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BUCKING THE PICKET LINE at the Micro Plastic Plant on Wednesday morning proved a tough problem for company officials attempting to take workers to the plant. After a few attempts officials sent the willing workers home and closed the plant down shortly afterwards. Picket lines were set up Monday morning of this week. Local union officials claimed they were justified in the walkout, caused when one shift of workers was suspended for three days.

Give \$720,000 By-Law Readings Break Ground for Acton Addition

First two readings of a by-law authorizing the borrowing of \$720,000 by debentures to defray costs of erecting and equipping additions at Acton and Georgetown high schools were approved Tuesday afternoon by Halton County Council. The by-law was forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

Ground for the Acton addition was broken this week while no progress on actual construction is evident at the Georgetown school. Milton is still in the process of preparing plans for its new school, and by-law will be processed at the county level at a later date.

Hospitals Aided

The council also made the first concrete steps toward financial aid for the Oakville-Trafalgar and Burlington hospitals Tuesday. The by-law authorizing the grant of \$50,000 per bed to the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$1,140,000 was given two readings, and council acknowledged the need for a hospital in Burlington and recognized the Joseph Pratt Memorial Hospital Board.

The Burlington by-law will be prepared by the solicitor after consultation with the hospital board. The grant of \$50,000 per bed will be based on 218 beds, although only 150 beds plus bassinets will be constructed immediately.

Delay Article

A county planning report adopted by council noted the need for an additional meeting before submitting recommendations on establishment of a county planning committee.

The report reviewed a meeting with John Pearson, Department of Planning and Development who outlined the possibilities of forming a county planning board. It noted such a project would require a staff including a director, a technical assistant and a secretary. Suggestions for the operation of such a committee were also discussed and further action deferred.

Meet Wentworth

The special association committee reported on negotiations with representatives of Wentworth County for the settlement necessary following Burlington's acquisition of a section of Wentworth county. The report dealt with the Wentworth proposal for payment regarding residents in Wentworth parishes of the Wentworth C. I. and St. Andrew's Societies, and the Ontario Training Schools, and the Ontario C. I. and St. Andrew's Societies. It was noted Wentworth had left

Award Presentations, Valedictory Highlights School Commencement

Welcoming an audience which filled the public school auditorium for the annual high school commencement exercises Friday, principal E. A. Hansen declared, "We have reached our capacity in our present building. Perhaps by the time next year we'll have our own auditorium."

He introduced a full and varied program, including musical numbers as well as many presentations and concluding with the traditional valedictory address on behalf of the graduating class.

In his introductory remarks, principal Hansen, who was chairman of the program, congratulated the graduating class. "We hope our efforts have started you on the way to a prosperous life," he said.

"The staff is very proud of the student body. They are a fun and co-operative group."

He explained that normally 50 per cent of grade nine pupils finish grade 11. This is not a particularly desirable situation. "We would like to see an increase in this," he said.

Education Respected

"Some students are satisfied with a bare pass when they could be getting first class honors," he declared. He declared the community and home could prevent this by putting education as something to be respected and sought after.

In explaining the interim reports he mentioned many calls have been received at the school "It points to an oversight of interest on the part of parents."

"The standards of our school continue to rise," he pointed out.

Beth McEnery, the valedictorian for her classmates, was introduced by Mr. Hansen as a "respectful, conscientious, hardworking" student whose extra curricular activities included 4-H work. After a summer course, she is now teaching at Stewarttown public school.

New Life Begins

"Commencement marks the end of another graduating class—the last farewell and the beginning of a new life," Miss McEnery began.

"A fine school, worthy teachers and fine friends" were recalled.

The influence of our teachers and each other will remain with us forever.

She expressly thanked her two principals O. Robinson and E. A. Hansen and Mr. Hansen's staff. She thanked the valedictorians, the valedictorians, and the valedictorians.

Our parents, schools and churches have done their best. Miss McEnery said. "We owe a debt which can be repaid by adult citizens. This is our life to be won on life. This is indeed commencement."

Win Diplomas

Receiving secondary school honors or graduation diplomas were Gary Dawkins, Helen Landsborough, Peter Robinson and Beverly Smith. Mr. Hansen made the presentations.

