Closure rumors denied by Disston

Rumors of a permanent plant shut-down, at Dission Canada Inc., throwing over 110 people out of work, have been denied by the plant's union president Ken Swan.

The rumors started after the employees had been informed R. Hoe and Co. Inc., one of the oldest saw manufacturers of the United States had made a bid to purchase part of Disston's Canadian production facilities for wood working

The American firm has had a solid interest in the Canadian market for more than a century, according to Robert Corrao, president of R. Hoe and Co. "Production facilities in Canada would bring us closer to this important market."

It will take months before everything is finalized, says Disston public relations officer G.E. Jansson. "The bid, in all its detail, will be subject

to the approval of the requisit Board of Directors, FIRA, and other relevant federal authorities".

Mr. Jansson told The Acton Free Press it is not known at this time whether the purchase of part of the company would affect the Acton plant in either creating more jobs, or letting people go.

Workers at the plant however, are concerned the purchase means the closing of lines while the new owners take the work to their American plants.

Mr. Swan told the Free Press there was no indication of this happening, and the employees had merely been told of the possible purchase of part of the company.

Disston Canada Inc. has plants in Canada, United States and several other countries, Mr. Jansson, who works out of Mississauga, said.



Station Hotel squad has "pull"

Acton Bulldogs pull their hearts out at the Speyside Highland Games in Georgetown Saturday. Spectators came from all over Ontario to thrill to 22 pipe

bands, nearly 400 dancers, caber tossers, stone staggerers, and rope pullers.

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One Hundred and Fourth Year-No. 50. Halton accepts land banking

Burlington councillors Halton taxpayers. successfully convinced banking business.

councillors voted in favor of adding \$2.3 million to the 1979 capital budget for land banking.

Opposing were Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson, Milton Mayor Don Gordon and Oakville Councillor Laurie

Mannell. Burlington Counciltor Joan Allingham and regional Chairman Jack proponents.

Mrs., Allingbam said 💆 had realized a profit of \$1.1 million and had attracted jobs.

short-sighted to take it out," she said.

Bird suggested the Highway 25. motion as did the rest of

Halton Hills Mayor Halton to enter the land Peter Pomeroy asked Mr. Bird whether Halton At regional council in Hills could depend on Oakville Wednesday, Burlington's support June 6, all but three when the issue of sewer surcharges came up. In Halton Hills return. would support molion.

> Mr. Bird declined Mr. Pomeroy's offer, saying Halton Hills would have to take its chances with the sewer surcharge.

> Mr. Gordon, who opposed regional landbanking, said every

developer in the region would try to sell land. "I believe in private enterprise," he said.

"Let private enterprise purchase the land and we can rezone it for industry"

Mr. Anderson said he opposed the motion because, "We don't know what we're getting into."

Mr. Mannell said his opposition was based on Oakville's experience.

"Every time Oakville has sold land it has been a total disaster."

Raftis who is from Harding hurt Burlington's land bank in accident

ton hospital with a fract-"We would be terribly ured shoulder and leg folcycle car collision early Police report the ac-Burlington Mayor Roly Saturday morning on cident is still under in-

Donald Harding, 21, Arthur St., was injured collision occurred just Mr. Bird said the land when the motorcycle he north of 10 sideroad at 2 banking would not affect was driving was in col- a.m. June 9.

An Acton man is in Mil- lision with a car driven by June Bird, R.R. 3, Milton. Milton detachment motor- of the Ontario Provincial

> vestigation. According to police, the



Participants in the high school's Total Immersion Program at Cedar Creek farm near Guelph gave conducted tours of the proppery property which housed examples of an entire semester's work last Wednesday. The program is designed as an alternative to learning in regular classrooms, and is offered to grade 12 students. Anne

Charlebois, kneeling, points out one student's end product when doing a compost project. High school teacher Rick Boychuk, student Jutta Thiel and Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy look on, Almost

Photo by HELEN MURRAY.

Three days of fun at **Back to Acton Days**

MPP Julian Reed and Hallon Hils councillors the mall includes bingo, will be taking part in the official opening of Back to Acton Days weekend on Friday evening, June thumpian parade Satur-29 in the downtown mall.

