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Armco Plant is Closed Indefinitely As Result of Strike

Labor Dispute Results in Walk-Out Of 48 Employees

In the conflict of labor troubles, first Acton plant to be seriously affected is Armco, which has about fifty male and female employees. The plant closed Monday as the result of recent labor-management disputes climaxing in a walk out by 48 of the 51 employees. Members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, which is affiliated with the C.E.U. and C.I.O. local ceramic workers have been negotiating with management of Armco Ltd. for acceptance of a bargaining contract. Negotiations had not been completed and first walking of strike action came at 5:30 p.m. Friday when one of the day employees, due to leave the plant, informed workers of the incoming night gang, that if they entered the plant they would be recognized as "senks."

Although notice was posted of the plant's indefinite closing, three members of a picket line took up positions by their front porch near Armco. According to one of the strikers, the picket will be observed on four-hour shifts.

Mr. McKay, who has over twenty years of plant management experience, says the factory must possibly be closed for 60 days. The automatic tinned kitch shut down at noon yesterday requires ten days for cleaning and another fifteen days to be prepared for continued operation.

A letter from C. R. Sullivan, Hamilton, district union representative, stated local union members had decided to remain away from work because of recent laying-off of old employees. Armco Ltd. was not observing the principles of seniority. According to D. M. Timbers, office manager and Harry McKay, general manager, this was a reference to the recent discharge of 7 girls of part time work and 2 new hands and 2 male employees, tool and die workers, temporarily laid off because of material and tool shortages in their respective departments. On May 24th, a previous walk-out had been ordered because union members disapproved of the removal of a plant superintendent and foreman in agreement has found it necessary to make frequent changes in plant bosses.

While the plant is idle, management plans to reorganize and report that Armco will be more adequately equipped to fill the increasing number of orders for industrial porcelain, which we began to produce about three years ago.

Armco employees work a forty-eight-hour week. Male employees had a minimum wage of 65 cents per hour. The starting wage for female help was 45c per hour with trained help getting 50c per hour. As a result of the labor dispute the plant will be closed indefinitely.

A statement issued by the Strike Committee, charges low wages, discrimination by management and failure of the company to complete negotiations. The statement says the union had decided to take their grievances up with the top management at four o'clock on Monday June 9th and the company posted a notice at 7 a.m. saying "the plant would be closed indefinitely." Application has been made for a government commissioner to try to settle the matter.

Union Representative Gives Case

Mr. C. R. Sullivan, District Representative of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America gave the Free Press his version of the trouble. Yesterday Mr. C. R. Sullivan, Toronto, came to Acton at the request of the Union. Both Company and Union officials were in conference with this representative.

Mr. Sullivan charges the company with unfair labor practice by discharging two of the employees with long service, leading union members and war veterans. He says the union has 100 per cent membership at the plant and the company signed a memorandum with the union on May 26th in which both agreed to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement within 30 days. He says that on June 2nd negotiations were commenced and the company promised to meet again on June 9th. On June 6th the plant manager who had been in charge for two days, let out the two employees who were war veterans and union leaders.

The employees decided not to work on Monday but to meet the company officials that afternoon and every effort was made to have the employees reinstated. The company closed the plant at 7 a.m. on Monday and refused to meet the Union.

Mr. Sullivan states that the latest proposal is that the company will change the name and attempt to reopen and that the union will insist on reopening that the same employees be re-engaged and that the Company must deal with the Union.

FORMER ACTON MAN HEADS DETROIT BANK ASSOCIATION

From the Detroit Times we learn that Mr. Murray L. McDonald, assistant vice president of the Detroit Bank and son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Murray McDonald, of Acton has been elected President of the Detroit Chapter of the National Office Management Association for the 1947-48 year. Mr. McDonald was born and educated in Acton and commenced his banking career in the bank of Montreal in Acton. We join with other Acton friends in congratulating him on his steady advancement in his profession.

THE ENWRIGHT-CAVE WEDDING LAST WEEK AT BRANTFORD CHURCH

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Brantford when Miss Olive May Cave, daughter of Mrs. George Cave, 81 Cayuga St., and the late Mr. W. Enwright, son of Mrs. E. Enwright, the late Mr. Enwright, St. Mary's, were united in matrimony last week. The bride wore a dull blue dress with a white collar and a corsage of red roses and carnations. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Millrain, Brantford. Mrs. Millrain wore a flowered jersey dress with blue hat and a corsage of pink carnations.

Following the ceremony a reception for close relatives and friends was held at the home of the bride's mother. Mrs. Cave was attended in a grey silk mesh dress with grey hat and carnations.

Later the couple left on a honeymoon trip to eastern points, the bride travelling in a navy blue dress with beige coat, navy accessories and squirrel fur. Mr. and Mrs. Enwright will reside at Acton, R.R. 4 on the McDonald farm.

