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Re-instating quotas welcome news

It's hard to believe, but the federal Liberals have shown they are still capable of responding to the wishes and needs of Canadians on occasion.

The announcement of the re-instatement of leather footwear in the global import quota is news to cheer about here in Acton.

The woeful economic state of the nation, as well as the lifting of the quotas, were devastating for Beardmore and thus hundreds of families in Acton.

The possibility that the quotas wouldn't be re-instated hung over the community like a menacing black cloud for over six months. The long Liberal delay in making an announcement on the result of their deliberations of repeated calls to bring the quotas back, was, indeed, unsettling for not just Beardmore and its employees but also our entire business community. It had begun to look like the bit of black humor circulating around town, that the last person out of Acton should turn out the lights, might actually come true.

Re-instatement alone likely won't put all workers laid-off or on a shorter work week at Beardmore back on the job. General economic improvement is also desperately needed. But bringing back the quotas is certainly going to help.

But there is an even more important lesson to be learned from the feds' decision.

Responsible, well considered and researched arguments,

and industrious lobbying, can still work.

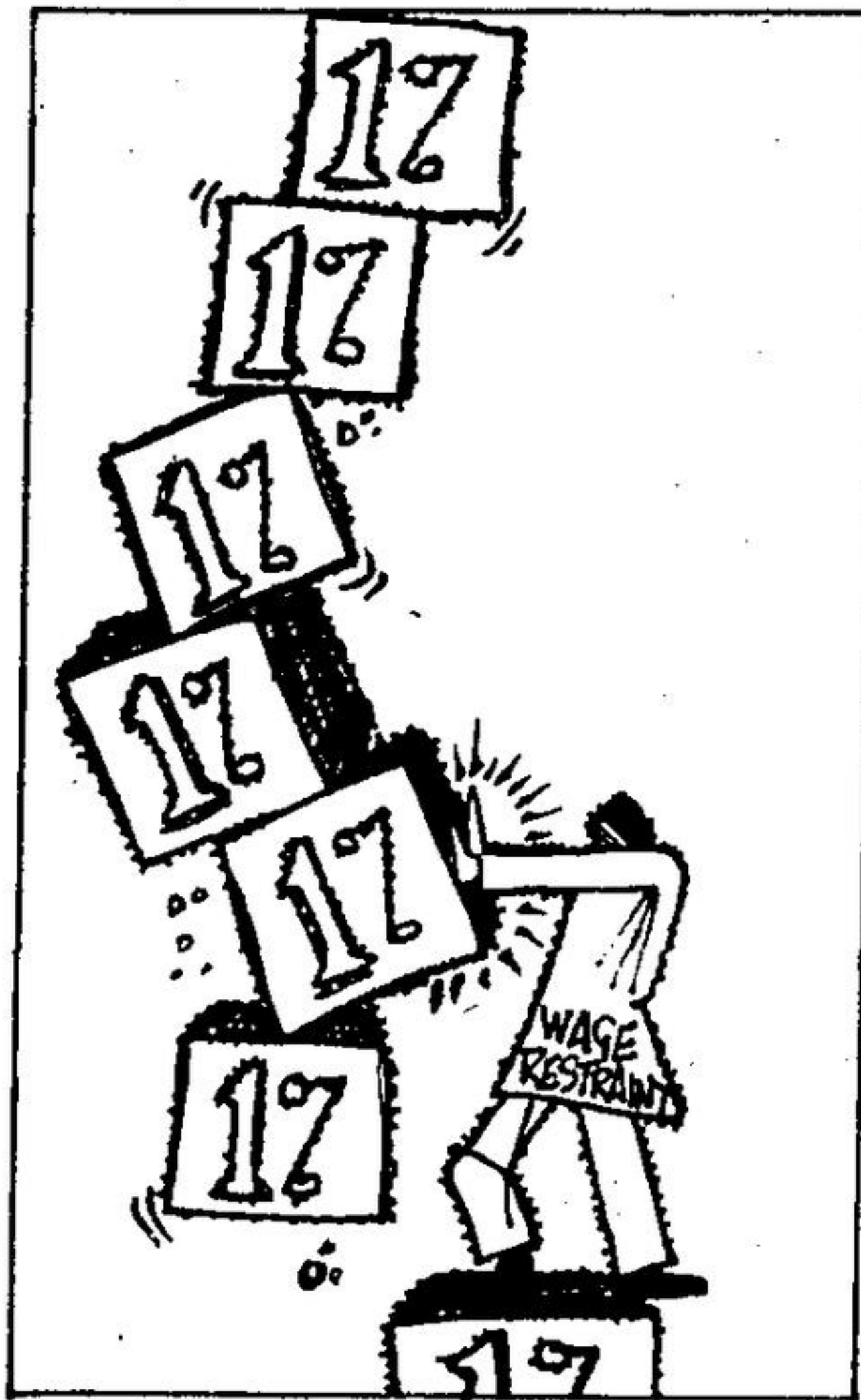
The efforts by leather and shoe manufacturers, workers and Tory MPs like Otto Jelinek weren't wasted. The campaign was well orchestrated. Letters, post cards, meetings with cabinet ministers, the peaceful protest march on Parliament Hill, etc. all got the message across to the government in a highly responsible manner.

