Tanners ask provinces to join parley with Pierre

The serious crisis in the tanning industry has had such a strong effect on the Tanners Association of Canada that they are asking the Ontario and Quebec governments to join a delegation seeking a meeting with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau over the issue of large increase in imported shoes being sold in Canada.

The president of the Tanners Association has written Primier William Davis of

Ontario and Premier William Bourassa of Quebec indicating a delegation was being formed of the Tanners Association, the Shoe Manufacturers Association of Canada, the Ontario Council of Leather Workers and Canadian and Allied Workers and Le Syndicat Catholique des Employes de Tanneries, to meet Mr. Trudeau and his Cabinet.

Results of the meeting requested by letter

March 7, could seriously affect the jobs of many of the 400 Acton employees of Beardmore, the country's largest tannery.

"We need all the support we can get to impress upon the federal government the fact that the Canadian tanning industry, and with it the Canadian shoe manufacturing industry, is in a highly critical situation over the flood of shoes being allowed to enter this country." said Peter Stewart, Tanner

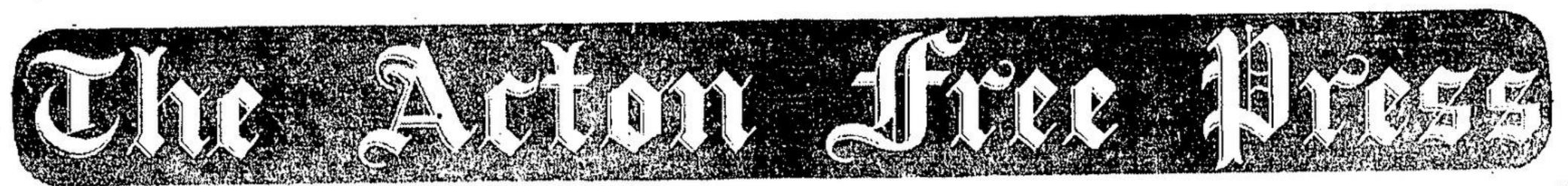
Association president.

As noted in a Free Press story three weeks ago, in 1960 imported leather shoes sold in Canada amounted to five per cent of the pairs produced in Canadian factories. By 1972, this figure had increased to approximately 75 per cent. Several employees have already been laid off at the Acton Beardmore plant, some of them

"Despite the major efforts of both the tanning and shoe industry to improve their performance in recent years, we find ourselves being pushed against the wall by declining markets and overwhelming imports," Stewart said. The tanners and shoe manufacturers have charged unfair competition from subsidized manufacturers in the so-called developing countries.

The Canadian tanning industry is almost totally dependent on the dornestic shoe market, so if the Canadian shoe market goes down the drain, the jobs of 2,500 men and women in tanning and 25,000 in related industries will be affected.

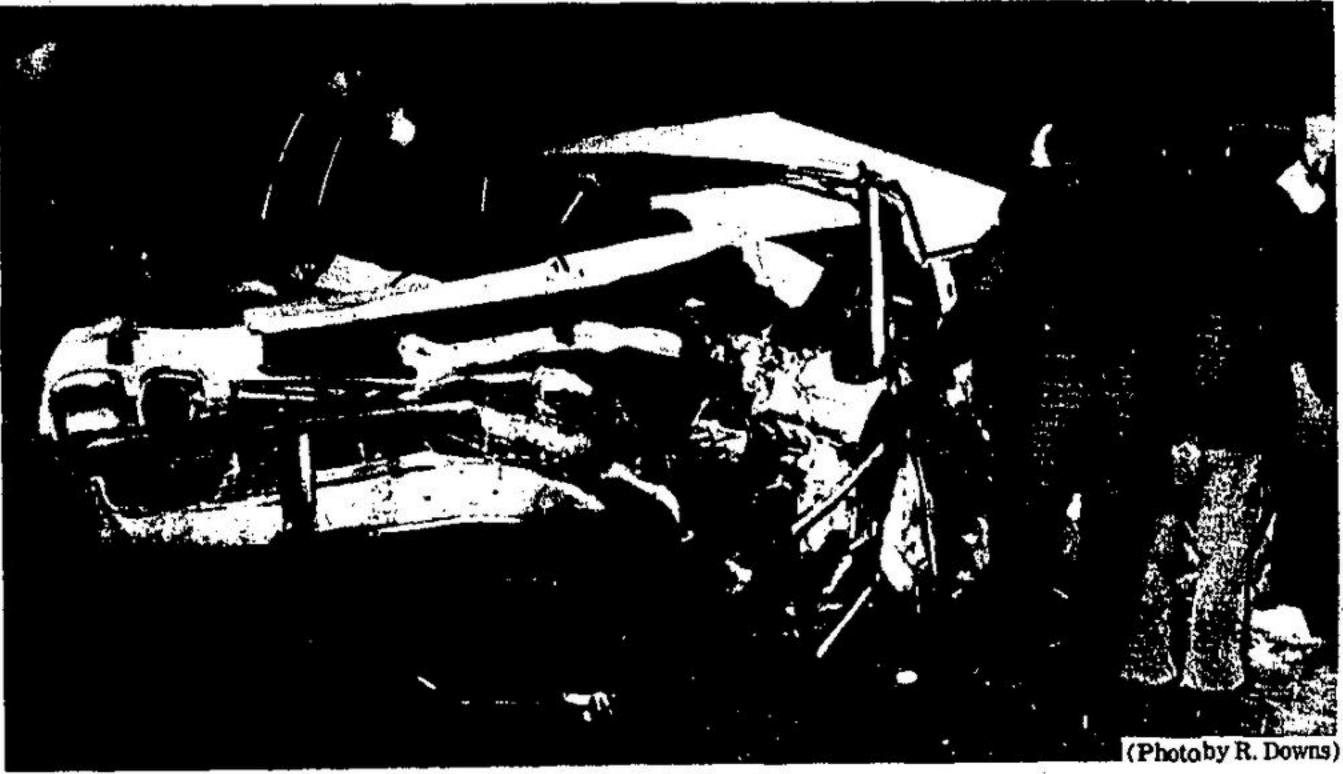
An earlier submission in May, 1972, has not been answered by Ottawa.



