

# McKnight brothers meet after 45 year separation

The best birthday present Jim McKnight, 191 McDonald Boulevard could have received arrived a day late Saturday, July 20 when his brother Tom, whom he had not seen in 45 years stepped on to Canadian soil for the first time at Toronto International Airport.



SEPARATED for 45 years, brothers Tom (left) and Jim McKnight were reunited when Tom came to Canada from Luton Town, Bedfordshire England for a three week holiday. The brothers last saw each other in 1929 when Jim left England at the age of 14 to seek work in Canada.

Jim, a shipping clerk at the Building Products plant celebrated his 60th birthday the previous day Friday, July 19, but he confesses all the serious "tippling" was done the next day when he and Tom stayed up to talk for most of the night.

"I'd seen the sun rise on every other continent in the world," explains Tom. "I wanted to complete the circuit by watching a Canadian sunrise."

Now a process worker in a chemical plant in Luton Town, Bedfordshire, Tom spent 22 years in the British Army, retiring as a Sergeant-Major in the Royal Artillery. During his stay in the service he had been stationed in such far off places as India, Australia, Malaysia, Egypt and Ethiopia.

Sons of the late William and Alice McKnight, Jim and Tom and sisters Nan and Dorie were born in Dromore, County Down. The brothers last saw each other in 1929, when Jim left at the age of 14 to start a new life in Canada, securing his first job on a farm at Walton, Ont., near Seaford. Tom who is 54 now was just 8 years old at the time. Nan and Dorie also live in Luton Town now.

The brothers narrowly missed meeting in England at the close of the war in 1945. Jim was in the Royal Canadian Artillery at that time and, after visiting his

sisters for the first time in 18 years, he left for home in Canada unaware that brother Tom, a prisoner of war was to be released and would arrive back in England the day after he left.

Jim and Tom have corresponded since the end of the war and exchanged up to date snapshots of themselves from time to time. Still, Jim admits, it was difficult to pick out his kid brother at the airport.

During his three week holiday in Canada Tom has been shown the sights by brother Jim and wife Joan,

along with nephews Ron and Steve and niece Colleen, all of whom he saw for the first time July 20. The McKnights have spent a day at the Black Creek Pioneer Village, visited Huronia and Niagara Falls and taken in two Acton Ram junior lacrosse games.

"I didn't understand what all the fouls were being called for," says Tom, who is more used to watching high class English football and wants to remind all Canadian fans that Luton Town has earned promotion to the First Division for the next season which begins August 15.

A treasured souvenir of the old country found its way into the McKnight household via Tom this week. Tom presented his brother with a personal thank you mailed to their Aunt Nellie Crothers by Queen Elizabeth, acknowledging a congratulatory message on her birthday, April 20, 1955.

While Tom's first visit to Canada will last only until Tuesday, August 6 when his holidays end, it's expected to be just the first stage of a yearly McKnight family reunion. Sisters Nan and Dorie are planning a trip here next year and after that Jim and Joan would like to return to the old sod for their holidays.

# Bright future seen for Force products

Force Electric Products, a division of Energy Conservation Limited, is a new name for an old Acton company. R. W. Sparrow, P. Eng., vice president and general manager of Enerco (Energy Conservation Limited) said Tuesday painting and product assembly of his Toronto company and Force Electric will be done here in Acton along with some production, right away. He also sees the possible future consolidation of the two firms under one roof in Halton Hills within one or two years.

Since 1959 Enerco has manufactured in Toronto since 1959 under the name Canadian Infra-Red, making gas infra-red industrial building and portable heating equipment, and custom-designed gas infra-red ovens. It is the only Canadian company in Canada completely manufacturing gas infra-red heaters and specializing in custom-designed infra-red heat process systems. In 1971 the engineering

department was expanded to design and build complete finishing systems including convection ovens, power spray washers, cooling tunnels, make-up air heaters, air curtains and other related equipment.

expanded equipment line and an gas infra-red heating in industrial buildings reduces fuel consumption up to 50 per cent from warm air systems. In the same year Enerco formed a 100 per cent-owned subsidiary in Cleveland, called Energy Conservation Inc. to assemble and market the line of equipment in the U.S.A.