The shoe and leather industries need more time to modernize and become more competitive with overseas makers, they didn't want a government handout, the workers wanted to work. Acton merchants wanted and desperately needed the government to help out our leading industry. It was a strong argument.

In short, everyone involved did a great job.

And it clearly shows when business and labor work together, when they have a logical case and are organized in their approach to government, they can get action, albeit slowly.

Everyone can learn from this exercise. An election is a long way off, and the need for positive action on numerous economic fronts by Ottawa is unquestionable. So, what is needed is less public apathy and a lot more howling as well as many, many more well organized and thoughtful protests. Public pressure for change by governments can and will work in many cases.



On the Leavell

With Helen

And moving into town recently, according to Welcome Wagon hostesses were: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm James, Roseford Terrace; Mr. and Mrs. John Hutton, Division St.; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Eccles, Kingham Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Carter, Elmore Dr.; Mr. and Mrs. John Lemstra, RR 2, Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miceli, Greenore Cres.; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin So, Duby Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Kobza, Elmore Dr.; Theo N. Kamp, Greenore Cres.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roth, Cobblehill Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schneider, Cobblehill Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Malle, Kingham Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Service, Young St.; Mr. and Mrs. Claude McAlpine, Elmore Dr.

The new Halton Hills Hydro Commission superintendent Gerry Trudell was recently honored by his former employers, the Collingwood Public Utilities Commission. Trudell was presented with a Paul Topping painting in appreciation of his five years of service with the Town of Collingwood.

Channel 9 (CKCO) television viewers recently caught sight of Bill Nellis on a news broadcast of the rally at Ottawa about the shoe imports quotas. Nellis and several other Beardmore workers travelled to Ottawa to take part in the rally.

My item a few weeks ago about my pie making venture resulted in a delicious pumpkin pie being anonymously left on my desk. Turned out the advertising sales representative Sue Stone felt sorry for us and made us a pie.

Terry and Ken Grubbe and Marlee and Phillip Wedge and families returned last Wednesday from an Eastern Canada vacation.

They spent most of their time visiting former Acton residents Flo and Louis Charlebois in St. John, New Brunswick. Flo and Louis moved from Acton a year ago and have built up their new paint and wallpaper store in their new home.

The Charlebois took their guests all over New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Terry said the trip was full of firsts for her. It was her first time camping, first time pulling a trailer, first time to the Maritimes and first time to see the ocean. Anne Charlebois is attending Mount Allison University, the same school Andre is starting in September. Julie is still in high school, and Josie will be moving out in two weeks from Mount Sinai Hospital Toronto, to work as a registered nurse in St. John. Daughter Lynn is still in Toronto. Terry says the Charlebois paint store is the size of a Zellers or K-Mart in Ontario. A trip back for next summer is already planned.

