



STRIKE SIGNS WENT UP at the Milton plant of Rockwell International, Monday night as 440 employees left their jobs to await a new union contract with the management. Pickets are manning the spring plant's three entrances, 24 hours a day. (Photo by R. Downs)

Urge stop gap repairs at pool

Milton Council will decide how to get the community swimming pool at Rotary Park operating for the summer season at their meeting Monday. Tuesday night council meeting in Brookville discussed a number of alternatives with consultant Doug Paton of Canadian Swimming Pool Design.

The consultant had earlier recommended an expenditure of about \$65,000 for what he called a pool within a pool. Council asked him last week to investigate other alternatives. During the meeting Tuesday Paton said it would cost about \$80,000 to line the pool with steel and there was no guaranteed date for delivery of the steel.

Health Unit officials have told the town the pool cannot open unless renovations are made to overcome leakage which makes it impossible to control the level of chlorination.

Even after considerable discussion Tuesday no decision was made but Paton was asked to bring in a cost estimate for a patch up job to get the pool in used for the beginning of summer.

With only 10 weeks to go before the beginning of July council is seeking ways to get the pool open. A major repair job could not be completed within that period.

Recreation Director Bob Small reported that an agreement could be made with Ontario School for the Deaf to use that pool from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for eight weeks of the summer. The Rotary pool is usually open from 12 to 14 weeks. More extensive use of the OSD pool has been discouraged because of maintenance work and overtime that OSD employees would have to

work.

Small encouraged council to make a decision soon because OSD was waiting to make arrangements and swimming pool guards and instructors were to see if they should look elsewhere for employment this summer.

Councillors Don Gordon and Art Melanson encouraged council to seek an immediate stop-gap measure to get the pool in operation this season and consider what long term measures could be considered later.

Paton reported further study of the pool shows the pool bottom rests on a cement slab which is supported by footings. After learning that he suggested the pool within a pool may not be a conceivable solution. He suggested the pool bottom may have to be knocked out and a new one installed.

Affects 440 men

Rockwell is on strike

Union employees at the Milton leaf spring plant of Rockwell International of Canada Ltd. went out on strike at 7:30 p.m. Monday to press for a new contract.

About 440 employees are affected.

The last three-year contract with Local 1067, United Auto Workers expired March 15 and an extension had been granted while negotiations continued. Expiry date on the extension allowed the workers to legally strike Saturday, April 13 but they held off until Monday evening. (Strikers told this newspaper that if the strike had started Saturday they

would not have been paid for the Good Friday holiday.)

Negotiations have been going on since the middle of January. Union spokesmen said they were negotiating for a "better package—including both wages and fringe benefits." They declined to be more specific.

Strikers have been organized into four-hour shifts and groups of men carrying placards are picketing at all three entrances to the plant—two on Steeles Ave. and one on Martin St. Tuesday morning the men on the line reported "no problems" and only salaried personnel are being

allowed into the plant and office.

Union president Alex Petrie and chairman Bill Zilio were both in Toronto and not available for comment Tuesday.

There were about 100 men working on the evening shift when the strike was called at 7:30 p.m. Monday. They left their jobs half way through the shift.

The strike has also held up work on Rockwell's current plant expansion program. A \$3,000,000, 72,000 square foot addition is under construction at the west side of the plant but the union workmen did not cross the UAW picket lines.

Here and There in Brief

All or nothing?

Has double yolkers

Last week Edith Ferrier of Bruce St. reported getting an egg without a yolk. She suggested the area farmer who sold her the eggs must have a hen who is falling down on the job.

For every lazy hen there are several somewhere working overtime, producing above and beyond the call of duty. A Norval woman called The Champion Thursday to say she had found two yolks in each of the first eight eggs she opened from a dozen purchased locally.

Them that has, gets!

Could win it

Eye championship

Milton Tridents could wrap up an Ontario Intermediate "B" championship with the Port Dover Lakers in Port Dover tonight (Wednesday)—if not, they'll have the Lakers and their fans back in Milton for a Friday night game.

Tridents took a three games to two lead in the best of seven series with a thrilling overtime win in Milton Monday night, before a full-house crowd.

The club was formed in January with a bye into the playoffs and has eliminated Thorold, Caledonia and Ayr enroute to the Ontario title. They are Milton's first intermediate team in several years.

Skeleton

Identity is mystery

The bones found by workmen April 1 near a building site in North Burlington are believed to be those of a caucasian woman between 20 and 25 years of age and about 5 feet, 5 inches in height.

According to Insp. James Currie of the Halton Police, there weren't any injuries before death that are visible. The skull was located two days following the finding of the skeleton.

Inspector Currie says there will be no more digging at the site. However, a province-wide telex has been sent to try to locate any information regarding a missing woman. It is believed she was buried between 15 and 25 years ago in the two foot deep grave.

The bones were forwarded to the Centre for Forensic Science in Toronto in an attempt to determine their identity. Inspector Currie says it will probably be a while before they know who the woman was. He hopes the Centre will come up with some clues as far as dental work is concerned.

