

Efco and union resume contract talks

Negotiations re-opened this week between striking workers of United Steelworkers, Local 7337, and Economy Forms Corp. of Georgetown.

The workers walked out March 12 to back their demands for a dollar an hour across the board increase in the first and second years of a two-year contract, plus fringe benefits. At the time of the walkout, the base wage was \$3.55 per hour.

Economy Forms Corp. had offered a 17 and half percent increase in the basic wage

with a cost of living clause, and productivity increases in the second and third year of a two-year contract as well as some other fringe benefits.

At Monday's meeting in Brampton, which went from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the union put forth its new proposals, local president Reg Benoit said in an telephone interview yesterday at press time.

"We gave them the proposal and told them to sleep on it," he said.

In an earlier interview, Tom Brotherton, manager at the strikebound plant, said he was "hopeful" the talks would produce a contract the workers would ratify. "But then I've been hopeful for some time," he added.

Meanwhile, on the picket line last week striking members of Local 7337 who put in a full tour of picket line duty received \$70 in strike pay. Many workers, who also have part-time jobs said they were prepared to man the picket lines all summer.

May help Halton's cause

MPs take boundary commission to court

Two federal Members of Parliament, both Liberals, are applying to the Federal court to set aside the final report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario.

Although their complaints centre on a decision by the commission to eliminate one riding in northwestern Ontario their actions may have some effect upon the commission's ability to change the Halton riding.

That proposed Halton riding change would place Georgetown and northeast Etobicoke in a new riding with Brampton.

The two MPs who have applied for the court's ruling—Keith Penner of Thunder Bay and Norman Calkin of Ontario

riding—state that they feel the commission has failed to give adequate reasons for its proposed changes.

A report in the Ottawa Citizen notes that both MPs charge that the commission's report does not adequately explain the alterations, as required by law. Without exception, they say, the report may be valid leaving the possibility that the seats of future members could be in jeopardy.

They feel that they cannot adequately debate the report in Parliament without knowing the reasons.

The MP whose northwestern Ontario riding will disappear as result of the new setup, James Fould (NDP for Port Arthur) has already labelled the decision to eliminate the

northwestern riding as "stupid, outrageous, illogical and unjustified."

"The claim by the chairman of the commission that strict population figures and the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act forced the commission into the decision is simply not borne out by the facts," he said.

The chairman of the commission had ruled, giving similar reasons, that Halton must be split to meet population criteria.

Under the commission's guidelines no riding can have fewer than 60,000 residents or more than 101,000.

Halton MP, Dr. Frank Philbrook, has already registered his protest against the re-alignment of his riding's boundaries in Parliament.

Reed wants Bradley line included in report

The report from the provincial legislature's select committee on Hydro will contain a recommendation for an independent study into the Bradley-Georgetown Hydro corridor, if Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed has anything to say about it.

Reed, a member of that special committee, has made strong representation to his fellow committee members to include the study in their report, as some members of the Interested Citizens Group have been requesting.

Mr. Reed stated if an independent study was not conducted immediately, legal delays involving Hydro's need to expropriate land and obtain easements could cost the taxpayers of Ontario much more.

The select committee report, of course is submitted to the legislature and adopted by the house and therefore the recommendation contained indicates to the minister of energy the wishes of the majority of the Legislature, Reed noted.

"This could be the most meaningful step in the decision regarding the Bradley-Georgetown corridor due to the fact that it will have profound effects upon our lives and the lives of our children.

"It is hoped that the minister of energy will at last hear our request for an independent study in this case.

A meeting regarding this subject is to be held on May 12, at the Erin High School auditorium, in Erin, at 8:30 p.m. All are invited.

Police Week display

District headquarters of the Halton Regional Police in Georgetown will be open to the public today (Wednesday) and Thursday as part of National Police Week.

At the station, the public will see an identification display where they can get a fingerprint taken and take the card home as a souvenir, a safety display and a display by the criminal investigations branch should that branch have time to prepare one.

On Friday and Saturday the Police Week display moves to the Milton Mall.



