

That's My Line



Rolf Hartmann

Baker

Rolf Hartmann has been a baker in Midland for 10 years next month. He and his wife run Burnie's Drive-In Bakery on King Street. They started in downtown Midland and moved to their present location six years ago.

I was a baker's apprentice in Germany. I've worked for different companies, big and small, and everything in between.

We were familiar with Midland before we moved here because we came up from Toronto to this area to camp and canoe. We heard that there was a bakery for sale.

My day starts some time between midnight and 4 a.m., depending on the day, and ends at lunch time or 1 p.m. Sometimes things change in a hurry. I got up at 4:15 today. The bakery is one man overstaffed right now so I can take it easy.

People are more health conscious now than when we started in business here. More demand comes for food with natural ingredients and less chemicals.

The preference is shifting from heavy sweets and buns to not-so-sugary items: more danish than donuts.

People are eating more brown bread now than when we came here.

Everything that we sell is made here. We don't use mixes. Our finished products are made from scratch.

This is a Scotch bakery and we stock 150 products. There are too many varieties for automation. The larger bakeries can use a computer in their

ordering departments. The biggest bakeries can use a computer for measuring ingredients.

My becoming a baker was more a matter of economics than anything at the time. It was an easier way to get an apprenticeship.

It was shortly after the war and people tended naturally to think of food. A baker is a person that would never have to worry about being out of work. Actually I am a confectioner.

I might think that I have a typical day going for me and then it will become an awkward day. The kind of day that I like to see is one with nice weather that will draw people out and I can look out the window and see the cars lined up outside.

We have been training apprentices here for the last five or six years, students from George Brown College or Georgian College.

As many as 15 people are employed here in the summer and about eight in the winter. One employee has been here for eight years.

I estimate that \$35,000 has been spent on physical improvements, such as a walk-in freezer and a fridge, since we bought the business.

The disadvantage is having to get up in the mornings. And you can't go to as many social functions as you would like to attend because you have to be in bed. That's the main disadvantage.

Half a day of daylight is left when I finish for the day. I can go to the beach, work on the house, go shopping. I don't have to stand in line-ups.

Proxy voting allowed

Proxy voting is a provision for qualified voters who will be absent from their polling division on polling day and in addition, are unable to cast a ballot during the advance polls held March 14 and March 16.

To vote by proxy, the necessary form may be

obtained from any Returning Officer. The completed form naming the proxy voter must be certified by the Returning Officer in the electoral district where the vote is to be cast and it must be presented for certification by the person chosen to act as proxy no later than 7 p.m., March 18.

certified by the Returning Officer, it may be exchanged on polling day for a ballot.

In proxy voting, the voter names another qualified elector in the electoral district to cast the vote. A qualified elector may act as proxy for more than one relative but only one non-relative.

Proxy voting is for

those electors who are employed in long-distance transportation; are members of the Canadian Forces on active duty; away from home attending an educational institution; or who are physically incapable, through handicap or illness, from attending a polling place, and have been so certified by a medical doctor.

Teenager charged with taking teacher's notes

A Victoria Harbour teenager has been charged with breaking into Midland Secondary School a week ago and taking a binder containing a teacher's notes from a classroom.

Marco Mori, 16, of Bay Street, Victoria Harbour, is scheduled to appear in provincial court Midland on Monday.

Lucien Tasse, 20, a resident of Manly Street, was arrested on Bay Street Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. He has been charged with possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking.

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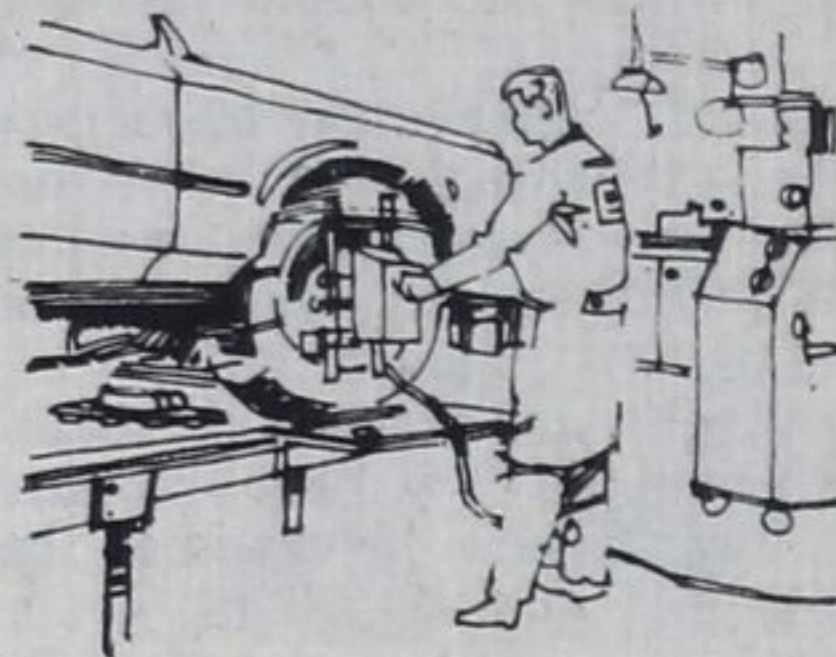
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