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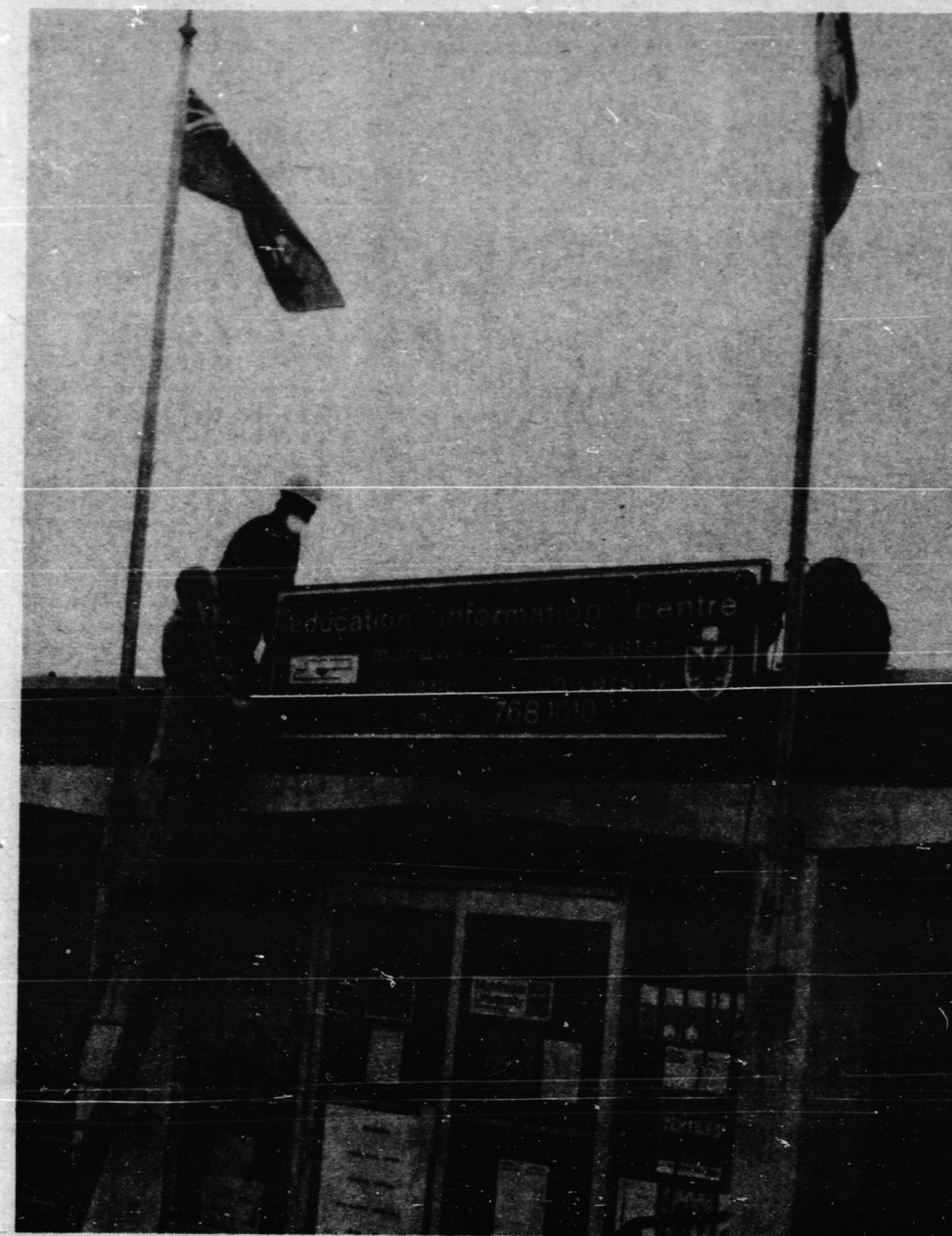
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Donna Crone, former editor of the Jarvis Record looks on while men erect the sign for the Mohawk-McMaster Information Centre, Hagersville.

C.U.P.E. strike subject of council discussion

Town of Haldimand Council revealed its stand on the CUPE strike at Monday night's council meeting.

Councillor Harold Cruickshank informed council that their latest offer has been rejected by CUPE workers but that conciliation talks took place in Hamilton Tuesday morning.

The Public Works Committee has offered a normal work week of 40 hours with double pay on Sundays, with a call-in time of not less than two hours. They have offered two weeks holidays after one year of work, three weeks holidays after five years, and up to five weeks for longer periods of service.

