

Witnesses open huge hall

Jehovah Witnesses representing the 200 congregations in central-southern Ontario opened their new modern new assembly hall adjacent to Halton Hills with services of dedication on November 2 and 3. The 50,000 square foot hall was built almost entirely by volunteer labor on the site just east of Norval overlooking the village.

More than two dozen men rearranged their lives to oversee the erection of the structure with no charge. Hundreds of others helped. Project manager Doug Fraser of Newmarket said the building took about 18 months to complete and it had been about two years since the idea was conceived.

The Witnesses found there was a need for a building such as the one they opened Saturday. High school auditoriums were too small for their assemblies and the demand for halls was becoming greater. It was decided they could use the talents of their members to design and erect the building by letting out only two contracts—the structural steel and asphalt paving for the 42 here also.

Capacity of the main assembly hall in the building is 2,000 and it was completely jammed Saturday for the dedication services with an overflow in an adjacent smaller hall and another seven to eight thousand people in the Kitchener arena electronically linked to the service. The dedication talk was delivered by Nathan Know, president of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

Finishing touches for the opening went on through Friday night as Witnesses were hardly aware of the last minute work which went into meeting the deadline for the official opening.

The building has its own unique water and sewage system, the largest privately owned system in the country. The public address system is one of the most sophisticated in Canada. There are even speakers in the gleaming washrooms so no one will miss any part of the services. Witnesses will be holding

two day assemblies there almost every weekend—it is booked ahead for 40 weeks now—and 14 or 15 congregations will participate at each one. Feeding of the large throngs can be done by the unique kitchen and cafeteria facilities which they designed.

Ed Chorniak of Unionville says they can feed 2,000 people in two sittings in approximately one hour. The Witnesses have long been a model for caterers to emulate and their skills over the years in feeding the multitudes have increased.

"We planned the kitchen and cafeteria the way we want it," Chorniak said noting that the entire complex was designed to fill the need of the Witnesses. "If you could only see the plumbing. But it is now under the walls and ceilings."

The Witnesses even have a filtration system for their baptismal pool which will be used during services.

The Halton Hills Georgetown area was chosen as a site for the new assembly hall because it was central to Witnesses from both Toronto and Western Ontario. There was some problem getting materials for the building and Chorniak said local materials were used whenever possible.

More than 20 similar buildings have been erected in North America during the last few years but the nearest to the Norval hall is at Columbus, Ohio.

"Even the landscaping was done by our folks," Ed Chorniak said with pride. Arrangements have been made to give personal tours of the new facility which can be reached off 7 Highway, just east of Norval, on top of the hill. Contact (416) 453-1383.



50,000 SQUARE FEET of building designed by the Witnesses for their own use and already booked for 40 weeks, the new assembly hall is impressive and one which members of the central southern Ontario congregations appreciated during dedication services Saturday. An estimated 2,000 people attended.

Worry tax concessions for farms would hurt

Efforts to ease the burden on farmers in Halton Region could inflict hardships on the two northern municipalities, Halton Regional Council was told Wednesday.

A motion presented by Oakville Councillors Archie Donaghy and Terry Mannell would have provided special tax concessions at the municipal level for farmers.

The resolution was referred to the planning committee for further study. Milton Councillor Jim Watson indicated the intent of the motion was good, but wondered where Milton

and Halton Hills would look to it for taxes.

Tax cuts He suggested the two northern towns were the smallest population-wise but the largest in acres of farm land. Milton Mayor Nne MacArthur said the resolution would inflict a hardship on Milton. She noted farmers producing at least \$2,000 in consumable products were entitled to a 50 percent tax cut.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington wondered if the

movers of the motion had taken a close look at the tax picture and the existing grant structure. He too felt it was a good idea, but noted the tax picture was complicated.

The planning committee will study the implications before bringing the matter back to council. The committee has been anxious to provide some meaningful incentive to keep the agricultural land in production.

Display at Museum

Why is a piggy bank called a piggy bank? According to Ivan H. Cleaver of Burlington, whose collection of 19th and 20th century iron and tin penny banks is currently on display at Halton Museum, it's because they were originally made of a clay called pygg. It wasn't because the bank was in the shape of a pig.

Mr. Cleaver has collected over 200 piggy banks since he began in 1967. An insurance agency owner, he received his first bank as part of his sister's estate. Eighty items from his collection can be seen at the Museum weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 9 to 17.

Most of the banks are made of iron and tin but in the early

days of "home banking" they were wooden or clay. The mechanical bank was designed to provide entertainment and incentive for children. There are many examples of mechanical banks in Mr. Cleaver's collection—from a man who accepts the coin in his hand and puts it into his mouth, to a dog that barks his thanks and an organ grinder who plays a tune.



Maybe no dump-Snow

Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow, told a crowd of Ashgrove residents that because of the government's recent announcement of a garbage reclamation plant for Halton and Peel, there is a chance Ashgrove won't have the region's refuse dumped on top of them. The reclamation plant will recycle portions of the garbage.