Bert Davidson recently walked off with a trophy for being the oldest contestant in an Old Time Fiddler and Step Dancing contest in Fergus.

Bert, who will be 85 in two weeks, can often be seen practicing his talents at Golden Age Club meetings.

Got my weekly issue of my hometown paper The Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin this week and who should I recognize in one of the old pictures, but Actonian Pat McKenzie.

The picture was a class photo at Feversham High School in 1928. Pat (with much more hair than now) was in the front row, described as Garbet McKenzie. We all know Pat's actual name is Garnet. A quick call to wife Mary revealed Pat went to that school, about that time. I suspected it was just a typing mistake, because even though the photo is over 50 years old, Pat is still recognizable.

Hosted by Ted and Kae Hansen and their group Amway Distributors and Prospects from London, Toronto and Acton who are members of Ambassador Associates, heard their Crown Ambassadors Jim and Sharon Janz from Surrey, B.C. speak on July 1 about free enterprise and business diversification.

Jim Janz whose organization has over 60,000 distributors and did a business volume of over \$100 million last year previously spoke in Acton to the Hansen Group on May 15.

Noah and Reta Rowsell celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on Monday.

Ted Tyler had some interesting tid-bits (or should we say Ted-bits) at the Actario draw on Saturday.

Last weekend's draw was the 84th one, being pulled by 84-year-old Bert Davidson. Cash prizes to date have been worth \$29,400 and trips won are valued at \$24,706. Merchant bonus prizes totalling \$8,400 have been given out. Total prizes is \$162,500. Tickets are now selling for \$39.10.

Got a call last week from a reader wanting to warn others how to avoid plants from being stolen.

She says to put your name, in large letters, on the part of the pot that faces the house. She thinks the outdoor plants are being stolen and resold at flea markets. By putting your name on the plants' pots, thieves have a hard time reselling them. "We have to fight back," she exclaimed.

Roy and Reta Goodwin, Church St., moved to Guelph a few weeks ago. They will be missed in this community, but I have a feeling they will be back often.

Got some work around the house that needs done, but unable to do it yourself? Are you a small business who is looking for student help? Well, there are two groups in town who are attempting to place students in jobs in the area.

The Student Placement Centre for Students is on duty every Wednesday at the Acton Social Services and Information Centre and Dennis Devine, of Chalef Arcade, is also trying to match up students with jobs.

I am not a very good golfer. Keith Andrews will attest to that. I consider a good day getting in the low 80s (for nine holes, that is), and downright celebrated the day I got 78, my lowest score ever.

I have always considered the sport a good excuse for exercise and sun, but never to be taken seriously.

I stand like I am up to bat during a baseball game, my swing is also very similar to that of a batter. I don't really want to learn

how to play the game properly, I just want to have a good time.

The nine iron I call a Scooper (because it scoops the ball in the air), and on the fairway I never stray from my three and five irons. Woods (both the club kind and the tree kind) intimidate me, and I have a hard time keeping my head down.

With all this going against me, it is impossible to believe I actually got a birdie on the second hole at Acton Meadows Friday night. (For non golfers, a birdie is one stroke under par.) I teed off and it actually landed on the green, several yards from the hole (or is it cup). My putting is as bad as my chipping, so I figured I would be lucky and get that hole in four or five.

Given Abbey here I come. I sunk the ball in one long put.

Trying to act cool and nonchalant, I approached the third hole. I have never gotten under 12 on this particular hole, and average 15 shots. You can understand my pride when I walloped an eight on it.

Of course the fourth hole I completely blew, counting four before I got four feet from the tee. The fifth hole was just as bad, but the sixth hole showed definite improvement. By the seventh hole, I was at least back in the single figures.

Entering the eighth tee I felt good. I had the same feeling in my arms as I did when entering the second hole. I figured out my downfall on the other holes and was determined to show Gord the second hole was no fluke.

