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NDP meeting

The federal New Democratic Party will hold the founding meeting for the new riding of Halton-Peel April 11 at 8 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Georgetown, in the Allen Room.

Contract signed

Canada Post Corporation announced Tuesday that an agreement had been reached with the new owners of the Limehouse General Store.

This means that postal service will remain the same as before. The only difference is that instead of having a postmaster, the store owners handle postal duties on a commission-contract basis.

Residents will be informed by Canada Post this week in a formal statement.

Diet issues

The Brampton and District Branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association will hold its next general meeting April 11, at 7:30 p.m. The location is the Bramalea Lions Hall at 45 Avondale Blvd. in Brampton.

Teresa Mahoney, an out patient dietician with Peel Memorial Hospital will speak about "diet related issues."

Refreshments will be served. For more information call 459-1948.

Ambassador visit

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Thomas Niles, will be visiting Georgetown April 19. He will be addressing the students and teachers of Georgetown District High School at 2 p.m.



At 7 p.m. Ambassador Niles will talk to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce at the Annual Spring Dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club on Maple Avenue. The Ambassador will talk about the unique and special relationship between the two countries with the longest undefended border in the world. His remarks will also include the free trade agreement. Tickets for this event can be obtained from Doug Penrice at 877-7119.

Essay awards

The fifth annual presentation of the Optimist Essay Contest winners will take place April 28, at the Optimist Club Building on Highway 7.

Participants and their parents are invited for dinner at 6:45 p.m. and the presentation of the gold, silver, bronze medallions and certificates.

Later on in the program Mr. John McDermaid, Member of Parliament, will address the gathering.

Our mistake

The Herald incorrectly printed that a 33-year-old Georgetown man was found with numerous tools, valued at \$900, in the March 30 paper.

The sentence should read, "a 33-year-old was charged with theft under March 26 at 11:30 p.m. Tools, valued at \$900, were stolen from a truck parked at 49 Park Avenue. The Georgetown man will appear in court May 2."

Ready to stop?

Are you ready for your last puff? A smoking cessation clinic is being held at the Milton District Hospital beginning April 28. The five-week smoking "countdown" is offered by the Halton Lung Association, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday and every Thursday until May 28. There is limited enrolment. For more information call 632-8499.

Acton blemish?

Councillor Rick Bonnette wants to clear up what he feels is a blemish on Acton's reputation in a statement made by North York Mayor Mel Lastman last week.

Mr. Lastman apparently said "Metro is a tourist town. We're not Acton, Ontario," said Coun. Bonnette.

The comment was allegedly quoted in a Toronto daily newspaper.

"A comment like that in a Toronto newspaper is very damaging," said Coun. Bonnette.

Acton dump plans could snowball

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

Acton area residents could be collecting garbage for a very long time of the proposed dump at the United Aggregates quarry is successful.

Eco Logic consulting firm president Douglas Hallett said Thursday that if the dump in Acton is approved and there are no major environmental impacts from that dump then companies might look at some of the other aggregate quarries in the area as possible dumpsites.

"That would seem to me to be a reasonable course of action," said Mr. Hallett.

Eco Logic is currently restructuring the public consultation meetings needed to fulfill the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA).

This will be the first private application to go through the tough requirements of the EAA, said Mr. Hallett.

He stressed that Reclamation Systems is going through the EAA voluntarily.

However, several months ago the Region of Halton sent off a letter to the Ministry of the Environment asking them to force Reclamation into the EAA.

"Private firms, until recently, have gone through the Environmental Protection Act which doesn't require them to look at alternatives to the dump."

If the dump is approved, it will likely take garbage from areas other than Halton Region, possibly including Metro Toronto, which is now struggling to find a dumpsite.

Mr. Hallett said most of the waste from other areas could be shipped in by a rail line which runs through the quarry site now.

He predicted a ten to 15 per cent increase in traffic in the area of the dump in Acton.

The proponents of the dump, Reclamation Systems Inc., are a conglomerate of four firms, three of which form United Aggregates, said Mr. Hallett.

Lake Ontario Cement, St. Mary's Cement and Ambro Construction form United Aggregates. Those three firms, teamed up with Comcor of Milton, are Reclamation Systems Inc., he said.

If the dump is approved, Mr. Hallett expects initial engineering construction for the dump to begin in late 1990 or early 1991.