In light of the recent announcement I expect the entire matter of garbage handling in Halton to be reviewed," Snow told a public meeting at Stewarttown school last Wednesday night.

The Minister of Governmental Services told the crowd of about 170 Ashgrove residents the government had not come to the decision to have a reclamation plant for Halton and Peel overnight but it had been under study for some time.

According to the McLaren report, a \$90,000 study by a team of garbage consultants, Ashgrove is the best place to put a regional landfill dump. The meeting had been called by a group of citizens who felt their neighbours should be informed about all aspects of the report.

"I think the choice of Ashgrove for a dump is questionable. The government's policy is to keep agricultural land agricultural so this report must be reconsidered," Snow said.

He told the audience he is in full support of a reclamation plant and thought Halton should proceed with plans for one. "The whole situation is for the considerable review," he added.

Wes Williamson of the Ministry of the Environment told the residents the government wants to preserve farm land and thus landfill in Ashgrove wouldn't

be desirable.

He pointed out the Ministry thinks there are cheaper and better ways of disposing of garbage than landfill. Williamson added the government hopes to completely eliminate the need for landfill sites within the next ten years. He cautioned that the reclamation plant would completely eliminate the need for a dump in Halton but would reduce it.

"The reclamation and landfill facilities would need to be close together so we will have to go back and study things some more," Williamson said.

He added any landfill site would need environmental hearing board approval and thus Ashgrove might not be approved because of its agricultural nature.

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill said the councillors had taken a firm position and "none of you have to worry about us, we don't want the dump in Halton Hills or Esquewating."

"I'm glad to see we have your support for the meeting on the 13th," the Mayor said.

There will be a meeting of regional council tonight at which groups concerned about the McLaren report may present briefs. A group will be in attendance representing Ashgrove residents.

"They have seven councillors from Burlington and eight from Oakville at the region. There are only five of us from Halton Hills so we will need your support and help," Hill concluded.

Bill Warwick, Halton Conservation Authority, said the authority had never been contacted concerning the dump and the site has not been nailed down as yet. The only thing anyone knows is it

will be in the Ashgrove area.

"There are two reasons people are leaving farming. One is the large capital outlay and the other the uncertain future because of things like dumps. Were doing an injustice to young people," said Harold Middlebrook, chairman of the Halton Land Use Committee.

"We have got to stop covering prime agricultural land with asphalt and dumps," he said.

Bill Johnston of GUARD said he can repudiate every page of the McLaren report. Johnston told the audience maps out in 1972 as part of the garbage study showed water courses and Ashgrove. However, maps accompanying the final report showed no water courses and indicated Ashgrove didn't even exist.

"I think the omission of watercourses and Ashgrove is a deliberate attempt at misrepresentation. People in the south will think it's a great place for a dump because no one lives there,

he charged.

"We were all interested in the trend to regional government and what it would bring. It is clear now what Halton Hills got—higher taxes and Oakville's garbage," Rick Symmes, Sierra Club told the audience, to gales of laughter.

He pointed out municipalities will only have to pay to move the garbage up to seven miles away, after seven miles the region picks up the tab.

"We will be financing Burlington and Oakville's cost to bring garbage to Ashgrove," he said.

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BY ALLEN SPRAGGETT

Some people collect African tribal masks, raise alligators for pets, or become chess champion of the block; well, I cast horoscopes. It's more fun and it tells you a lot more about people.

I don't profess to delve into the profundities of astrology on CFRB, but aim to inform, amuse, and if possible occasionally amaze my listeners. (Sometimes I even amaze myself by making an accurate prediction!)

But there's a more or less serious purpose behind what I do. You see, I happen to think that astrology is true.

By "true" I mean that scientific investigation provides growing support for astrology's claim that our lives are governed by cosmic cycles...that the real and often colourful differences in people's personalities are not merely accidental.

The facts?

Well, the great psychiatrist, Dr. Carl Jung, found astrology so accurate in judging people that he often had horoscopes cast for his patients. French psychologist, Michel Gauquelin, found that even people's occupations are statistically related to the hour of birth.

Dr. Robert Becker, a New York biophysicist, discovered that admissions to psychiatric hospitals are correlated with both moon phases and bursts of sunspot activity. And a three-year study by Dr. Leonard Ravitz at the University of Pennsylvania revealed that crimes of violence were significantly more frequent at the time of the full moon.

A Czech gynecologist, Dr. Eguen Jonas, uses astrology as a method of birth control since his discovery that a woman's fertility cycle coincides with the three-day period each month when the sun and moon are in the same relative positions as at the hour of her birth.

These bits of data are but a small part of the evidence for astrology which continues to come from many branches of science.

Mind you, astrology itself is not a science. Not yet. But I think it's fair to call it an ancient wisdom evolving toward a modern science.

The credo of astrology—a sublime one, really, which recognizes man's oneness with the universe—was summed up by D. H. Lawrence:

"The cosmos is a vast living body of which we are parts. The sun is a great heart whose tremors run through our smallest veins. The moon is a great nerve-centre from which we quiver forever."

Personally yours,
Allen Spraggett

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