



Day of protest. Union workers from the Twin-Cee Ltd. plant in Georgetown demonstrate their disapproval of the federal government's wage and price control policy. The demonstration was at Chinguacousy Park, Brampton.

Turn-out low at rally

Although union workers from Georgetown did not turn out in full strength at Bramalea's Chinguacousy Park for the Canada-wide Day of Protest local union presidents felt they had the total support of the rank and file and blamed Thursday's brisk wind for keeping some away.

"They're all out," said Harry Dewhurst, president of Local 1421, United Auto Workers (UAW) at Smith and Stone Ltd.

The local has 280 members from the office and factory but Dewhurst could not estimate how many were at the demonstration of about 500 protesters.

"They're protesting in their own way,"

he said.

"I don't think Trudeau is going to do away with wage controls but he'll probably survive if he gives us price controls," he said.

"We could live with both," Dewhurst said. "There wouldn't be strikes if labor were given a voice. That's all we want."

"This is the purpose of it (the demonstration)," Dewhurst said, to show Trudeau that "wage controls without price controls are not for Canadian workers."

"This is why we're demonstrating on part two (of the government's) three year economic plan to lower inflation."

The president of local 876 UAW at Standard Products Ltd., Gerry Klatt led

about 50 of the local's 70 members to Thursday's demonstration to hear speeches protesting the wage and price control program.

"We expected more," Klatt told The Herald.

An estimated one million workers across Canada, in the first organized demonstration of its kind, walked off the job Thursday.

"It's terrible that one segment of the Canadian population must pay for inflation - only the workers," Klatt said. "What ever happened to price controls?"

From the Twin-Cee Ltd. factory in Georgetown, everyone but two people came out at the plant, said Jane Bourque president of the firm's local amalgamated with Local 876 UAW at Standard Products.

"It's great," said Martha Jack, who works at the Twin-Cee factory, of the day's demonstration. "It's time people showed Trudeau they won't stand for wage controls. Everyone means business."

Albert Tuel of Georgetown who works at American Motor's Brampton plant told The Herald: "The Anti-Inflation Board is anti-productive. If Trudeau wants to cope with inflation, he should raise production. He is not fighting inflation with the Anti-Inflation Board."

In a statement Thursday, David B. Archer, president of the Ontario Federation of Labor said: "In my opinion, today labor comes of age."

"There can be no turning back to nice safe business-as-usual unionism," Archer said. "We are now committed to speak on issues other than those that arise in the collective bargaining process. We have taken political action with a vengeance."

As unionists become more politically conscious through protest and confrontation they will turn to political solutions as have other trade union centres, Archer said.

"A polarization of forces is undoubtedly taking place," Archer said. "No longer can unions and unionists afford a neutral stand on the social issues of the day, the economic issues of the community or the political issues of the nation."

"We must not only negotiate benefits for our members but we must speak for the employees who are not yet our members," Archer said. "We must make sure that social and economic policies are not introduced by governments hostile to labor, governments that enact laws that wipe out the gains made at the bargaining table."



THREE HERALD CARRIERS HONORED

National Carrier Day annually honors the unsung heroes of the newspaper industry, so following a readership poll two weeks ago, the Herald honored two carriers from Georgetown who share one paper route and another carrier from Acton. Standing in front are Geoff, 9, and Jayne Weidon, 7, the children of Mr. and Mrs. David Weidon of Baylor Crescent, Georgetown. Standing centre is Paul Carter, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter, of Victoria Avenue, Acton.

Geoff and Jayne have been Herald carriers for just about a year while Paul is a veteran of 2½ years, having started delivering the now-defunct Tri-County Shopper. All three of our carriers received something tangible in appreciation of their services. Paul received \$10 while Geoff and Jayne each received \$5. As well each receives a certificate from the Canadian Newspaper Circulation Manager's Association.

Voters increase by 2,000

Halton Hills has gained more than 2,000 voters since the last municipal election three years ago.

Town administrator Doug Pritchard revealed last week that enumeration in Halton Hills conducted last month shows 22,227 electors up from about 20,000 registered for the previous election.

He said voter's lists will be posted today in each of the polling subdivisions and the last date for revision will be Nov. 5, 1976.

ACTON GROUPS PRESENT BRIEF

Arena rental review called

A hard-hitting presentation to council Monday won a temporary reprieve for the Acton arena's five support organizations when council voted unanimously to re-examine its stand on increased arena rental rates.

Council decided to review the new rates, approved Oct. 4, after several members pointed out that the brief, presented by Norm Elliot, was impressive enough to warrant a second look at the situation.

The brief was sanctioned by the Acton Figure Skating Club, minor hockey school, the Industrial and Waterloo-Wellington Hockey League and the Junior B Sabres and Intermediate Swords hockey teams.

The rates were increased this month in a bid to offset operating deficits which in Acton will amount to approximately \$36,000 for 1976.

