

ROTARY'S NEW LONDON



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THEY'VE REMOVED FOG AND ADDED LAUGHS

A COCKNEY FLOWER GIRL (Joyce Van Leeuwen) and a Cockney newsboy (Ron Hunt) have eyes for each other in this scene from the Rotary Club's "Holidaze" which starts a four night run at the high school auditorium Friday. This skit twists London's geography more than a little, lifts the fog, and leans on the Cockney humour for some sharp humour. The show runs April 24-25 and May 1-2.

Bus Service Proposal Is Voted Down 5-4

A "secret meeting" at Council Monday was a motion was presented by Coun. Hildebrandt and Reeve Elliott listing the route fare and frequency of the proposed inter-town bus service. Coun. Hildebrandt said this was a result of a meeting of ratepayers, to which the Mayor and he had been invited. The cry of secret meeting arose, half in jest. The motion proposed a full service from Monday to Saturday inclusive, from ten a.m. till six p.m., with the frequency of service to be one circuit per hour, with a 25c fare for adults and ten cents for children. Coun. Emmerson claimed he had not been aware of a meeting. "If it is the concern of the whole town it should be a public meeting," he contended; "if not, if just for one area, they should foot the bill for the deficit."

Might Have Used Solomon to Solve Council Problem

A rare, if not unheard of, happening occurred at Georgetown council Monday night when a recorded vote was taken on a motion of adjournment. The motion was lost by a six to three vote, thus prompting Coun. Francis to ask how that night was going to be tabled. He pointed out that it is illegal to present two motions on the same subject at one meeting. "In theory," he stated we could sit here till our next meeting — we'll look like damned fools," he added. "This is all due to that ridiculous motion you passed some time ago that Council should adjourn at eleven o'clock unless there is a 23 vote to the contrary," opined the mayor. The meeting finally adjourned, not on a recorded vote, at a quarter to twelve with the accounts being left over till another meeting.

Georgetown Water Deficit Sparks Angry Discussion

Strike Enters Twelfth Day, Keeps Status Quo

Oakville Labour Council Planning Saturday Parade

The strike of Local 14161, District 50, United Mine Workers of America against Georgetown's largest company, Smith and Stone Limited, entered its 12th day today with no signs of a new proposal from either side nor even new talks. The strike started Sunday, April 12 when Local members voted overwhelmingly to turn down a wage contract proposal. Smith and Stone changed their offer of a 2 1/2% wage increase to 3% for each of three years but the union wants a 10 per cent raise spread over two years. Other major issues are a revision of the incentive plan rates, and three weeks vacation after 10 years service. Right now the firm has offered three weeks after 12 years. The old plan was three weeks after 13 years. The strike involves 543 workers — 331 men and 211 women. Essential services are being maintained and salaried employees are still going to work daily. Because of the delayed pay system the strikers are still drawing wages owing. The last pay cheque from the company to striking employees will be issued today. After this the union will assist its members

financially but only when they can show need for assistance. No strike pay as such is anticipated. The company's weekly pay roll has been \$40,000. There have been small incidents where there appeared to be trouble at the strike lines, but to date nothing serious has developed. Police Chief Roy Haley said both the company and union have respected each other and he doesn't foresee any violence problems. As word of the strike spread Smith and Stone customers have been flocking to the plant to pick up dies and moulds which they own. Last week a truck was refused entrance to company property by the strikers and pieces of equipment had to be carried from the plant and loaded by company officials. At the S and E Bakelite division on King Street police broke the line to allow a truck to enter Lamb Street at the side of the plant. One visitor returned to his car to find the air out of his tires. Duplicate workers from Oshawa, members of Local 222 United Auto Workers of America added their strength to the picket line for half an hour and then joined the strikers in a motorcade through the streets Saturday morning. Another larger parade sponsored by the Oakville District Labour Council and involving union outside unions will take place this Saturday. That was the main topic of business at a general meeting of the striking Local in the Legion Hall Monday night.

SELLING DELREX.



REX HESLOP The sale of Delrex Developments to unidentified "finance house" was announced this week by Delrex president Rex Heslop.

Bell Hires Survey To Poll Opinion On Direct Move

The Bell Telephone Co. finally rang a bell with the local council Monday night, and harmony was achieved. The Bell Telephone Co. offered to hire the staff of the International Survey Ltd., who would operate out of the Bell's Eglinton Avenue office to call 700 Georgetown customers. With this number probably 550 interviews would be completed. Georgetown councillors would be welcome to monitor any or all calls. The Bell will set up equipment which will let the councillors hear both sides of the conversation. In addition the Telephone Company is prepared to pay the costs of \$600, providing council agrees to abide by the results of the survey. "I agree to accept this offer," remarked Coun. R. Francis, their hand is extended in good faith.

