

Asparagus farmer loses in court

by Eric Elstone
Society's rules are meant to be followed, even when a member disagrees with some of them, a stubborn Acton area asparagus grower learned in provincial court Friday.

Fourth Line farmer Casey Boss was found guilty of growing asparagus without a licence and also of refusing to allow an official to measure his asparagus field.

Judge Douglas Latimer said he could come to no other conclusion. However, he gave Mr. Boss a suspended sentence. Mr. Boss' lawyer, Richard Howitt, had asked for the minimum penalty of a fine.

The court learned from testimony, Mr. Boss refused to permit inspector Cyril Mervis, who was appointed by OAGMB, to measure an asparagus field at Lot 23, Concession 4 on July 3. Mr. Boss had also refused permission in 1978.

Also OAGMB secretary-manager Dave Lapos indicated there is no record of Mr. Boss having paid the board's fee. OAGMB charges members \$25 per acre. The minimum acreage is one-half acre before anyone is considered to be a commercial grower, according to Mr. Lapos.

OAGMB is made up of two types of growers: one aims his produce to the cannery market; another, like Mr. Boss, grows asparagus for the fresh market.

"We fresh growers were not satisfied with the board. We felt it was not legal," testified Mr. Boss. He went on to say an acre of asparagus requires an investment of three years and \$800 before it matures.



Mayor Peter Pomeroy is joined by Lieutenant Lorne Pritchett and campaign chairman Dr. David van der Bent as he signs the proclamation declaring May Salvation Army Red Shield campaign month at Monday's Halton Hills council meeting.

Town proclaims May Red Shield month

Halton Hills council agreed Monday to proclaim May as Red Shield campaign month in the town.

Lieutenant Lorne Pritchett of the Acton Salvation Army requested the town declare May Red Shield month and noted the Acton Salvation Army assumed responsibility for all of Halton Hills a month ago.

A bid by Councillor Roy Booth to have the town change its policy and pay for the advertisement proclaiming Red Shield month failed. The town has rarely in recent years paid to advertise proclamations, that has been up to the organization involved.

Students help with energy questionnaire

One of the telephone calls Acton and area residents receive next week may be from a high school student asking about their use of energy in the house.

Acton High School students will dial up the numbers of about 300 families in order to gain information about the household use of energy and adjustments made by families to the energy crunch.

The telephone calls complement a questionnaire that is designed to focus on energy concerns. The entire program is one of the collaborative activities between the Energy Task Group of the Rural Development Outreach Program.

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The change was approved Monday night, when Councillor Ed Wood put forward the suggestion.

He said Treasurer Ray King had told him it would add only \$4,500 to the total budget, and said he felt it would be money well spent.

Up mayor's pay

The mayor's salary was raised from \$12,100 to \$15,000, Monday night, when the 1980 budget was passed. In fact his take home pay will be \$500 less than that since that amount was cut from his car allowance and mileage.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy said he had not been at the last budget meeting, so didn't know it. "I hope it's because you decided the position of mayor warrants it, not me," said Pomeroy as he thanked council for their consideration.

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Mr. Boss said he has not sold or cut asparagus for two years.

Mr. Boss has a \$3,600 investment in his 4 1/2 acres of asparagus. If he only wishes to gaze upon it, he must pay the OAGMB fee, according to regulations.

"Then someone suddenly says you owe so much per acre," said Mr. Boss. "The farmers are the backbone of the country. I feel we shouldn't

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