



PICKET LINES were set up at Disston Canada Monday. Union official Brian McDonald says they are prepared for a lengthy strike.

People power . . .

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support it from public subscription."
"Grants come from the taxpayers too," retorted Miller.
Councillor Pat Patterson insisted the farmers cannot afford any more spending. He stated, "The farmers are castigated by everyone including the provincial government. If this keeps up we will quit farming and let the land lie idle."
Dr. Elliott said they had not had time to finalize the dollars and cents.
Councillor Pat McKenzie said it would be easy for him to agree with Dr. Elliott but said he had to look at the money. He said the town hall had been sitting there for 30 years. He said the firefighters must get first consideration.
McKenzie said if no tax dollars are involved he would reconsider, but pointed out

the stage might be in the way. Councillor George Maltby said he had attended a meeting of the residents, and decided they wanted to restore the building themselves, for themselves, and wanted to be a truly Acton building not a Halton Hills building.
Loud applause from the gallery greeted this remark. Maltby urged at least a month's delay in making a decision.
Councillor Les Doby said he had supported the committee recommendation to demolish the town hall, but had insisted there be a delay to enable to know what was suggested. "So I made sure of this public meeting. Again loud applause broke out."
Councillor Roy Booth said he was averse to rushing things through after the experience with the library.
Councillor Peter Marks said he was impressed with

the presentation which not only stated a cause but gave possible solutions. "When this many people show their care, a politician has to sit back and be educated."
Marks presented a resolution, similar to one presented by Doby, but withdrawn in favor of Marks', to authorize Allan Zegen Associates to draft detailed specifications for the second storey to embody the needs of the firemen, and to blend in with the present structure. Secondly, the motion said a committee of citizens be appointed to investigate the fund raising for the restoration, and to authorize the Parking Authority to investigate parking requirements.
McKenzie said he would go along with the motion as long as the firemen were looked after.
Miller said he would agree if the phrase, "the stage be removed if necessary" was added.
The motion was passed unanimously.
Councillor Walter Blehn commented he had hoped the same kind of support would have been found in Georgetown for the library.

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Makes room for Dept.

The cramped planning department will expand to the upstairs committee room of the Seventh Line Administration Building, if council agrees with a recommendation.
Finance-administration committee recommended the planning department use 40 percent of the committee room, and the rest will still be used for committee meetings. This means the raised dias, installed in the former Esqueusing council chambers, two years before council government will be removed.
Planner Mario Venditti said his department needs approximately 900 to 1,000 square feet, in a location accessible to the public and central to other town departments, with storage area for documents and maps.
He said the ideal solution

was an addition to the municipal building but commented wryly, "That doesn't seem to be imminent."
He listed alternatives including rental space, use of the former ambulance building, renovations to the downstairs of the Seventh Line building and use of the committee room.
Councillor Roy Booth maintained the only solution costing little, without separating the department was the use of the committee room.
Councillor Walter Blehn agreed, and pointed out the ambulance garage should not be rented to anyone until it is definitely known the town does not need it for storage purposes.
Clerk Administrator Doug Pritchard pointed out there would be five permanent staff members and two students

working in the small space. He claimed the committee room is cold in the winter because of the high open ceiling. He said the town must accommodate the Assessment Review Court, the Land Division Committee and the O.M.B.
Councillor Peter Morris claimed the clerk administrator's office was too big and could be cut down.
The clerk administrator pointed out the office was also used to house a duplicating machine, the vault, filing and storage cabinets, is used as coffee and lunch room.
Councillor Russ Miller suggested the board and committees could use other halls, and Booth suggested the meeting times be rescheduled so there is not conflict with council use.

New building Commerce Ct.

A \$150,000 factory warehouse will be constructed on Commerce Court by Etobicoke builder G. Pitoschia. Work has already commenced on the structure, which will be for rent.
The 18,000 square foot building will be constructed of block and brick.
Mr. Pitoschia says he doesn't have any tenants yet.

Seniors subsidy

Halton Regional Council will be asked to approve an agreement with the Acton Rest Home that would see the region provide financial assistance for people who require it to cover the costs of domiciliary care.
Social and Family Services Administrator Rennie Vivian told the Community and Social Services Committee he didn't anticipate a lot of people being involved, and noted means tests would be used to determine the eligibility of the people.
The rate of subsidy is not to exceed \$11 per day.

NDP election hopeful Johnson may lose job

William A. Johnson, the NDP candidate in the Halton-Burlington provincial election campaign, may have to list his occupation as "unemployed" when he files his official nomination papers.
The stationary engineer, presently employed in the heating and ventilating department at Canada Centre for Inland Waters in Burlington, has discovered that as a federal civil servant he is not supposed to engage in any provincial political activities.
"I am on very thin ice," he told this newspaper. "I have

committed a felony." Johnson was nominated as the NDP candidate in the riding last year, while he was still employed at the Domtar paper plant in Georgetown. But it closed and he got a new job with CCIW in Burlington earlier this year.
When he applied for the job, Johnson said he told the interviewers about his political activities. But when he applied for a three week leave of absence from the job last week, he found out the rules of Environment Canada say an employee must ask head

office permission BEFORE entering any political field of endeavor.
In his case, he was in politics before taking the government job. But he's not sure whether his leave will come through or not—it might be a pink slip instead.
"I am going to run as the NDP candidate," he assured this newspaper. "I will quit if they don't say okay."
He could easily be fired for the bureaucratic faux-pas, he said, as he is still on probationary staff with the Canada Centre.

Paving speeded

Paving of Main St. from Church to Mill should be done by the end of this week, or ready for paving, depending on the weather.
Contacted by concerned merchants, PC candidate George Gray traced the necessary approvals which had been delivered to the Ministry May 3. He said the approvals had three of the six signatures necessary and would be expedited as soon as possible.

Highway paving

Tenders will be called in a few weeks for the paving of Highway 7 between Acton and Rockwood, PC candidate George Gray informed the Free Press by phone this week. He said many people have been asking him when the work will be done, and he expects it will be completed this summer.
The part of the highway between Rockwood and Guelph cannot be done until the new sewer line is installed from the village to Guelph.

Seek more nominations

The Chamber of Commerce is hoping to receive more nominations suggesting the person who should be chosen as this year's Citizen of the Year. The deadline is May 14. Nominations may be sent to the Chamber of Commerce at Box 415, Acton.
The Citizen of the Year dinner will be Friday, May 27.

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