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PART OF A LARGE CROWD that gathered for the Manor's official opening on Thursday is seen in this photo, taken during the impressive ceremony. On the Manor verandah are the opening officials and members of the Milton Ministerial Association, who conducted the religious dedication ceremony.

Over the weekend at least 1,000 toured the new facilities and passed in some fine comments on the County's home for the aged. Manor staffers conducted tours for the many guests.



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ONE LITTLE SNIP, and Ontario Welfare Minister Hon. Louis Cecille, declared the \$1,000,000 addition to Halton's Centennial Manor at Milton officially opened. Thursday afternoon of last week a crowd of nearly 350 gathered to watch as the Minister and other officials said the magic words to officially open the

addition. Officials in the ribbon snipping act are, from left, M.P.P. Stan Hall, superintendent Stan Allen, Mr. Cecille, Manor Board chairman Reeve Doug Sargent, and Halton Warden Alex Phillips.

Public to Decide Future Home and School Assoc.

By Mrs. Gloria Brown
The Acton Home and School Association executive held their first meeting of the 1961-62 school year at the Robert Little public school recently. Following the reading of the May minutes and treasurer's report, the executive held a long discussion on the merits of abandoning the Home and School with the hope that in the near future,

new interest will assert itself and build a new Home and School Association. None of the executive wished to desert the sinking ship, but as one member so aptly put it, "Why beat a dead horse?" Mr. McKenzie, principal of the Robert Little school, voiced his regret that such a stalemate should exist. One of the founding fathers of the Acton association,

Mr. McKenzie related the many accomplishments of its past years of service. Many Accomplishments The interest and concern of the Home and School Association spurred the school board and supported them in gaining new schools for our area. They also established crossing guards for the safety of pupils crossing the highway. They hold

kindergarten teas to introduce new parents to the school program and grade eight banquets for the graduating students.

Besides providing many excellent programs for adult education, they have held money-raising events to provide playground equipment, piano, tape recorder, picture books and among other things, donated equipment to the staff room of each school. Their most recent achievement was building a cairn to preserve the memory of the old school. But more than all of this, they have tied the town together in a common purpose, bettering the education of

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Welfare Minister Praises Halton Manor As "Excellent Example of Ont. Homes"

Halton County's Centennial Manor in Milton was praised as "an excellent example of Ontario's Homes for the Aged" by the Ontario Minister of Welfare, when he cut the ribbon to officially open the \$1,000,000 addition on Thursday afternoon.

"If you seek an excellent example of Ontario's homes for the aged, Halton County's home proves the point far better than a thousand words," said the Minister to a crowd of nearly 350 that attended the opening ceremony. "One improvement has followed another so that the present home is an excellent example of the modern homes that have sprung up across Canada."

Hall and Federal M.P. Sandy Best. The Milton Ministerial Association conducted the dedication of the building with Rev. J. K. L. McGowan, Rev. M. Christensen, Rev. J. L. Graham and Rev. D. A. Powell taking part.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Cecille, assisted by several county officials, cut a white satin ribbon separating the older section of the building from the new addition. Ladies of the Rebekah Lodge served refreshments to the guests and organist Bernard Shrubsole played organ selections for their entertainment.

The Story of Growth The story of the Manor since its inception is told in this page from the opening program:

From Thursday afternoon to Sunday evening, over 1,000 guests took advantage of the open house to tour the buildings and see the fine facilities offered Halton's senior citizens. Staff members conducted tours of the entire building and the visitors marvelled to see the lovely spotless rooms, administration quarters, auditorium, circular chapel, basement, laundry, kitchen, beauty lounge and barber shop, tuck shop, library, Hobby Class room, common room and dining rooms.

Many of the residents (including some in wheelchairs), the staff and various county and municipal officials were present to watch the opening ceremonies. Other speakers on the program included Manor Board chairman Reeve Douglas Sargent of Georgetown, Halton Warden Reeve Alex Phillips of Trafalgar, former director of the Homes for the Aged Branch of the Department of Welfare L. E. Ludlow, architect of Shore, Shore and Moffatt, President Brigadier A. F. Parkinson of the Ontario Association of Homes for the Aged, Halton M.P.P. Stanley L.

"For many years the counties of Halton and Peel jointly operated a Home for the Aged located in Brampton. By 1949, the home was filled to capacity and it was apparent that additional accommodation must be found. It was agreed that rather than enlarge the home at Brampton, a new one should be built.

"In April, 1949, Halton County Council appointed a committee to formulate a plan for construction of a home in Halton. In July, the committee presented their report to the council recommending that construction be commenced as soon as possible. In September, 20 acres of land were purchased for \$6,000. On October 26, 1950, County Council accepted the tender of James Kemp Construction Company for \$500,000 for construction of a 95-bed home. July 10, 1952, Halton Centennial Manor was officially opened and about 35 residents were transferred from Brampton to their new home.

