Disston deal soon says province, region

by Gord Murray

Officials from Halton Region and the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism predicted this week a firm will be moving into the almost completely closed Disston plant in the near future.

Provincial spokesman Bob Planck said in an interview this week, "I think someone will be occupying Disstan soon."

Halton Business Development officer William Marshall was also quite optimistic. "There is a strong likelihood positive action will be taken soon on the Disston facility," he said, adding "definitly" it will be filled this year.

Rumors have been rife around Acton this week that a firm is ready to sign a deal for the Disston plant, however, the Free Press couldn't confirm the reports.

Marshall said there have been "quite a few inquiries" about Diston and his department has referred them to the Ministry of Industry and Tourism office in Hamilton, which takes care of Halton. He said he was sure a deal would be made soon since Disston is a "very attractive"

proposition, both in terms of price and availability.

Planck praised Disston's attitude of making every effort to get a job providing firm into the plant. He said Sandvik, Disston's parent company, has never been interested in just selling the empty building but is concerned with getting a firm in there which will provide many jobs. A warehouse, for which the building is suitable would have meant three jobs, Planck noted.

"The land and building is worth a lot, but price

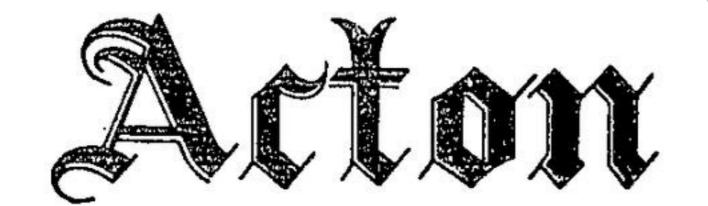
has not been the primary objective," Planck de-

Three or four firms have taken serious looks at the Disston facility and "one particular firm. which wants to expand, has been negotiating since November." Planck added, an offer has been made but a deal has not been finalized.

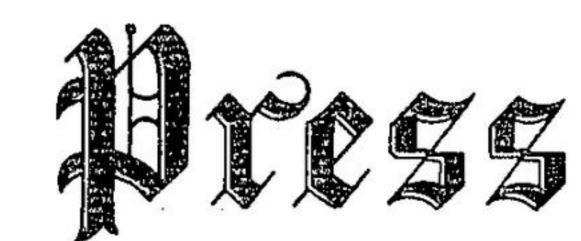
A decision to close the industry was made jointly by Disston and R. Hoe and Co., in July. Hoe had only recently purchased the wood working portion of the business when the announcement came that 125 people would be out of work by September 29.

As the closure date loomed the firm decided to extend the termination into November.

Disston officially closed November 25 but there are about 25 office and production workers, former Disston employees, working there now for Do-Tan, a Dundas form, which purchased part of the manufacturing lines. Do Tan took over November 26, a spokesperson at the plant







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Rev. Das Sydney, of Acton Baptist Church and Jan Haverty, church organist, admire the new organ recently donated to the parish by the Landsborough

family in memory of their husband and father, Charles, who was organist for many years, and who died last year.

Photo by HELEN MURRAY

Perras heads Halton Liberals

eral Party candidate in the Feb. 18 federal elect-Bill Perras defeated Allan Wilson of Milton, a long-time Liberal worker and the 1979 campaign manager of Dr. Frank

supporters. Mr. Perras was born in Oakville and attended Oakville-Trafalgar High School. He was involved in high school sports and played on the Oakville Blades Junior Hockey

club where he was top A 30-year-old Oakville lawyer is the Halton Libscorer in 1966-67. He attended Cornell

Philbrook, before a crowd of more than 800 Liberal

Bill Perras

University on a hockey scholarship and graduated in 1971 with a B.Sc. Mr. Perras attended law school at Ottawa Un-

iversity and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1978. He is married with two children and makes his law practice in Oakville.

He was elected to Oakville Council in 1978 and is a member of several committes, Mr. Perras is a past secretary of the Halton Liberal Executive and a director of the Halton- Pederal Liberal Association.

Mr. Wilson, who was

nominated by Hallon-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, was visibly shaken after losing the nomination but took the microphone to ask everyone to unite under Mr. Perras in Mr. Trudeau, Mr. Perras

the coming election. In his nomination speech, Mr. Perras stressed two themes-the Crosbie budget and the need to have Pierre Trudeau back as head of a Liberal government.