Erin Council Makes Donation to Hillsburg Band

Erin Legion to Get Donation When the Branch Secures Building

The municipal council of Erin Township met at Hillsburg on June 2nd. All members were present. Rev. J. A. Schrammer presided.

A by-law for the appointment of township officers, introduced at the January session was filled in with the name of Albert Brent and Co., of Erin and Markham as auditors for the year at a salary of \$150 per annum. Audit to include township and school accounts and that by-law as filled in be now read a third time, passed and numbered 3.

Township road employees were insured with A. E. Wilson and Co. for a limit of \$10,000 and \$20,000 for any accident. Premium \$40 paid to F. Gray agent. Life, fire and property damage insurance was placed with Lloyd's of London at a premium of \$200 to be paid to F. Gray, agent.

A donation of \$50 was made to Hillsburg Band. \$50 was donated to the Erin Legion when they secure a permanent building.

Accounts were passed as follows: general \$543.71, sheep \$42.00, relief \$13.56, dress \$40.57, charged to other municipalities \$72.90; road \$477.08.

Council adjourned to meet again on Monday July 7 at 1 o'clock p.m. at the call of the Reeve.

North Halton School District To be Effective in 1948

County Council Gave Three Readings and Approval of Department Given—Tax Rate for the County is Established—Grants Made to Falls in Halton County

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The establishment of a North Halton-High School District, was approved by a third reading of a by-law at the regular monthly meeting of Halton County Council held at the Court House, Tuesday.

Before the third reading of the by-law, William Stewart, of the Ontario Department of Education informed Council he had a letter from the Minister of Education approving the establishment of the North Halton District. He said the new area would come into effect on January 1st, 1948.

The bill was introduced following formal requests from Milton, Acton, Nassagaweya and Esquesing asking the present high school set up be discontinued. Council then proceeded to pass necessary legislation to dissolve the present high school system in the various municipalities before setting up the new scheme. Council voted unanimously in favor with the exception of Deputy Reeve Armstrong of Georgetown.

It was explained an agreement was reached at a previous meeting of representatives of the various municipalities concerned, a site near Spynside would be the most central location for the new school building. Further details would be left to the new Board following its appointment.

Council approved of a 4 1/2 mill rate of equalized assessment for the year. For general expenses \$79,784.45 or 2 1/2 mills would be required while \$55,849.12 or 1 1/2 mills would be necessary for current road expenditures.

In his report to council, W. S. Hall, said in the recommendation of the finance committee, the administration of justice would cost \$2,589.20; Agriculture, \$2,335.00; charity and welfare, which includes child welfare, hospitalization, grants, training \$90.00; Health unit of which fifty per cent was returned by the Province, \$52,550.00; debenture debt charges, \$18,058.81; Education and school nursing, \$4,488.95; general administration, \$20,657.40; Publicity grants, \$1,200.00; Reformation, \$1,500; Registry Office, \$650.00; Miscellaneous, \$269.51.

The committee also reported a surplus of \$9,833.80 from 1946 would be included in the \$42,211.45; estimated revenues received from the administration of justice, \$4,800.00; licenses, \$21.00; Miscellaneous \$900.00; Registry Office \$4,500.00; Rents, \$137.50; Social Services including hospitalization, \$5,000.00; School Nursing \$2,200.00; Public Health \$10,000.00; and \$6,500.00 from the reserve fund.

The Finance Committee also recommended a rebate to municipalities of money levied for school nursing services, which includes cost up to June 30; Acton will receive \$64.72; Burlington, \$140.57; Georgetown, \$80.79; Milton, \$74.45 and Oakville \$174.50.

Council also approved of a recommendation in which the Children's Aid Society would be authorized to secure an additional field worker.

Mr. Hall pointed out that officials (continued on Page Five)

PRETTY JUNE WEDDING SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTON UNITED CHURCH

The Rev. A. Walter Forsyth, B.A., B.D., officiated at the wedding on Saturday afternoon, June 7th at three o'clock in the United Church, Acton, when Georgina (Gummy) Anderson, granddaughter of Mrs. W. Everdell, was united in marriage to John Hugh Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart of Acton. The wedding music was played by Miss Ethel Franklin and during the signing of the register, Miss Joyce Deserault, Guelph, wearing a blue length blue frock, sang a solo, "The Bride."

In a setting of pink carnations and spring flowers, the bride, given in marriage by her father, was charming in her wedding gown of white slipper satin on Grecian lines with a sheer net yoke, fitted sleeveless bodice and long pointed sleeves on full flowing skirt which fell to form a slight train. Her fingertip veil was caught to a headpiece of white gardenias and she carried a bouquet of tall stems roses, baby's breath, lily of the valley and forget-me-nots, all were a single strand of pearls, set of the groom.

