

Fawn's leg amputated

Flash is an endearing seven-month-old fawn at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre who must now learn to get around on three legs. One of his front legs was broken as he tried to jump a double barbed wire fence and it was necessary to amputate at the joint.

"It was suggested we should put him to sleep," said biologist Garry Hutton, "but he is such a favorite with the children who come here, we decided to try to save him."

Flash seemed to be navigating pretty well on Wednesday, not a full week after his operation. He resembled a kangaroo as he moved around the animal barn at the centre. However, it is fortunate the injured leg was a front one. Otherwise he would have had to be shot as his main jumping legs are in the back.

Cared for
Flash showed up at the preserve when he wandered into the resident's yard at the

age of two weeks. Mr. Hutton said he was hungry and suffering from shock. "His mother had probably been killed, either that or she had two fawns and only enough milk for one," he explained.

Flash was fed milk and well cared for by the wildlife attendants. He is now as tame as a household pet. Special precautions will have to be made for his safety from predators, now that he only has three legs.



FLASH, A FAVOURITE FAWN with children at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is glad to be home after an operation which amputated his leg. Here Martin Ehrat, a worker with the animals, comforts Flash as he tries to adjust to his new condition.

Big town

The rapid growth witnessed in Milton since 1970 is expected to continue for the next few years. The town's population has mushroomed from 6,611 in January 1970 to over 9,000 now.

Milton's population will jump to 17,000 if the housing developments that have been approved of are in the process of receiving approval reach fruition.

Milton's growth is limited by the capacity of the pollution control plant. That plant was recently expanded and modified at a cost of more than a million dollars. The expansion made it possible for the town to expand and serve a population of 18,000.

Application for second expansion to that plant is already being prepared. If the second expansion is approved the town could eventually grow to 28,000 people.



OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMASSES were remembered by hundreds of visitors to the Halton County Museum open house last week. Erla Brittain, curator of the museum, welcomes Gladys Marshall of Eden Mills to enjoy the roaring fire and the flickering candlelight. Friends of the Museum served tea and cakes as people relaxed to the strains of Christmas music.

(Photo by J. Beaton)

Region sells building

Halton Regional Council agreed to sell the County Court House and Administration Building on Steeles Ave. in Milton at the regular meeting Wednesday. By doing so the council laid the groundwork for a move to a new location.

After a long, heated debate the motion to sell it to the Ontario government was approved and chairman Allan Masson was authorized to seek suitable office accommodation. He said about 30,000 square feet would be needed.

Northern regional representatives and some councillors from the south opposed the move to sell the building until a new site had been agreed upon.

Real issue
Although no one at any time during the meeting said the building should be located in the southern portion of the county or near its current central location, that is the real issue at stake.

A motion to accept the province's offer to buy the building and the land for \$1,850,000 was amended to

read \$1,850,000. That amendment carried. But a second amendment that would have made the offer to sell subject to council first agreeing on a new site was defeated. That motion was proposed by Jim Watson of Nassagaweya.

Revamp it
Ric Morrow of Georgetown introduced a motion suggesting the region should ask the province to vacate the offices on Steeles Ave. and council should revamp that building for regional use. He said a price already given on that project was \$500,000 to \$600,000. He said that would serve the needs of the county for the next five or six years at least and would do away with the need for a second move. He suggested that his motion be considered if the province rejected the \$1,850,000 figure.

Morrow's motion was defeated 11-9 and the motion to sell the building was approved 11-10. After the vote was called on the motion and Morrow's motion Esquering Reeve and Mayor-Elect of Halton Hills Tom Hill jeered, "the Mason-Dixon line, the

Mason-Dixon line." That's Hill's way of saying it's a north-south fight.

A report on the sites available in the region on a temporary basis was presented by Regional Chairman Allan Masson. Masson's report came under attack frequently during the debate.

Tom Hill said it was improper to be trying to say how many square feet would be needed when the council does not even know how many employees it is making provision for.

Waste
Morrow said any temporary headquarters proposal in rented office space would be a waste of money.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington said the province's offer to buy seemed like a reasonable one. He said the current site wasn't conducive to the needs of the region. He said there should be one building for all employees. "Otherwise you'd have guys looking for each other all day."

One of several plots of land considered for purchase was land adjacent to the county buildings owned by Alliance Building Corporation. Masson's report listed that land at \$30,000 per acre for one five acre plot and \$40,000 per acre for the other five acre plot.

Len Cox of Esquering pointed out the province had only offered \$23,000 per acre for the county land and wondered why the wide spread in prices.

Price is up
Tom Hill noted that the same land could have been purchased for \$1,500 per acre five years ago. He recalled county council turning a recommendation to that effect down because they felt the land was too expensive.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said Milton had negated the current site as a site for an administration building when it allowed industry to build in the vicinity.

Oakville Councillor Gordon Brown said the region couldn't oust the province from the building because of a long term lease. Brown also said the region should make a deal to sell soon, before the province decided to go somewhere else.

"Let them go, it's the best thing that could happen," Morrow retorted.

Only two suitable
Masson's report notes that only two of the buildings considered would be suitable. One is in Oakville on the north-west corner of the Eighth Line and Iroquois Shore Rd. He notes the rent there would be \$1.35 per foot plus. He never elaborated on what the plus involved.

The other building is in

Burlington on the South Service Rd. During the meeting Masson noted the Burlington building was only 12,000 square feet and would not be large enough. The building in Oakville is for up to 40,000 square feet.

The discussion ended with the chairman given permission to seek temporary quarters. The council will also have to seek a permanent site. Some members felt it would be two or three years at least before a new building was erected.

McGeachie is clerk

Hire new treasurer

D. E. Loughheed, deputy clerk at Hastings will start as treasurer for the town of Milton on Jan. 7. Mr. Loughheed was one of a number of people applying for the position.

Until now Mrs. Audrey Brush has handled the functions of the treasurer. Under the new setup Mrs. Brush will become deputy treasurer and tax collector.

Other staff appointments as offered by Milton Council-elect were as follows, Clerk Jack McGeachie, Deputy Clerk Campbell Thompson, Assistant to the Clerk Sid Savage, and Assistant to the Treasurer Vera Cocram.

Retain title
Bruce McKerr will retain his title as works superintendent while Wilf Penson and Grant McMillan are offered jobs as assistant town superintendents.

Mr. McMillan is currently works superintendent in Nassagaweya and Wilf Penson is currently on Milton's town work staff.

The list released shows Bob Small as director of parks and recreation, A. E. Clement as fire chief and Larry Arbic as director of facilities. Arbic is currently the arena manager.



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