It was the opinion of county officials and the Department of Welfare that this 95-bed home providing normal care, bed care

and special care accommodation would suffice for many years to come. Due to the great increase in population and the acceptance by senior citizens of Halton Centennial Manor as a home, rather than an institution, it became necessary in 1955 to provide extra beds.

"It was decided to build a Staff Residence separate from the main building and thus free 12 more beds for the use of residents. In April, 1956, construction was started on a Staff residence costing \$98,500. It was officially opened by Mr. L. E. Ludlow, November 4, 1956.

More Accommodation "Early in 1958, it was again apparent that further accommodation must be provided. It was decided by the Board, County Council and the Department of Welfare, Homes for the Aged Branch, the addition should be as large as the existing services would permit and that this would be the ultimate size of the home. The plans, therefore, called for an increase from 105 to 235 beds. The wisdom of the original committee in purchasing such a large piece of land in such an ideal location was now appreciated.

"While planning the additions to the home, all parties concerned were cognizant of the fact that many of the residents would not be able to participate in the life of the community. Additions to Halton Centennial Manor, therefore, provide as well as large, bright, bed, sitting and dining rooms, such features as a beautiful chapel, an auditorium, a library, a tuck shop, barber shop, beauty parlor and craft shops. The interest and generosity of the churches, service clubs, fraternal organizations and individuals in providing services and entertainment keep these facilities in constant use.

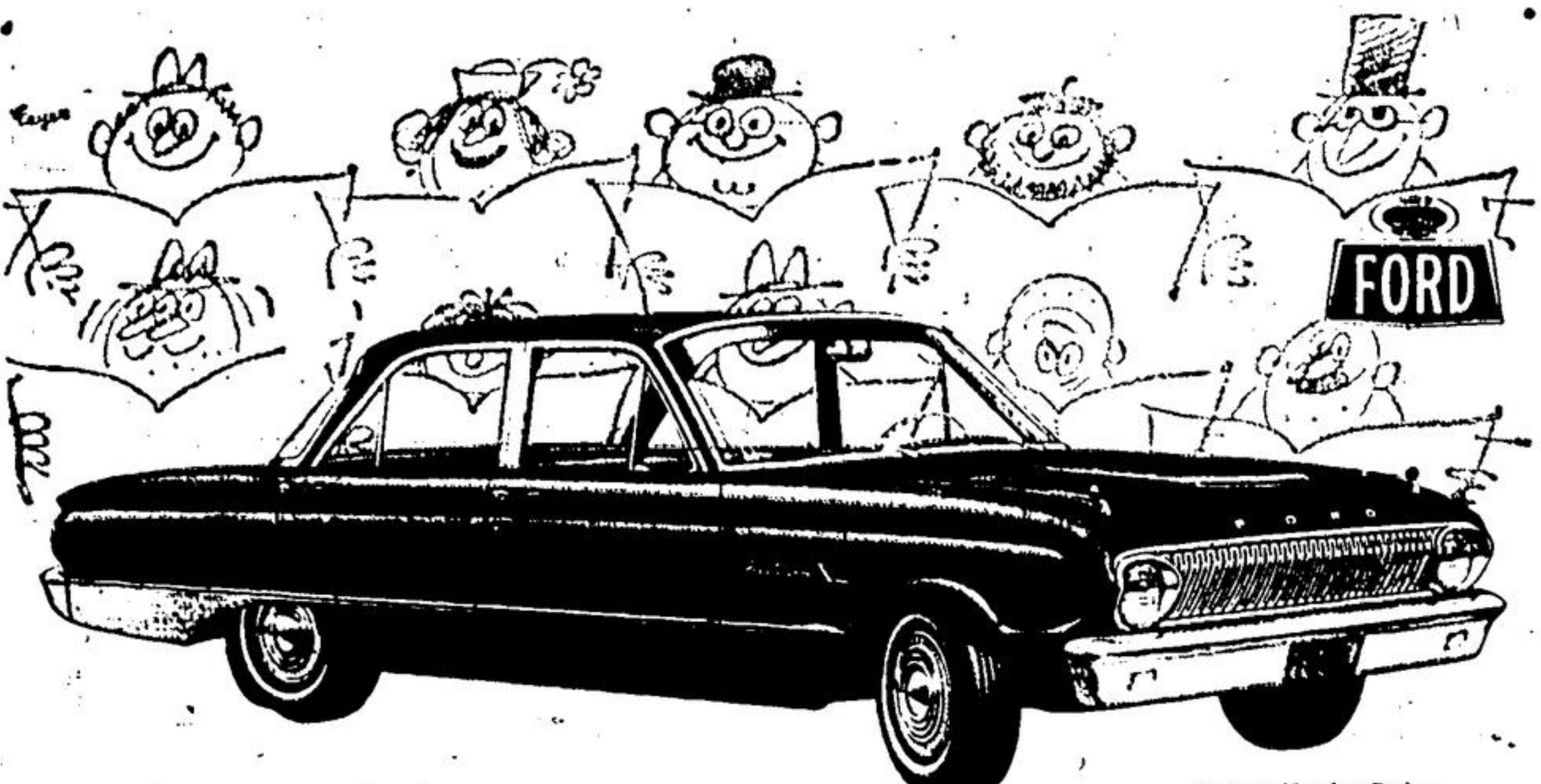
"The landscaping of the grounds is progressing and when completed, will make the Manor one of the showplaces of the county and one of which all citizens may well be proud. County Council, the Board of Management and the residents of Halton Centennial Manor wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the many gifts and donations by churches, service clubs, fraternal organizations and individuals. Their contributions have added greatly to the comfort and enjoyment of the residents."

