



THANKS A HEAP: Outers club thanked Orwell Johnston for his help in their paper drive by presenting him with a window from his own barn, with a mirror replacing the glass and a plaque on the frame. Mr. Johnston, who stored paper for years, accepts the gift from Peter Zions, Paula Kitching, Kathryn Beaton, Jocelyn Lamberink and Cliff Britton.

Halton crops still good despite heavy rains

Halton crops aren't in the bad shape those in other parts of Ontario, such as Holland Marsh, are now.

Halton Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley said heavy, virtually continual rains, haven't damaged Halton crops much—yet.

He pointed out there has been much rain on Halton fields since early August but

if the strange weather lasts only two weeks more everything should be alright.

Starting off on a bright note Stanley observed pastures and hay crops are excellent this year, the best he has seen in years. Farmers are getting record yields of hay and while there are some problems getting the crop off soggy fields, much of good second cuts are off.

Farmers who can't get hay off because machinery bogs down in wet fields are planning to wait until first frost, and then remove it.

The corn crop is excellent, he said, but less than half of the yield has been harvested. He predicted it will be a while before farmers can get on their fields to get the corn, provided it stops raining. At least there hasn't been any

frost to damage the good corn crop, Stanley added. There is also lots of good grain corn.

"We need dry weather for a week to get corn off," he said. Winter wheat has come up nicely but unfortunately about half of the planned winter wheat acreage was not planted before the rains came.

He predicted a quarter of normal winter wheat acreage

won't be planted and another quarter will be late being harvested.

Some fruits and vegetables are being hit by rot because of rain and delayed harvest. Carrots and tomatoes are in trouble.

This won't hurt consumers, though, because importers have been keeping prices down by flooding markets.

Rains will also prevent a few hundred acres of spring grain from being harvested.

"There will have to be a couple more weeks of steady rain in Halton before there is a crisis. After all it's rained for seven weeks now. Farmers are used to this kind of thing. Things aren't good but I'm not pessimistic. We're still in pretty good shape in Halton."

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Customer satisfaction with computer system

Acton's two drug stores are now among the most modern in Ontario, with the installation of an ultra-modern computer system.

The pharmacist knows, with the press of a key, what prescriptions a specific person has been given in the past, what he or she is allergic to, whether a prescription is a repeat, or one-time dosage, whether it is an authorized prescription, etc. It also types the necessary information on the bottle label, makes up the bill, sends bills to third parties such as a drug plan, and generally leads to more efficient records.

Another important feature about the computer is the amount of time it saves the Pharmacists. Instead of spending all his or her time checking back through records and typing up prescription labels, he or she can be doing other more important things.

Another good feature about the system is that the pharmacist can tell the day's transactions at any time of the day without disrupting anything.

It only takes a matter of hours to fully install each system, and pharmacists can take a short training program in the computers. Mr. Patnaik said it only takes one week to learn how to use the system.

Each system in the two Acton stores is completely independent of the other. Prescriptions and customer files in one store are not known in the other. Sandy Dewsbury, one of the pharmacists at the Acton Pharmacy on Main St., explained that she filled 64 prescriptions in four hours, something which would have been impossible had she been manually typing the labels, billing and looking up records.



SANDY DEWSBURY, foreground, types up a prescription on the keyboard screen at Acton Pharmacy. With the press of a button, a customer's entire file will flash on a screen. Installer Peter Patnaik, centre, and owner Bill Yundt look on. Glendea Drug Mart also has the system.

Rain delays road work

Main St. N. reconstruction is suffering a "terrible holdup" because of the persistent rainfall, according to town engineer Doug Austin. There have been many times when the crews could not work. The sliding muddy conditions resulted in the need for graders to work overtime, sometimes in the middle of the night as they did Saturday.

The curbing is expected to begin soon. It had been expected last week.

Mr. Austin says he still expects there will be paving done this fall.

The highway conditions between here and Rockwood are also badly affected by the rains. Riding through on the bus is "hairly", passengers said.

An ambulance became mired in the Main N. mud Sunday morning about 10 a.m., and passers-by had to help shove it out before it could proceed. The back wheels had sunk in the wet ground near the bridge.

Accumulated funds for memorial queried

Trinity United Church and Acton Legion will be asked what the town should be doing with interest funds accumulated on bonds bought back 1922 for War Memorial maintenance.