He expects the environmental assessment hearings, the same type of hearings the Region is now going through in its search for a dumpsite, to begin in the first half of next year. Technical reports so far - the ones the Town of Halton Hills have recently hired a consultant to study -

Day care space needs increasing

Halton has managed to reduce the number of children on day care waiting lists by 14 per cent since November but in Halton Hills the demand for day care spaces has increased.

There are now 371 children waiting for a spot in Halton's day care centres compared to 430 five months ago, according to a report by Bonnie Ewart, Halton's Commissioner of Social Services.

In Halton Hills the waiting lists for day care spaces has increased from 41 in November to more than 52 now. It's impossible to determine the exact number of children on waiting lists in Halton Hills, said Ms. Ewart, because some day care centres won't reveal how many are on their list.

At the end of February Halton had 256 children waiting for subsidized day care spots and only 89 waiting for non-subsidized day care spaces, said Ms. Ewart.

Halton has over 2,900 licensed child care spaces and recent program improvements will increase the number of licensed spaces to almost 3,000 by July, said Ms. Ewart.

The majority of children on the waiting list in Halton Hills are preschoolers, said Ms. Ewart.

In Georgetown 18 children are waiting for subsidized day care spaces, most of them preschoolers, and in Acton 12 children are on the subsidized waiting list.

Ms. Ewart said the report "continues to reinforce the need for more preschool spaces," but she singled out Milton and Oakville as the two areas most in need.

show that there will be no contamination of the Amabel aquifer, said Mr. Hallett.

Halton Hills draws all its water from the Amabel aquifer and water contamination is likely to be the main argument, in the town's fight against the dump.

Mr. Hallett, whose firm conducted the overall environmental impact study on the site, disputed claims by the citizens group POWER, that consultants hired by proponents are biased.

"I think it's incorrect to look at a consultant in the light that they would purposely do inaccurate work," he said.

Recently the Halton Federation of Agriculture asked the Region of Halton to change its policy in hiring consultants for land use environmental impact studies because they say their reports are blatantly biased. Currently, the Region makes proponents of projects hire consultants to study the impact on the surrounding environment. The HFA wants the Region to pick the consultant.

Mr. Hallett said his firm could only produce accurate reports because they will be scrutinized by the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Natural Resources, conservation authorities and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Technical reports are now open for public scrutiny, said Mr. Hallett.

"They can blow as many holes in them as they want to," he added.

But so far nobody has found any major holes, he said.

Mr. Hallett doesn't expect to run into the same pitfalls that have delayed Halton's search for a dump. The Region keeps on searching until it finds a site, said Mr. Hallett. If one site falls then they look at others. Reclamation has just one site in mind and "either it wins or it loses."

Mr. Hallett believes the natural basin in which the quarry is located, will ensure the water supply is safe. Water flows into the site from all directions and will be dispersed into Black Creek through a sewage treatment plant, he said.

"They're not just going to take this hole and put in garbage."

That sewage treatment plant will increase the sewage capacity in the Acton area, he said.

There will also be benefits to local industry and more jobs will open to residents, he said.

Once the dump is closed, Reclamation Systems will be responsible for rehabilitating the area and for any future problems, said Mr. Hallett.

He expects the public hearings to take about 36 weeks, likely held every other Wednesday night.

Advertisements in the local media looking for more public input into the committee type hearings has produced requests from five groups and residents to sit on the committee, said Mr. Hallett's assistant Jillian Daifern.

Eco Logic is still looking for an independent chairperson of the committee and for a site to hold the meetings.

Although no formal application has yet been made to the MOE that may come in the near future.

Reclamation Systems feel the dump is possible, said Mr. Hallett.

"If it didn't continue to be a viable operation, they'd withdraw their money from it."



Seeing eye to eye

Students of Stewarttown Public School have been hard at work preparing to stage their production of Little Orphan Annie at the John Elliott Theatre next week. Among the principal characters are Tara Hamilton (right) as Annie, and Kristy Johnson as

mean Miss Hannigan, who will face a head-to-head confrontation in the production. Obviously, they have the icy stares down pat. The Stewarttown production runs April 12, 13 and 14 at the John Elliott Theatre, with curtain call set for 7:30 p.m.

Workers on \$100 strike pay

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

Over 400 members of the Canadian Auto Workers Union are still walking the picket lines at Standard Products and Smith and Stone in Georgetown.

Smith and Stone's 270 workers walked off the job March 6 demanding better pensions, cost of living allowance and better wages.

It was the first time in 15 years Smith and Stone employees have gone on strike.

