

# Small mill puts out high quality flour

Big isn't necessarily better, is the contention of the new owners of Zeigler Flour Mills, Mill St.

And even though Brian and Debbie Dolotowicz have changed the firm's name to Halton Flour Milling Inc., they plan to keep the business small, while maintaining the high excellence of quality.

At 31 years of age, Brian Dolotowicz is already a certified expert in the flour milling business and very adept at baking. He has certificates from flour mills all over the world, and has every milling certificate in the English language, he notes. He also has several baking certificates.

He is able to handle every situation from wheat fields, right up to the baking, he states.

Zeigler Mills was well known for its pastry and biscuit type of flour, but now, Dolotowicz says, the mill has developed a superior Strong Bakers flour for Italian crusty bread. Already the baking industry has heralded it as a superior type flour, and has Rockwood baker Herb Saunders' seal of

approval. And, Dolotowicz chuckles, if Herb Saunders like it, it has to be good.

But this new development will not mean the pastry flour will be lost in the development shuffle.

It's a very competitive industry out there, Dolotowicz says. The whole basis of his operation is to keep it at a small level. He actually plans on keeping it a small operation, while producing a high quality of flour to meet bakers' requirements.

"It might be a small mill, but it produces darn good flour," Dolotowicz contends.

The Acton operation is a country type operation, says the Cambridge native, and he plans to keep it country. He is one of the few independents left in Canada, and is family run, which he intends to keep that way for the next 50 years.

Because there are only a few independents left in the industry, Dolotowicz says, "We have to be second to none in quality, service and price. One error and we get knocked out of the block by the big guys," he notes.

There are currently five employees, all who wear several hats, the president says. "It is a unique type of operation," he says.

A new quality control and testing facilities have been set up, and the entire building is getting a facelift.

Dolotowicz has spent the past seven years in Montreal learning the trade. However, he had a yearning to own his own business. Acton was central, and met the requirements of the industry, was established, and most important, it was for sale.

While the business is mainly aimed at the medium sized baker, a small factory outlet at the mill offers bulk goods to individuals also. ShurGain dog food is also sold there. Dolotowicz can also help the home baker out with any problems which might arise in the kitchen, and even supply a few recipes.

The mill has been one of Acton's steady businesses since it was first built in 1853. More recently, Dolotowicz says, Dave Lindsay kept it a family business until he sold it to a relative, Jim Eccles, who in turn sold it to Lloyd Zeigler.



Brian Dolotowicz, new owner of Zeigler Flour Mill, now Halton Flour Milling Inc., checks out some of the machinery in his new business. He enjoys the family-type atmosphere in the Mill and plans on being around for at least 50 years, he says.

## Clergy Comment

by Rev. Art Tribe

Are you an optimist or a pessimist? A dictionary tells me that an optimist is a person that believes that good must prevail in the end; a disposition to look on the bright side. A pessimist is a person, according to this dictionary, that believes that most things turn to evil; a tendency to see the worst side of things.

Someone has said that to a sensible man, nothing is more irritating than the baseless optimism of a shallow, thoughtless person who has never had the courage to face the awful tragedy of life on earth—the stern battle by which alone a man can retain faith in a good and loving God, in spite of the blinding cruelty, suffering and pain which he sees around him. This affliction of mankind, the cackling of "fools," is merely a defence-mechanism to protect himself from the painful process of thought. It is fully exposed in the Book of Proverbs, and justifies the definition of the optimist and pessimist: "An optimist is one who doesn't care what happens, providing it doesn't happen to him. A pessimist is one who has lived with an optimist."

Enough of this pessimism! Natural optimism may be illustrated by the case of the Two Frogs. Two young frogs, leaders in the Youth Group, were in a dairy at nightfall. They came to pail of milk, and A said to B, "I dare you to jump over that tin wall!" B answered, "I could if I wanted to." A answered, "No you couldn't, you're afraid." B gathered himself together and took a tremendous leap, and fell plop into the milk, six inches deep. Splash! A followed. They swam round and round for hours, until B the pessimist, yielded to dejection, and said, "There is no hope of getting out, it's not us trying. I shall not try any longer." So he threw up his arms, and sank beneath the cruel waves! But A the optimist, had more courage. He kept on saying, "I'll never give in. I'm sure something will turn up." So he swam on and on, and when the day dawned, the dairy maid found him sitting on a pat of butter—saved by Hope!

