Campers allowed for Highland Games

Overnight camping will be allowed this year at the Highland Games despite town bylaws. Councillor Pam Johnston told colleagues May

24 that the town should allow camping at the games, shouldn't assume

The two-year agreement includes

increases in pensions to people

who've been at Smith and Stone

since the 1940s, said Mr. Doherty.

Previously, raises in pensions could

Pensions at Smith and Stone are

"still lagging behind but it's a step ir

Production workers received a 3c

cent-an-hour raise in each of the two

years of the contract and skilled

workers received 50 cent and 45 cent

raises respectively, said Mr. Doher-

Vacation benefits were also in-

creased to \$30 a week, times the

allowance remained capped at 20

cents a year, said Mr Doherty. The

union wanted to remove the cap on

on Monday (June 20) and the re-

mainder will be called back in

During the strike just under 10 per

cent of the workers actually quit

their jobs to find work elsewhere, he

to survive by finding part time jobs

Picketers received just \$100 a

Mr. Doherty admitted workers dld get discouraged during the strike,

Company officials were not

available to comment on the strike

However, most workers managed

stages, said Mr. Doherty.

during the strike.

at press time.

week during the strike.

but they stuck logether."

number of years serviced, he said.

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the right direction," he said.

Long strike over

Smith & Stone makes deal with workers

The longest strike in recent history in Georgetown is over.

About 270 workers at Smith and Stone voted 72 per cent in favor of accepting a contract offer by the company in a vote at 1 p.m. Friday, only date back as far as 1970, he June 17, said Canadian Auto said Workers Union Local 1421 President John Doherty.

Workers at Smith and Stone walked off the job March 6 demanding better pensions, increased vacation benefits, better cost of living allowances and higher wages.

They were joined on the picket lines just one week later by fellow CAW members at Standard Products who also fingered pensions as the major point of contention in their negotiations.

Standard Products workers went back to work April 26 but negotiations between the CAW and Smith and Stone proved fruitless until the two sides got together June 14.

Bargaining began on Tuesday and wrapped up with a contract offer at 3 a.m. Friday, said Mr. Doherty.

"The timing was right," he said. "Both sides said we wouldn't leave until we hammered (an agreement)

"I think it was by mutual consent that we settled," said Mr. Doherty.

Negotiations started when management at Smith and Stone approached the Ministry of Labor and a meeting was arranged by the deputy minister, said Mr. Doherty.

However, no provincial mediator was present during the marathon bargaining session which led to the contract settlement, he said.

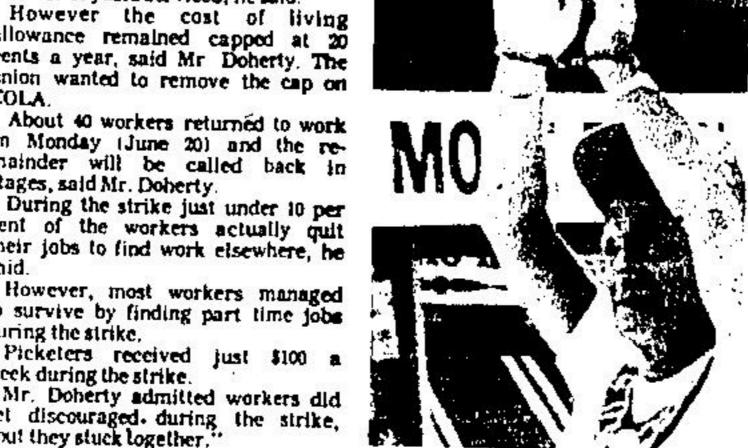
A local Georgetown balloon company will release 10,000 balloons into responsibility for liability for the air to mark the BIG (Business In damages as a result of the camping. Georgetown) celebration Saturday. Up. Up and Away employee Trudy Thomas said the send-off is the

> The 106-home Relisco subdivision in Georgetown West was approved by the town's general purpose committee June 6. The 26-acre property will be developed within the expanded boundaries in Georgetown. It lies west of Moore Park, south of Highway 7 and north of the CNR Guelph Line.

largest she knows of in Ontario

A proposal by the town of Halton Hills to buy 41/2 miles of abandoned railway line has become a contentious issue with residents who live along the track. The town has a chance to purchase the abandoned railway line from the Canadian National Railway for just \$5,000. But Alf Spence, who lives in front of the track, said the area is a convergence point for "drug addicts, drunks, mini-bikers, skidoos" and "other noisy activities." Mayor Russ Miller said while he realizes residents might prefer to buy the abandoned tracks, he's concerned about the cost of cleaning and policing the arca.