BABY PHOTO PRIZE WINNERS. Melanie Shoe Bridge, top money earner in the Jaycettes' Baby Photo Contest isn't too happy sitting on hospital administrator Fred Morris' knee. Third top money earner John MacDonald extends a consoling hand.

Peel against combined landfill site

The region of Peel has decided that a combined garbage dump for Halton and Peel regions is out of the question due to serious problems that it could create for wells in the area of the considered site.

The Halton-Peel site was a major block land south of Highway 401, running from the Hornby area through to Winston Churchill Boulevard in Peel.

A \$2,500 ground water study of the landfill site on the Peel side of the regional border

indicated that the presence of an underground water table constituted environmental and operational restraints against landfill operations.

"There is a potential risk of contaminating the buried aquifer which is found under the site and thus affecting the water quality in surrounding wells," note Peel's consulting engineers in their report.

Although it will have little effect upon Halton's future directions in finding a new

site which still is focussing on three major sites, including the Hornby site, the new information on the combined site leaves Peel in very much of a predicament.

Peel's works committee voted last week to consider a 200-acre site south of Britannia Road and west of McLaughlin Road, a site located beneath the airport nose cone and which will likely not see development in the immediate future.

Finance committee wants to talk with board reps

The town's personnel and finance committee will be asking for a meeting with the town's two representatives on the Halton Board of Education soon in hopes of finding out where the town's contributions to the board are going.

Although repeating frequently that they were not being critical of the board's spending the personnel and finance committee members brought up some questions surrounding the board's current budget.

"It's about time someone asked them how much can the people be expected to pay?" commented Councillor Pat McKenzie, as he pointed out that after initial drops in the board's mill rate demands upon the four area municipalities in Halton it has been sharply increasing. "I'd like to know if that decrease has yet been offset by the increases?"

Councillor Russ Miller voiced the strongest objection to the board's current budget which will add over \$70 to the average Halton Hills homeowner's 1976 tax bill.

"We can't keep with-holding services in order to pay for their increases," he commented. "Sooner or later we've got to increase the budgets for our services."

Councillor Ern Sykes pointed out to his

fellow councillors that it's unlikely Halton Hills would be able to afford the new high school in Acton if it wasn't for the regional system of education. Because of it, he said the town must only pay 13 percent of the costs of construction of the building.

"We might find out," commented Sykes, "that we're getting more from our 13 percent of the budget than we are actually putting into it. All I want is to be made aware of what

the board is planning for Halton Hills.

The two local trustees, Ernie Bodnar for Wards 3 and 4 and Tom Watson for Wards 1 and 2, will be asked to attend one of the coming committee meetings.

Councillors recalled that the town's board representatives used to meet on a regular, twice-a-year basis with council to provide liaison between the town public bodies.

Too much noise in Hungry Hollow

"I'm disgusted with the police department," said Councillor Ric Morrow who thinks the boys in blue should do a better job of enforcing the bylaw prohibiting motorized vehicles from disturbing bikers and picnickers in Hungry Hollow on Mountainview Road.

"It's like motorcycle races on a dragstrip," described Morrow. "It's not

conducive to the atmosphere of the area."

Morrow's proposal to send a resolution to the works committee re. posting signs prohibiting motorized vehicles was passed.

Other suggestions from Morrow included issuing a public request for witnesses of unauthorized vehicles to report licence numbers to the police, and advising parents to warn their kids of the bylaw.



KING AND QUEEN OF CAMELOT at the Georgetown and District High School Formal, "The most important dance of the year", are Blake Shorthill and Colleen Howard. The couple were democratically voted King and Queen by their fellow students.

Report on Marywood coming to council

A written report on the problems in Marywood Meadows will be delivered to town council next Monday, (May 17) by the town engineer, Robert Austin, it was decided at the works committee meeting Monday evening.

At first, the works committee requested that the engineer prepare a written report for the next works committee meeting (May 25) but upon hearing from the engineer that by that time the report would be outdated, decided instead to have him prepare a report

for the council.