"The budget is what wasn't promised in the last campaign but it's what you got," he said. He said the Crosbie

Mr. Black said in-

creased interest means

the owner of a \$50,000

home in Halton will be

year on the mortgage.

ation of the Canadian economy, stating a Liberal budget decision would "be the right one." In asking for a return of

one of the greatest Canadians of all time." In a brief press conference following his win, Mr. Perras stressed he would be a "team player"

said the former leader "is

following the present Liberal party game plan.

tax cuts.

Asked about the Liberal policy platform and what his knowledge of it was, Mr. Perras said he would

budget would be the ruin- be prepared to answer all questions at a press conference to be held later this week.

> He said the federal government must have an energy policy which allows some form of financial rebate for people who have to drive long distances, particularly from the rural areas of

Mr. Perras, asked if Mr. Trudeau should be allowed to be consulted about current Canadian moves on Afghanistan, said "most definitely."

'Flip-flop' policies assailed by Black

and the "quick-sand" mentality on the part of the Liberal and Progressive Conservative Parties will be the main campaign targets of Halton NDP federal candidate Doug Black.

Mr. Black, an Oakville lawyer, was acclaimed before a meeting of the Halton NDP Federal Association in the 707 Galaxy Club in Oakville Thursday.

It will be his second attempt at federal politics, having lost in his first bid on May 22, 1979, which saw Progressive Conservative Jelinek unseat former Liberal Halton MP Dr Frank Philbrook.

Mr. Black was the first candidate nominated in Halton Riding and he started off with a stlnging attack on Mr. Jelinek, including Mr. Philbrook-although he will not be contesting the election.

The University of Toronto graduate and member of the Canadian Liberties Civil Association, opened his address holding up a letter he had received from Mr. Jelinek.

The letter was sent and postmarked December 20, two days after the election was called. In the letter Mr.

Jelinek said the Liberal and NDP opposition had combined to shoot down many Progressive Conservative programs and Mr. Jelinek went on to say that he was sorry the country had been forced into an election.

Mr. Black castigated the letter as it was sent out on House of Commons stationery

"disguised as a piece of litera election ture. . . which we will all be paying for at our expense.

Saving "you cannot



Doug Black

trust the policies the times in six months. Liberals and the Tories put forward to us, "Mr. Black concentrated on interest rates, oil, and

He said Mr. Jelinek had berated Mr. Philbrook on high interest rates but since his election. Mr. Jelinek has watched as the interest

"I remember sitting up rate has climbed four

cuts for a moment."

on a platform as Mr. Jelinek attacked the

"The Tories, if you will remember, promised to cut \$2 billion for our

Liberals for not making

paying \$1,000 more per . .weli "Cruncher" Crosbie's "Let's talk about tax budget . . . we didn't see

any tax cut but an in-

"That was flip-floppery

if I ever saw it," he said. In terms of an oil

policy, Mr. Black said the Progressive Conservatives attacked the Liberals for increasing the cost of fuel and urged conservation.

"But now we see the Tories wanting us to suddenly go up to world

Mother, daughter die in crash

hed following a tragic automobile accident in the highway. Wabash County, Indiana,

early Thursday morning. Their deaths shocked and saddened the community. age 28, and Jennifer Yaworsky, Yaworsky, both of 59 Kingham Road, died in Wabash County Hospital,

following the accident on US 24, Captain Larry Rice, of the Wabash County Sheriff's Office, told The Acton Free Press. Captain Rice explained there were really two accidents.

Mrs. Yaworsky's husband Eugene, age 32, was driving the car and at about 6:40 a.m. swerved to try and avoid hitting a

An Acton Mother and deer which darted into her six-year old daughter his vehicle's path from woods along the side of

Mr. Yaworski hit the deer and continued on into the opposite lane where his car was broadsided by a step-yan. Jackelene Yaworsky, Captain Rice said Mr.

Yaworsky, Yaworsky and Angela Yaworsky, age five, were all taken to hospital as well as Mrs. Yaworsky's brother, John Castle of LaFayette, Indiana, a former resident Stouffville. Mr. Castle also died, Rice stated.

from Fort Wayne.

The driver of the truck was hospitalized.

Wabash County is in the north-central area of Indiana, about 45 miles

cuts and bruises and Angela broke her leg.