Please remember the words of the author of the Letter to the Hebrews. "Let us hold fast the confession of our Hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some but encourage one another; and all the more, as you see the day dawning near" (Heb. 10:19-25).

When we encourage others we spur them on, we stimulate and affirm them. We appreciate what a person does, but we affirm who a person is. Appreciation comes and goes because it is usually related to something someone accomplishes. Affirmation goes deeper. It is directed to the person himself or herself. We all need to be affirmed! Most of us need massive doses of it as we slug it out in the trenches. Don't forget how fortunate we Christians are! We have confidence to approach God, because He loves us. Just As We Are! And we ought also to accept each other Just As We Are! This is Affirmation. This is Acceptance! I need it, you need it.

The beautiful thing about encouragement is this: "Anybody can do it. We need to start using "Encouragement Cards" to affirm and encourage one another! Many people are drying up on the vine simply because of the lack of encouragement.

Lonely, tired, discouraged people who need Your encouragement, Your friendship. Why are so many people leaving our churches? They need stimulation, encouragement, love, friendship, affirmation to convince them that they are important to you and they are needed!

Be an optimist—have faith in God, be an affirmer and encourager for others and for yourself.



Acton sea scout Brett Auger and his father, leader Jim Auger, plant trees at the McDonald property, the 10th Line, near Ballinafad.

## Deer—car collide

About \$500 damage resulted to a vehicle driven by Russell Brubacher, Campbellville, after a deer ran out in front of the car last Tuesday at 5:46 p.m.

Halton Regional Police say Brubacher was east bound on 15 Sideroad 1.8 kilometres east of Highway 25 when the deer ran out from the south side of the roadway and struck the vehicle.

## Experiment with Bond-all, NJB

Halton Hills is going to purchase 7,000 gallons of a relatively new product to keep dust down on rural roads.

Bond-all, NJB hasn't been used in Halton Hills previously, but it has been used successfully in other areas of Ontario. In a number of aspects it is superior to calcium chloride.

No funds were budgeted for Bond-all, NJB and the minimum order for Halton Hills would be \$3,300. The budgeted amount for the roads, (the Fifth Line from 15 to 17 Sideroads, and the Third Line from Churchill Rd. to the Fourth Line, including the Given Road,) where the engineering department wants to experiment with Bond-all, NJB would cost \$1,600 to treat with calcium chloride.

Since the recent tender for calcium chloride virtually ate up the budget for 1983 for that substance, the engineering department asked council recently to allow an over-expenditure of \$1,700 so they can experiment with Bond-all, NJB. Council approved the experiment.

The cost of Bond-all, NJB is 47 cents a gallon.

## Mill St. scene of car accident

There were no injuries in a two car accident on Mill St. E. at Wilbur St. at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Halton Regional Police say Thomas Harris, 24 Ransom St., and Lorenzo Civiolo, Rockwood were westbound on Mill St. when the collision occurred.

The Harris vehicle received an estimated \$300 in damages and there was \$700 to Civiolo's.

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## Obituary Pat McKenzie

Funeral service was held March 30 for Garnet (Pat) McKenzie, who died in Guelph March 27 at the age of 70, following a two year illness.

Mr. McKenzie was born in Feversham, Ontario, and attended schools there and in Fisherton, and the Toronto Teachers' College.

In his years in Acton, he was principal of Robert Little school, was a local and regional councillor, and was member of the Acton Y's Men, the Masonic Lodge, and Trinity United Church.

Andy King and Rev. Charles Beaton officiated at the funeral at Trinity United Church. Pallbearers were friends Len Lovell, Harry Otterbein, Jack McGoachie, Lloyd Broosted, Ron Chatten and Russ Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Hurst, C. Rogvaldson, Len McNeil, Ariene Bruce and Edgar Foster.

Mr. McKenzie is survived by his wife Mary, a daughter Kathy (Mrs. Walter Trysenaar) RR2 Listowel, two grandchildren, brothers Tom, Elmvalle, Beverly, Feversham and sisters Jean, Orville, Stella and Irene, both of Collingwood, and Eleanor, of Thornbury. He was predeceased by two brothers Victor, of Eugenia and Neil, Collingwood.