Some remedial measures in the afflicted area have already been taken, Mr. Austin said.

Homeowners from Marywood Meadows met with council last week to voice their concerns over a number of problems in the housing subdivision. Those problems ranged from inadequate grading to one driveway which has had a large utility pole planted the centre of it.



A new GFSC crest

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club last week, at its annual meeting, accepted the design for the club's new crest.

The crest was designed by Ross Pritchard, whose daughter is a member of the club.

It shows a stylized "G" symbolizing the "figure eight" that is the basis for all compulsory figures. It's a three-colour design with a blue background, blue lettering and black outline.

Two injured in crash

The intersection of Guelph St. and Maple Ave. was the scene of an accident May 6th in which two women were injured.

Treated and released by the outpatients department of the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital were driver Tilna Ann, 6 Brucewood Rd., Georgetown and her passenger, Ida Moriarity, 76 Maple Ave. E.

James Edgar Browne, 36

sometimes between the hours of 5:30 p.m. May 6 and 8 a.m. May 7.

Elizabeth Carney, 21 Gower Cr. in Georgetown sustained \$100 in damages to her car which was struck by an unknown driver in the Georgetown Market Place parking lot on May 8 between the hours of 4 and 4:30 p.m.

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Two watermain routes still possible

Before a route for a watermain to the municipal offices on Trafalgar Rd is finally decided on, there will be another meeting between the region engineers, the town engineers, and the consulting engineers of the developer, Al Pilutti.

Pilutti appeared before the works committee Monday evening to request the meeting with the region.

There are two possible routes, Pilutti said, reviewing once again the scheme which has been before the works committee for at least a year. One route is from the corner of Maple Ave. and Seventh Line straight up to the town offices; distance of about 2700

feet. If the decision is to go that route, the town has no option but to use a six-inch main as well as contend with hydro lines, fencing and roads, Pilutti said.

The alternate route from Princess Anne Drive and the hospital to the town offices is approximately the same, Pilutti said, adding that along this route the town had a choice of an eight-inch or 12-inch main.

This alternate route with its large watermain, would permit development of the lands alongside and in other areas, Pilutti said.

On a map of the area which he brought to the meeting, Pilutti showed the committee

that he owned or controlled all the land along the second route.

People on the Seventh Line could receive water from the second route by means of a two-or four-inch main looped to service their homes, he said. There are about seven homes affected, he said, none of which were prepared to pay the cost of a large watermain. "We're happy to give the town an easement, at no cost, of course," Pilutti said.

The works committee asked town engineer Robert Austin to set up a meeting between the interested parties as soon as possible.

Hospital workers consider joining provincial walkout

Georgetown District Memorial Hospital workers have yet to decide whether or not to join with other Ontario Hospital staffs to strike against the issue of a \$1. per hour pay raise.

Protestors, because the strike would be an illegal one, could be fined \$1,000 each, and

the union could face a \$10,000 charge, if they walk off the job. "It's fair to say that there are restrictions to the economy from all aspects - what makes their (hospital workers') situation different?" asked Georgetown hospital administrator Fred Morris, who added, "But it's my respon-

sibility and the responsibility of the board to provide services for the public." Even if the staff strikes, emergency cases will be accepted at the local hospitals, he said. Joyce Cox, president of the local hospital workers' union, had no comment.

Girl Guide cookie sales can carry on

Girl Guides need not worry. They won't be arrested for selling their cookies without having a Hawkers and Pedlars License.

At Monday night's meeting of the town's personnel and finance committee a change was made to the bylaw covering door-to-door selling

in Halton Hills. It now permits charitable organizations and service clubs to sell their cookies, daffodils or fertilizer without having to pay any more than \$1 for their license.

Explaining that the bylaw was not created to hinder such charitable fund-raising organizations the town's clerk-

administrator Doug Pritchard, commented, "It's there to protect citizens from those...who are up to no good."

"If you can arrest or stop that sort of thing with this bylaw then it will benefit the whole municipality."