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday to send copies of a report by deputy treasurer Grant Usher on the fate of the special fund.

Usher reported \$223.15 was turned over to Acton village council in October 24, 1922, which wasn't used for purchase of the monument.

"The \$223.15 was to be invested and the principle was not to be touched but the interest derived from this sum was to go towards the yearly upkeep of the memorial," Usher explained.

He said when he started working for the town of Acton back in 1968 the coupons from the bonds had been clipped and turned over to the Legion.

"To the best of my knowledge this practice was discontinued in 1971."

During the last 55 years the fund has grown to two \$100 bonds and one \$50 bond. In addition there is a balance of \$58.28 in a savings account and coupons of \$5.62 come payable this month. The interest on the \$250 in bonds is approximately \$11.26 a year.

Usher noted the resolution passed by Acton council in 1922 is vague and it can't be said for certain if the money is to be used for upkeep of the monument itself or the War Memorial grounds. Trinity United Church has been

maintaining the 36 foot by 36 foot piece of land the War Memorial is on for some time.

"If the committee and council decide to turn over the present balance of \$63.91 and yearly interest of \$11.26 to Trinity United Church, it should be kept in mind as to where the funds would come from to repair the War Memorial if the need should ever arise," Usher stated.

Both the Church and Legion will be asked to comment on Usher's report and suggest what should be done with the maintenance.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he wasn't sure if the Church, whose trustees brought the item to the attention of committee earlier this month, wanted the money or simply was interested in what happened to it.

LACAC would save local architectural gem

Halton Hills may soon have its own Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, known as a "LACAC", according to John McDonald, president of the Esqueping Historical Society.

Mr. McDonald and the Society's secretary, Tudor Beattie, were delegates at a province-wide conference in Toronto Saturday to discuss the Ontario Heritage Act. The conference, which attracted over 115 participants from 60 local historical societies across the province, was

called "The Ontario Heritage Act: Present Problems, Future Prospects."

Under the legislation which was enacted in 1974, municipal governments are authorized to set up "LACACs" composed of at least five citizens for the purpose of advising and assisting local councils in designating buildings and even districts which have historic or architectural value.

Many Ontario municipalities already have such "LACACs" including Tor-

onto, London, Port Hope and Goderich. A total of 17 briefs were presented to the conference by local societies which already have functioning committees.

According to Mr. McDonald, preliminary discussions have already taken place with the town planning department and it is hoped a "LACAC" will be set up by the end of this year.

Mr. McDonald and Bruce Harding have already prepared a preliminary list of historic buildings worthy of preservation, including the Acton town hall and Berwick Hall, the Barber family home in Georgetown.

Flea market rained out

Drenching rain Saturday afternoon caused the vendors at the flea market to pack up their goods and go home. They had a couple of hours good business in the morning but when the heavy rain began about 1:30 p.m. they expected the rest of the day would be hopeless, as it indeed proved to be.

The flea market was held in the vacant lot beside the Pine Chair shop, and owner Terry Gwyer arranged the day.

Only four of the expected participants even came, because of the threatening weather. They were from Georgetown, Burlington and Oakville.

However they were very well pleased with the sales they made in the morning and would like to come back again when another flea market is held.

Mr. Gwyer said he expects to stage the next one in the spring.

Once a property or a district has been designated under the Heritage Act no demolition or alterations incompatible with the building's character can take place for a period of at least 180 days.

The Society is planning a walking tour of Limehouse on Sunday, October 16. Mr. McDonald is hopeful a meeting might be held in Acton soon.

Presentation soon for town hall grants

Architect Patrick Cole will make an appointment as soon as possible with the Ontario Heritage Foundation, to present the feasibility study he has prepared for the Acton Town Hall Restoration committee. The committee discussed the report at their meeting Monday and Mr. Cole will now proceed to present it.

Doug Koch of the Heritage

Foundation has already been to town and talked over the project with members of the committee.

It is hoped that the Heritage Foundation will make a grant for the work, which could be met by a Wintario grant as has been done in other town projects. The town would raise the remainder of the sum required.

Halton Hills council has

requested a report by the end of the year so the committee hopes to move speedily, now the necessary feasibility study has been done.