The committee has offered 11 paid holidays, with the exception of Remembrance Day. Workers will not receive pay for Remembrance Day if it falls on a weekend. The committee has offered one-and-a-half days per month for sick leave.

CUPE is also asking for seven different job classifications — labourer, tractor operator, truck driver, grader and bulldozer operator, working foreman, casual labourer, and probationary labourer.

The Public Works Committee has agreed to only six of them. "If a man can drive a tractor he can drive a truck," said Harold Cruickshank. The Committee has lumped the two categories together as one job classification.

The union is asking retroactive pay at the rate of \$4.31 for labourer with an offer from council of \$4. For a tractor operator CUPE is asking \$4.57, and \$4.80 for a truck driver, while committee is offering \$4.25 for both classifications. For a grader and bulldozer operator CUPE is seeking \$5 and committee is offering \$4.50.

CUPE is asking \$5.12 for a working foreman with a committee offer of \$4.60.

It appears that CUPE and the Public Works committee is not far apart on the above issues, but says Mr. Cruickshank, "The major bone of contention will be retroactive pay, and the money issue."

Public Works is offering 30c below the lowest rate for casual labour while CUPE is asking for 40c. Both sides are in agreement at 30c below the job classification for probationary labourer.

CUPE negotiators have asked for retroactive pay from August 26, 1974, but the committee is offering less money than CUPE is asking for.

CUPE workers are also asking for a raise as of September 1, 1975, at the rate of \$4.42 labour; \$4.73, tractor operator; \$5.05, truck driver; \$5.18, grader and bulldozer operator; and

\$5.28 for a working foreman.

The Public Works Committee is offering September 1 wages of \$4.40 for labour; \$4.75 for a tractor and truck driver; \$5 for grader and bulldozer operators; and \$5.10 for a working foreman.

Presently, CUPE workers are making wages of \$3.50 for labour; \$3.75 for a tractor and truck driver; and \$4 for grader and bulldozer operators.

CUPE is also seeking benefits such as OHIP, life insurance at one-and-a-half times their yearly salary rounded out to the nearest thousand dollars, major medical coverage, and long-term disability coverage. CUPE is asking that 100 per cent of the cost be paid by the employer, while the Public Works Committee is offering to pay 75 per cent. Councillor Cruickshank estimated that if the employer were to pay 100 per cent of these costs, that it would cost approximately \$380 more per worker.

It has been proposed, that the contract last until April 1, 1976.

CUPE officials say, however, that they will hold out for the same "package deal the region got".

New hunting licence suggested

The Ministry of Natural Resources has asked that all municipalities in Haldimand-Norfolk Region pass new hunting licenses because "the old one is inefficient".

Haldimand Council listened to a proposal for a new hunting license to be divided into three different categories.

A non-resident, non-reciprocal license can be purchased by non-residents to shoot fox, pheasants, and rabbit in the area from which he purchased his license.

A non-resident,

reciprocal license allows hunters to shoot pheasant in the area from which the license was purchased, and fox and rabbit in all other municipalities, as well.

A resident reciprocal license allows the shooting of pheasant in the municipality from which the license is purchased and fox and rabbit in outside areas.

Council has asked that a representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources attend a council meeting to explain the need for new licenses.

Crime doesn't pay

An empty cash register was all someone got for their trouble, when a person or persons unknown forced the left entry door of Bud Searles garage sometime this weekend.

The theft was discovered Monday morning. Investigating officer Constable J.C. Hanes, reported that the cash register was recovered in a Walpole ditch.

Just proves the old saying "Crime doesn't pay!"

Royal moves to Jarvis

The Royal Bank will rent space from the Explorer's Inn beginning in the early summer, says Myron Barabash, general manager for the Explorer's Inn Ltd.

Mr. Barabash says that, "so far it looks as if the deal may go through, though the matter of money has yet to be discussed."

The Royal will move into the Viking Room and the Explorer's will expand its facilities downstairs in order to accommodate their customers.

Bank of Commerce general manager Ron Siefker says, "It will affect us a little bit, though not a great deal. They are going to pick up a few customers, but we have had certain people dealing with us for years and years and they won't move to another bank."

The Bank of Nova Scotia is also expected to move into the area as soon as the Post Office moves into its new quarters. The Bank of Nova Scotia will rent the old Post Office facilities.



Bring on the mustard and catsup, boys! Jarvis Christian Public School students held a Hot Dog Day last week. Proceeds of the sale will buy new school equipment.