

Mayor defends council stand

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Employees, which represents the workers, had not been able to reach an agreement and the strike had gotten to the point where members of council had driven road equipment in emergency situations.

"Because all road maintenance work will be done through renting or

contracting machinery", Mayor VanDeSlyke said he sees no point in continuing negotiations with CUPE as the present 17 man road crew will be reduced to around five.

Since Norfolk has no contract with CUPE, those hired will likely work at rates set by the township, and preference will be given to former employees who have seniority and the proper qualifications.

Mr. VanDeSlyke said council had been looking previously at this classification change, but

the strike situation brought the matter to a head. He said "there is no question the people support my decision."

Councillor Clarence Abbott said, "I could not justify agreeing to the CUPE package because I have had at least a dozen people phone me saying don't be in a hurry to sign because they were willing to work for the existing rates."

Charged

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that much money left in the kitty, and they never had any intention of bargaining with us. We are the victims of a political charade," said Douglas. "We can only assume that high nucky-mucks in the government made some promises they couldn't keep and it has left these workers in this position."

Douglas went on to say that the OPP is investigating these allegations, and that his suppositions are based on circumstantial evidence only and that CUPE has no real evidence.

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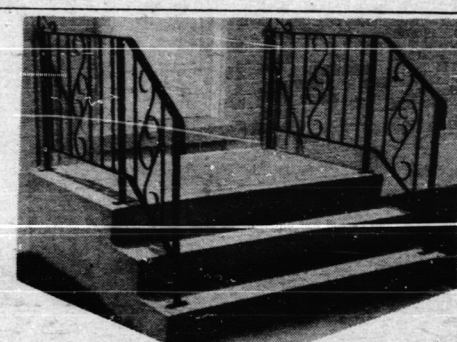
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The A.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. H. Carpenter. The president opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer in unison. Followed by the Genrai Prayer, roll call was answered by five members with a text containing the word "Risen".

One new member was welcomed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer gave her report, noting that all bills are paid to date.

Correspondence was read from A.C.W. headquarters, also a letter from Mrs. Gladys McCall. A reading was given by Mrs. Wolven, followed by a discussion of the questionnaire sent out to be filled in concerning

church union. Mrs. Wolven offered her home for the next meeting. The meeting closed with prayer. The hostess served a delicious lunch. Courtesy remarks were given by Mrs. Gordon Meade.

Pt. Rowan notes

Several from here attended the Haldimand-Norfolk's New Christian Businessmen's Association Banquet at the Recreational Centre, Simcoe on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. when David Redekop, Winnipeg, national chairman of the Canadian Christian Businessmen's Association, presented the charter of Haldimand-Norfolk's N.C.B.A. to local chairman Ralph Teigrob, R.R. 3, Port Rowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lounsbury and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lounsbury in London on Saturday.

Many from here attended the annual banquet and meeting of Long Point Bird

Observatory at the Community Centre, Port Rowan, on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Franklin, Burlington, were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franklin.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bruce LaChapelle had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Rutter and family, St. Thomas. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rockefeller and family, Harrow were guests.

Mrs. Henry Reimer spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Block, Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce LaChapelle, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles LaChapelle, Port Rowan, attended the funeral services for Archie MacLaughlin at Sifton Funeral Home, St. Thomas on Monday and the graveside service in Fingal Cemetery. In the evening they were guests with Mr. and Mrs. James Rutter and family, St. Thomas.

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Schneider calls budget a "disaster"

"The failures of the budget put a final seal on the political collapse of the Tory government," according to Jim Schneider, New Democratic candidate in the riding of Brant-Oxford-Norfolk and Vice-President of the Ontario NDP.

Speaking at a meeting of party workers in Paris Thursday night Mr. Schneider conceded that it was clearly an election budget, but added that "as far as the Tories are concerned, the budget is a disaster."

"The budget is clearly inflationary. You can't run a deficit of \$1.69 billion and increase government spending by 16% without contributing to inflation. That represents a higher percentage increase than the rise in the cost-of-living and what that really means is that the Tories are trying to beat the election by putting

upward pressure on the cost-of-living.

"Not only is the deficit a record, but it amounts to a demand for cash which is 62% higher than last year."

"And, finally," continued Mr. Schneider, "the individual budget measures are suspect at best and, in most respects, do not even attempt to cope with the major issues in Ontario."

"The reduction in the sales tax is welcome, but why stop it on December 31. The sales tax went from 5% to 7% after the 1971 election, goes back down just before the '75 election, and is scheduled to jump up again immediately after the election. That's not designed to stimulate the economy, that's designed to save the government. The sales tax should never have been 7% and it should never rise above 5%. No one trusts

the Conservative motives any longer.

"The \$1,500 homeowner grant is welcome, but, because it is not part of a comprehensive housing policy, it won't be very effective. It's only available for 9 months. Given the current state of the housing market, we are going to see an increase in demand that will drive up the price — and, the developer wins again."