Almost 150 workers at Standard Products followed suit a week later. Pensions, wages, sick and accident pay and long term disability pay figured large in the negotiations.

Now, with both strikes going for a month, two different pictures are emerging.

At Smith and Stone, workers on the picket line yesterday were disgruntled.

Two strikers were arrested Tuesday and charged with obstructing justice and mischief.

Morale, according to picketer Mark Hancock, is low.

At Standard Products, workers recently held an information meeting and a deal came close to being struck, but it fell through, said Local 876 President Gerry Klatt.

On both picket lines, workers are surviving on \$100 a week strike pay.

Mr. Hancock said some people have quit their jobs at Smith and Stone and gone to work at Curwood Packaging, which recently endured a six-week long strike. Workers also quit their jobs during the Curwood strike, leaving positions open.

Mr. Hancock said the workers haven't heard anything from their own union or the company.

He said he's "getting fed up."

"I'm anxious for a settlement," he said, sitting in a makeshift tent at the entrance to Smith and Stone.

The police are called out to the picket lines "four or five times a day," when cars can't get through, he said.

He said his union has had no information meetings. "We haven't heard anything since Day 1."

Mr. Hancock is angry at the union



Almost 150 workers remain on the picket lines at Standard Products on Guelph Street. Local 876 of the Canadian Auto Workers Union walked out for the first time in 23 years March 13 demanding better sick and accident pay, long term disability benefits and better pensions. Here, one Standard Products Worker gets the help of a tot guarding the picket lines. (Herald photo)

"for not telling us what's happened," and at the company because he thinks management is doing their jobs.

Asked if he could relay a message to the two sides, Mr. Hancock said: "I'd tell them to get their s... together. They're getting their paycheques every week. We'd like ours."

At Standard Products, morale is still high, according to picket captain Rosmary Gale.

The union held an information

meeting recently and Chief Negotiator Mike McKinnon drops in to the picket lines from time to time, she said.

The flow of information has been good since the workers became organized, she said.

She is not aware of anyone who has quit their jobs, but a number of workers have taken other positions until the strike is over, said the single mother.

"You use your savings. You never make that up but that's what you've got to do - survive," she said.

"It's tough, but everybody does it," she added.

"The less money you have in your pocket the less you have to spend."

Workers are planning a barbecue on the picket lines later this week.

Ms. Gale thinks this is just the first of a series of strikes which will occur at contract time at Standard Products from now on. Workers have never struck Standard Products in the past, but now with some strike experience under their belts the union might be more apt to take action next time, she said.

Standard Products management offered a terse "no comment" when questioned about negotiations Tuesday.

Mr. Klatt said negotiations last Thursday almost ended the strike. "We thought it was all over," he said.

But a dispute over the cost of living allowance needs to be settled, he said.

Both the company and the union have moved on the crucial issue of pensions, he said.

There are no meetings scheduled with management but Mr. Klatt hopes to get back to the bargaining table next week.

At Smith and Stone, the two sides have not met since the first day of the strike, said Mr. Hancock.

He is not aware of any other meetings scheduled. Union Chief Negotiator Bruce Davidson and Smith and Stone company officials were not available for comment Tuesday.

APRIL 9:

Crazy boats ready to launch

Slip on your lifejackets and grab a paddle. It's crazy boat season and the usual zany flotilla of home-spun wood and rubber craft will be launched April 9.

But get your directions straight. Because of Tenth Line irrigation works at Sheridan Nurseries, the start-off point has been changed.

Crazy Boats are now starting from Terra Cotta at the park at 1 p.m., winding their way down to the finish line at the Main Street bridge in Glen Williams. Canoes will continue to use the Cheltenham starting point and begin their journey at noon.

This annual spring madcap is for amateur boat builders and frustrated sea farers of all description. Awards will be given out by the host of the event, the Lions Club of Georgetown, in a variety of categories.

There is an award for the first to cross the finish line in the two man canoes, first prize for home made crafts and first to cross the finish line. Boats of all types including rubber rafts are in a category of their

own, eligible for prizes as are community service club entries.