Board Members This year the Manor Board is comprised of chairman Douglas Sargent, Reeve of Georgetown; Reeve Alex Phillips, Warden of Halton County; Reeve Campbell Sinclair of Esquesing; Reeve John Milne of Nassagaweya; and Reeve Fred C. Tilley of Oshville. Stanley A. Allen is superintendent of the Manor and Garfield Brown, County Clerk, is secretary of the board.

Following the weekend open house, the superintendent reported he received many favorable comments on the building from guests who toured the home and from superintendents of other homes for the aged who visited from district centres. Visitors from outside the county who attended and registered in the guest book included people from Bradford, Waterloo, Hamilton, Shelburne, Newmarket, Ingersoll, Toronto, Brampton, Guelph, Clinton, Preston and Picton. There were even guests from the Province of Quebec and one from England. Mr. Allen announced that anyone who might have missed the open house is still welcome to see the new facilities. Groups or individuals are invited to see the Manor anytime during visiting hours, 2 to 4 p.m. (Sundays 2:30 to 4 p.m.) or any evening 7 to 8 p.m.

M. Bevin Hosts Picnic For High School Staff

A picnic enjoyed by members of the teaching staff and families of the Acton High School was enjoyed by nearly 40, Saturday, when assistant principal Michael Bevin and his wife were hosts at their home at Kleinberg. Following games of horseshoes and football in the afternoon, a delicious barbecue consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, cake, pie and ice cream was enjoyed. During the evening staff member Clarence Roganaldson showed colored slides of a recent trip to Europe and gave many interesting highlights of the two-month trip enjoyed by he and his family this summer. Staff teacher G. E. Luger handed out song sheets containing French-Canadian folk songs, complete with recordings and an enjoyable song session was held. The outing was the second annual picnic for the staff, teachers and families and the host and hostess were thanked for a most enjoyable time.

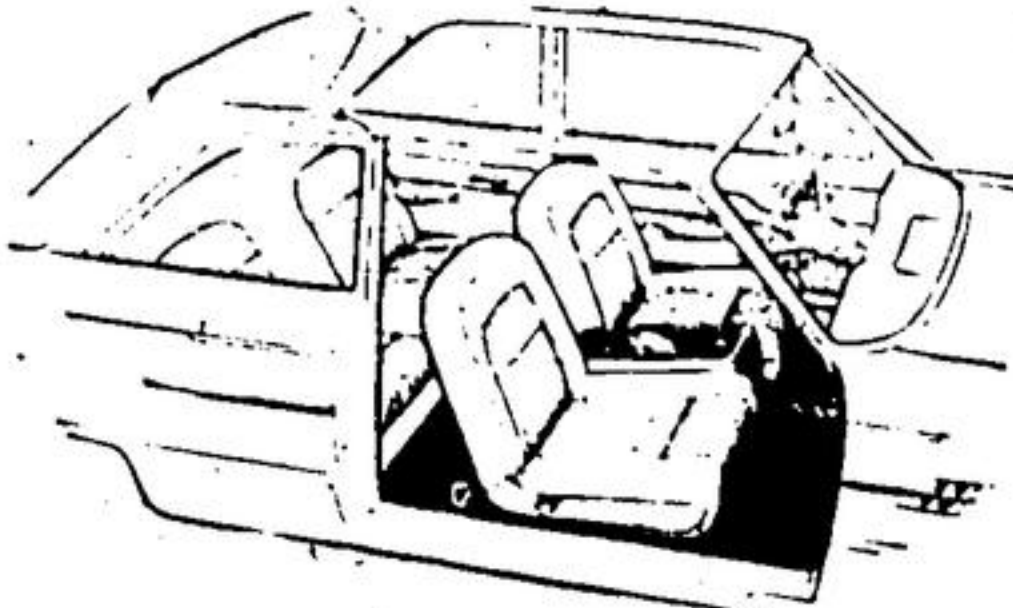


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