Miss Edith Masales, Acton, as matron of honor, wore a floor length gown of heaven blue embroidered marquisette with a full skirt, fitted bodice and cap sleeves, matching mittens and headpiece and a bouquet of pink roses and baby's breath completed her costume. The bridesmaid, Miss Blanche Hall, Hillsburg, was in complete pink, embroidered marquisette, fashioned in lines similar to the dress of the matron of honor, with matching mittens and headpiece and a bouquet of pink roses and baby's breath.

Barry Stewart brother of the groom was ring-bearer. Mr. William Vincent, Toronto, attended as groomsmen and the ushers were Mr. Stewart, Melvill, Toronto, cousin of the groom and Mr. Ray Everdell, Acton, cousin of the bride.

A reception for about a hundred guests was held immediately after the ceremony at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart where the decorations were pink carnations and spring flowers. The wedding cake, in silver and white, formed the centre figure on the bride's table with white tapers in silver holders on each end. The guests were received by the bride's mother, wearing a printed jersey dress, black hat and accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. She was assisted by the groom's mother in daffodil marquisette with black hat and accessories and corsage of tall stem roses.

Following the reception, the young couple left for a trip by motor to Sault Ste. Marie and the United States. The bride travelling in a turquoise blue dress of lamore crepe, black shortie coat, hat and accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Out of town guests were present from Toronto, Erin, Sault Ste. Marie, Hillsburg, Everton, Lucknow, Danforth, Guelph, Brampton and Oakville.

Only one Canadian woman of the 48,000 serving in World War II was killed as a result of enemy action. 71 died of illness or accident, 37 were wounded by bombing, 14 army nursing sisters were injured in Sicily, and two taken prisoner in Hong Kong.

TEACHERS LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL STAFF HONORED AT PICNIC

The last social event of the school term for the students of Acton High School was the annual school picnic last week. First event of the afternoon was a soccer game between the boys. This was followed by a ball game between the girls. The students then enjoyed lunch.

Principal Stewart expressed appreciation of the work done at the school by Mrs. R. Curton and Miss E. Dryden, both of whom are resigning from the staff.

Ray Noble read an address to Mrs. Curton and Olive Musselle presented her with a table lamp.

Jacqueline Currie read an address to Miss Dryden and Fieda Harris presented her with a table lamp.

Both teachers made fitting replies. Then came those cheers and a tiger, "For they are jolly good fellows" and "Add long some."

Replacements on the staff of the Acton school will be members of Acton and Miss Shantz of Kemora.

THE KIRKWOOD-THOMPSON WEDDING SATURDAY AT KNOX MANSE

A quiet June wedding was solemnized at Knox Presbyterian Manse, Acton on Saturday, June 7th when Sarah Ada Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Thompson, became the bride of Raymond Bruce Kirkwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkwood, Erin. Mr. J. M. Anderson, B.A., M.A. and B.D. officiated.

The bride wore a street length dress of white silk jersey. She wore a white halo trimmed with pink and blue flowers and her corsage was red roses and baby's breath. Miss Anne Thompson, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a street length dress of pink silk jersey with a small pink hat and a corsage of pink roses. Kirkwood, brother of the groom was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, R.R. 2, Erin. The dining room was decorated with lily of the valley, tulips, iris and lilies. The bride's mother received wearing blue chiffon with a corsage of pink roses and the groom's mother assisted in a green crepe with a corsage of red roses.

Assistant Engaged For Hydro Dept. Salary of \$2300

Other Items at Monday Night's Session of Public Utilities Commission

The regular meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday evening, June 10th at the City Council Chamber, Commissioner J. R. MacArthur with Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding.

Superintendents Wilson and Lambert were present and reported on progress being made in their respective departments.

A resolution was passed setting the rate for the renting of the trench pump. It is to be rented on an hourly basis and the time charged.

Mr. W. J. Mason of Rockwood was present and discussed the position on the hydro staff. He has had 4 years experience with the H.E.P.C. and at present is one of the maintenance staff. He was hired at an annual salary of \$2300.

Superintendent Wilson was instructed to purchase the transformers that were necessary to maintain service to the customers.

The secretary, J. McGenchie, was upon motion, instructed to transfer \$1500 from the Waterworks Account to the general account of the Corporation.

Superintendent Wilson outlined the line work which he planned to complete this year. This met with the approval of the commission.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont., supplies	\$112.94
Can. Westinghouse Co., supplies	454.84
Packard Electric Co. Ltd., supplies	557.56
E. Terry, postmaster, postage	16.60
Express and transport	11.39
Force Electric Prod., supplies	5.13
Underwood Typewriter Ltd.	11.00
Symon Hdwe. supplies	2.55
	\$1171.11

Waterworks Department

Neptune Meters Ltd., supplies	37.42
W. D. Talbot, supplies	6.08
Power and heating at spring	51.16
	\$94.63

A contract was signed with Underwood Ltd. for the servicing of the Underwood typewriter in the office.

