Three Cubs and three Scouts received their Religion in Life Awards over Scout and Gulde week, Front row i. to r. Jerry Van der Eyken, Sean McVeigh, Bill Ingles, back row, Ken McKee, Ted Moyse and Jim McVeigh.



Acton High School students took the opportunity on Monday to watch the celipse on a television that had been set up in the school's bear pit. Students gathered in the area between 11 a.m. and 12 noon to watch the event.

Students watch eclipse

sters ate their lunch in . Free Press. Televisions school Monday to avoid possible eye contact with the partial eclipse of the dents to watch the eclipse

peak close to noon, when most children would be on their way home from school for lunch. All Acton school's except the high school asked the students to stay in the building during the phen-

Robert Little school, according to secretary Betty Ashley, dismissed the kindergarten students after the heavy cover eliminated danger of eye damage. Parents were notified before the children were released and. the secretary said, only one or two children were kept. All other grades stayed the entire lunch hour in the school, watching the eclipse on tele-

M.Z. Bennett school kept everyone in also. Kindergartens were al-

Most of Acton's young- Magwood told The Acton were also set up throughout the school for the stuand films were shown for The eclipse was at its the remainder of the lunch period after the

served, while some ex-

pected it to get darker

At the high school, a

television was set up in

the Bear Pit and students

were left to make their

own decisions whether or

All schools held lessons

in each grade on the

eclipse explaining to

them how the moon was

directly in line with the

sent home letters re-

Cloud cover and snow-

the sun and moon, but

also eliminated any dan-

school children kept in-

doors, Acton took on an

almost deserted look at

lunch time. Whether it

cold snowy whether, Mill

St. looked like a ghost

town. Only a handful of

adults walked the street.

unusual for that time of

This area witnessed

only a partial eclipse,

with Brandon, Manitoba

having the best view of

the last eclipse in North

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ago and will not see an-

other one for 345 years.

was the eclipse or the

Meanwhile, with the

here than it did.

not to go outside.

event was over. St. Joseph's separate school gathered their students in two classrooms where the entire school watched the happening on television during the

sun, blocking the Earth's lunch hour. view. All schools also Parents were left to decide if they wanted minding parents of the their children from Medangers of looking dir-Kenzie-Smith middle ectly into the sun. school to remain indoors during the noon hour fall in the area during the eclipse, according to vice time of the eclipse greatly hampered any sight of

principal Carl Hymers. Most students, he explained, stayed in the school, but those who wanted to leave were not stopped or discouraged in any way. As in the other schools, televisions were set up throughout the building.

"The students were curious," Mr. Hymers noted. Some were inlowed to go home at 1.15 trigued, and some were disappointed, he ob-

principal Doug Investigation of Halton force the total eclipse. It was the last eclipse in North to be released

A report on the in- OPC chairman Judge vestigation of Halton's Tom Graham said at the police force by Ontario time the investigation Police Commission is ex- was requested that there pected to be made public would be a thorough look tomorrow (Thursday) at at all areas of police a meeting in Burlington administration in Halton of Halton police comm- region.

Halton's police commissioners requested the investigation last September after a number of complaints from the crown attorney had been lodged.

Halton police commission chairman, Mayor Harry Barrett, sald copies of the 42 page report, complete with charts, diagrams and graphs will be made public tomorrow

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Employees claim

Unrest at Superior Glove

Alleged threats of cerned, however, Mr. violence, silent telephone Geng explained he could calls and accusing letters flying around Superior Glove factory since talk of unionization came about more than one month ago, according to employees of the plant.

Employees unsatisfied with working conditions have approached Bill Rannachan, region director for the Canadian Union United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers to help them set up a union.

Upon speaking to some the employees, allegations working conditions, poor facilities, toxic fumes, interrogations, and attempts to stop the union were heard by Mr. Rannachan.

facilities, poor facilities, only one fan, which is broken, and extreme temperatures in work benches, later used to eat off of, and boiling glue pots were all told to the regional director.

Employees also told Mr. Rannachan that coowner Frank Geng fired employees who have been let go in the past few organization, and that he locked some employees In a room for up to two hours, asking them questions about the union and interrogating them, threatening lay offs or firings if he was not told what he wanted to know.

Mr. Rannachan said charges against Mr. Geng and his company could be laid under the Labour Relations Act. This Act stipulates no employer can interfere in the organization or administration of a union.

Mr. Geng told the Acton Free Press that Superior Glove was the cleanest plant in Acton, and the Department of Labor, Safety and Health had visited as recently as yesterday. (Tuesday), giving them a clean bill of health. As far as the other not speak publicly on the matter until it is settled. heated the place up after He says he has left it up being shut off overnight. Asbestos particles on to the employees to be the judge of whether or not they need a union. "They

are the ones who have to work there." Employees against the union are outraged at the accusations and claim threats of violence have been made by pro-union employees. They deny most of what the other employees told Rannachan and fighting against

"We were like a big family until they tried to get the union in," one man complained.

He approximated 100 workers in the plant where the trouble is, and noted 18 were laid off about a month ago. Of the 100 left, he said, 56 signed a petition yesterday against the union in just a few hours.

June Reitz was laid off asbestos particles on but is satisfied with the reason for for the move "Frank (Mr. Geng) told me it was because business is down due to imports. It had nothing to do with the union." she said. "I have no hard feelings whatsoever, and feel it was the best place I have ever worked."

Employees denied all allegations made by the pro-union people, and accuse one or two people of having "sourgrapes" and "starting the whole

"The plant is split now because of a few people's dissatisfaction with their jobs," one women told this newspaper.

