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Strike Ends, Mail Delivery Started Again Thursday

After three weeks of picketing, well over a majority of postal workers gained an increase of 21c an hour retroactive to August, 1967, continuing until September 30 this year, and 18c an hour from October 1st, 1968 to September 30, 1969.

The three-week strike led to many ingenious methods of exchanging information and accounts by business firms. It was common to see accounts being delivered by hand. Hydro and gas company covered the entire town in this way. Firms with other branches adopted a shuttle system of transporting important mail.

The mail has been heavy for the past week, particularly with daily papers and magazines, which are being mailed out in relays by publishers.



'CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST' at the post office, and Frank Nicholson dumps a bag of mail for sorting, as mail service swings back into action after a three week strike. Last Thursday's mail had been held in transit and was soon on its way to recipients.



MAIL CARRIER JIM BRADLEY was back on his Main Street route Monday, servicing business places with their first mail delivery in three weeks. He was one of 12 mailmen on strike for three weeks for better pay and working conditions.

Highway Crash, House Excavation Fatalities

Business Career Spanned Over 50 Years Downtown

One of Georgetown's best known men in the business community, Raymond Hilton, died in Georgetown hospital on August 14th, where he had been a patient for several weeks following a stroke.

Mr. Thompson, who operated a hardware store and plumbing and heating business, was Georgetown's senior merchant in years of business and his merchandising career spanned over half a century.

He learned the hardware business with the late Walter Anthony, later purchasing the business and operating it under his own name.

Born in Georgetown, he was the son of William and Jenny Willis Thompson. He played the euphonium for years with the town band, and during World War I was a member of an army band. His business life was interrupted only for a few years during World War 2 when he was employed with community, Raymond Hilton, Avro at Malton.

For years Mr. Thompson was a member of the choir at St. George's Anglican Church. He was a member of Orion Odd-fellows lodge and had received his 50-year jewel from the lodge. He was also a member of Branch 120, Canadian Legion.

He leaves his wife, Mary Hamilton, a daughter Margaret; brothers Wallace of town and Bert of Hamilton and sisters, Mrs. H. (Ethel) Wheatley, Aylmer and Mrs. R. (Irene) Salmon, Bracebridge. He was predeceased by brothers Jack and Garnet and sisters Mrs. David (Gertrude) Crichton, Mrs. Fred (Jennie) Wilton and Mrs. A. B. (Clara) Bradley.

The Rev. Eric Mills of St. George's Church conducted the funeral services on Thursday at an army band. His business the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home. Cremation followed.

Council Orders Parking Authority to Provide Bus Stops

An ambiguous motion, branded "meaningless" by the Mayor, passed at council Monday night, and may mean the return of the buses to Main Street by August 28th.

The confusion stems from the definition of "parking" as opposed to "stopping". Cr. Young claimed the buses were not parking, but merely stopping, and therefore the Parking Authority must provide proper bus stops.

The motion read as follows: "Since by-law 82-60 does not define the word 'parking' and whereas this council does not consider the bus company using Main Street to be parking their vehicles, as defined in the Highway Traffic Act, but only using space for stopping, this council does hereby advise the Parking Authority that proper bus stops must be provided on Main Street after August 28th."

"Is this the finding of the Parking Authority?" asked Cr. Hole.

"No, these are my findings," retorted Cr. Young.

"We should wait for word from the Parking Authority," contended Cr. Hole.

"A letter came here and was duly delivered and became town property, but the Mayor let them withdraw it," challenged Cr. Young. "I say that was illegal," he added.

"The Mayor suggested a resolution should be passed depriving the Parking Authority of their authority, before this motion could mean anything.

Finally the motion passed three to two. Voting for it were Cr. Young, Francis and Emmerson; opposing were the Mayor and Cr. Hole. Reeve Hunter, Deputy Reeve Spight, Crs. Smith and Ballentine were absent.

Minor Accident at John St. Crossing

Only one accident was listed damage totalling \$205.

A 1964 Pontiac driven by Gordon Ross 52 Queen Street, suffered \$250 damage when in collision with a 1968 Chev driven by Herb Spitzer, 4 Ann Street. Damage to the Chev amounted to \$15.

The accident occurred at the corner of Guelph and John St. Friday evening, when both cars were turning on to John Street.

Contractor and Mill Employee Killed in Highway 24 Accident

A two-car crash early Friday morning took the lives of a Georgetown businessman and an Abitibi Provincial Paper employee, and sent two youngsters to hospital.

John Lenz, 85 Mill Street and John Alan Bulloch of Alton, drivers of the vehicles were instantly killed. Peter Fong, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Fong, 40 Market Street and Steven McNamara, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McNamara, 9 Young Street were taken to Georgetown hospital.

Peter underwent an operation Thursday on his left arm which was fractured in two places. Steven, who escaped with a shaking up, was released from hospital on Monday.

Mr. Lenz was returning from Orangeville where he had been projectionist at the Orangeville Drive-in theatre for the past eight years. He had taken the boys to the show that night. Mr. Bulloch was enroute home to Alton from work at Abitibi where he was a stationary engineer.

The cars were in collision on Interment in Greenwood Monday in Orangeville at the Cemetery followed the funeral. Turner Funeral Home.

Mr. Lenz had been a town resident for twenty years, coming here as projectionist at the old Roxey theatre. He started his own electrical contracting business, later being joined by his son Raymond. He was a member of Local 173, Moving Picture Union and of the Electrical Contractors' Association.