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FIREFIGHTERS PRY BROWN'S CAR APART AT SCENE OF DOUBLE FATALITY MONDAY

Two area men killed in head-on collision

Two area men were killed instantly and two passengers serious injuries and one with were injured Monday night in a grinding, head-on collision on the Five Sideroad diversion east of Campbellville.

Dead are the drivers of both vehicles - 19-year-old Randolph D. "Randy" Brown of Campbellville and 48-year-old Ties Kremer

of R. R. 4, Acton. Two passengers in the Brown

vehicle are in hospital, one with undetermined injuries. Wayne condition. John Dowson, 17, or Port Perry is in Oakville Hospital with a fractured pelvis and was being operated on Tuesday morning when kidney problems were discovered. Richard N. Mitchell, 22, of Tillsonburg, was sent from the Oakville hospital to Toronto

injuries were found but doctors are keeping an eye on his

Police said all four men were employed at Mohawk Raceway. Brown and Mitchell were employed by harness racing driver Doug Hie.

Brown is the son of Mr. and

at the high school Saturday to see

and bid them bon

single. Kremer, who lives on 17 Sideroad north of Speyside, was married and the father of three . It took a crew of Milton Firefighters and two tow trucks to pry the injured from the wreckage of

south of Campbellville. He was

the two vehicles. Both cars, Brown's 1965 Chevrolet and Kremer's 1972 Plymouth, were described as total wrecks by investigating officer Const. William Bourne of Milton OPP.

was affixed to the roof of the Brown vehicle was also damaged in the collision. It became detached and landed 60 feet away from the car.

The accident happened just Sand and Gravel pit.

Centennial Commission work done-dissolves

After almost a year and half of laying the groundwork for Acton's centennial celebrations, the eight member centennial commission has decided their job as a steering committee is done. They will bow out in favor of a centennial committee with a much larger membership, representing all Acton organizations.

Commission co-chairman Jack Carpenter gave a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce this information Saturday morning at one of the commission's regular breakfast meetings at the Dominion Hotel, Carpenter said the commission will present their new proposal in full to Acton council at a joint meeting

The commission has proposed that the centennial committee be headed by a chairman and a secretary with lots of time, preferably paid. Under them will be a fund raising committee charged with raising money for the centennial project-the renovation and enlargement of the community centre.

Seven other sub-committee are proposed working in conjunction with the first two. They are: Program, Building, At Home, Decorations, Country Market, Youth and Historical.

It is proposed that one member of the present commission will serve on each sub-committee in an advisory capacity. Mr. Carpenter has the names of several Acton

THE HON. GEORGE KERR

has announced Bruce Cargill

of Acton has been appointed

to the Credit Valley Con-

servation Authority by the

Provincial Government. Mr.

Cargill has been active in

many local organizations and

is a past president of the

Acton Progressive Con-

servative Association.

people designated to serve on the subcommittees, most of them submitted by various organizations and he has contacted several others who have indicated interest.

He expressed the commission's interest in keeping the Acton country market alive in 1973 and 1974 as well, since it was partly through the efforts of the commission that an Opportunities for Youth grant was sought and the market succeeded. The group of youths who operated the market are not eligible to try for the same grant again but the commission hopes to keep it operating.

Mr. Carpenter also emphasized that many of the commission's activities have been instigated to provide the proper climate for Acton's centennial, including neighborhood dances where it was never expected a profit would emerge. He said it was the commission's intention to get the people of Acton to know one another by participating in the various projects.

Quizzed by the five member delegation from the Chamber of Commerce about fund raising, the co-chairman said the commission had postponed the major fund raising effort until better weather. He reviewed some of the activities which had raised money including the Buy-a-Brick campaign, an entirely voluntary mailing effort with no attempt to solicit door to door or by person.

Mr. Carpenter said the commission had run into its share of disappointments but had

arranged a splendid program for 1974 which would make the year one of the most memorable Acton had ever experienced. The project fund has approximately \$2,300 in the bank to get the main financial campaign going.

