



ACTON FLOUR MILLS has been a busy spot during these past few weeks.

This year's harvest shows great returns

It's harvesting time and, throughout the countryside farmers and their hands can be seen riding combines in golden brown fields of glorious wheat, working industriously to get their ripened produce collected before the next rain spell.

Gerry Rotzal is the head miller at the Acton Flour Mills. He says his mill has been constantly busy since the last week in July with 300 to 400 bushels, the quantities brought in per truckload. His experience in milling tells him that, so far, this year's harvest has been a good one.

Started 1917
The Acton mill was one formerly owned by D. H. Lindsay, who started up in 1917. It was sold and taken over by a Brampton farmer, Jim Eccles, two years ago. Gerry feels he "was bought with the business" as he was also head miller when Mr. Lindsay was the owner, working in that capacity for 20 years.

With four men working under him, miller Rotzal says the same processing has been used for the last 50 years at the local mill.

He explained that, as each load of grain is brought in, sample checks are taken for specific weight of wheat and moisture content. "The wheat has to have a moisture reading of not higher than 14 percent before it can be considered dry enough for safe storage," he said. "Over 14 percent moisture content and the grain must be dried in a process with heat not exceeding 140 degrees." The miller said gluten in the wheat is affected if drying temperatures exceed the 140 degree mark.

Storing
Processing of grain at the Acton mill after weight and moisture has been

established, is to have it cleaned and stored. It is necessary that the bulk wheat is constantly turned to keep it in good condition, being crushed into flour as required.

According to the miller, farmers keep their own supply of wheat on hand for cattle feeding purposes.

He explains that the Acton firm has contracts with various bread and cookie manufacturing companies with loads of flour supplied when ordered. He said the mill has a capacity for storing 72,000 bushels of wheat with farmers from the areas stretching from Chatham, Caledonia, Preston, Guelph, Brampton, Burlington, Hamilton and local Acton area included in their zone of purchase.

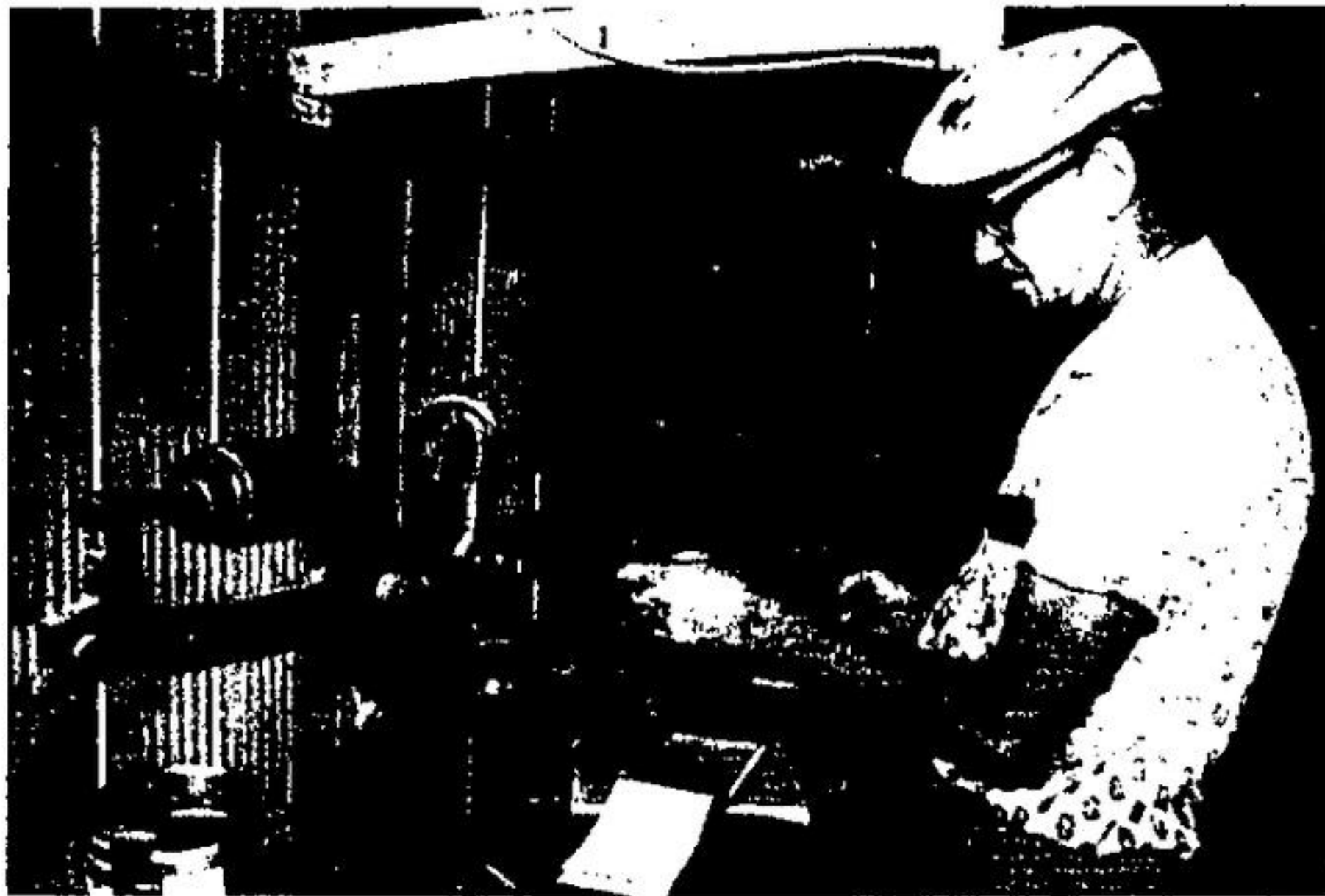
Few remain
As well as mill assistants, also working as bookkeeper and general office manager of the Acton Flour Mill, is the owner's daughter, Wilma Laird. The local company sees an important feature in procuring customers is friendliness with goodwill as important in farm trade as in any other business.