A native of Ostermark, Austria, where he was born 59 years ago, he emigrated to Canada about 35 years ago, worked on a Saskatchewan farm for a time, then moved to Newmarket; and later to Bowmanville. He had learned the shoemaking and harness business with his father in the old country, and in Bowmanville he established his own business. He met and married his wife there.

He leaves his wife, Greta Tomlinson, four children, John Jr., Raymond, Lenie and Richard and two grandchildren. He has four sisters and a brother in Austria, Anna, Mitzel, Peppi, Julie and Joseph.

Funeral service took place on Monday in Orangeville at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home. Rev. Alex Calder of Peterborough, formerly of Knox Presbyterian Church, took the service in the absence of his minister, Rev. Norman Young, who was on vacation.

Palbearers were a cousin, Frank Pfingstl of town, and brothers-in-law Sid and Edgar Tomlinson, Bowmanville, Cecil and Clarence Tomlinson, Belleville and William Tomlinson, Orono.

Mr. Bulloch was born in Wolverhampton, England, 61 years ago. He had been an Abitibi employee since 1953, had lived at Ospringe where he operated a store, and lately at Alton where he and his wife had a china shop.

He leaves his wife, Freda Little, children Reginald Alan, Nancy and William, all at home, brothers Gordon of New York City and Keith in Wales and a sister Vivian of Capetown South Africa.

Funeral service was held Tuesday at the McClure Funeral Home by pastor Paul Collins of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Pallbearers were M. Matthews, W. Lapoltron I. Smith and L. Moore. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Falls in House Excavation Weber Drive Boy Drowns

A tragic accident Saturday noon took the life of two-and-a-half-year old Glen Philip Osborne, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Osborne, 78 Weber Drive.

Glen drowned in four feet of water lying in the bottom of a house excavation on Weber Dr., almost opposite Kennedy School.

Five-year-old playmate Ricky Monroe ran for his father, Lloyd, who met him halfway home, and raced to the scene of the tragedy.

After pulling the little boy out of the water, he applied artificial respiration, but to no avail. Both firemen and ambulance were called. They tried to revive him, but he was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

Following a tense solemn presentation to council Monday night by D. C. Berry, president of the Halton Hills Ratepayers' Association, council at its suggestion, passed a motion to set up a Public Safety Committee, made up of two members from each town ward. Fifty members of the association silently backed him by their presence.

Mr. Berry spoke of Saturday's tragic accident in which a 2-year-old drowned in a water-filled house excavation, and stated he was there to see it couldn't happen again, in as far as it was humanly possible to prevent it.

He reminded council of his May 6th appearance, where he warned council of several safety hazards in the area under development. Producing copies of various letters, he read one from K. McNabb, Construction Safety Officer for the County, Dr. H. B. Hay, County Medical Officer of Health, and Gerald Sullivan, County Sanitary Inspector.

The Construction Safety Inspector briefly informed the clerk that inspection of open sewers and open culverts does not fall within the scope of the Construction Safety Act, 1961-62, "and therefore I have no jurisdiction in this matter," concluded the letter.

disclaimed responsibility for inspection. "While safety hazards do unquestionably exist, they do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Public Health Act. Without such authorization I could not issue an order for the correction of such hazards as are mentioned," stated the letter.

A fairly lengthy report from sanitary inspector Sullivan stated he had noticed three separate deep excavations; unfenced on May 17th. "It would be very easy for a small youngster to fall in these excavations," stated the letter.

Continuing he claimed there was 100 acres of mud, in which a young child could drown, plus open storm sewers of large diameter. He stated further that roads were blocked and virtually impassable. "This could well prove disastrous in the case of an ambulance or fire truck," he added.

In conclusion, he admitted there was no easy solution, but felt that the "Halton County Health Unit does not have the authority to become involved as an enforcing agency."

Switching from the letters, Mr. Berry presented a copy of the town's own by-law outlining certain safety precautions, and asked why it was not enforced. The by-law was passed on August 13, 1962, almost exactly six years before the tragedy.

"The by-law makes it unlawful for anyone to allow a yard to be in an unsafe condition, by permitting such hazards as unfenced or unprotected pits exceeding a depth of three feet or unfenced excavations where surface water may lie.

A penalty of \$150 for the first offence, and \$300 for each subsequent offence may be imposed."

In conclusion the president of the Ratepayers' Association at so mentioned the danger of firetrains in the area, and urged supervised areas for this sport.

Chairing his brief, Mr. Berry asked for an immediate motion to form a permanent Safety Board to investigate, report, and recommend to council any necessary action to protect the lives of the citizens.

Such a motion was passed unanimously by council. A further motion to amend the existing by-law covering open sewers and culverts was also passed unanimously. This would require all builders and contractors to fence all excavations where water can collect. The fence must be approved by the town inspector, and suitable drainage arrangements be made before being left unattended. The penalty would be \$500 for each offence.

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SIDEWALK SALE

The downtown area will take on an unusual look this weekend, when merchants display their wares in a big Sidewalk Sale.

The event, started last year, attracted wide attention and merchants were so pleased that they have extended their efforts to make it bigger and better than ever this year.

SUMMER WANING

Opening of the Canadian National Exhibition on Friday, a faster approach of darkness in the evenings, and it seems that summer is already on the wane.

Advertisements for school registrations and text book sales are further proof that the summer recess is ending for students and teachers.

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