He noted also the project was divided into three stages so it could be spread over the time money was available for the job. He also said there had been some confusion over what the centennial project was because of the efforts other groups were making, and he wanted to make it clear the issue had been decided at a public meeting which everyone had the opportunity to attend and express their views as well as vote on the choice of a project.

The centennial commission had been named by council and was responsible to the town fathers for any of their actions. Two members of council were delgated to attend commission meetings.

Chamber president Ed Bendicks, past president Roy Goodwin, Second vicepresident Allan Eastwood, secretary Betty Eastwood and treasurer Wayne Hogsteen comprised the Chamber delegation which attended to throw their support behind centennial and get a "behind the scenes" look at the commission's activities.

Mr. Carpenter told the delegation he likely would be a member of the program

Spain-bound Acton group misses Montreal flight

General Hospital. No serious

Severe weather conditions and overloaded aircraft delayed the arrival of 36 Acton high school students and chaperones in

The Acton party was supposed to leave Toronto International Airport at 5 p.m. Saturday but the flight was delayed because the aircraft was overloaded. Four thousand pounds of fuel had to be burned off before it could take off for Montreal where they were to catch the flight for Spain.

They finally took off from Malton at 7.57 and landed at Montreal at 8.47, too late to catch the Madrid-bound flight.

Overnight in Montreal Air Canada put the party up at the Skyline Hotel in Montreal overnight. Sunday morning they boarded a New York-bound bus to catch a flight Sunday evening from New York City.

This time they were successful in catching the flight and left finally for Spain at 7 p.m. Sunday evening, arriving in Madrid Monday morning.

The students are spending four days in Madrid before flying on to Torremelionos, from where they will spread out to such well known Spanish spots as Toledo, Segovia and the Valley of the

Saturday's bus trip from Acton to the airport was done in some of the winter's worst weather and then the travellers encountered severe turbulence on the flight to Montreal. Several were sick. The plane ride was so bouncy stewardesses were forced to sit down rather than dish out the usual lunch and beverages.

Many parents and friends were

Spectacular accident maroons two Acton couples in Barrie truck loaded with lumber Two Acton couples who braved

Sunday's blinding snowstorm were forced to spend the night in Barrie as the result of the tragic chain of accidents which left 15 people dead along highway 400. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry, Jeffrey Ave., their son Don and wife Ann, started out to return home from Barrie but were turned back at the accident scene by police. The accident occurred south of the Thornton cloverleaf,

seven miles south of Barrie and involved a truck, bus and a number of cars estimated between 35 and 40.

It began in a swirling snowstorm where visibility was almost nil. Cars stopped at the scene of a minor accident and the

smashed into them, overturned, crushing cars as it caught on fire.

Trapped in cars People were trapped in burning cars and had no chance to escape the flames. A few minutes later an Ontario Northland bus

creating more havoc. The Perrys had originally intended to travel north Saturday but turned back in the snowstorm after going as far as Ospringe. Sunday, the two couples left in Don Perry's car about 9 a.m. and experienced no difficulty until they got in the Schomberg

miles an hour.

smashed into the wreckage,

lengths ahead," said Charles Perry, but the lack of caution of some drivers was noticeable despite the severe weather conditions. They encountered one seven car pile-up on the way up to

'We couldn't see two car

Although the senior Perrys had intended to go on to Severn Bridge they stayed with their son and his wife in Barrie, unwilling to take another hazardous trip. Conditions had improved Monday morning when they

"When we were turned back Sunday we made no effort to find another route - we just turned back to Barrie," Charles Perry district. They travelled about 30 told the Free Press.







They're off for sunny Spain

DOZENS OF PARENTS, relatives and friends waved adieu to Spain-bound Acton high school students and their chaperones at the school grounds Saturday afternoon. The travellers

boarded a bus for the trip to Toronto International Airport in snowy, bone-chilling weather, hoping they would be in sunny Spain in a few hours. However, the flight to Montreal was late

and they missed connections for Madrid, which necessitated new arrangements from New York City.

---H. Coles Photos

County council debates raise

A proposed by-law that would increase salaries for members of Halton County Council promises to provide a debate when county council meets next week.

Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow has gone on record as opposing the increase from \$3,000 to \$4,000 for the councillors and from 510,000 to \$11,500 for the warden. He noted it would represent a 250 per cent increase since 1970. In 1970 it cost ratepayers \$19,548 for councillors' salaries and with the raises, the same figure would swell to \$52,000.

Favors raise Esquesing Deputy Reeve Len Coxe felt the raises were in order

and he pointed out cases where some people who might oppose hikes in salary chose to go to their job instead of a committee meeting because of the amount of money it would cost them to skip

Acton Reeve Pat McKenzie said the matter should be decided by all 14 members of council, not the administration com-

AIHL draw

Lucky winners in the Acton industrial bockey league draw were, 1st - Don Price, 2nd - Alice Wilkinson, 3rd - Sandra Allan and 4th - Helen Nemeth.

Mrs. Doug Brown of Guelph Line,

A harness racing cart which

west of where Five Sideroad splits into a diversion road around the village of Campbellbeside the Consolidated