

Business Briefs

Protective vest

The Barrday division of Wheelabrator Corp. of Canada Ltd. has received a \$3.6 million order from the Ontario Department of the Solicitor General to supply 15,000 protective vests to the police officers in Ontario.

Barry Smith, general manager of Barrday, said the order was believed to be the largest single order ever placed for the supply of protective police vests in North America.

The vests will be made of Kevlar, a fibre which will be woven and manufactured by Barrday, under rigorous testing both by Barrday and by independent testing agency, the Ontario Research Foundation, in conjunction with the Solicitor General's Centre of Forensic Sciences.

Delivery of the vests will commence in January 1982, with completion of the order by April 1982.

Roy McMurtry, Solicitor General, said Barrday was chosen following a detailed review by a special committee which examined public bids. The order follows the Ontario government's decision to purchase the vests for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and to pay 50 per cent of the cost for any police departments in the province who also wished to obtain them.

Barrday is a weaver of specialty textile fabrics for a variety of uses, including filter bags for dust collectors manufactured by Wheelabrator Corp. of Canada Ltd.



New board chairman

Control of the Halton Board of Education is passed on at the end of every year. Here, outgoing chairman Bill Lawson, of Milton, passes the gavel to Oakville separate school trustee Len Auger. Vice chairman for the next year will be Burlington trustee Florence Meares.

YPC group starting

Perhaps a future MPP will be among the young Progressive Conservative activists meeting at the Laurier Avenue Community Room in Milton this Saturday to establish the Halton-Burlington chapter of the PC Youth Association.

Says chief Ontario PC youth organizer David Angus, "We're the only party with a full-time youth organizer, and a regular recruitment plan. We're always on the lookout; if we see bright stars, we like to encourage them."

Membership is open to PCs in the 14 to 30 age bracket from Milton, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Esquesing, Acton, Nassagaweya, and Burlington.

Among the guests at the 2:00 p.m. founding meeting will be Mayor Gordon Krantz, Milton, Halton-Burlington PC Association President Jack Bellegem, and Past-President Fran Baines.

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Mack Xmas

Assembly line workers at the Mack Truck plant in Oakville will receive extended Christmas vacations this year due to scheduled plant closures in December, January and February.

Mack Truck public relations director Jim Gibbs said Thursday that the Oakville plant would experience shutdowns from Dec. 7 to 14, Jan. 14 to 18 and Feb. 8 to 23.

The plant would also be closed during the annual Christmas holiday between Dec. 23 and Jan. 3.

Mr. Gibbs said both assembly line and office employees would be affected by the Dec. 7 to 14 closure while the January and February shutdowns may involve assembly line workers only.

He said the shutdowns were a result of the general downturn in the economy.

The Oakville plant manufactures heavy duty trucks which sell for a minimum of \$55,000.

Last September, the Oakville plant instituted a program which would eventually see 85 of 350 assembly line workers laid off.

The layoffs were in conjunction with a cut-back of production from 12 trucks per day to eight trucks a day.

Our Place

There is a good reason Diana McDougall's craft store on Charles St. is called Our Place.

The small shop in a portion of a white frame house is a new venture for not only Mrs. McDougall, but for her husband, two daughters, cousin, son and daughter-in-law. As the entire family has a hand in the operation somewhere, it was called Our Place.

In addition to craft-making kits ranging from quilts to smocking and rug hooking, an assortment of pre-made crafts, many created locally are also available. A children's corner includes a do-it-yourself wooden doll house, child-sized table and chairs and a variety of toys and hand puppets.

The unique aspect of Our Place is noticed by the nose as soon as the store is entered. The smell of chocolate, formed into different molds by Mrs. McDougall's daughter Kathy, makes buying a sample hard to resist. Kathy conducts chocolate molding classes at the store, just one of many crafts taught there.

Our Place at 26 Charles St. is open for business Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.

Region retires deficit

Children's Aid Society accountants can put away their red ink starting in 1982, thanks to Halton Regional Council.

Councillors voted last week to approve helping the CAS retire deficits that have been carried since 1978.

Earlier, CAS executive director Ron Coupland told members of the health and social services and administration and finance committees that the deficits have resulted from changes in the way the provincial government pays its share of the society's cost.

In the past, he said, deficits in society operations could be covered through supplementary budgets provided by the province.

Since that system was changed, however, the society has been carrying an accumulated debt of \$51,000.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, when the recommendation was presented to council, wanted an assurance that the deficit was not caused by Regional action and that Halton was not obliged to provide assistance.

Regional Chairman Jack Raftis said Halton has supported the CAS in past years, "usually long before" a decision on the annual budget was made by the provincial government.

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Observe Jewish holidays

The Halton Board of Education has asked its principals to be sensitive to Jewish holidays which fall on school days after a parent complained of special school events which conflicted with the religious days.

Laura Mestelman, of Burlington, said in a letter to the board that Jewish religious holidays can be known well in advance so that activities, such as school photograph taking sessions and exams, can be scheduled around them.

Em Lavender, director of education for the board, said he had circulated a list of Jewish holidays for the next few years to principals for their consideration when scheduling events.

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