

Grew workers back on the job

Workers at AFC Grew were back on the job yesterday. They returned to work after being on the picket line for three weeks.

On Thursday the company gave strikers an ultimatum saying if they did not hold a vote during the weekend, it would take action.

The membership ratified the latest agreement Friday morning.

The new contract follows two attempts at a settlement and will see workers get a 40 cents an hour increase in the first year and a further 40 cents in the second year of the two year contract.

Local President Bill Heely said a majority of 82 per cent of the membership accepted the contract.

The agreement will also see workers receive benefits for maternity leave and safe-

ty equipment.

Members of Local 1411 of the Canadian Auto Workers Union went on strike on July 7, after contract negotiations with the boat maker fell through.

A ratification meeting called on Tuesday fell through after workers alleged that Grew was attempting to move boats from the plant.

Company president Peter Francis said there was no truth to the allegations. He said the company had brought trucks to the plant for servicing in anticipation of a return to work.

However, Ernie Earl, chairman of the Local, charged that Grew had moved five boats during a meeting called the previous Thursday.

Francis said boats had been moved out.

"That was my moral and legal right."

He said one of the boats moved belonged to a customer who had demanded the boat back.

We were taking photographs of that boat for our catalogue when the workers went on strike Francis said.

While picketing was peaceful, the strike was not without incident.

On July 18, at about 1:30 a.m. a man, who said he did similar work for less money, began harassing picketers.

He left but returned about half-an-hour later when only one picketer was on the line and beat him unconscious.

The striker received 15 stitches at Penetanguishene General Hospital where he was treated.

Francis said there had been vandalism at the plant. The company sign was spray-painted, boats were splattered with paint, and three air-conditioners were damaged.

This is the second strike at Grew in just under two years.

Francis said he is pleased there is a settlement. He said there are more than \$2 million worth of finished boats in the plant and a protracted strike could have hurt the company badly.

Although union workers are back on the job, 21 non-union employees, who have less than three months on the job, will not be called back immediately.

Francis said those workers will be recalled as production picks up.



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Establishments visitors in time warp

by Ed Pearson

Visitors to the Penetanguishene Historic Naval and Military Establishments entered a retrograde time warp last weekend.

Walking down the military lines past banks of wild flowers, stocks, sumach, Queen Ann's lace and Scottish thistle, the stroller would be accosted by an Irish sutler with a brogue thicker than two planks. A sutler, of course, was a street trader who pushed a hardcart containing his wares.

The charming rogue, like all the role players I encountered during my visit, was living his part with great conviction.

The British tar, squatting outside his crude quarters, looked properly disgusted with his lot but was willing enough to discuss his working life with the on-lookers.

Entertainment was not lacking at the site. Strolling singer Jim MacMillan aired some nautical ditties with great gusto. A comely chorus of young ladies soothed the ears and eyes with 19th century songs. A Punch and Judy booth provided the younger element with some traditional drama.

Kids could also try their luck and skill at table games.

The part schooner "Bee" was tied up at the old docks. Straw hatted sailors moved about the decks explaining the rigors of ship-board life to land-lubbers. Down at the military compound a squad of His Majesties 24th Regiment of Foot clad in the uniform of the day drilled and discharged their muskets to the delight of small boys. The administrators

of the 19th century frontier post opened their homes to visitors. Captain Roberts, his good wife, his sister and the servant received callers all day. Bachelors, Assistant Surgeon Todd and Clerk-in-charge Chiles demonstrated their duties in more modest quarters.

The visitors were rewarded with marvelous weather for the outing and seemed to be responding to all the effort that was being ex-

pected on their behalf. Speaking to the drill tram which was suffering a little in the heavy woolen uniforms, I was surprised to hear them talk in glowing terms of their assignment. Corporal's Colin Milligan and Kelly Harness, who were both in their second summer as foot soldiers, reported that they enjoyed playing to the crowd and tried to make the presentation as realistic as possible. It showed.



Sing along

This group of historical interpreters performed 19th century folk songs for the crowds at

the Liberty Days weekend, held at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments.

Hall of Fame

Tickets are on sale for the Penetanguishene Sports Hall of Fame induction supper. And the Sports Hall of Fame committee was finalizing plans for the event on Thursday evening.

Thirteen Penetanguishene sports stars will be inducted during the \$10 a ticket roast beef dinner on the evening of August 28.

The inductees cover a cross section of sporting events from hockey to baseball to track-and-field.

During the meeting committee members voted on the the kind of plaque which will accompany a photograph of each of the athletes. The plaque will bear the town crest along with biographical information.

Also on the committee's agenda was the selection of a master of ceremonies for the occasion. However that decision is yet to be made final.

Committee chairman Vince Moreau expects at least 200 people to attend the induction supper at the Penetanguishene Arena.

Tickets can be obtained at the Municipal Office at 10 Robert St. or from Moreau's Insurance at 79 Main St. in Penetanguishene.

Georgian Manor to add special unit

The proposed renovation of Georgian Manor will include a special care unit Penetanguishene Town Council was told last night.

Bob Morton, the director of the home for the aged on Robert St. appeared before council to obtain a zoning amendment for the home.

"We will be developing a special care unit for the cognitively impaired."

The unit will provide care for people with memory disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

Morton also said that Georgian Manor needs upgrading.

"It was built in the 1950s and is not suitable

for the next 20 years. There is no direct access to washrooms."

He added that wheelchair patients had no access to washrooms.

The proposed changes to the building will not see an increase in the 105 bed facility. But said Morton it will provide more efficient care as residents will be grouped according to their needs.

The proposal is the beginning of a major project which will see both Georgian Manor and Penetanguishene General Hospital share some of their services to provide a "continuum of care" for an aging population.

Council said it would be able to give its decision within a month.

The ground breaking for the renovation is

planned for the fall of this year.

In other zoning matters, council dealt with a request from Don Ealey for a zoning amendment which will see the White Pine Lodge on Robert St. expand from 12 to 15 beds. White Pine Lodge provides private care for the elderly.

Mayor Ron Bellisle described the request as pretty straight forward.

In other matters, council passed a bylaw entering into an agreement with the Township of Tiny to allow Tiny to use the Penetanguishene Arena. Part of the agreement will see the township pay Penetanguishene \$3,000 a year for use of the facility during the two year contract. Not \$3,000 for the two year period as previously reported.