

Smith & Stone Closing Plastics Division

Smith and Stone announced Friday, it is closing down the thermoplastic division, a move which will put 60 workers out of work. Twenty-seven of them are permanent employees, the remaining 33 are temporary employees who have been with the company less than three months.

In a statement released to The Herald this week, general manager Tom Creaghan said, "This department makes plastic housewares and custom moulded plastic parts. The operation has been incurring increasing losses during the past 20 months, with no prospect of improvement. Increased tariff on our raw materials, price erosion due to U.S. imports, and our high wage and benefit scale in Georgetown, when compared with the average in the Canadian plastics industry, and the equivalent U.S. housewares manufacturer, makes it impossible to turn it

into a viable concern in the foreseeable future."

SEEK JOBS

In a mood of co-operation, the company and the union are forming a committee to work with Canada Manpower and other agencies to try to find other employment for those affected, whether permanent or temporary employees.

A company spokesman said there were very few long term employees involved in the lay-off, but two of them had been given early retirement.

The thermoplastics division, to be completely phased out by December 31, makes such things as dishpans, garbage cans, plastic planters, and baby products. All existing orders will be filled before the closing.

UNPROFITABLE

"We are closing down an unprofitable department which has been a drain on the whole company, and

we'll concentrate on building up the electrical and porcelain business," said the general manager.

In the electrical field, Smith and Stone is the major manufacturer of electrical wiring devices, such as switches and outlet receptacles in Canada. It is the only independent Canadian manufacturer of those products.

Insulators and bathroom fixtures are the main products of the porcelain division, with 50 percent of the production being exported to the U.S.

ABSORBED

Some of the employees in the plastics division will be absorbed into other divisions of the company.

The company began operations here in 1918, with Benny Stone and William Smith as owners. The company now employs 288 hourly rated employees and 50 staff members. At its peak it employed over six hundred people.



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REMEMBERING

Georgetown Legion Branch 120 Ladies' Auxiliary president Mrs. Dot Day lays a wreath at the casket during Sunday's remembrance service. Below, one of the Lorne Scots' honour guard.



Swim Firm Announces Merger

Malcolm S. Swim, formerly of Georgetown, has announced an amalgamation of Swim (Fisheries) of Canada Ltd., Halifax with another Canadian lobster and sea products firm, Cape Fisheries Ltd.

Mr. Swim, president of Swim (Fisheries) is also treasurer of Swim's (Labs) of Canada, Ltd., 100 Main St. N. Georgetown.

Mr. Swim says the affiliation is to ensure the firm a supply of lobsters to customers in Canada, the United States and Europe 52 weeks a year, and to broaden product lines.

"Swim's has been a dealer and marketer of live lobsters" he says "while Cape Fisheries has extensive buying and processing operations in Clarks Harbour, Souda, P.E.I., Grand Manan, N.B. and Magdalen Islands.

Cape Fisheries is a subsidiary of Dead River Company in Bangor, Maine.

New Highway Scheme Saves Houses, Trees

Will Accept Rinse Water into System

Council changed its mind, Monday night, and decided not to demand full reclamation of water in the operation of the proposed car wash at Sinclair and Guelph.

The switch resulted from a letter from the Ontario Water Resources Commission, which said the final rinse water, the only water to enter the sewer, would be acceptable in the sewage plant, and could cause no problem.

Cr. Ern Hyde said he understood sweeteners would have to be added to the water if the full reclamation system was used, to avoid the water having an odour. "With the partial reclamation system, the sweeteners would be unnecessary, since fresh water would be used for the final rinse."

The car wash company, S. E. Levy, have already agreed to the full reclamation system, but they told council at the time no other municipality has ever asked for full reclamation.

Town May Buy Beaver Land Anyway, Consider Valley Park

The Beaver Lumber property on Water Street may yet become town owned land, part of the central park and accessible river land advocated by most of the candidates before election.

Monday night at committee meeting, the acquisition of the Beaver property, at this time when it is vacant, found favour with most of the members despite the fact the new and cheaper reconstruction proposal for Guelph Street would not make the land acquisition necessary.

The plan for the reconstruction of Guelph Street from Maple to Main disclosed Monday night by town engineer Eric Willis involved no house or tree removal, and simply resurfaced the existing road, with widening only at intersections. There the corners would be cut back a bit for a turning lane. At Water Street the hydro pole would be removed.

An island at the junction of Main and Guelph would separate traffic intending to travel down Main Street, from traffic proceeding along the highway.

SMALLER COST

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$56,000, compared to the original Damas and Smith scheme of approximately \$360,000.

Cr. Phil Siddall guessed the cost of this project as less than the carrying charges on the other.

In the more expensive scheme the Beaver Lumber property would have been used as a continuation of Mill Street to cut out the Water-Guelph corner, and join up with the highway farther down.