Committee members are pulling together all. Hotel in the evening. their parts of the program to assure three events will be in the park, full days of fun for the climaxes by the annual

Mayor Pete Pomeroy. July 1 holiday weekend. fireworks display. Also Saturday program on pony rides, pet show, booths and sales. There will be the famous cali-

day morning and a dance

outdoors at the Station On Sunday the day's

stated are horseshoe pitching, fish derby, soccer and entertain-

Awards for the winning essays and posters will be presented Friday, June 19 at 2 p.m. The winning essays will appear in the Free Press and the posters will be in store windows.



Rev. Leonard Ewing and wife Ethel were honored following services at St. Alban's Anglican Church on Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. Ewing received special gifts from parishioners before his retirement in July. A picule followed on the premises at which Mayor Pete Pomeroy spoke of Rev. Ewing and his community involvement.

Police now start day in Georgetown

Increased supervision of police officers working Acton is one effect of recent changes in District One. Another change makes senior officers available to the public more often.

Since May 24, S.Sgt. John Barratt, who used to spend part of his mornings and afternoons in the Acton precinct. stopped. He and Insp. H. Dowdle, senior men, have gone on shift which makes one of them available to the public every day. The other is available for three of the week's afternoons.

The Acton Free Press has won a

Canadian newspaper award for its front page in the annual Better

Newspaper Competition of the Cana-

dian Community Newspaper Assoc-

lation. The Free Press placed third

in its class, one of 25 awards, includ-

ing 15 first place honors, won by In-

The Mississauga News set the

pace for the Inland family

newspapers with an unprecedented

10 awards, nine of them first places.

For the fith time in six years, the

Mississauga News was voted the

best overall newspaper in its Class 6.

As well as winning the general ex-

cellence award, the Mississauga

News was also named recipient of

the Community Service Award and

had best front page, best editorial

page, best sports page, best Christ-

mas edition, best sports photo, best

special section (the Mississauga

Magazine) and tied for first place in

the best news story category and

The Georgetown Independent was

voted best overall tabloid in Class 4.

was second in women's content.

land Publishing Co. Limited.

That change makes a senior police officer moves is another which available to the public more often. The senior to work their shift in man, though based in Georgetown, is shackled there. He makes periodic trips to

Centring of a senior man in Georgetown for shifts releases sergeants from some administrative tasks. They are then free to spend the shift supervising officers in the field, according to S.Sgt.

Front page award

tablold.

excellency.

competition.

Inland group awards.

Coupled with these has the officers, who are Acton, reporting to Georgetown. This move is another aimed at raising the quality of service to the public,

police claim. Having constables report to Georgetown means each man will receive the same information at the start of shift from the sergeant on parade. Each patrolman should go into the field Barratt. The sergeants better prepared in terms are also available to the of his knowledge of what is happening, said the

> The Milton Canadian Champion in Class 5 had best front page, best

> women's feature, best advertising

idea and came third with its sport

The best spot news photo award

Oshawa This Week finished

In the same class the Ajax News

Advertiser was named winner of the

best historical story award and

placed third for overall general

second place honors for its sports

page, had the third best front page in

Class 6 and was awarded honorable

The Etobicoke Gazette won second

place for feature photo and tied for

third place in the best news photo

Second place honors for the best

sports photo by the Markham

Economist and Sun rounded out the

mention for advertising idea.

The Brampton Guardian won

runner-up for the Class 5 best overall

went to the Burlington Post.

staff sergeant. Luckers used in Acton have been taken to Georgetown.

180 attended the open house.

brought staggered shift changes to the district so there is always one man assigned to Acton.

Asked about the Acton precinct's status, the staff sergeant replied: "It is my opinion that the office in Acton will remain as an integral part of the operation as it

The parading of officers in one place and having senior officers

An earlier change

an unrelated

available during days and most evenings is a second part of a plan which started going into operation in January.

At the start of the year Halton Regional Police created a new zone in north Halton which translates into one more man for the area.

development another level of supervision has been beefed up. A dutyinspector, based in Oakville, visits each division each shift as part of his duties to ensure there is a proper level of police

Centre saved town gives \$990 grant

Acton Community Services Centre will receive an additional \$1,980. if Halton Hills council goes along with a recommendation made by general committee last night.

Only \$990 will come from the town. The other half will come from regional council, who called the town's bluff.

Last month town council, who previously cut the Acton Community Services Centre grant, sent a motion to the region saying they would consider increasing the grant by \$990 if the region would match it.

Councillors Harry Levy, Pat Patterson and Roy Booth admitted the motion had been made tonguein-cheek with little thought the region would agree. "We're hoisted on our own petard," commented Booth.