In Ontario today, large quantities of good wheat-producing farm land has been absorbed for housing, reducing the need for the number of mills which were once operating in the province. Many of them have been bought out by larger companies and the Acton enterprise is one of the few small mills still operating in Ontario.

The head miller at the Acton company feels there remains enough wheat production in the areas from which they procure their wheat to keep their mill operating at high capacity for many years.



HEAD MILLER Gerry Rotzal takes a moisture and temperature reading of wheat grains. A sample of 150 grams is put into the moisture meter. If the temperature reading is below 14 percent, the wheat is considered dry and good for storage. Over the 14 percent mark the wheat will have to be dried in a drum.



WEIGHT OF TRUCK is subtracted from the total taken before dumping the wheat. Every 60 lbs. equals one bushel and is worth \$2.01 plus a mill premium of five cents. Miller Rotzal feels the crop so far this year has been good. Weighing in trucks for the Acton flour mill has been steady since last week in July.

Acton residents plan Pollution Probe branch

Ron Mellon, one of the original instigators of the petition being circulated throughout Acton protesting the Beardmore smell, recently received the following letter from the Ministry of Environment:

Office Location:
150 Ferrand Drive,
Don Mills, Ontario,
M3C 3C3.
Telephone
424-3000
Ext. 285

August 2, 1974

Mr. R. Mellon,
Crescent Avenue,
Acton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of July 13, 1974 concerning comments attributed to me and reported recently in two local newspapers.

Unfortunately, I have not seen the newspaper articles to which you refer and, therefore, am unable to comment.

The Ministry of the Environment conducted an engineering survey of odour sources at Beardmore and Company and it was established that the untreated tannery waste water pond was the cause of odours off company property.

Resulting from discussions with the company concerning abatement action, the company submitted a program for approval under Section 10 of The Environmental Protection Act, 1971. A program to control odours from the pond by November 1, 1975 was approved by this Ministry as outlined in the attached copy of the Program Approval. We consider that the program is reasonable and we do not know of any other practical means of eliminating the odours from the pond within a brief time period than provided in the Program Approval.

Progress in abatement is being closely followed by the Industrial Abatement staff in Oakville and to date, the company has complied with the interim measures provided in item 2 of the program to minimize odour problems. Our observations indicate that as filling of the pond progresses, the odour emissions are being reduced.

