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GLEN IN THE NEWS

Reporter Jim Junkin from CFTO-TV was one of a number of television and radio newsmen who were in Glen Williams last Wednesday to cover the flood and its

aftermath, Gien Williams was on the early news programs on Global television and also on CHCH-TV, the Hamilton station.

(Herald photo)

After 43 years

Family business closing

Acton lost one of its oldest family businesses last week when Lovell Brothers butcher shop closed down after 43 years in business.

Len Lovell said he and his brother Gordon opened the shop in the spring of 1938 next door to the Gregory Theatre. on Main Street. Originally there was just the two of them in the shop and they were open six days a week. They came to

work at 7 a.m. and closed up at 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday they closed for the after-

noon as did most stores. The late night was Saturday when they might not close until midnight or 1 a.m.

"It was a real farm community then," he said, "and the farmers used to come to town Saturday to shop and go to the show. Unfortunately they'd go to the show first, then

do their shopping. Since the show didn't get out until after 11 o'clock they didn't finish shopping until very late. Then it would take us an hour to clean up after we closed."

CHANGED THINGS The onset of World War II

changed things and stores closed at 10 from about 1939 on, he said.

Mr. Lovell said that his business has changed considerably over the years. In the beginning customers bought almost equal amounts of beet and pork. Today only about 10

per cent of the meat they sell is fresh pork. They also handle considerably less fish than they used to do.

"We used to get pickled, fresh, and frozen fish and it would be sold almost as fast as we got it in," he said.

Poultry sales have also changed. It used to be that expect it to last long." poultry was an item that appeared around Christmas and then disappeared again soon afterwards. Now it sells year round.

"We used to buy all our poultry from local farmers but we can't any more," he says. "Government regulations say all poultry sold has to be killed in a government inspected slaughter house so that stops that."

In 1958 the shop was moved from its originaly location next to the AtB to a new building at the corner of Elgin and Mill Streets. Stock expanded some at that time too and it was then that canned good were added.

"We used to stick mostly to meats and pickles and things that went with meat. always sold eggs from local farmers too," he said.

They made their own sausages but they didn't do any other type of prepared meats.

SELL OUT Mr. Lovell married in 1939 and his son, Bob, has been in the store with he and his brother for about nine years.

Unforunately he has a serious back ailment and has been forbidden by his doctor to work .

in the shop any longer. Gordon Lovell's death earlier this month has brought on the decision to sell out.

"We were sold out of ments last week," Mr. Lovell said,. "and I expect the rest of our stock will be gone by the end of the week. I've got everything at 25 per cent off so I don't

Although the business can't be put up sale just yet because of legal matters Mr. Lovell says he already has a couple of buyers who are very interested in the business.

"I think it's very likely to open again under new management very soon," Mr. Loveli said. "I want to get the store all cleaned up so that the new owner can just walk in and stock it up and be ready to go."

Although he has not immediate plans for his retirement, Mr. Lovell is not at all concerned about keeping busy.

"I've got a house to paint inside and out for starters," he said, "and I'll find something when that's done."

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Tax consultant hired by commission

Halton Regional Police Commission decided Thursday to hire a consultant who will determine whether or not the force is overpaying on sales

The commission decided to draw up an agreement between the force and the firm of R.G. Akitt and Associates to engage the company to conduct a search for overpayment of sales tax on purchases made by the force.

The fee for this service is 2219 per cent of the funds recovered. If no overpayment is found, the force wouldn't be charged for the firm's time and expenses.

The firm has been retained by the region of Halton for three years, and regional purchasing agent R.A. Higgins, in a memorandum to the commission, said the firm's service has been "most reliable".

Milton Mayor Don Gordon, a member of the police commission, said the town of Millon had retained a firm offering this service, and the firm, had discovered overpayments totalling \$1.5 million. While the town staff would have discovered the money eventually, Mayor Gordon said, it would have taken them much longer, since the staff doesn't have the time to look into the problem.

The commission voted to enter into an agreement with the firm of R.G. Akitt and Associates, with a clause which said the agreement could be cancelled at any time with 30 days written notice.

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