Fr. Morgan Marks Quarter Century In Church Service

Congregation Mark Event by Presentation and Anniversary Social

A quarter of a century ago in St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, the late Bishop O'Brien who was then Bishop of Peterborough, ordained into the holy priesthood, twenty young men. Among those receiving this Sacrament of Holy Orders was one Vincent Morgan, a native of Collingwood, Ontario who after graduation from St. Jerome's College, Kitchener and theological studies at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, desired to consecrate his life in and to the service of God.

Twenty five years have elapsed since that June 10th, 1922. To the Rev. Vincent J. Morgan, I should like to offer a quarter of a century of services of the five priests of Hamilton diocese who were ordained simultaneously only he and Father Thomas Timoner still survive. To-day, as pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Acton and Holy Trinity, Hillsburg, Peterborough, Hamilton, etc., they Morgan can reminisce through his first solemn High Mass sung at St. Joseph's Church, Acton on Friday, June 7th, 1947.

His first appointment as curate in Acton was of a year and a half's duration and was a forerunner to 17 1/2 years as pastor of the Mackin parish. Then, as the amiable servant of God, explains "knowing the 'M' of Acton," he found time off in a parish with an identical name.

To commemorate his silver anniversary, the parishioners of St. Joseph's Church, Acton, on Monday night in the church hall and presented him with suitable gifts. Mr. William Clayton Sr. was master of ceremonies and in his opening address, conveyed the best wishes of St. Joseph's parishioners to the celebrant. Misses Helen McLane and Denise Colver sang a duet prior to the presentation.

Several presentations were made to Father Morgan, each representing an organization of the parish. Miss Frances Chew, Master Wayne Arbie, Mr. E. Leatham and Miss Patricia Coles presented the gifts. Addressing the assembly, Father Morgan thanked the parishioners for both the spiritual and material gifts.

"For first 25 years in the priesthood are the best 25 years," explained the grey haired priest as he told how he enjoyed his association with the Acton parish.

Nino Brada, representing the Holy Name Society and Mrs. Gordon, Altar Society representatives each offered congratulations on behalf of their respective societies and Mr. Clayton introduced Father Callaghan of Rockwood. Father Callaghan compared this silver anniversary to a quotation from the Book of Psalms "There he shall be as a tree, and in due season, and his leaf shall not fall off, but in whatever he does shall prosper." Recalling the years of friendship Father Callaghan who was Arch Priest at the celebrant's first solemn High Mass gave his sincere and best wishes for another 25 years of service. Concluding the program Russel Arbie and Gregory Bari sang the "Echo Boy." Norman Brada accompanied the vocalists on the violin.

A delicious buffet lunch served by the ladies of the parish preceded the cutting by Father Morgan of a monstrous cake, nestled on a table strewn with silver. Included among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Mr. John Morgan, brothers of Reverend Vincent Morgan. Also included were Mrs. Denney, a niece, and a nephew, Michael Morgan.

To further celebrate his anniversary the pastor sang a High Mass for his deceased classmates on Monday morning. On Tuesday morning a High Mass of thanksgiving, on Wednesday morning for his parishioners, friends and relatives.

Among the many services rendered to his parish, Father Morgan has perhaps been outstanding in his relations with non-Catholics and his understanding regardless of faith and nationality, has spread good will during his six years in Acton.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 20 cents.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. are holding a bazaar, Saturday, October 18th.

Dance at Brookville Hall, Wednesday, June 18th. Hosts Billy Orchestra from Hamilton. Sponsors of Nassagaweya W. I. B.

Euthra and Dance in Limehouse Memorial Hall, Friday, June 13. Cards at 8:45 sharp. May's Orchestra of Streetsville. Admission 40c, includes lunch.

HALTON SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Three scholarships in the study of music were awarded outstanding young musicians of Halton County at the first Halton Male Choir Exhibition of Music and Scholarship Awards, held in St. Paul's United Church, Saturday evening. Students from all parts of the county took part in the program. Shown in the photograph, from left to right are: Rex Battle, adjudicator; Alec Purdell, director of the Halton Male Choir; De Witt Gallaway, president of the organization; (in front) Bobby Thomas, Campbellville, scholarship winner in boy's class; Dorothy Greer, Burlington, winner for voice; Kenneth Harrison, Georgetown, first in class for organists; and Dr. C. K. Stevenson, chairman of the exhibition committee.

Spectator photo by Ross Petren