All in line of duty

Firefighters in jail

Two local firefighters went to jail last week—but it was all in the line of duty.

Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement and Lt. Jim Coulson were taken on a conducted tour of the Maplehurst Detention Centre, which is under construction at the intersection of Highways 25 and 401. The tour, one of several taken at regular intervals, was designed to keep the fire department up to date on the multi-million dollar project, so when the buildings are complete the firefighters will be familiar with the layout.

C. Munroe of Janin Construction Co. conducted the tour.

Renaissance

Five public forums

A series of five public citizens' forums will be held in Halton between April 22 and 30, Halton Renaissance Committee announced this week. The first is next Monday, April 22 at Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton.

Additional forums are planned for April 23 in Georgetown District High School, April 26 at M. Z. Bennett School in Acton, April 29 at General Brock School in Burlington and April 30 at Queen Elizabeth Park School in Oakville. All are scheduled for 8 p.m.

Renaissance campaign leader Ken Campbell, a Milton evangelist, announced that Ronald Damude of Burlington, a retired high school principal with 40 years of experience in education, will be the featured speaker at each of the forums. Damude's witty but

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Little interest in move

Recommend market stay on Mary St.

A proposal to move Milton's Farmers Market from the Mary St. parking lot to Main St. drew little interest from Main St. merchants when a meeting was convened by the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning.

Only nine people attended the meeting. Two were market vendors, four were chamber executives and three were merchants.

Gerry Gothro who operates a variety store at the west end of Main St. spoke in favor of

moving the attraction to the Main St. where Main St. merchants could benefit from the people being attracted to town.

Bring it downtown
He said he had watched the market grow and prosper but noted it created little traffic for the Main St. "Bring the trade to the street and leave the parking lot for parking," Gothro urged.

Gothro and others at the meeting said there had been considerable verbal support

from stores near him for the idea. He said he was disappointed that so few people showed up at the meeting.

Founder of the market. Andy Frank explained problems that would be created if the move were made.

Frank said the additional space would be an invitation to hucksters and could eventually kill the market. He noted there was room for 48 vendors at the present location and these vendors

produce only quality produce.

Hucksters a problem. Apparently operators of the market if space is available.

He said hucksters would buy produce on a Wednesday, peddle it on Thursday and Friday and then cut prices and sell what's left at the market. Low prices would drive quality producers away and leave the market with poor quality produce.

Absence of public washrooms and hydro outlets on Main St. were other problems that had to be considered with the move, Frank said.

Vendor Gord Tuck said a move to Main St. would create a long line of vendors, whereas the Mary St. setup is compact, easy to supervise and to get around.

Merchants Art Melanson and Barbara Haines agreed a move might be tampering with success and it was felt that the effect may be crippling to the market without providing any benefit for Main St. merchants.

Attract shoppers. Both Melanson and Haines agreed the onus was on the merchants to make the street charming and attractive to shoppers. Haines, who operates an arts and crafts shop on Main St. said many people had told her they go out of town to buy groceries

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BRENDA BALL, a Sunday school student at Emmanuel Baptist Church, stopped a while in the body of the church to admire the Easter Lily set before the altar. Easter Sunday started for many Miltonians with a trip to church on a bright spring morning but was clouded by afternoon showers. (Photo by D. Pink)

Region does have power to limit capital list

Halton Regional Councillors will be advised they do have the power to cut capital budget estimates from the area municipalities.

Regional Council became embroiled in a debate during the last council meeting when the public works committee presented a revised budget to the council.

Debate hinged around the question of whether or not the region could cut a local council's budget or simply debenture on demand.

Regional treasurer Don Farmer was instructed to get guidance from the Ontario Municipal Board on that count.

Must co-ordinate
In a telephone interview with Farmer he indicated the region is responsible for co-ordinating a capital budget and will have to arrive at a maximum figure.

He said the OMB had indicated a desire for the

cutting work to be done before asking for board approval.

"That makes it evident to me that the region can pose restrictions on debentures and it would seem logical to do it when budgets are being finalized. The area councils should be asked to reduce estimates, but not told to eliminate specific projects.

No easy answer

"It's a give and take situation. The region will have to ask areas to cut back to certain levels of spending and if they try we'll have to accept it. It's not an easy thing to find an answer to. Even the Ministry of Treasury and Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs would not decide."

Several Halton councillors have expressed fear of having to try to convince the region of the need for projects in their areas. They fear the loss of autonomy at the local level.



REPAIRING THE DAMAGE following the derailment of a box car on the Canadian Pacific Tracks between the Steeles Ave. and Bronte St. crossings Friday morning is a team of CP trouble shooters. The repair crew was roused from their beds before seven a.m. when the box car was jarrred from its wheels, left the tracks and plowed into the sod of the embankment. A crane (top) was needed to lift the car back onto the tracks. (Photo by D. Pink)