Councillor Ed Wood put forward the motion to give the supplementary grant in view of the region's decision. He praised the work of the service saying

they covered an extremely wide range of needs. "Where will the money come from" asked Councillor Mike Armstrong, pointing out there is only \$200 in the grant's budget.

Treasurer Ray King replied it could only come from the \$50,000 contingency fund. Armstrong pointed out the region's approval was

given subject to the town's approval. Levy refused to go along with the increase. claiming the grant reduction had not been done lightly. He warned the door would be opened to

out altogether. "We gave \$10,000 to the Interested Citizens Group to fight hydro," commented Armstrong, "This is peanuts."

other groups whose grants had been reduced or cut

Councillor Russ Miller argued the town had been advocating grants for social services should be the responsibility of the region, and suggested a shared grant now could lead to the region assuming the responsibility in the future.

C.K. Browne's to close doors

By the end of July, the knows it was a great last candy will be sold at C.K. Browne's confectionery store on Main

Doris Browne, proprietor of the store, has received notice from the building's owner, John Palmer of Acton, and must be out of the place

working in the store since

many years. Mrs. Browne says she does not know the future of the building.

Her future? will be retiring. She will however, miss all her "sweet darlings" who come into the store to buy candy.

In recent months. many long term business eras have come to an Mrs. Browne has been end, including the sale of lavell's Brothers Meats. her marriage to C.K. Dills Printing and Pub-Browne almost 22 years lishing, in connection ago, Since his death, sev- with the Acton Free eral years ago, she has Press, Watson's Music run the store. She is not Store, etc. C.K. Browne's sure how long her hus- will be remembered band ran the store before fondly along with all the she came along, but others.

MPP endorses commissions

Despite opposition, Halton MPP Julian Reed is supporting a provincial proposal for single hydro commission in Halton

"I feel it would have longer term advantages and prevent future absorption by a regional commission," Mr. Reed said last week.

He said a single commission would benefit rural people who pay 25 per cent more than their urban counterparts. The provincial proposal which received

first reading at Queen's Park last week, will set up four new hydroelectric commissions Burlington, Milton, Oakville and Halton Hills. man of the Georgetown

organizations to remain intact. A meeting is being held with Acton Hydro to discuss the province's pro-

posal he said. If the legislation is approved, four new commissions will come William Smith, chair- into existence Nov. 30, 1980, with transitional commission, said, he commissions preceeding

would like the existing them Elizabeth Dr. residents annoyed but get only tar, chip road

Residents of Elizabeth Drive, in the Lakeview subdivision are angry Mayor Pete Pomeroy told Halton Hills general committee night.

He sald the road paving in the recent reconstruction stops 100 feet short of the point the residents understood it would.

Pomeroy explained a letter was sent from the engineering department last fall Indicating the paving would extend to Tidey Avenue.

"These people had the road torn up last year for design work done and storm sewers, this year for road work, and if it isn't completed now, probably again next

year," said the mayor. He said there doesn't seem to be money left to additional cost of \$12,000. finish the extra 100 feet.

explain why the town's promise could not be carried out. Town Engineer Bob

Austin admitted he sent a letter but said it was a letter of information on the storm sewer construction primarily but also told of plans for the road. "I did not realize it was such a commitment on paper as it is." He pointed out he has no authority to commit

council to any action. Austin explained by the time the capital budget was passed and the tenders let, he realized the money would not go as far as they wished. He emphasized all the ministry subsidy is used up. He predicted an

with no subsidy to

and asked the engineer to complete the paving.

Austin said perhaps his wording of the letter led to the problem. He reminded councillors there are residents beyond the 100 fool strip who will not be satisfied if this plece is done. "Construction has to stop somewhere."

The town engineer assured council the 100 foot strip on Elizabeth Drive would receive a tar and chip surface treatment before the end of

General committee made mendation but will include this area in the June 21 works tour.

Attendance poor

Despite poor attend- he commented. ance and the resultant pointed out

reduced scale with the evening part of the show cut out. "The people did not seem to come back for the concert at night,"

deficit at Summerfest McConnell and his quintlast week, Halton Hills ette, a topnotch jazz Arts Council President group had been expected Ralph Ursel feels it can to draw a large audience, be continued next year. but in fact only 80 people He said it may be on a heard the well-known musician.

> In all just over 500 people turned up for the activities