Adjust Rates or Levy For Deficit Says DMA

A letter from W. B. Bolton, Director of Municipal Accounting, for the Department of Municipal Affairs sparked an angry debate in Council Monday night. In the letter he said he was returning the 1963 financial statement to the auditor for clarification, and asked that the statement not be published until this is done. The Director drew attention to the deficit in the water supply system, pointing out that according to the statutes, the rates either have to be adjusted to cover this deficit, or a levy be made on the municipality to recover the deficit. "Your auditor has also commented concerning the borrowing of money by the Board of Parks management and the Parking Authority," the letter continued. "However these Authorities have no authority to incur debts in their own right." The Director then went on to recommend that a separate levy be made in 1964 to discharge the accumulated deficit of \$4,042 of the Parking Authority, and to repay the bank loan of \$30,000 with respect to the arena.

Warming up, the mayor went on, "It's true they have given their personal notes, but they are still being paid off with public money. If all expenditures were under the jurisdiction of the municipality we'd have more to say about costs." The mayor then sorrowfully shook his head saying, "The Parking Authority has no right to borrow, and when the Department tells us that we can't advertise an audit as it has been submitted to us..." (here his voice trailed off.)

Coun. Smith agreed that the arena renovations were necessary but claimed that all costs should be approved by council. "All the recreation grant shouldn't go to one building," he said repeating a favourite theme. "As far as the loan and signing notes" he opined, "it is a bad situation." Turning angrily to the mayor, Coun. Don Powers exclaimed, "You said the sewer service charge accounts for the deficit — that just shows you don't know anything about it — these funds go to general revenue, not to the water department."

Historic the mayor, "If you had stuck to the original directive you wouldn't have the water department in the worst mess of any department in municipal government in Georgetown today, and the records show it." As Water Chairman it seemed appropriate that Coun. Powers retaliated. "You're all well! We made a profit of \$3000, with no concessions to industry I stuck to the recommendations."

"The way that fund is juggled you don't know what you are doing" replied the mayor. "Well I trust you'll be out at the Water Committee meeting Thursday to give us the benefit of your wisdom" the Water Chairman answered dryly. "You'll need it," responded the mayor. The Finance Chairman commented calmly, "The auditor drew our attention to all this."

Firm Official Gives No Hint of Talks with Union

Smith and Stone vice-president Henry Martin told members of the press and radio Monday that the company has already started to comply with one recommendation of the Conciliation board in reviewing its system of job evaluation. "The union requested we do this and we're not going to wait for settlement," Mr. Martin said during a press conference in his office. "We have already engaged a consulting firm and they have started training the time study people in the new system." Mr. Martin reviewed the conciliation board report and then answered questions. "The strike will definitely have an adverse effect on employment in the plant," he replied to one query. He based his statement on the fact that Smith and Stone customers have been taking their dies and moulds out so that they can give their business to other firms.