Pointing out that the increase has already forced the Acton Swords to cancel

their 1976-77 season, Mr. Elliot quoted the "unique factors" outlined in the brief which, he said, justify a separate rate scheduled for the Acton clubs.

According to the brief, estimated deficits for Halton Hills' three arenas have been presented unfairly since annual capital costs have not been included in reports from the recreation department.

The Acton Arena's projected 1976 operating deficit of \$36,153, it states, becomes \$70,309 with capital costs included, while the same estimate for Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Arena rises from \$7,849 to \$100,769.

The brief points out that Acton residents alone contributed \$85,000 in private donations towards renovations at their arena between 1974 and 1976, while all four wards of the municipality paid for the construction of the Alcott Arena out of taxes.

"Our associations in Wards 1 and 2 have access to only approximately one-third the potential sponsors and one-third the paying spectators that are available to the associations of Wards 3 and 4," the brief continues.

The increased rates, meanwhile, are already hurting registrations at each of the clubs, suggesting that programs may have to be cut back.

"Our associations or any corporation (including council)," the brief states, "should

not be reasonably expected to produce from 32 to 204 per cent new operating revenue on such relatively short notice."

The brief concludes by recommending that the Swords and Sabres be classified as "Acton local, non-profit, adult groups", and that the hockey school be classified as an "Acton minor sports group".

In a second recommendation, the organizations seek a return to the rental rates originally approved by all parties concerned for this season in 1974, subject to 10 to 15 per cent inflation rate increases.

Mr. Elliot noted that the 1974 proposed rates would still net the town \$24,000 in revenue, a 46 per cent increase over last year.

Councillors Ern Hyde, Roy Booth and Harry Levy offered praise to Mr. Elliot and the Acton clubs for what they considered a thought-provoking presentation. Coun. Ric Morrow called it "one of the best presentations that this council's ever had."

Ward 1 Councillors Pat McKenzie and Joe Hurst thanked council for its "encouraging support" and "open-minded acceptance" of the brief.

After initially questioning the need to return the matter to the administration committee, Chairman Les Duby agreed to review the brief at the committee's Oct. 25 meeting.

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Subdivision problems fixed, time and weather blamed

The problems which plagued Marywood Meadows homeowners in April, May and June this year have been solved to the more or less satisfaction of principals involved.

Ben Noy, the developer of Elkton Investments, was under heavy fire earlier this year from the Marywood Meadows Homeowners Association and town council.

"There was a time when we couldn't do all in one shot," Noy said in a recent telephone interview, referring to complaints of incomplete and shoddy workmanship, homes built below grade, incorrect insulation which led to burst water pipes, roads paved on uncompacted ground and extremely dusty conditions lodged against him.

"In April," Noy said, "people thought nice weather was here to stay but May was bad, June was bad and I couldn't do all the work at once. In the middle of construction you cannot screen dust with trucks bringing in thousands of tons of dust. Bad weather held it up in May and June."

Noy released a copy of a letter on his behalf from the Toronto Home Builders' Association (THBA) to the ministry of consumer and commercial relations. Dated Sept. 23, the letter is a condensation of an investigation and report of the subdivision carried out in early September by an official of the association, said Dave Stupart, executive vice-president of THBA.

In a telephone interview Stupart said that in the 600-odd member association "only one other complaint" had been heard against

Noy. The trade association has a code of ethics and a member builder can be expelled if he violates that code, Stupart said. "Mr. Noy is a member of long standing."

In a nutshell Stupart's letter said that Marywood Meadows is a pleasant place to live with "better than average" homes constructed there.

Marywood Meadows Homeowners Association President Stan Jackson acknowledged in an interview that most of the problems had been cleared up. "My only comment," Jackson said, "is the time element. The complaints were in April and May but the report is in September."

Mr. Noy said he holds no ill will toward town council which led by councillor Ern Hyde, tried to hold a "big stick" over his head to get the subdivision cleaned up.

Council refused to let Noy proceed with pre-servicing a 14 lot parcel of land adjacent to Marywood Meadows until homeowners' complaints were righted.

"I believe they understood my point of view," Noy said.

As for sodding the Mary Street parkette, the subdivision agreement did not include sodding it, Noy said. He refused to sod it until after Mayor Tom Hill "approached me in a gentlemanly manner," he said.

"There wasn't a thing I did not perform according to the subdivision agreement," Noy concluded. "I'm proud of it."



MAKING FRIENDS

Kim and Gail Frerichs, both 7, with friends Susan Gamester, 8, and Clazina Van Spronsen, 9, say hello to the McDonald's Restaurant characters at the Rotary Club Skate-a-thon Saturday. Looking on are Big Mac, Mayor McCheese, Captain Crook, the Professor and the Hain-burglar as the girls greet Grimace. The skate-a-thon was a success, although the money raised will fall short of the \$15,000 goal. For more details see page 14.