

42 workers to be laid off at KIL

by Adrienne Graham Gardner
Forty-two workers at the Kindred Industries Limited plant in Midland will be laid off on April 16.

Plant manager Hudson Leavens says, "We hope it's a temporary lay-off."

High interest rates are the culprit, according to Leavens. "If interest rates would come down there would be more housing starts and more people would be buying stainless steel sinks."

KIL had been on a work-sharing program with the federal government. However, Leavens "sees problems with the program."

"Work-sharing means a short work-week, which is impractical for us because of the nature of our production process."

In fact, work-sharing has had a detrimental effect on production at

KIL, according to the plant manager. "In a plant where a piece-work incentive system is in effect, the work-sharing formula can have a negative effect on production."

Bonuses paid for high production performance by employees were being deducted from their UIC payments for the un-worked day covered by the federal work-sharing program.

"We have seen a negative influence here, and in effect are rejecting work-sharing," says Leavens.

Under the terms of the agreement with the federal government, a firm can lay off employees before contracting for work-sharing, but cannot lay off workers while the program is in effect.

KIL employees will continue under work-sharing until the 16th. After that date, the remaining eighty workers will work one shift on a five-day week.

IN THE NEWS...

Area politicians talk about conservation

A meeting hosted by Matchedash Township, Tuesday evening, to discuss the formation of an area conservation authority was well attended by area politicians, but inconclusive.

The idea of an area conservation authority came from a Matchedash councillor. A conservation authority would be concerned with improving trout spawning grounds and stopping the erosion of land bordering rivers.

Midland Councillor Bill Orr, who attended the meeting, as did Midland Councillor Ian Ross, said that the suggested cost to Midland of being part of an area conservation authority would be \$7,800.

Matchedash Township clerk Joan Fleming said yesterday that a date had not been set for another meeting. Those people present would have to report to their respective councils, she said.

Invited to send representatives were the townships of Flos, Medonte, Orillia, Oro, Tay and Tiny, the villages of Coldwater, Elmvalle,

Port McNicoll, and Victoria Harbour, and the towns of Midland and Penetanguishene.

Coldwater was not represented, and Port McNicoll council was meeting that same evening, the Matchedash clerk said.

Looking for flying company

There's to be a meeting of the Huronia Airport Commission next week to discuss calling for a flying company to provide flying instruction, etc at Huronia Airport.

The tri-municipal airport has been without such service since Garrison Aviation pulled out as managers of the facility late last year.

Coming events

April 10

Easter Ball, Centennial Easter Bonnet Dance with prizes for best Easter bonnets, featuring Danny Lahaie with Armos Larmand and the Boys, Penetanguishene Legion, 8 p.m.

April 17

Second qualifying regional gymnastics meet, hosted by Hurons Gymnastics Club, all day, doors open 9 a.m., Midland Secondary School gym. Admission at door. Watch our best compete for positions on the provincial team.

Annexation

saga not over yet

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"It had been provided us as a sample bylaw. Now that it has been repealed it will mean (today's) proceedings are meaningless... although the township may be awarded some cost."

Meanwhile veteran council-meeting-watchers were seen shaking their heads during this week's special meeting.

Shortly after the outset of the meeting the press and general public were informed council intended to go into an in-camera session.

It has since been learned that session was devoted to discussing repealing Bylaw 82-16. After the discussion, members rose to report and then proceeded to pass the necessary bylaw to repeal the first one.

It was only as the bylaw was given third and final reading that the press and general public was again allowed into the council chambers.

"It wasn't done intentionally. There just seemed to be some confusion as to when the public should be let in," a town official said yesterday.

As for local law-makers they took no chances their in-camera discussions would be made public.

At one point in the meeting, a brief case that had been left in the council chambers by a member of the public was removed "for fear it had a tape recorder in it," a member of council told this newspaper yesterday.

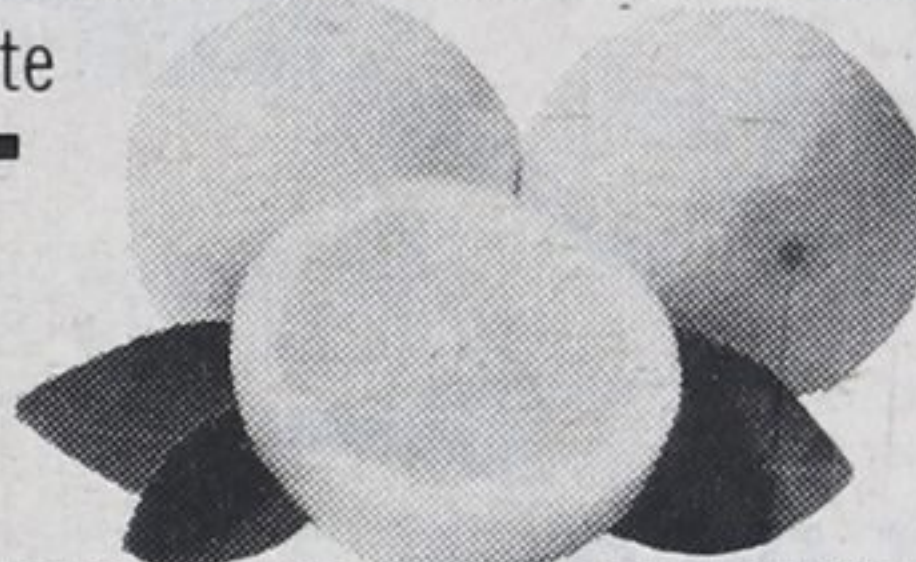
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