

Strike finally ends



The seven-week long Standard Products strike ended April 28 when the two sides settled their cost of living allowance (COLA) dispute. The 150 members of the Canadian Auto Workers Local 876 walked off the job March 13 in the first strike of the company's 28-year history. They returned to work Monday.

If approved by Acton seniors, a proposal for a centre for those aged 54 and over could go to the provincial government, said Gerald Rennie, Halton Hills town councillor and chairman of the Acton Seniors Community Centre Committee. Mr. Rennie said input would be received by surveying the area's 1,200 seniors.

The Town of Halton Hills agreed to pay former Administrative-Clerk Joe Simon, fired from his post last Nov. 23, "double" the amount originally offered, according to Mayor Russ Miller. Mr. Simon, whose salary as clerk was \$58,000 a year, was originally offered \$15,000 severance pay and \$6,500 relocation pay.

Two men armed with rifles forced customers to lie on the floor while they robbed the Halton Community Credit Union in Acton May 5. Halton Regional Police say one suspect held the eight customers on the floor at

gunpoint while the second searched the Credit Union for cash. The pair fled with an undetermined amount of money.

Even if all the leachate produced at the proposed Acton quarry landfill site was dumped into the Georgetown water supply at once, the drinking water quality would still be within government guidelines, a consultant for the dump proponents said Tuesday. Vern Dixon told the Proposed Acton Landfill Study Group and about 20 onlookers that Acton and Georgetown water would not be contaminated if the landfill project went through.

MP John McDermid will run in the Brampton riding when his former riding of Brampton-Georgetown is split in the next election. He said at a Saturday press conference that the decision to choose Brampton over Halton-Peel came after a great deal of "soul-searching."



John McDermid ended months of speculation when he announced he would run in the riding of Brampton in the federal election. After redistribution of the original

Brampton-Georgetown riding into three separate ridings, Mr. McDermid had his choice of which he would run in.



Halton Regional Police recovered over \$17,000 in stolen firearms and ammunition following a raid on a house near Acton. Three people were arrested and charged with a variety of offences, including the armed hold-ups of the Acton Credit Union and Canada Trust in Georgetown.

Police recover arsenal

Police displayed an impressive array of rifles, shotguns, ammunition and hunting gear Friday, after two men and a woman were arrested following a hold-up at Canada Trust on Main Street in Georgetown May 11.

Louis Jean Longpre, 36, Pierre Milot, 24 and Lorraine Brideau, 24, all of the Greater Montreal area, were apprehended in their compact car on College Street at John Street after police blocked off their getaway route.

The three were held in custody until a bail hearing yesterday (Tuesday).

The other charges stem from a hold-up of the Acton Credit Union May 5 and a break-and-enter in the Halton Outdoor Shop at 158 Main Street in Milton May 10.

Over \$17,000 in guns and ammunition were taken from the outdoor store.

Uniformed, and plain clothed police moved in after a phone call from a witness revealed the robbery was in progress, said Sgt. Ron Welsh.

The robbers surrendered without a fight.

Mr. Longpre and Mr. Milot are currently on parole for an armed robbery conviction in Quebec.

The robberies in Acton and Georgetown were very similar. In both cases two men went into the banks armed with at least one sawed-off rifle and ordered customers and employees to lie down on the floor. One robber trained his weapon on the people while the other scooped cash from the bank's drawers.

Halton Outdoor Shop owner Brian Farrell said the robbers forced the lock open on the front door in his shop on Tuesday and made off with a large number of guns and ammunition that included rifles, shotguns, knives, hunting clothes, flashlights, batteries,

gloves, hats, shirts, axes, arrows, crossbows, and over 300 pounds of ammunition.

At least seven guns and some ammunition are still missing, said Mr. Farrell.

Acting on a tip police obtained a warrant to search a house on Yonge Street in Acton. Much of the ammunition was found there and more was found in a vacant field on Sideroad 5 in Milton, said Sgt. Welsh.

The investigation was coordinated by Sgt. Welsh but it included Detective Constable Murray Drinkwater of the Major Crime Bureau in Oakville, Sgt. James Chapman and Detective Constable Bob Andrews.

The stash of ammunition is the biggest array of illegal arms recovered in Halton for several years, said Sgt. Welsh.

Police are still trying to find the missing weapons.

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