The committee is expecting a Heritage Foundation grant to cover half the cost of the \$4,000 feasibility study and the remainder of the cost will be covered through the sale of prints of the town hall.



ED CONNON LIFTS hides from tanning chemicals the way tanners did it before the turn of the century. Beardmore's was used by the CBC in shooting part of a series coming up in January on television.

Fastball tourney victim of Saturday downpour

The elements were not on Acton's side last weekend as the men's softball association tried their first stab at hosting a fastball tourney here in town. The tourney was rained out Saturday afternoon before the preliminary round was finished and will be continued next week.

When the skies opened, Georgetown's Fobert Flyers were leading Halton Hills Catering (Acton) 4-1 in the

sixth inning of their contest. Because the game had gone more than five innings it was considered a complete game, sending the Caterers into the consolation rounds of the contest.

Acton's other entry, Acton Merchants, succeeded in opening the tourney with a win for the home team as they edged Rockwell (Milton) 3-1 Friday night.

Acton will be continued next week from where it left off, with Foberts Flyers (Milton) meeting Erin in the last of the preliminary rounds. Game time is 9 a.m.

Because of the extra money the association spent in repairing damage done to the playing field during the fall fair, it is depending entirely on gate admission to collect the prize money. Championship trophy has been donated by Gord Dawe.

Six Beardmore workers to appear in T.V. series

People all across Canada will be able to see Beardmore's tannery as it looked nearly a century ago, as well as watching six of Beardmore's present employees in period costume, if they tune into the CBC January 22.

The six employees are Jerrold Buchanan, Grenville McLennan, John MacPherson, Ron Haefner, Henry Kulperj and Ed Connon. The tannery and the workers were being used as a backdrop for a series being taped Friday for release in January.

Les Duby has been assisting the CBC for more than two months in looking over the plant for "out of the way places to shoot" he told the Free Press. The show requires a tannery in the 1890's style for a setting, and Beardmore's, with a little help, fit the bill.

The help was needed because the CBC wanted people using the old methods of tanning instead of the modern mechanized process now used at Beardmore's. This meant earlier tanning artifacts had to be found and used for the taping. The six people chosen to help were chosen because of where they worked and they had to learn to use the old tools to do their own jobs the 1890's way. Some of the things they had to do were hand-beaming, which involves scraping hair from hides, and pack pulling,

which is how the hides used to be moved from place to place in the plant.

Shooting Friday

Friday, when the shooting was going on, there were about 30 CBC people in the plant. Before they shot a scene anywhere, they had to be sure nothing showed to give away the fact that the tannery was not actually being used in the 19th century. This meant wires and pipes had to be carefully covered with straw and bur-

lap to hide them from the camera before any shooting could be done. Even fresh painted wooden handrails had to be given a nice coating of mud to make them look old.

While the shooting was going on, other Beardmore employees would drop their own work and casually drift over to watch as their director ran through scenes over and over again, to get them right.

Beardmore's was chosen for the film because it had

"structures relating to the period" according to Mr. Duby. The tannery in the show, called Sturgess' tannery, is supposed to have been established in 1835, so Beardmore's was able to brag that it was even older, having been established in 1844.

The episode itself is about a young boy who is growing up but does not want to have to take over his father's tannery business. The series will be called A Gift to Remember.

Police nab glass smasher

A 31-year-old Main Street North man was arrested by Halton Regional Police yesterday for smashing a \$300 store window on Mill Street Saturday.

The approximately 36-square-foot plate glass window in Acton Delicatessen was broken by a man who fled the scene Saturday at 2:05 p.m.

The man is charged with mischief, an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for five years upon conviction.

GO Agency

Acton has a new GO transit agency.

Chance Dry Cleaners in the Beckers Plaza on Queen St. officially took over the duties last Friday. They will be selling tickets, giving information and handling bus parcel express, according to GO spokesman Tom Henry.

The buses will not be pulling into the plaza parking lot, Mr. Henry said, but will be stopping on Highway 7 in front of the plaza.



CAMERA LIGHTS illuminated section of Beardmore's Friday as the CBC came in to tape part of a series to be aired in January. Six Beardmore employees, including Jerrold Buchanan, hands on hips, dressed in period costume and used old tools to provide background action in show.