



FOUR OF THE 127 BEARDMORE employees honored Thursday worked 50 years or more in the tannery. Former company presidents John Creighton (left) and Stewart Bennett (right) along with Arlington White (second left) and

Grenville Masales together represent more than 200 years of service in the tanning industry. Canada Packers extended its Quarter Century Club to include both active and retired tannery workers.



A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP of Beardmore employees with 40 years' service and more at the inaugural dinner of Canada Packers Quarter Century Club Thursday. In the back row stand Robert Turner on the left with Charles Heard,

Stanley Cripps, Grenville McLennan and Albert Lochner. From the left in front sit Arlington White, Archie Papillon, Theo Papillon, Fred Dawkins and Edward Connon.

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## Mill: worse before better

Natural gas lines are being replaced along Mill St., prior to the repaving program. Workmen began to slit through the pavement and sidewalks Monday. By Tuesday a deep trench lined the north side of the street and entry into the stores in one block was on bridges made of boards.

Work began on the north side of Mill in the block from Willow to Main.

Reconstruction is scheduled to begin as soon as all the monies are approved. Last remaining approval is from the region, and the crews will move in as soon as they have the word. It is expected any day now.

"Things will be worse before they're better," comments Halton Hills engineer Bob Austin.

Some of the shop keepers are making arrangements for customers to enter through the back doors. A few plan alterations, while the general upset lasts.

## Reroute GO buses during reconstruction

Mill St. reconstruction, scheduled for next month, will see GO Transit Authority rerouting their buses, while the street is closed.

Tom Henry, GO spokesman, told the Free Press, westbound buses will head down Bower Ave. to St. Alban's Dr. to connect with Main St., and Highway 7.

Eastbound buses, Mr. Henry said, will use Church St. to Eastern Ave. as a detour.

The route will be back to normal when Mill St. is opened, he said.



A THORNBURROW BP pick up took the brunt of several heavy paper rolls which slid from a transport truck on Young Street Monday. About 20 of the 2,300 pound rolls slid from the truck. The BP truck, from Milton, had about 400 miles on it.

# Another look at ice rental policy

A request for changes in ice rate policy was presented to Halton Hills council Monday night from all the associations in Ward 1 and Ward 2 renting ice time at Acton arena. Norm Elliott made the presentation, saying he himself is not directly associated with any recreation group.

The intention of the association was to bring to council all relevant information that may not have been available during previous discussions. "After discussion, the matter was referred back to the administration and finance committees."

The brief asks that the Sabres and Swords be classified as Local Adult Groups (non profit) and that the Acton Hockey School be classified as "Acton Minor Sports Groups."

It asks that the rates which were mutually agreed to in 1974 for the 1976-77 season be approved and that the rates be increased over subsequent years at a rate equal to the provincial rate of inflation, about 10 to 15 per cent.

There are four conclusions to the brief:

1. The recommended rates (1974) would still produce approximately \$24,000 of revenue to Halton Hills from our associations. This is an increase of approximately \$7500 or approximately 46% in 1976-77 over 1975-76. We feel this is a more than adequate increase to the operating revenue over one year.

2. We recognize that some of the data used to illustrate the economic comparisons between Wards 3 and 4 arenas and Wards 1 and 2 Community Centre appears to reflect parochial viewpoints. This is not our intention. We have only attempted to indicate that due to the unique

economic and social characteristics of our respective Wards the regional philosophy of limited public subsidies for recreation must be applied as it relates to all other areas of public service—when required.

3. We appreciate Council's desire to make the Acton Community Centre self-supporting but ask that winter sports which operate for six months, not be asked to further subsidize the

summer programs beyond our current contributions. With the Alcott facility offering ice programs, hockey camps, etc., their ice rates extend over 12 months; however, our ice program of six months duration should not be priced to completely carry salaries etc for 12 months.

4. Our recommendations will require a subsidy to the Acton and Ward 2 arena 12 months recreation program

of approximately \$2 per capita. Considering the facilities are used on numerous occasions throughout the year by most families in Wards 1 and 2, we feel this is a good investment."

The brief was signed by the Figure Skating Club, Acton Sabres, Minor Hockey School, Acton Swords, Industrial League and the Waterloo-Wellington Hockey Association.

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## Marks to run area council

Former Acton councillor and deputy-reeve Peter Marks will be standing for election this year as an area councillor for Ward One in Halton Hills.

After a career in engineering and business administration, he is now a full-time community consultant with the Addiction Research Foundation.

He lives at 163 Tidey Ave., Acton, with his wife and three children, Greg who is 11, Leah, 8, and Gareth, 5.

He came to Acton as an infant, son of Ernest Marks and the late Mary Marks. He went to public school in Acton and then Notre Dame, Guelph. He attained his B.Sc. degree in Metallurgy studying at nights at Ryerson Institute of Technology. He lectures one night a week at Sheridan College.

