

P G Bell goes back to work

Striking P G Bell workers went back to work Wednesday after voting in favor of a new contract.

The over 50 steel workers at the Armstrong Avenue plant were striking under the banner of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM). They walked off the job five weeks ago after rejecting the company's offer in mid-April.

But Tuesday night P G Bell workers voted to settle for a "reshuffled" contract discussed by IAM business representative Brian

Short and P G Bell vice-president of operations Paul Gri. The two sides met for a private session last week.

Details of the ratification vote were unavailable at press time.

"It was just a discussion between myself and Paul Gri," said Mr. Short Tuesday. "What we have done basically, is rearrange the furniture in the company's offer."

The company's original offer included a five-per-cent wage hike on a two-year package.

The starting wage at P G Bell in Georgetown was \$11.21 an hour

before the latest contract settlement.

The union's concerns over how a pension plan would be implemented would not be discussed by a mediator, said Mr. Short. A mediator was requested by the company several weeks ago.

But concerns remained about the company's mandatory overtime policy. He said Tuesday night's membership vote at the Elk's Lodge in Norval would decide how important workers thought the overtime issue was.

Two men arrested in gas bar theft

Police have arrested another man at his residence May 24, in connection with a robbery occurring at a Guelph Street Gas Bar in Georgetown during the evening of May 19.

Police had already charged a Sunny's gas bar attendant, 18, as a result of the incident.

On May 19, police received a

report that a male entered Sunny's and took \$2,500 in cash while the attendant was not looking and then fled the scene. The attendant is scheduled to appear in court June 28, while the other male appeared before a bail hearing May 25, at which time a court date was set.

Some of the money taken in the incident has been recovered.



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Residents object to new trailer park at Nor Halton

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Residents near Nor Halton Park objected strongly to a proposal for a 30-trailer residence put forward by the park's owners.

Merv and Doris Barber who own a seasonal trailer park on Regional Road 12, southwest of Acton, put a proposal forward to the Town of Halton Hills, asking for rezoning to allow a mobile home park.

Residents at the Willow Park trailer park in Norval were told to leave their premises by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority because the property lies in a flood plain. November is the deadline date for the park evacuation.

But at a public meeting held in the town chambers Tuesday, local neighbors objected to the proposed land use at Nor Halton Park.

"You cannot take 60 acres of land and fill it with wall-to-wall people," said nearby resident Emmy Lehn.

Mrs. Lehn said there were no trees and no privacy fencing on the property. She also expressed concerns about water and a septic tile field to service the property.

If this proposal is passed, "we hold the Town of Halton Hills responsible for spoiling the water," she said.

One nearby resident said she is also concerned with water, but also fears vandalism. She said she has two dogs, valued at \$1,000, which she wants to protect.

"I'm scared. I'm by myself, and I'm afraid I'm going to have trouble with my water," said Christine Davies.

But a resident at the Willow Park said there is "no reason" to be frightened of trailer park residents.

"There has been no trouble, no upsets," said Eric Bengler.

"Mr. Barber is capable of running a community in a proper and organized fashion the same, as you, Mr. Mayor (Russ Miller), run your town in a proper and organized fashion."

Another resident near Nor Halton Park said she fears for the quality of the community if permanent trailer homes are approved.

"We've seen Willow Park, we just don't want our community to look like that," said Debbie McQuade.

But Willow Park resident Roger Perryman, who speak on behalf of the park's residents, said there is no option for the 29 mobile home owners on the site. He said mobile homes are an option to "skyrocketing" rental prices in Georgetown. Mobile homes are "a good stepping stone to get into housing," he said. "This proposal (in Nor Halton Park) is a small solution to the larger problem of affordable housing in Ontario," said Mr. Perryman.

Town councillors will review the application for a permanent trailer park in Nor Halton Park and will consider objections from area residents.

But until the process is reviewed, an application to gain rezoning for the site is put on hold.

Window broken

Police say a 21-year-old Acton female who was an employee of a Georgetown restaurant on Guelph Street kicked in an eight-by-10-ft. window valued at \$1,600 following an argument with her employer. Charges of wilful damage have been laid in connection with the incident. A June 19 court date has been scheduled.



Gardening Day

Some of those who participated in the North Halton Centre for Special Needs' Gardening Day, show off their work at the Royal Canadian Legion Acton Branch where the event was held, May 24. Front row (left to right) Inge Wittek, Irene Pegg, Judi Leybourne, Tom Turner. Middle row, Tom Lafferty,

Jean Kirkwood, James Hird. Back row, Bernice Hurget, Rick Miller, Barry Cotter, Stan West. The Acton Horticultural Society, whose members helped out during the day's event, donated the plants to the centre. (Herald photo)

Police start car safety checks

Halton Regional Police at 11 Division in Georgetown started serving "notices of report" to vehicles in disrepair, May 15, and will continue to do so until July 10 in support of the Ministry of Transportation's (MT) Portable Safety Inspection Check Program.

Owners served with a notice will be required to have their vehicle inspected by an MT inspector at the Alcott arena in Georgetown, sometime between July 10-14, police say. Owners failing to comply with the notice will be charged under the Highway Traffic Act.

Holes in the body of the vehicle, noisy mufflers and worn out tires are an example of the reasons police would pull over a vehicle.

Depending whether or not the in-

spected vehicle is deemed unsafe or only needs minor repairs, the car will be impounded until it meets MT safety standards, or the owner will be given a list of repairs that should be done to the car.

MT Area Enforcement Supervisor for the Halton and Peel Regions, Rick Auzins, said the automobiles will be subjected to a limited version of the Standard Safety Check administered by mechanics. MT inspectors will be unequipped to properly inspect internal brake components and a vehicle's underbody.

Although statistics concerning the number of notices served this year are incomplete, Mr. Auzins said 119 notices were given out last

year. However, only 88 were obeyed, Mr. Auzins said, and of this number, 25-30 per cent of the vehicles had to be impounded.

MT started the program almost 12 years ago, Mr. Auzins said.

Hockey association votes on AA status

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association will vote on a motion to drop from its current AA ranking in the OMHA to an A classification.

Board members will gather at Alcott Arena on Monday to decide the matter.

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