

Sold

The Maple Leaf Mills Grain Elevator in Midland, along with the rest of Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. of Toron-

to, has been sold to a British conglomerate.

Maple Leaf Mills sold to Brits

Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. of Toronto, including its grain elevator in Sunnyside, has been sold. Canadian Pacific Ltd. has sold Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. to a British conglomerate, Hillsdown Holdings PLC, for \$361 million.

Local manager Don Simpson said that no effect has occurred here because of the sale.

Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. is one of Canada's largest flour millers, with operations in the Caribbean as

well as Canada. In 1986, \$16 million profit was realized on revenue of slightly more than \$800 million.

The sale won't be final until approved by Investment Canada and Hillsdown's shareholders,

toward the end of August.

CP Ltd. officials said that Hillsdown's plan is to keep and develop all of the divisional operations of Maple Leaf Mills and the businesses of its subsidiaries.

Town has authority to force recycling

The Town of Midland does have the authority to require owners of apartment buildings to provide receptacles for the use of tenants who want to recycle some of their garbage.

Councillor Fred Pilon announced at the most recent municipal council meeting that he would bring forward such a bylaw, if a legal opinion supporting such a bylaw was forthcoming.

Councillor Robert Brush is interested in a bylaw that would regulate the sale of knives to minors. The Town is waiting for a reply to a request for information from the offices of the solicitor general and the attorney general.

While the Town can pass a bylaw requiring owners of multiple dwelling units to provide receptacles for recycled garbage, tenants of those buildings can't be

compelled to recycle their garbage.

Tenants want to participate, but apartment building superintendents won't co-operate, the councillor said. Pilon is one of Midland's three representatives on the North Simcoe Waste Management Association. Available for pickup at his business, Reliable Taxi, for people without one, are the blue recycling boxes available free from the NSWMA.

Contract offer would have changed vacations

Town of Midland public works employees unanimously have rejected a contract from the Town which, if accepted, among other changes, would mean a drastic change in vacation scheduling.

The Town wants the right to pick two weeks in July and August which most public works employees simultaneously would take as vacation. Other vacation time would be taken during the 10 other months of the year.

The expired contract specifies that the employees have the option of three consecutive weeks of vacation between June 1 and Nov. 15.

The offered contract removes the description of a regular work day as being from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and

from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The revised section states only that a regular work day will be eight hours.

Another contract change to which the union won't agree is a change from public works employees being available during the winter, if needed and at home or in the area, to being available if needed at all times of the year if at home or in the area.

After the Town-offered contract was presented on July 9 by union negotiators to the 18 public works employees, they voted 18-0 to strike if necessary.

The union local negotiators had 33 comments about how the public works employees would be affected if the contract was accepted.

The office staff, and the arena and parks employees, voted at the same time on similar contracts. The arena and parks employees voted 11 to 0 to strike if necessary. The office staff voted 8 to 2 to strike if necessary.

Fun and enrichment for kids

"Time Spinners", at the Historic naval and Military Establishments, provides fun and enrichment for youngsters 6 - 13 years of age. Games, crafts, songs, puppets and drama take place in an authentic historic atmosphere. Call 549-8064 for details.



Public relations

For eight weeks Susan DesRochers is in charge of public relations with the Contact Information Centre in Midland. She is employed through the Experience '87 program, sponsored by the Ministries of Citizenship and Culture, and Skills and Development.

Midland native appointed to school position

The Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board has appointed Midland-native Ronald Dupuis as the new Assistant Superintendent of Business to be responsible for Plant.

Dupuis graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Waterloo in 1971. His experience includes planning and design with the Ministry of Transportation and Com-

munications and he was design engineer for the Regional Municipality of Durham.

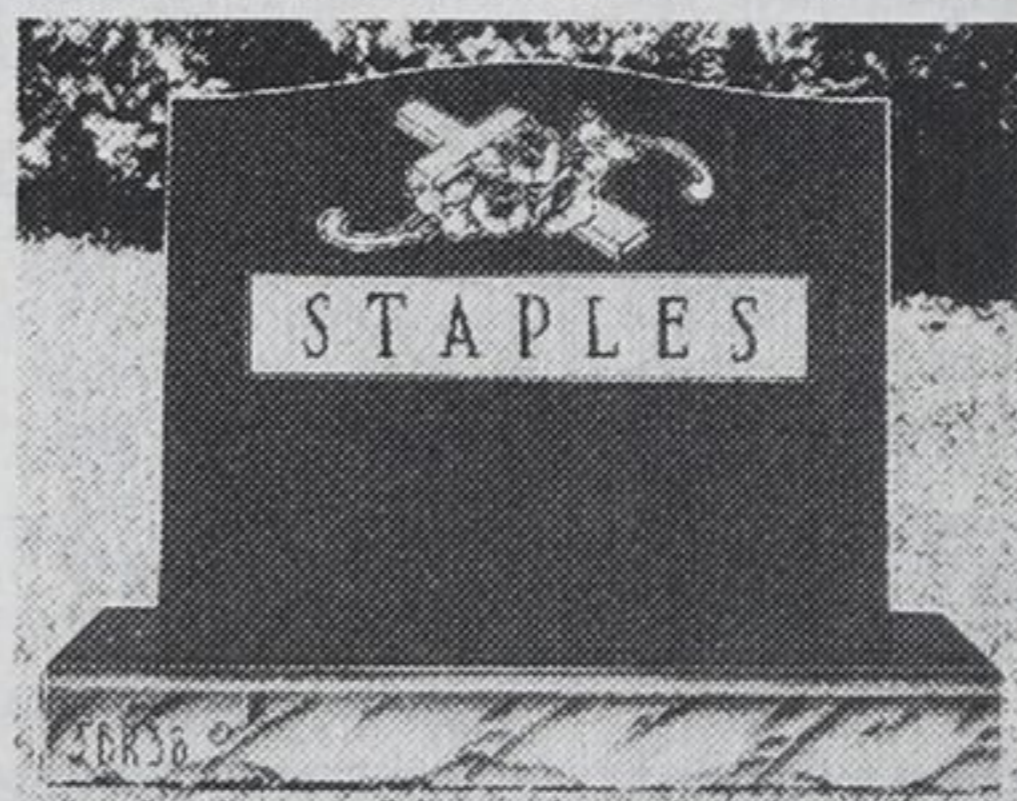
Most recently, he served as director of design and construction for the city of Brantford. A member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, Dupuis is particularly interested in developing co-ordinated maintenance management for the board's buildings and grounds, according to the board.

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