Secondary school graduation diplomas were given to Keith Anderson, Frank Gosper, Mary Jane Force, Michael Homer, David Hunter, Michael Hurst, William Johnson, Ruth Landsborough, Bruce Macpherson, Selva Mages, Shirley Mason, Margaret Morrison, Dianne Newton, Jean Parker, Nancy Skuppen, Barry Stewart, Valerie Young, Lenora Watson and Marilyn Yates and with special commendation to Laurie Ritchie and Marilyn Rogivaldson. Not all were present to receive the certificates from Mrs. E. C. Reed.

The intermediate certificates were presented by Mrs. A. J. Orr and Mrs. F. Rogers. They went to Carole Beathes, Norma Cunningham, Paul Elliott, Donald Emmerson, Henry Gibson, Norman Gordon, William Healey, Robert Hingston, Harry Hoefstede, Danny Kirkness, Mary Hunter, Katherine Kirkness, Roger Lambert, Betty Lemson, Frank Marisak, Bruce Macpherson, Gertrude Owl, Harold Reed, Douglas Rudick, William Sanford, Trudy Scott, Shirley Speer, Irene Valey, Barbara Ware, Ann Watkins, Andrew Williams, Susan Wilson and Heather Withers.

Many Prizes

An annual award of the Lakeside chapter I.O.O.F., "Never late, never absent" certificates, were presented on behalf of the chapter by Miss J. Coles and Mrs. R. Spivogel to Daniel Holm, Kathryn Norman, Ruth Spivogel, Dianne Southworth, Murray Young, John John, Gordon Robinson and John Romanak.

E. G. Taylor presented to Selva Mages her certificate for the student who has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the school.

The Under-21 Challenge Trophy for general behavior and industry was presented by Mrs. M. J. Taylor to Gary C. I. This trophy recognizes the student who has kept a small log of extra-curricular activities and participation were recognized when Elizabeth Evans and Beth McEnery were chosen by the staff.

Competition Well Kept Into Union

Micro Plastic plant in Acton has been closed as a result of what company officials termed an "illegal strike" by several employees on Monday morning.

Officials of the local United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers' AFL-CIO CIO of America claimed members were justified in their walkout following a three day suspension for a Saturday of the afternoon shift working at the plant.

Buddy Dak, local union president, reported that the Saturday afternoon shift at the plant had been given a three day suspension when they left the plant at 2 pm to attend a union meeting in the Legion Auditorium.

Company officials stated that the work week ended at 4 pm Saturday and employees had been notified personally this would be suspended if they walked off the job.

The union president revealed that the company and union were far apart on terms for a contract and the matter had to be referred to a conciliation board.

Notified Officials

Mr. Dick pointed out that company officials had been notified on Thursday of last week that a

something from some of the large centres as they did not enter into many big projects in the winter time.

Two Months' Time

The committee stated that if the project was started next July it should be completed within two months' time.

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To Call Tenders for Glenlea Project Council Reviews Mill Street Sidewalk

City Council approved a call for tenders for a new sidewalk on Mill Street between Glenlea and the city limits. The project is part of a larger plan to improve the city's infrastructure.

The council also reviewed the progress of the Glenlea project and discussed the need for a full-time lifeguard at the next park board meeting.

Springhill Fund Grows to \$119,000 More Expected

\$119,000 has been received by the Acton branch of the Bank of Montreal to date for the Springhill fund. The fund is used to support various community projects and initiatives.

Other news items include reports on local businesses and community events.

Four Acton Men Hurt as Trucks Collide in Fog

Four men from RR 2 Acton were injured when two trucks collided in a foggy area near Campbellville during Monday evening hours.

The accident occurred on a narrow road with limited visibility. The injured men are being treated at a local hospital.

Study Proposal for New Building

Preparation for a new county building which would house a county council chamber was discussed at Tuesday's meeting of county council.

The proposal includes a study of the site and the design of the building. The project is expected to be completed in the near future.

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The candidates for the election are being announced, and the public is encouraged to participate in the process.

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The meeting was attended by 15 principals and discussed various issues related to education in the county.



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HONOR GRADUATION DIPLOMAS were presented to Secondary School students at the annual High School Commencement Friday evening in the auditorium of the Robert Little School in Acton. Pictured above are left to right: Peter Robinson, Beverly Smith, Principal E. A. Hansen, Helen Landsborough and Gary Dawkins. Following the ceremony at which several awards were presented a valedictory was given by Beth McEnery. The students enjoyed a dance following the program.