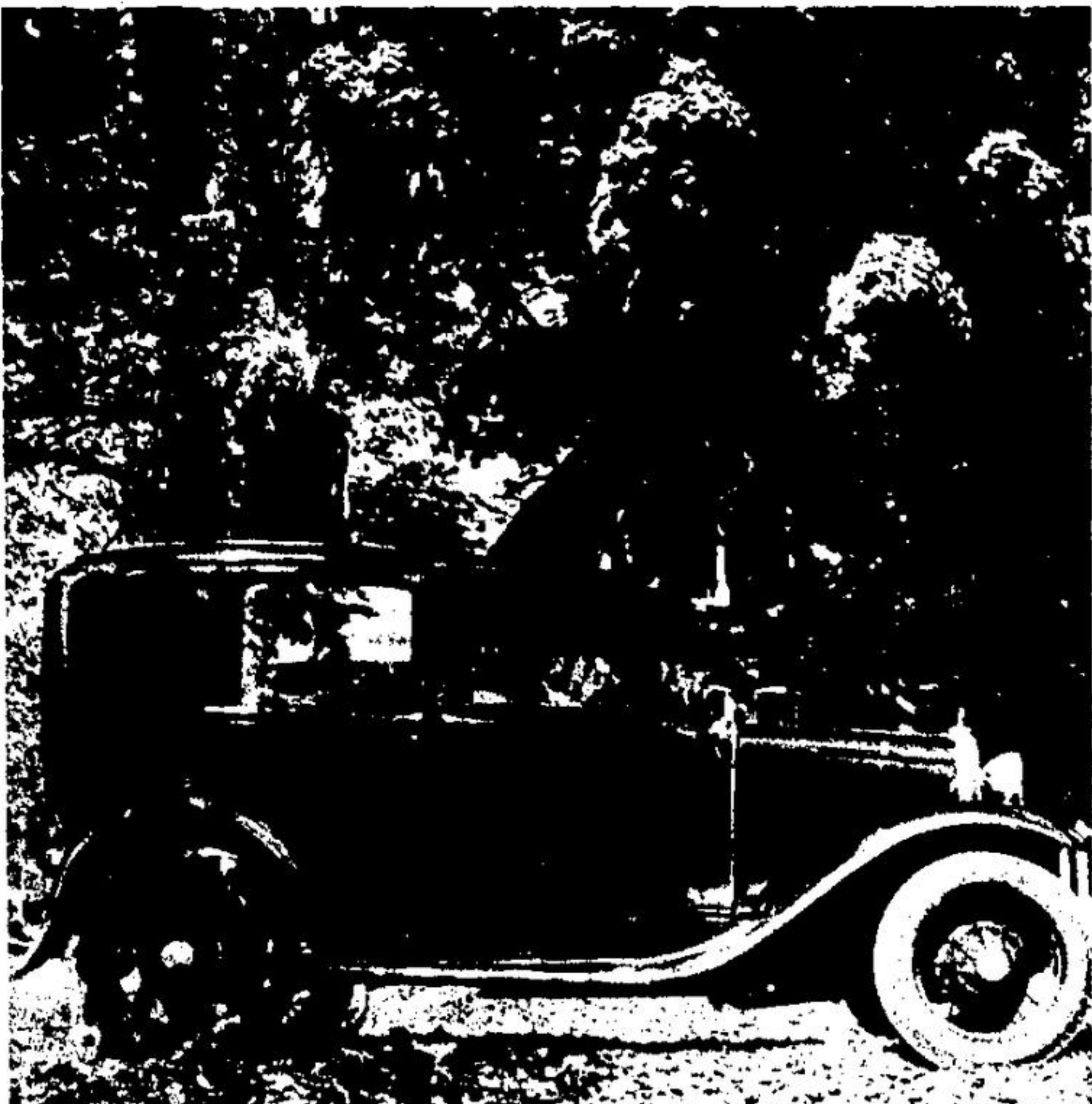
The three candidates,

Carolyn Holstein NDP, Terry O'Connor PC and Rud Whiting Liberal will be given ten minutes in which to speak. A question and answer period will follow, where written as well as verbal questions will be accepted.

Prior to the meeting Acton Citizens' Band will lead a parade of the candidates through the streets of Acton, which will wind up at the

school, just prior to the meeting.

Chamber of Commerce officials point out this is the opportunity to question all the candidates on their platforms and that of their respective parties. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served afterwards so both candidates and public might have the opportunity to fraternize.



A SCENE FROM THE '30's? No—just a vintage car buffs. Turn to the district page for noontime break at Limehouse on Sunday for more details. (Photo by H. Coles)