Present employees agreed with Ms Reitz that the washroom facilities were very clean and always had plenty of towels, and paper. They said the charge of poor ventilation, one broken fan and extreme temperatures was "totally untrue" and pointed out there were several air conditioners in addition to numerous ceiling fans. Also, one women said, the employees were allowed to bring their

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the work benches and boiling glue pots also upset some of the employees. According to exists. "We do not use asbestos, and the glue we use comes in pails, Boiling it is not necessary and has never been done."they say. Ms Reitz said the poor lunch room facilities, and employees having to eat off work-

"ridiculous." A picnle table was supplied and anything from the plant was not allowed near the table. If employees are not satisfied with the facilities, they could walk into an adjoining building and eat in the modern cafeteria in Superior Tannery.

Some employeesallege been threatened with violence,

was cold in the winter silent phone calls, only until the furnace several in one evening, and letters, accusing the receiver of terrible personal actions, have been just part of the flak the employees claim they

are suffering through. Some employees feel they have been treated fairly by the owners of Superior Glove. "We were just like a big family," Ms Reitz said.

Now that Ms Reitz is unemployed, in a tight job market, she would love to have her old job back. However, she says, if the plant is unionized, she will not return to work there. "It won't be the same place," she

Employees claim no one is speaking to each other in the plant and tension is high. A union meeting on the weekend gave each side a chance to speak.

If a union at Superior Glove is inevitable, it could still take months charges which could be laid against the company Ontario Labour Board until late March. After that a vote will be taken

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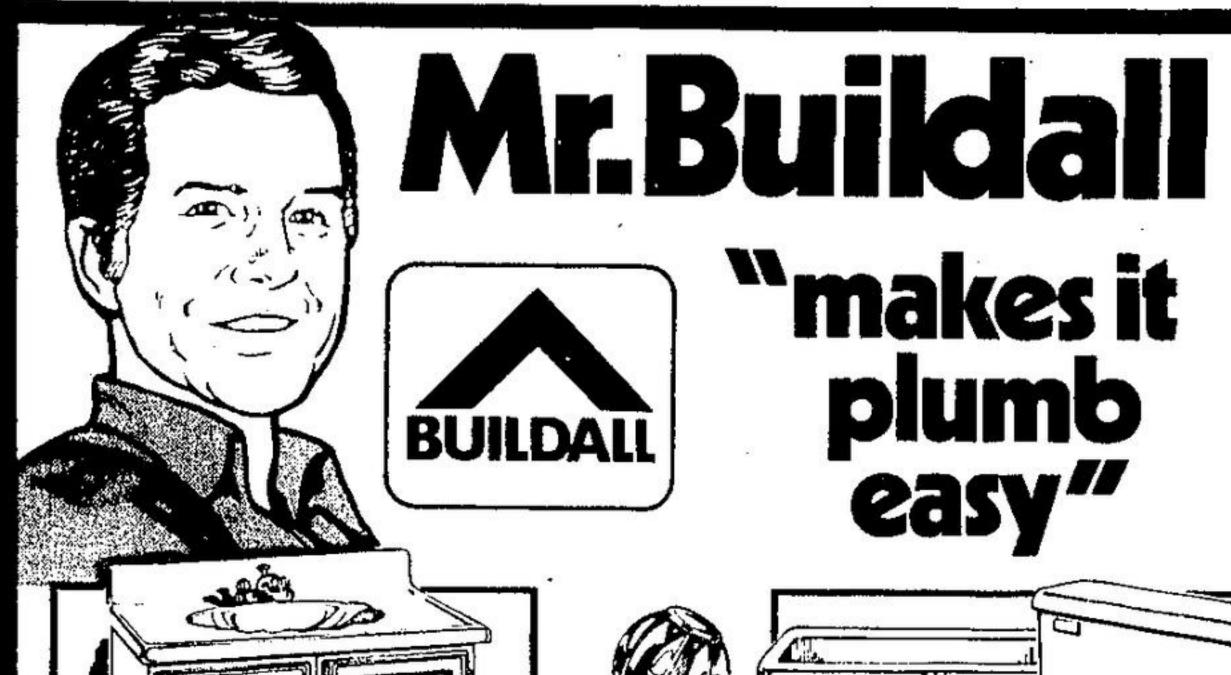
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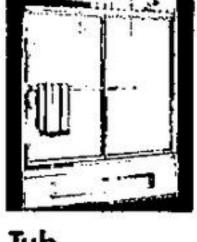
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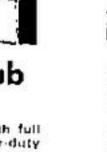


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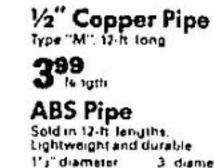
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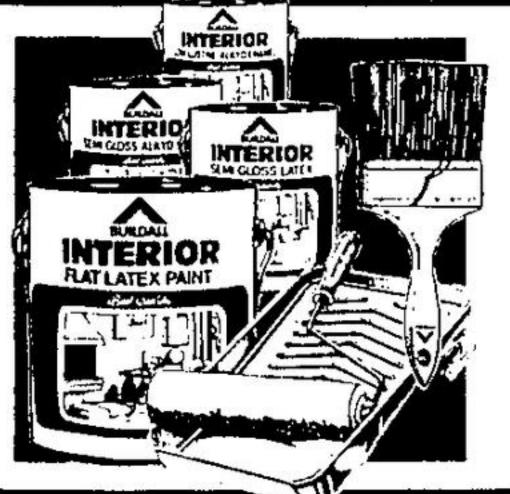
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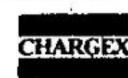
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