He was five years on Acton council and when regional government was instituted, he stood for election as regional councillor, losing out to G. W. McKenzie. He was deputy-reeve of Acton for a



Peter Marks

year. The three Acton council seats have now three declared contestants. Mr. Marks, Less Doby and G. W. McKenzie. Joe Hurst has indicated he will not be running this year.

Mr. Marks says he will particularly address himself to the poor management in regional government. He would also like to see a return to local boards with authority.



TRAFFIC WAS HELD UP ON Young Street Monday until several rolls of paper were reloaded onto a transport truck. The truck's load shifted and tumbled onto the road, striking a moving pickup truck in the process. A local fork lift loaded the cargo onto the transport and another one which was brought from Georgetown. The driver of the pickup was shaken up in the collision.

## Vandalism, break-ins, thefts — a bad week

Vandalism and thefts were unusually prominent in the police books this past week. On Friday night three windows were smashed about 1:30 a.m. The large window at Nielsen's Clothing Store was valued at \$90 and the window at Home Hardware at \$130. Further down the street a window in the door at G. H. Ward and Partners was broken; its value was set at \$20. The windows were boarded up after owners who were notified by police.

Ironically, a group of concerned citizens had met informally with police just the night before to discuss problems in town. A wallet was reported stolen from the gym at the M.Z. Bennett school. There were also a couple of break-ins. Solar Coatings reported a smashed window at their plant, but apparently nothing was stolen.

Heller and Co. also reported entry gained through a window which had been nailed shut. A rug and watch were taken from inside the plant. Hub caps were taken from a car parked at the Robert Little School and three tires were slashed on a car parked in Kingham Hills. Four chrome rings were stolen from a car parked at Acton high school. There were liquor and drug charges as well.

## Request for rate increase

Acton Hydro Commission has applied for a rate increase.

At the Thursday morning meeting of the commission, the members decided to apply for the increase in view of the "anticipating increasing rates by Ontario Hydro."

## Proxy votes now at Acton

Forms for proxy votes may be obtained at the Acton municipal office, as well as in Georgetown, councillor G. W. McKenzie told the Free Press Tuesday.

Returning officer Doug Pritchard was reported in last week's paper as saying forms were available at his office. Following discussion, the forms will now be available at the Acton office on Mill St. as well. The proxy certificates must be obtained before Nov. 30. Election is December 6.

In a similar situation recently, Acton people obtained the right to pay water bills here.



HELPING WITH CHORES is lots of fun when you live on a goat farm. Tommy and Herbie Farr do the family milking on their Highway 24 farm. Story and more pictures inside.

## 27% of Halton crime attributed to juveniles

For some time now Halton Police Chief Ken Skerrett has been expressing grave concerns about juvenile crime in the region and Thursday brought this problem to light again.

While presenting the regional crime statistics for September to Halton Police Commission he noted "27 per cent of the crimes we dealt with last month were committed by those under the age of 16. There-in lies a real tale."

In North Halton the problem isn't quite as bad as

in other parts of the region. District One Superintendent Floyd Schwartz said in an interview this week that only 13 per cent of the crimes in the north last month involved juveniles.

District One officers continued to top the regional average in the area of solving crimes.

Across Halton 1,641 crimes were committed last month and police have solved 45 per cent of them while North Halton officers solved 49 per cent of the 346 crimes they

were forced to handle. After 11 months this year Halton police have had to investigate 13,469 crimes of which only 47.06 per cent have been solved.

## Blood need

Blood is urgently needed, the organizers of next Tuesday's Red Cross Blood Clinic say.

The clinic will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Council accepts report on B.I.A.

Notice of Acton merchant's intent to designate Acton downtown as a Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) was presented to Halton Hills council Monday by Chamber of Commerce president Louis Charlebois.

The clerk will now notify people paying business tax in the area. The brief presented to council this week reported

that at a meeting October 5, more than 50 interested persons approved the following motion:

"That the central business area of Acton, beginning at the intersections of Mill Street and Bower Avenue, west of the intersection of Mill Street and Park Avenue, and Main Street from the intersection of Church Street, north to St. Alban's Drive be designated as Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) under Section 361 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1970, Chapter 284."

Mr. Charlebois said, "We are, at this time, asking council to execute its powers to pass a by-law designating the above mentioned area as a Business Improvement Area and appoint a Board of Management to implement,

co-ordinate and report back to this council."

Members of the committee working to identify the area as a Business Improvement Area are Henry Stachyra, Art Gordon, Terry Gwyer, Paul Nielsen and Earl Steckley. During a series of meetings held by the committee recommendations were prepared with unanimous agreement