Cr. Ern Hyde said the Beaver property should be acquired even if the road job did not require it. He pointed out it couldn't be kept "in limbo" for a few years.

Cr. Phil Siddall agreed it should be acquired under any circumstances as an access to a central park and river valley.

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GET IT FIRST

"We could get it first then argue about the disposal", commented Cr. Phil Siddall.

Cr. Hyde suggested the site would be ideal for a police station.

Mayor Smith said Beaver Lumber is most interested in knowing what the town intends to do, since they want to sell the land, now unused since the lumberyard fire, and the relocation on Guelph Street.

Portable, Sandwich Signs Will Disappear

All portable and sandwich board type signs were ordered removed at a committee meeting, Monday night. The building inspector will be instructed to have this enforced.

The discussion on signs began with an application from Criterion Carpet for a sign on the side and front of the building, with both being mounted on the building.

Cr. Donna Denison criticized the many applications for signs which come before council. She pointed out the by-law gives everyone the right to have only one sign flat on the building. "Yet we are continually being asked to waive the by-law," she remarked.

CONSIDERATION

Cr. Ern. Hyde claimed the

businessmen should have all the consideration council can give them.

"We can give them more consideration by limiting the number of signs," replied Cr. Joan Smith, "if his neighbour has two signs, the merchant thinks he has to have three to be seen".

Mayor Bill Smith reminded council a new sign by-law was being drafted, and suggested the discussion should be held at that time.

"If the new by-law says one facade sign on the front of each building, we are saying precisely what our present by-law demands", stated Cr. Donna Denison.

It was decided to ask Criterion Carpet for an artist's sketch and specifications of his proposed signs.

Cr. Siddall then made the motion to remove all portable and sandwich board type signs. "At least it's a step in the right direction he commented.

The motion will have to be passed officially at council meeting.

Check Flames In Apartment Damage Slight

Firemen quickly extinguished a fire in the hydro panel of the upstairs apartment at 23 Victoria Street, Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Silvo Duguay lives in the apartment, which was only slightly damaged.

Monday night, firemen were called to a pile of blazing skids on Sheridan Nursery property in Glen Williams.

Saturday afternoon, they answered a similar type call in the bush behind Irwin crescent. This time a bonfire was burning. The firemen put it out, but no damage was done.

Bell Bill Will Shrink For Some

About 100 Bell Canada customers in the Georgetown exchange will get substantial reductions in their monthly rates - some as much as \$10. - starting last Sunday, November 7.

The reductions apply to customers with individual and two-party telephone service in a developed area south and west of Georgetown, W. C. Barnes, Bell Manager in this area said this week.

Development in concentrated areas, compared to rural ones, permits greater economies, Mr. Barnes said. Result is Bell is able to reduce mileage rates.

Customers with multi-party service in this same area will be able to have improved service - that is, private or two-party lines - with an increase in rates.



BILL BARNES

Arbitration Board Sets Georgetown Police Pay

An arbitration board award, handed down on Friday, ended the long police salary negotiations and upped the salary of a first class constable by \$1,565, from the present \$7,935 to \$9,500.

The sergeant's rate went from \$9,545 to \$11,500, an increase of \$1,955. The complete schedule is as follows:

	OLD RATE	NEW RATE
Sergeant	\$9,545	\$11,500
Patrol Sgt.	\$8,740	\$10,500
Detective		\$10,500
Probationary Detective		\$10,000
Constable 1st class	\$7,935	\$9,500
Constable 2nd class	\$7,500	\$8,700
Constable 3rd class	\$7,015	\$8,000
Probationary Constable	\$6,555	\$7,300

The award is retroactive to January 1st, 1971, so each man will collect approximately an extra \$1,200 in back pay.

In addition a bonus of 10 cents an hour for the afternoon shift, and 20 cents an hour for the night shift will be paid.

After five years the 20 men in the Police Association, will have three weeks holiday with pay. Prior to this it was 10 years service. After 10 years they are entitled to four weeks holiday.

AGREEMENT SIGNED TUESDAY

The Arbitration Board hearing was held September 17th, with the Board consisting of D. Houck, nominee of the Georgetown Police Commission, S. Brown, Nominee of the Georgetown Police Association, R. G. Geddes, chairman, D. Latten, counsel for the Association, and T. F. Balnes, counsel for the Commission.

Tuesday the Georgetown Police Commission signed the agreement. The policemen seemed satisfied with the award, saying, "It still doesn't bring us up in line with Brampton, but it's more than we were getting". A first class constable in Brampton earns \$10,500.

Since the Police Association has voted for a one year contract, negotiations for a new contract could begin in less than two months.