It is difficult to understand that complainants have not been able to contact the Oakville Office. This office is staffed with competent personnel and have an answering service to receive complaints after normal office hours. All complaints are recorded as they are received and I would assure you that we endeavour at all times to have complaints investigated as soon as possible (preferably within 24 hours). However, there may be occasions when the investigating officer is unable to contact the complainant at the telephone number or address provided.

I appreciate that this odour problem has been of concern to you and other residents for some time, and I wish to assure you that the company is making every attempt to abate this problem as quickly as possible.

Yours very truly,
G. S. Trivett, P. Eng.,
Assistant Director,
Central Region.

AVG:ag
The program referred to by the Ministry reads as follows: Ministry of the Environment Program Approval

TO: Beardmore, A Division of Canada Packers Limited, Elgin Street, Acton, Ontario.

Attention: Mr. P. F. Dunham, President and General Manager

TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with the provisions of The Environmental Protection Act, 1971 the program as submitted by you and set out below is hereby approved.

1. The Company will take the necessary steps so that by November 1, 1975 and thereafter, emissions of odours from the untreated tannery waste water pond, known as No. 1 pond, will not be in contravention of The Environmental Protection Act, 1971 or regulations made thereunder.

2. Until compliance with the requirements of Part 1 the Company will take the following

ing steps immediately to minimize odour emissions from the No. 1 pond.

a) Investigate and implement ways of accelerating the rate of filling of the pond.

b) Investigate methods for continuing the filling of the pond throughout the winter months, and carry on the filling program when such methods are found.

c) Carry out pumping of sludge from the pond only when the wind is blowing toward uninhabited neighborhoods.

d) Install a wind direction and speed recording instrument at a location acceptable to the Air Management Branch.

3. The Company will submit progress reports to the Air Management Branch on February 1, 1974, and on the first day of every second month thereafter, until completion of Part 1 of this program.

4. Pending implementation of this program, the Company will take all steps necessary

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Cable TV.

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Georgetown and the towns of Acton and Milton but also the villages of Ballinacraig and Rockwood and homes along the highway between Acton and Milton.

"That's quite a stretch," Mr. Goy commented. "I can see programming with little to do with our community, but it may come in the future." He has had contact with the Georgetown Cable manager Mr. Jamieson.

In its decision the commission stated, "The commission expects that the local programming plans of the licensee will be carried out as expressed in its application and at the public hearing. In particular, the commission anticipates that the local channel will provide new opportunities for the interchange of information and cultural expression between the communities which the licensee is now authorized to serve."

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Plan opening at Legion hall

Formal ceremonies and celebrations are being planned for Sept. 11 to 14, when the spacious new Legion hall is opened.

All efforts are being made this week to rush everything into completion for the various special events which will mark the auspicious days of opening.

A particular problem has been the installation of gas,

but a "desperate" effort is being made this week to have it in and ready.

The parquet auditorium floor is laid. Carpeted floors are being laid this week. Walls and ceilings are all there, in their right places.

Beach area
Stumps were pulled out of the lake at the site Saturday and the Legion hopes to have a beach area here.

Dignitaries, out-of-town Legionnaires and the general public will all be guests at the

new building at different times, according to present plans. Hundreds of people are

expected for the inauguration of the Legion's centennial project.

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New vocations at Sheridan

Sheridan College, with campuses throughout Halton and Peel, intends to maintain its reputation of having some of the most unique courses available anywhere.

Among the new career training avenues available will be home appliance servicing, book-selling, human studies, packaging, and health science library techniques.

THE HALTON TB AND RD ASSOCIATION
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Smoking Withdrawal Clinic

a) at the Burlington YMCA — Sept. 9th to 13th, 1974
b) at Sheridan College Auditorium, Oakville Auditorium — Sept. 16th to 20th, 1974

The 5-Day Clinics will be from 7.30-9.30 every evening. All persons interested in "Kicking the Habit" are invited to fill in the Registration Form below and mail it to:

Halton TB and RD Association
184 Balsam Drive,
Oakville, Ont. Ph. 845-0858

This is a service provided free of charge by your Christmas Seal Association.

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