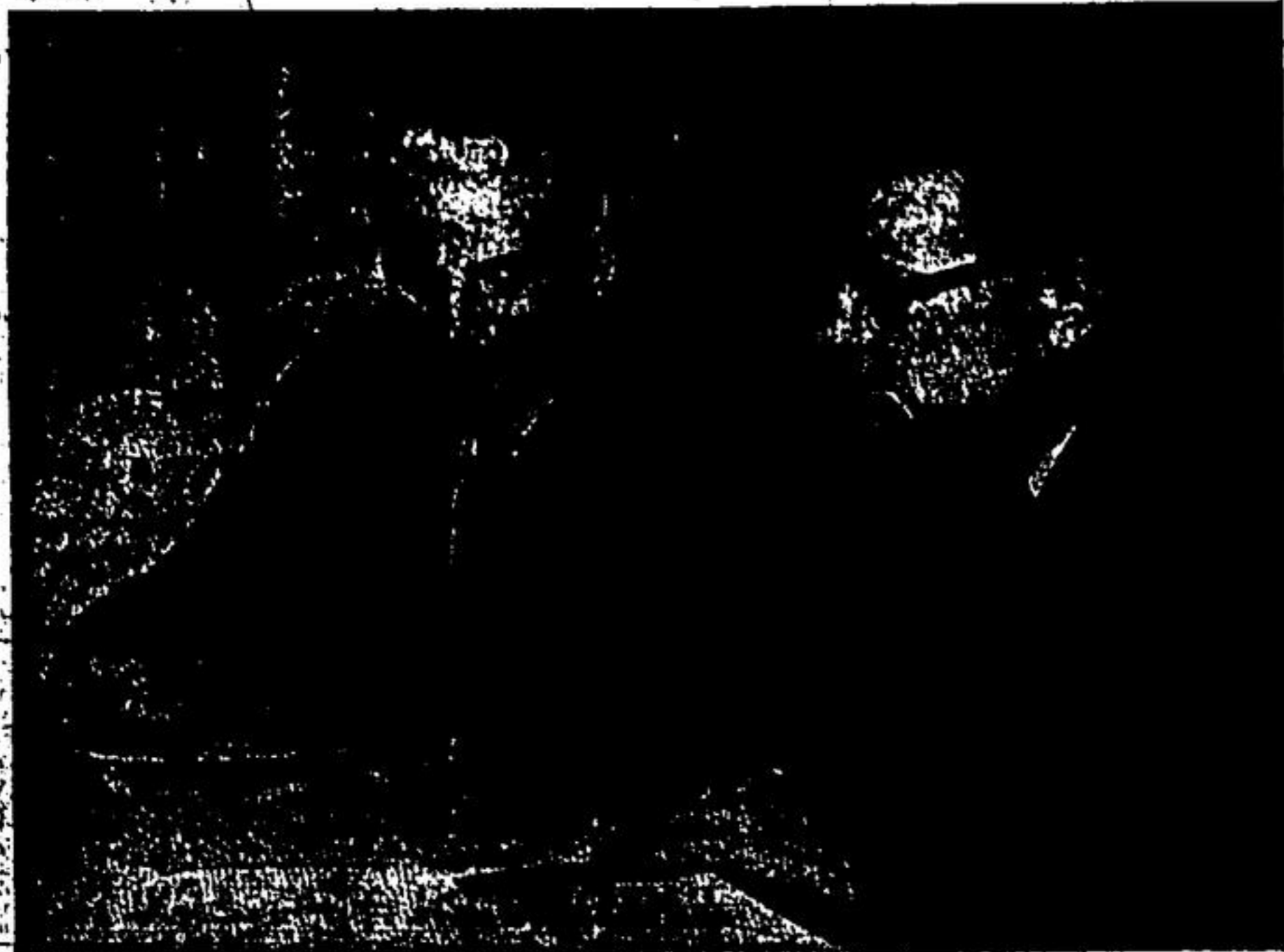
He feared many customers won't be back after a settlement and consequently less jobs will be available. "The strike is doing severe damage to the company in terms of cancelled orders and it's going to hurt the town," he said. "The union has accepted contracts not as good as this one (Smith and Stone's offer) at other plants. We feel our offer is fair and reasonable." "Our offer of 3% means an increase of 7.6c per hour the first year which will cost the company an additional \$76,000," Mr. Martin explained. "The second year it would mean another 6.2c per hour more and another \$63,000. The third year the increase at the start will be 5.1c per hour." Mr. Martin denied that the employees had not had a wage increase in four years. He said an increase last year averaged 5c an hour and increased during each of the preceding years. (Continued on back page)

Hi-Lo Equipment Moving New Plant on Dixie Road

Industry hungry Georgetown will see its industrial balance slip back a notch in about three weeks when Hi-Lo equipment, a structural steel firm on King St. shifts its operation out of town. A company official told The Herald Monday the firm will move to a new plant on Dixie Road at Hwy. No. 401. The plant has 47 employees.

The company spokesman said the firm will carry on essentially the same operation in the new location but there will be personnel changes. The move will actually be made one department at a time and should be completed within the three weeks. Structural steel shoving, racks and hydraulic trucks are Hi-Lo's major products.

CALL PRESS CONFERENCE



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MANAGEMENT CONCERNED AT "STRIKE DAMAGE"

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE Monday, Smith and Stone Limited vice-president Henry Martin expressed concern over the harm the strike at that plant is doing the town and the company. He also indicated that because of sharp losses in S & S customers the company will be unable to employ many of the union members after a settlement. Above, Martin and plant manager Jack Malcolm review the situation.

Council Okays Parade, Union Can Use Park

The local strike crept into Council's business Monday night, when a letter read from W. R. Cock, President of local 14161, District 50, of the United Mine Workers, asking permission to hold a parade, and use the town park, on Saturday, April 25th at 11 a.m. Deputy-Reeve W. Hunter felt that council should offer assistance in bringing the parties together. "I was opposed to giving our consent to the parade," stated Coun. C. Hildebrandt, "the members having chosen democratically to go on strike, and it is not right to advertise to win public support. The issue is between the employer and the union membership," he continued, "it is not up to the municipality, although I have no objection to using our good offices."

help is requested Council will be available. If the need arises I hope I will have the guts to do what is right," concluded the mayor. The vote to give consent both for the parade and use of the park, passed with only Coun. Hildebrandt opposing. However, Coun. Powers, who would represent management in the strike, and Coun. Emmerson, who would represent union, went out for a smoke so they would not be asked to vote on the question.

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

April	Max.	Min.
15 Wed.	45	34
16 Thurs.	54	23
17 Fri.	81	80
18 Sat.	58	48
19 Sun.	46	33
20 Mon.	43	36
21 Tues.	41	37
Max. — 81		
Min. — 23		
Precip. to date — NIL		

—Mela F. C. Scott



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HEY! LOOK WHO'S A CUB

COUNCILLOR JIM YOUNG (left) is congratulated by Bill Kinrade, chairman of the Christian Education Committee of St. John's United, after being invested as assistant Cub Leader last week. District Commissioner Vic Gunn (centre) conducted the ceremony.