Naturally I was the last to tee off, so everyone was watching me. You can imagine my surprise when I walloped the ball and watched it soar in the air only to come down not only on the green, but it hit the pin!

Forget cool and nonchalant. Even Gord had never hit the pin before. In my hyperness, I needed two putts to wrap up the hole, but that was okay. I had never parred a hole either which I had just done.

We all entered the ninth hole with my companion Susan McCallum and I tied. She beat me last time by about 15 so I was pretty proud. And I was only 10 strokes behind Gord, who's so serious about the game he has spiked golf shoes.

But the pressure was too great. Sue's tee shot was about two feet behind mine, so she went first. I knew as soon as she hit the green on her second shot I wouldn't be able to keep up with her. I landed in the sand trap—another first. I felt like I was on Wasaga Beach the way I was digging in the sand for a while. I managed to finally get it out, but put the basement windows of nearby homes in peril. I hit it again, and crossed the green again, back to the sand. Luckily I didn't need too many putts and actually got away with eight strokes.

I finished up with a very respectable 67. By the end of the game that's how old I felt, but it is better than my usually 82.

MEANDERINGS by Mabel Barkman A Vanishing Breed

"It must be 10 years ago that my son found a woodcock setting on a nest in the woods and photographed it. The picture revealed the perfect camouflage the bird makes.

This past week a woodcock flew from the meadow and landed a short distance away pretending to be hurt. I felt there would be little ones and sure enough I found two resembling baby turkeys except their beaks were very long. Mr husband was also lucky to see them that evening.

I was saddened to find one dead the next morning but hope the other one survived. They are very strange birds appearing and disappearing like magic. My bird book says that they are an endangered species and so we consider ourselves lucky to have seen mother and chicks this year.

Back issues

10 years ago

July 12, 1972

Miss Brenda Bruce, R.R. 3 Acton, who was chosen "Miss Acton Fair" in 1971 will compete with 55 other rural fair queens from across Ontario at the C.N.E.

Acton's second medical centre will open Monday, July 17, in newly-built quarters above a Queen St. plaza. Dr. Hutchison and Dr. Wilson will be on staff and dentist Dr. Ermbach, will join the staff the first of August.

A birthday milestone was attained Sunday by Mrs. Annie McLean, Brock Ave., when a family dinner was held in Milton to celebrate her 90th birthday. Acton OMHA Minor Hockey executives, coaches, managers and 400 Club officials and their wives enjoyed a steak-fry and get together Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hiltz and daughter Cathy of Windsor, Nova Scotia, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson and family.

20 years ago

July 12, 1962

On the beaches and in cars, people enjoyed the charming setting and cooling breezes in Prospect Park while attending the first of the summer's series of outdoor religious services at 6.30 Sunday.

Appointment of William Erskine as Assessor for the Town of Acton at Tuesday's Council meeting completes the municipal staff.

With the project halfway completed for the construction of two, half-million gallon reservoir tanks to service Acton, two tons of cement have already been used in the concrete.

The new swimming pool at the Kelso Dam conservation area west of Milton opened Saturday, and was greeted with enthusiasm by hundreds of swimmers.

Mrs. Mabel Symon is back after visiting with friends in the west.

Bro. Norman Hinton and Mr. and Mrs. Greenham of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Hinton, Lake Ave.

50 years ago

July 7, 1932

At a splendidly attended meeting of Acton Business Men's Association on Tuesday evening, it was decided to hold a Community Picnic for Acton and district on Wednesday afternoon, July 27.

Mrs. George Wallace and Miss Dorothy Wallace, of Toronto, are visiting her sister, Mrs. B.G. Arnold.

This week's specials at Patterson's Meat Shop, 2 lbs. of home-made sausage 25 cents, 3 cans of peas, corn or tomatoes for 23 cents, 2 lbs. of lard for 18 cents, smoked hams 16 cents per lb., pickled cottage rolls, by the piece, 15 cents per lb. and choice rib roasts 17 cents per lb.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman and family, of Montreal, are holidaying at the home of his parents here.