Captain Rice reported the car they were riding in was totally destroyed, "all torn up." A friend of the family,

Gayle Jarrett, 158 Tyler Avenue, Acton, has opened a trust fund at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 31 Mill Street East, P.O. Box 239, to help cover the cost of family medical expenses Indiana. Cheques should be made payable to Gayle Jarrett in trust and the fund will be open until January 31.

Funeral service for Mrs. Yaworsky and her daughter was held yesterday (Tuesday) at the Shoe

Mr. Yaworsky suffered maker Funeral Home. Interment at Fairview Cemetery.

> Jackelene and Jennifer Yaworsky are mourned by husband and father Eugene, daughter and sister Angela. Yaworsky's Helene and Johnson of Agincourt, sisters Rosemary Thorne of Stouffville, Carolyn

Scanlon of Oshawa, Kathleen Shaw of Tottenham, and brothers Robert Johnson and Mike Castle, both of Toronto. Jennifer Yaworsky is also survived by her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Metro Yaworsky, of Port Dover.

The Yaworsky family moved to Acton about seven years ago.

Policeman charged

Racial slur aggravates assault charges dismissed by judge

Wednesday, January 2. two passed on Mill Street. Halton Regional Police. Police Ayodhya Prasad pleaded guilty to the charge of Acton resident Donald

which the officer slapped Harding across the face after a derogatory racial

Haw explained to Judge G. Young of the sequence of events and how the officer "overcome with

charges stemmed from a emotion" from the racial September 25 incident in slur turned his vehicle likely," Crown Attorney around, stopped Harding and slapped him.

'slur came from the plaint, the charge of Harding vehicle when the assault was laid by the sponsible members of the "The police force laid the Crown Attorney Owen charge because the the entire force, not just police are treated dif-

ferent than the public is Owen Haw told the court. Haw said certain Following the com- behavior of police of-

ficers is expected as recommunity. The charge of assault reflects upon danger of the general one member, therefore it public assuming that cannot go ignored," he

Defence attorney Jack Belleghem said the 36year old officer during his 14 years as a policeman has never been involved in a similar incident and five years ago voted the most popular policeman in Halton Hills during a public opinion

was not even accurate as Prasad is a native of South America, "This is not the first time Prasad has had a racial stur cast against himself, his wife and children and unfortunately probably not the last time," he said. Belleghem pointed out

that regardless of the aggravation no man, Belleghem pointed out (Continued on page 3)

Mercuri, Cripps out on bail



It wasn't really Ron Greenwood. See Sports, On the Leavell5

The old Pro Hardware Store downtown will be reborn as a five-shop mall by Merve Pryhitka. Turn to B4 for details.

inside

Four veteran Acton Firefighters are retiring. They reminisce on page

Waptes day even though Profiles2 Rockwood Digest

Two men accused of Michael McCristall. second degree murder in connection with the Dominion Hotel fire are out of jail on ball while a Mr. Mercuri and \$3,500 assistant to former Ontthird accused remains for Mr. Cripps during a behind bars.

Hotel owner Cosimo

Mercuri, 4t, and Leonard Cripps, 54, were released from Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre about 9:30 p.m. Monday. No application for bail was brought forth on behalf of the third accused,

Ontario Supreme Court lawyer, appeared before Justice Edward Saunders set bail at \$50,000 for hearing at the University Ave. Court House in

appear before provincial court at Milton Monday for remand. Mr. Mercuri was represented by two lawyers at last Monday's

All three men are to

Toronto Monday.

bail hearing. Mony Gula, Mr. Justice Saunders as did Glenn Hainey, an

'ario Ombudsman Arthur

Maloney.

was heard.

Other conditions attached to Mr. Mercuri's release are that he is required to report once a week to police, surrender his passport, maintain Mr. Maloney, who has employment, keep his a home on the Guelph home address and not Line, was at court at leave Ontario.

Kitchener when Mr. Mercuri's bail hearing hotel resident Howard Gibbons died in Three surctics for the the August 19 fire which gutted the century old amount of \$50,000 were structure on Main St. N. raised for Mr. Mercuri's



Rockwood artist David Charles Grainger will be exhibiting a number of his watercolors at a special showing of his works this weekend at Mohawk Inn. Mr. Grainger, right, is shown with

Maxine Sumner-Smith, advertising manager of Mohawk Inn, hanging some of his works. Turn to page 9 for a story of how whales have inspired the area artist. See story on page 9.