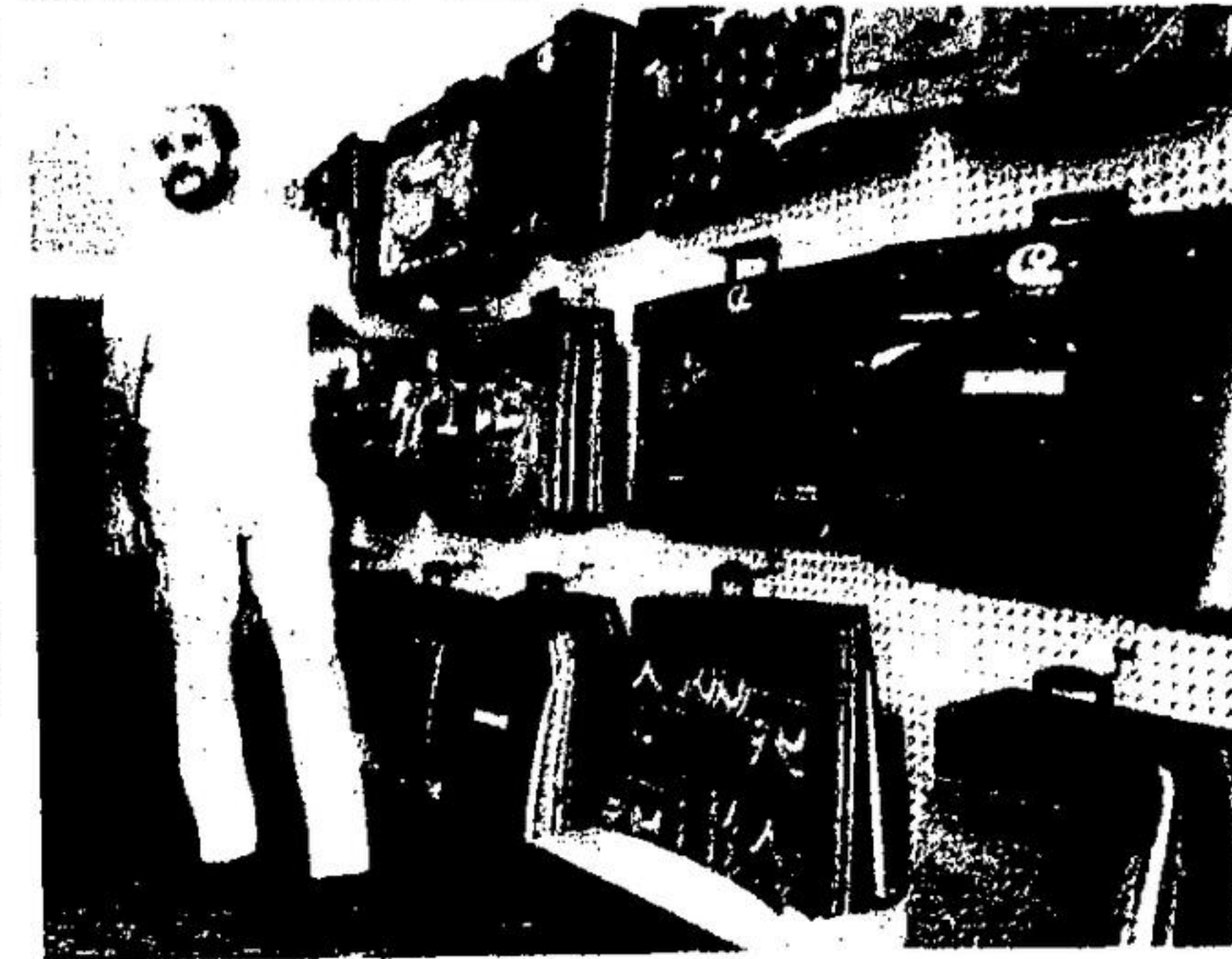
The U.S. operation opens potential Force sales there. Force Electric was established in Acton 24 years ago with H. H. Force at its head since then. In announced last week the line would have a new manufacturer. Most employees are offered employment with Enerco, he said.

## Truck, car collision

Milton OPP investigated an accident Monday night which occurred in the centre of the village of Ballinacat at approximately 10:40 p.m.

The incident occurred when a '69 Dodge driven by Robert Paterson, 17, of 3 Gray Gate, Georgetown collided with a '62 Chev Pickup truck driven by Edward Blake, 37, of R. R. 3, Georgetown.

ambulance to the Georgetown District Hospital. Passenger in the truck, Richard Blake, 25, was taken to the hospital via police car. Robert Paterson was treated for a sore shoulder. All three were treated for cuts and bruises and released. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$1,500. The '69 Dodge, owned by Alvin Paterson, of 3 Gray Gate, Georgetown, was totalled.



## Collisions, fire damage

Damage figures mounted up in several car collisions in town, but there were no injuries reported.

On Monday two cars were in collision at the Mill-Main corner, both headed north. Driver Brian Henderson, 10 Willow St., had estimated \$175 damage to his car and Kenneth Brown, R. R. 4, Rockwood, \$400 to his.

On Saturday at the Dominion Hotel parking lot one parked car rolled ahead, striking another. Owners are Gerald Scobie, Milton, with about \$50 damage set to his car, and Arthur Saunders, R. R. 2, Acton, \$125.

of the tune of \$50. He lives at 33 Main.

Tuesday of last week Barry McDonald, R. R. 1, Hillsburg, was driving on Queen when his car caught fire. The fire department was called about 11:30 a.m. and damage was estimated about \$500.

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ED CRIMLESS is the new owner of Jim's In 'N' Out (now Ed's In 'N' Out). He has lived in Guelph all his life, but hopes to move to Acton by winter. He is married with three children.

## Reverse earlier decision

Halton Hills council reversed an earlier decision, Monday night, and asked McNair Mushrooms Ltd. to resubmit their application for a building permit for bunkhouses for their employees.

McNair Mushrooms started court action against the town, but Monday night town solicitor Ray Steele was instructed to have the action adjourned indefinitely.

## Turn down flood assistance

The finance committee of Halton Hills council decided Monday an appeal for financial assistance from the Grand River Disaster Relief Fund was a provincial responsibility rather than one for the municipalities. The letter was filed.

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The strike against Union Gas Limited by 1,100 operating and clerical workers is over.

Your co-operation during our recent emergency period is greatly appreciated.

We realize that this strike has, since February 6, caused many of our customers regrettable inconveniences.

And we thank you, very much, for your understanding and patience.

We're sorry we were unable to respond to service calls.

With the strike, we were able to handle only emergencies and concentrate on keeping gas flowing to our 380,000 customers across southwestern Ontario.

Now there is a great deal of catching up to do and many delayed projects to be completed.

And it may be a while until everything is running smoothly again. So we must ask for just a little more patience and understanding.

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