Blue Mountain School and the Stone School held their picnic to Niagara Falls on Thursday, last week. Mr. Alfred Soper visited with friends at Morriston during the week.

75 years ago

July 11, 1907

A jolly crowd of Oddfellows and their friends to the number of 331, with the band, enjoyed themselves on an outing to Niagara Falls travelling by train to Toronto and then by boat. The boat reached Lewiston where excursionists climbed the steep flights of stairs and boarded the cars of the Gorge Route for the wonderful eight miles of whirling rapids, until the bridges and then the falls themselves came in sight. The run through the more or less dirty streets of Niagara Falls N.Y. was soon made and here the party separated to spend the day as they pleased. Some even went on to Buffalo. The moonlight trip back across the lake in the Chippewa was delightful, and the group arrived back in Acton about 1.30 a.m. For some just arrived from the "austrail sod" it was their first sight of the falls, but many had made the trip many times before.

Mr. Morgan Crewson has organized a company at Crewson's Corners for the prospecting of oil.

The boys came home from camp in splendid form and marched like veterans.

100 years ago

July 6, 1882

Yesterday a G.T.R. Passenger train ran through an open switch at the Queen St. Crossing, and the engine, tender and baggage cars were thrown from the track. The damage was slight but it took about two hours to set matters right. The passengers besieged the hotels and eating houses in town.

The safe belonging to W. Thomson, grocer, of Georgetown, was opened and \$3 abstracted. Some suspicious characters are said to be in town.

Rev. T.L. Wilkinson preached his farewell sermon in the Methodist church to a large congregation. A social evening was held Monday.

Sprinkle your cabbage with lousy tea and the cabbage worms will not bother you.

Clergy Comment

For most of us it is that time of year when we prop up our swollen feet on a lawn chair, count the days until our vacation rolls around, gaze enviously at the next door neighbor's packing up to leave, or dream wistfully of the time when a holiday might be within the realm of possibility. When summertime lands on our doorstep, we all begin to crave those "lazy, hazy, crazy days" of irresponsibility, freedom and the absence of work.

The Bible talks about vacation times, holidays and periods of recreation. One scriptural reference is found in connection with the weekly observance of a day of rest. The Sabbath, as it was originally designed and intended, was not meant to be a mini-vacation. It is true that no work was to be done on the Sabbath day, but this was essentially to underline the real purpose of the day. It was an occasion for the re-creating of the soul into the likeness of God, through worship and the engagement in spiritual reflection. It was to be a time when worshippers could refresh and renew the inner source of their life through quiet communion with God.

Other scriptural references speak of times of simple holiday. Notably, many of the feasts and festivals of the Old Testament were occasions for

cessation of work and the simple enjoyment of relaxation. This was recreation of the whole person, allowing time for physical, as well as spiritual, refreshment and enjoyment.

Today, recreation is more common and widespread than it ever was in Bible times. Shorter work-weeks, longer vacation periods, long weekends and the general convenience of being able to "get away for a while" mean more occasions for recreation for us all.

Certainly a time of recreation is something for which thanks ought to be given. Without it, no doubt, we would function less effectively and would be shallower, narrower persons. But recreation is only creative and helpful when it is seen and enjoyed in its proper perspective.

We can enjoy the opportunities we have at various times of the year by doing one simple thing. If we break the word "recreation" into the parts of its original meaning we come up with "re-creation." If our activities reflect the biblical concepts of spiritual renewal and physical refreshment then they are doing for us what they ought to do.

Take the opportunity to re-create yourself both inwardly and outwardly that you might be more ably prepared for life.



Working on a hard water experiment at the Library's Mad Scientist project Wednesday were Tom Jones, Cynthia Dunstan, Dave Harkins and Brad Harkins. Grade 11 student John DeJong is the instructor of the program.