"At any rate, most middle and low income people have already been priced right out of the housing market and cannot afford to buy and close in the next 9 months."

"As usual, the amount allocated to increasing the housing supply — and that is the real problem, low supply — is inadequate and probably insincere. I say inadequate because over the next six years Ontario needs close to 130,000 new housing starts per year and the budget target is 90,000

for 1975-76. And I say insincere year after year the Tories fall short of the targets they set for new housing starts. In 1974-75 they targeted 100,000 and it now looks like actual starts will fall below 75,000 — the lowest figure since 1967."

"There is no mention of rent control, no mention of measures to control speculation, no land-use plan. In other words, no housing policy — OHAP, The Ontario Housing Action Program should be renamed the Ontario Housing Announcement Program. The people of Ontario want decent housing at a reasonable cost. All they get is announcements."

"The increase in the guaranteed annual income for pensioners is also welcome, but it should have happened long ago. How cynical can a government be, to only care about the people who have built this province during the brief

period before each election. Frankly, I don't believe it is such a great achievement when the wealthiest province in Canada gives its pensioners 17 cents a month more than they receive in British Columbia."

"The cost of production guarantee for farmers is something the New Democratic Party has sought for years. But no one knows the details of the programme, no one knows who will qualify or who will really benefit. We will see."

"There is an increase in funds for local government, but absolutely no attempt is made at reforming municipal finances — which continues to be the priority issue concerning local government. Consequently, in addition to inflation and in spite of the increase in provincial funds for local government, the mill rate is going to rise as well."

"The concessions to business and industry show the same distorted priorities. Corporations get \$108 million next year without any requirement that it go into job creation or price reduction. That almost guarantees that the public purse will be fattening corporate profits. Between now and 1977, the government is projecting \$410 million more to corporations in forgivable loans."

"On the other hand, small business — which

really needs help and which is the direction we have to look toward for relief of unemployment — only gets \$15 million."

"If the \$108 million to corporations was being pumped into individual tax credits or further improvement of municipal revenue, the economy would receive greater stimulation and there would be more likelihood of containing inflation."

"Compare the corporate windfall of \$108 million to the individual tax credit increase of \$25 million and get an idea of what I mean."

"When you pull the budget apart and take a close look at where the money goes between now and 1977, you find some pretty interesting figures. Individuals get \$345.5 million and corporations get \$584.5 million. That is pretty revealing when you consider that corporations account for only 12% of government revenue."

Obituaries

Mrs. Alois Deman

LANGTON — Service was held Tuesday, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church for Mrs. Maria Madeline Deman, 77 Queen St., Langton, who died Saturday at Tilsonburg District Memorial Hospital. Rev. Bernard Robert officiated and burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband; daughters, Mrs. Albert (Margaret) Defauw, R.R. 4, Langton; Mrs. Robert (Madeline) Willaers, R.R. 1, Langton, and Mrs. Robert (Juliet) Fasseel, R.R. 1, Langton; a step-son, Albert, R.R. 1, Ridgetown; brothers, Henri and Achiel Desender, both in Belgium; a sister, Mrs. Gustaaf (Augusta) Roels, Belgium; seven grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Her first husband, Amandus Vandenberghe, died in 1941, and a sister and two brothers died some time ago.

Mrs. Deman was born in Ichteghem, West Flanders, Belgium, the daughter of the late Charles Louis Desender and former Elizabeth Dyson. She came to Canada in 1929 and lived in Delhi before moving to Langton.

Prayers were said at 8 p.m. at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home.

Donations to the Ontario Heart Fund would be appreciated.

Mrs. Florence Satterwhite LANGTON — Service for Mrs. Florence Satterwhite, formerly Florence Harper, 69, of R.R. 3, Langton, who died Tuesday at Coe Hill,

was held Saturday, at 2 p.m., at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Langton. Willard Rutherford, Tilsonburg Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses, officiated and burial was in Knowles Cemetery, Township of Norfolk.

Surviving are children, Eric, Cambray, and Mrs. Dorothy Dudek, Port Hope; brothers, George Harper, Australia, and William Harper, England; a sister, Mrs. Emily Doran, England; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her husband, Glenwood Earl Satterwhite, died in 1965.

Fleck holds open house

Over 500 employees from the Port Rowan, Wabingham, and Langton areas, along with their relatives and friends attended Open House at Fleck's Manufacturing Company, in Tilsonburg.

Arranged tours of the plant were conducted. It started with the electric wire as it comes off the big spools, then to the cutting machines where it is cut to various lengths for each order.

Demonstrations were given of blading, terminating, soldering and heat sealing various types of wire.

Harnessing many wires together for automatic washers, dryers,

dishwashers, etc. was also shown.

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