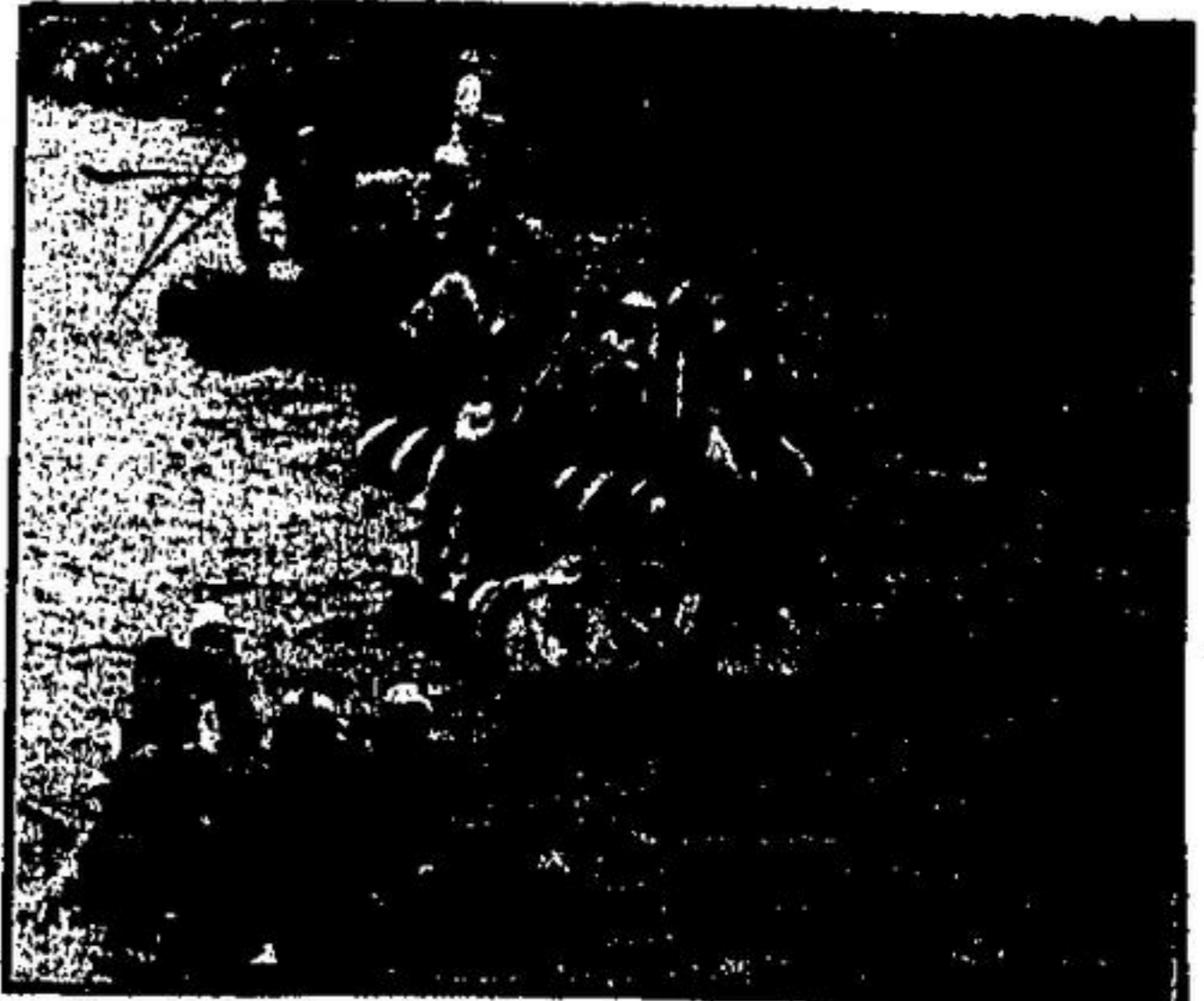
More than ever, the Lions Club is concerned about safety and alcohol is prohibited by law and race rules. If the water conditions are deemed dangerous by the race organizers, the event will be cancelled so stay tuned to CFNY-FM and other radio stations on race day.

Crewmates can celebrate after the event with a victory dance at the Acton Legion beginning at 8:30 p.m. For dance tickets call 877-0350. Awards will be presented at the victory dance at 10 p.m.

The race is also a fund-raising event for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada to help them in their search for cause and cure of this disorder of the nervous system.

Entrants who find sponsors for MS worth more than \$50 will have their entry fee of \$10 waived.

The race is the 21st annual running of the Credit River and registration begins at 10:30 a.m. race day. Registration forms and information on the race can be received by calling 877-7741, -7901 or -0352.



Mayhem returns to the Credit River this Saturday for the annual Crazy Boat Race hosted by the Georgetown Lions Club.