For the first time in recent memory, algas were posted on Fairy Lake warning prospective swimmers to take the plunge at their own risk. The fecal bacteria count in Fairy Lake near the wading pool where the new beach was created, exceeded government guidelines.



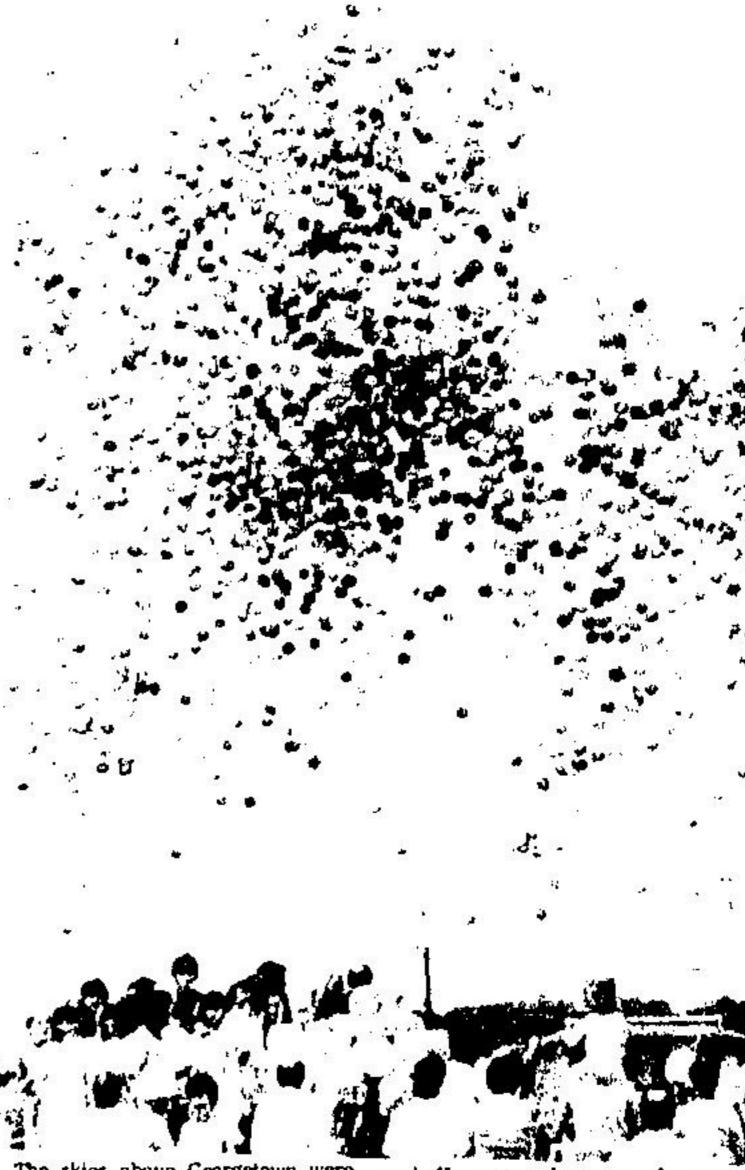
North York Mayor Mel Lastman found out (in no uncertain terms) that it really is worth the drive to Ac-

"Swim at your own risk" signs were posted Monday, at the request of the Regional Department of Health, said Halton Hills Recreation Direc-

June

tor Tom Shepard.

Flash fire at Standard Products causes \$15,000 damage: A flash fire at Standard Products on Guelph Street caused at least \$15,000 damage June 18. The fire, which began about 8 p.m., was likely caused when vapor from glue or resins ignited, said fire officials. The fire was virtually out when officials arrived, after the sprinkler system was activated.



The skies above Georgetown were alive with color as 10,000 heliumfilled balloons were released as part of the BIG celebrations. The balloon

send-off was only one of special events designed to celebrate Business In Georgetown.

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