Good Response To Moore Park Pilot Project

Registration for the Moore Park pilot neighbourhood recreation project has exceeded the expectations of the committee in charge. After one week of operation, association president Roy Booth called an executive meeting in an attempt to evaluate the programs.

Due to an outstanding response to some programs there has been a reshuffling of the initial plans. Initially, some of the equipment was bought from the limited committee funds, however the GRC is now lending financial support and additional equipment is on order.

being operated from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in order to accommodate the adults later. Assistance for the children's programs is still being sought. The programs include volleyball, basketball, badminton, ping pong, and floor hockey.

R. E. Booth and John Danylichuk are the men for volunteers to contact.

Georgetown Telegram Protests 'Amchitka'

A telegram bearing the names of 375 Georgetown people was sent to U.S. president Richard Nixon Friday asking him to stop the explosion of the five megaton nuclear bomb below Amchitka Island, Saturday.

The telegram said only, "Amchitka blast denies all hope for Generation of Peace. No more bombs please."

Lloyd Lantz and Bob Melcombe told The Herald that most of the opposition to the blast was from an environmental standpoint. "The risks of earthquakes, tidal waves and radiation leakage into the ocean and atmosphere far outweigh the security elements," they said.

"We collected signatures from only a very small section of town,

but were gratified to see the great support for our cause," they said. "Only about 40 people declined to sign, some due to lack of knowledge on the subject, but most because they supported the American position."

They said that while they were thankful that the blast caused no apparent damage they still hope that it was the last such test.

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Want To Boost Insurance On Some County Buildings

The Halton County Council property committee Monday recommended substantial boosts in insurance coverage of several county buildings.

The major recommendation in the annual review of insurance is upgrading insurance on the old courthouse, the county jail and the family court to replacement value for cash value.

The change approximately doubles the insured value of the buildings on Brown St.

The insured value of the courthouse would rise from \$213,000 to \$400,000; the jail from \$45,000 to \$96,000, and the family court building from \$33,000 to \$94,000.

The property committee will also recommend insurance for extra expenses caused by fire or boiler explosions up to \$50,000.

HEATLOSS

Deputy-Reeve Harry Barrett said the proposed extra expenses struck him as a measure to have the county pay for protecting the insurance company from claims.

One purpose of the insurance would be to pay for auxiliary equipment needed to substitute for equipment broken in fire or explosion.

The company would not be responsible for damages caused from heat loss in winter when boilers broke down.

The committee also recommended a 10 percent increase in insurance on office records and building contents. This would raise the premium by \$70 to \$991.

BURGLARY

The committee also decided to recommend an increase in employee bond and burglary coverage from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Insurance against forgery of county cheques would also add to the package at a premium cost of \$16.41.

The committee agreed to raise

Dies of Injuries Year After Crash

A Georgetown girl died Monday of injuries suffered in a car accident almost one year ago.

Patricia Shipcott, niece and foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ling, 7 Mountainview Road, suffered a fractured skull in a car accident on the Fifth Line West, Mississauga November 20, 1970. Marty Wheeler of Glen Williams was seriously injured in the same crash.

She died in Princess Margaret Hospital.

A funeral service was held this morning in the John Brown Brothers Funeral Home in Toronto. Interment is in Prospect Cemetery.

Students Leg Broken In High School Mishap

A Georgetown high school student, John Clark, 14, of 19 Chipper Court suffered a leg fracture in an accident on a Georgetown high school driveway last Wednesday.

A police report said a car driven by Alan McLean of 38 Joycelyn Crescent, northbound along the west side of the school, reached the northwest corner of the building at the same time that Clark came around it on foot.

Clark was taken to hospital by Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service. He was also treated for facial bruises and injuries to both knees.

Renee Vandyke of 48 McGillivray and Wilhelmina Vandyke of the same address complained of minor injuries following an accident Friday night at the entrance to the Georgetown Market.

Renee Vandyke was the driver of a 1968 Rambler which police said was eastbound on Guelph Street

about to make a right turn into the Market, when struck from behind by a 1965 Ford driven by James Snyder of Owen Sound.

Police put the damage at \$500 to each car.

Saturday night, cars driven by Eugene Inglis of 7 Normandy Blvd., and Cyril Clark of 34 Ewing Street, collided at the corner of Guelph and Water Streets. Four hundred dollars damage was done to Inglis's 1971 Pontiac and \$100 to Clark's 1966 Dodge according to police.

A slippery road surface resulted in \$700 to a 1968 Chevrolet driven by Fred Appleton of Brampton and \$400 to a median strip warning light and some 40 feet of guard rails at the Mountainview Road railway overpass Sunday.

The Appleton car was northbound on Mountainview when it went into a skid. It slid sideways jumping the median strip, over the southbound lanes, jumped the curb and hit the guardrails coming to rest down a bank.