

No end in sight to strike

Hopes for a quick settlement in the Westroc Industries Ltd. lockout were dashed after a meeting between union and company representatives last week.

More than 100 workers from the drywall company have been manning the picket lines since July 20.

Rien Joris, plant chairman and chief negotiator for the 105 members of Local 336 of the United Cement Lime and Gypsum Workers International Union, said he and representatives from Westroc negotiated for about two hours at the Burlington Holiday Inn last Thursday.

"It was pleasant enough when we arrived and pleasant enough when we left," Joris commented.

Another meeting has been set for Aug. 12.

Westroc negotiator David Barnes said, "We're both playing it by ear right now."

Workers have been without a contract since March 31. The union is negotiating for sick pay and widow benefits and job classifications.

Joris said the workers would settle for a 40-cent-an-hour raise but the company has offered no more than 15 cents. Workers are paid an average \$9 an hour.

A short joy ride

It was a short crime for a teenager last weekend.

A car was stolen from the parking lot of Mississauga Hospital early Saturday morning. The car made it as far as Dundas Street before it was pulled over by a Peel police officer for a routine late-night check.

Charged with theft over \$200 is Christopher Todd Evans, 18, of Paisley Boulevard.

Fire at Inn

Guests at the Ramada Inn on Dixie Road found themselves out of the hotel early Monday morning while firefighters battled a fire in the hotel's first floor laundry room.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Although confined to the laundry room, the fire caused \$5,000 in damages.



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What a shocker!

How'd you like a \$23,000 bill?

Few people would laugh if they got a \$23,022.21 hydro bill but Wade Donet did. The owner of Three Coins jukeboxes and pinball machines on Lakeshore Road looked at the bill (which is normally between \$100 and \$200) and laughingly noted he could save a \$1,000 if he paid the money before the due date.

Carl Switzer, consumer accounts supervisor of Mississauga Hydro, explained the reason for the goof.

"If a meter reading is lower than the previous month's reading, the computer thinks the reading has gone full circle. For example, if you saw your car's odometer reading at 50,000 miles one day and then saw the odometer at 500

miles, you would think that the car has passed the 200,000-mile point and is starting at zero."

Switzer says this computer mistake and the fact that hydro employees failed to catch the error, resulted in Wade's \$23,754.21 overcharge. A corrected hydro bill for \$268 has been mailed to Wade.

Vandal ordered to repay \$2,000 school damages

A 16-year-old Mississauga youth has been ordered to pay \$2,000 for his part in an \$8,500 vandalism spree at Camilla Road Senior Public School and St. Timothy Separate School.

Books, cabinets, shelves and audio-visual equipment were destroyed by David Berger, 16, and three juveniles at about 2 a.m., May 18, 1979.

Mr. Justice G. L. Young also handed Berger a suspended

sentence of three years probation. In sentencing, Justice Young accused Berger of "weaseling" after defence lawyer David Biss claimed Berger was responsible for damage to shelves but not to certain audio-visual equipment.

"You were the oldest one there," Justice Young told Berger. "It doesn't take a law degree to know the meaning of aiding and abetting."

Berger must pay \$658 to the Peel Board of Education by Sept. 1, 1981

and \$1,498.92 to the Dufferin-Peel Separate School Board by Sept. 1, 1982.

He can repay in cash or in services.

The separate school board has suggested a work term of 336½ hours at \$4.45 an hour for Berger's restitution.

Berger was earlier convicted of break and enter and causing wilful damage to property as a result of the incident.

Man is mugged

Mississauga police are searching for two male suspects in their twenties who punched and kicked another man into semi-consciousness and robbed him of \$84.

The victim was approached by the two as he walked along Montevideo Road near Settler's Green Park about 9 p.m. Saturday. Asked by one of the young men for a dime to make a phone call, the victim reached into his pocket and was kicked, punched to the ground and robbed.

The victim was treated at Mississauga Hospital and released. Police are investigating.

Boy, 8, dies

An 8-year-old Mississauga boy, injured Jan. 10 in an accident on Lakeshore Road, died Sunday at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Raymond James Risdale of High Street East was injured when he ran across Lakeshore Road near Stavebank Road into the path of an oncoming car.

No charges were laid.

Car collides

An Oakville man is in fair condition at Toronto Western Hospital following a motorcycle-car collision on the QEW early Monday morning.

Mike MacDonald, 24, of Kerr Street, sustained serious injuries when the motorcycle he was driving struck the rear of a car driven by Robert Holland of Lockhart Drive in Mississauga, shortly after midnight on Monday, said an OPP spokesman. Damages were estimated by police at \$6,500.

Teen charged

A Mississauga youth was arrested and charged with three counts of breaking and entering last week.

The 17-year-old is charged in connection with a break-in and theft at Dixie Bell Cleaners at 1125 Dundas St. E. and a neighboring Becker's store at 1225 Dundas St. E. for a repeat performance.

He was arrested Thursday following the second break-in and theft of cash and also charged with participating in an earlier break-in at Food City at 3100 Dixie Road.

Charged is William Roy Douherly of Queen Frederica Drive.



Dolly Borden: 'Like a greasy art'

The machinist's a lady

More women are turning to skilled labor

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More women are breaking down the bastions of male-dominated fields but the struggle does not stop there, according to Julie Mason of Sheridan College on Port Street. Mason says more women are enrolling in the college's machine shop and welding programs but it "will take time yet for them to be equal in numbers to the men."

The welding course has three women and the machine shop has five out of 75 students in each.

Dolly Borden enrolled June 9 in Sheridan's 40-week machine shop program but says it wasn't easy trying to convince people she was serious about her chosen profession.

"You get the feeling that they think married women aren't serious about a career," said Borden, whose course fee of over \$1,000 has been paid by a Manpower assistance program. "A

Manpower counselor treated me like I should be out volunteering at the hospital. He told me I couldn't compete with young people. I got mad and said, 'Just watch me!'"

Borden can understand why machine shop has not had many women applicants. The work is rough and the talk among the men is rougher.

"There's an element of danger," said Borden. "You could get cut, burned or scarred. It's kind of frightening. The machines are really overwhelming at first but once you understand them it's easy."

After spending years at home raising her family, Borden started to work at a garment manufacturing firm on Spadina Road until an accident forced her to stop working for a time. Because she had always enjoyed working with machinery, the Glengarry Road resident applied at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft but discovered they "wouldn't even look at me

because I couldn't read a blueprint."

Working alongside younger men in Sheridan's machine shop has given Borden some insights. They seem more tolerant than the older workers Borden has met.

"The young guys are nice, they don't feel any resentment," said Borden, "and they're not too set in their ways. Probably because they've been raised with mothers who were always out doing something or employed part-time. Now the older fellas look upon me as a threat."

After two months in the course, Borden has come to look upon work in a machine shop as an art where the operator is "taking a greasy piece of metal and making something beautiful. I've also learned a new respect for the people who manufacture things."

After graduation in March, Borden has a carefully thought-out plan of marching up to McDonnell Douglas and reapplying for a job.