

Cistercian monastery to Georgetown area?

Canada's first English-speaking Cistercian monastery may be situated in Halton Hills close to Georgetown.

Six monks of the Catholic Cistercian Order, which dates back to the 11th century, could be moving into Georgetown in December, and they will use a home as a temporary base before building a monastery.

The Cistercians are a strict order, founded in France in 1098 AD as an offshoot of another order founded by St. Bernard. The monks kept a vow of silence until recently when Pope Paul revised the rules.

Novices for the new monastery will be drawn from English-speaking Canada, although the first monks come from Oka,

Quebec, where their world-famous cheese was produced. The cheese business has been sold and is now operated independently.

The order first contemplated building a monastery in Cavan township, south-west of Peterborough, but the non-Catholic rural township council refused to rezone land allegedly because they claimed residents did not want a Catholic monastery in their neighborhood, especially one from Quebec.

Milton mayor Don Gordon released the information about the intended establishment of a monastery in Halton Hills at a meeting of his council. He mentioned that Cavan township had raised the spectre of discrimination against

Catholics and French by refusing to rezone land for a monastery.

Milton councillors discussed it and Councillor Russell Powadiuk sponsored a motion which passed council declaring Milton would welcome the order's location there, to show Cavan township was not typical of Ontario.

Then Gordon said it was too

late anyway since the order had either purchased or were negotiating for property in or near Georgetown.

Father Olger Devent, pastor of Holy Cross church, Georgetown, said the monks had been living in Georgetown for a week looking for a suitable site and working on a farm but he had no knowledge of whether they had decided to establish a

monastery here or not. He explained the Cistercians are what is called a "contemplative" order whose life is devoted to work and prayer. They are self-sustaining, raising their own food, making their own clothes and living cloistered.

Most of the monks do not become priests, but a certain percentage are ordained to the priesthood. They follow the rules of St. Bernard strictly.

Father Robert Levesque, pastor of Sacre Coeur Church, Georgetown, says that the Cistercians are definitely interested in locating in the Georgetown area but pointed out nothing is definite yet. He said the monks were here in July and again last week looking for suitable land but there are many steps to

take before anything is settled, including getting permission and possible rezoning from Halton Hills.

Father Levesque is familiar with the Cistercian order, attending retreats at Oka, Quebec. He says the monks are very discreet, sociable, and there only when needed, never interfering.

He says they are self-sustaining, work for a living and would be an asset for Halton Hills. He noted they no longer produce their famed Oka cheese, but are also well known for the quality of other produce from their farms.

Monasticism has existed in the Christian church since the early centuries, and is generally credited with preserving western knowledge and civilization through centuries when education was discouraged. The movement reached its zenith during the middle ages under such luminaries as St. Bernard of Clairvaux and hit a low point during the Protestant Reformation when kings such as Henry VIII abolished monasteries and executed priors and abbots.

However, the monastic orders survived and have grown since this century began, especially after World War II when it appealed to many novices such as Thomas Merton, the well known American author.

Legion news

by Harry Norton



Darts, Cribbage and Shuffleboard games all got started on schedule there last week.

Ten teams are playing in the Cribbage league and 'Command Records' have jumped into a quick lead closely followed by 'Seven 11's'. Team points at Press Time were: 230 Club - 7; Firemen A - 7; Firemen B - 9; Station Hotel - 5; Legion A - 9; Halton Hills Work Dept. - 5; Command Records - 11; Die Hards - 3; Alton McLissac Construction - 4; and the Seven 11's - 10.

Octoberfest tickets went on sale to the public on October 15 so if you forgot to get your ticket you better hustle on down to the Branch before they are all gone.

Scheduled entertainment for the balance of the month is: Friday 'Lounge' October 21 'The Dolsons' and October 28th 'Stereo Roe'. Saturday 'Auditorium' October 22 'The Royal Command' and October 29 'Willy Stackell and his Octoberfest Band'.

Cigarette machines are now in the auditorium and the games room and if you prefer music to watching TV there is now a 'Juke Box' in the lounge.

The Service Officer from the Provincial Command will be at the Branch on October 24 at 10:00 hours. If you want to talk to him and have not already made an appoint-

ment, you should get in touch with comrade Vic Patrick our Branch Service Officer. See you at the Branch.



APPLE DAY and the Acton Fastball Tournament combined... cub Michael Hahn, 8, and Beaver Chris Griggs, 6, take donations from Marshall and Laverne McLaughlin of Milton while Foberts play Erin on the field.

Council mileage

The overexpenditure in the budget for mileage allowance for councillors is due to increased involvement and interest on the part of councillors, according to Halton Region's Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid.

"Our real problem is, we didn't budget enough. We have more committees and greater interest than last year," he said.

There had been consideration given to having councillors absorb any travelling expense after the 1977 budget was spent, but the committee discarded that after discussion and debate.

Regional Chairman Ric Morrow said any move to do away with the mileage allowance would be unfair to councillors from the northern part of the region.

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To study systems



The awarding of a contract to study water pollution control plants in Halton Hills and Milton was deferred pending submissions by Pollutech Ltd. and Proctor and Redfern Ltd.

The region is seeking ways to find more capacity in the sewage plants to handle more development without expanding the plants again, and requires the studies to provide necessary data.

Proctor and Redfern said they could provide the studies for \$9,900 while Pollutech estimated the cost to be \$50,000.

Pollutech would join R. V. Anderson Associates to form a team and prepare the work. Committee members agreed that the two estimates are so far apart that the two firms must have interpreted the region's needs differently.

The two firms are being invited to the next meeting to help the committee reconcile the difference in the two estimates.

PEOPLE WHO go out canvassing on Apple Day are allowed one apple each per day. Here Frank Goulding, 12, and Craig Robbins, 5, enjoy their allowance while waiting for someone to answer the door on St. Alban's Dr. Frank is a Scout and Craig is a Beaver, and they were teamed up for the day.

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Left to right: Seated around the breakfast table are: B. Stephenson, David Craig, David Wally, Walter Wally, Hal Vincent, Joe Irvine, Peter Head, Pat Barry, Henry Shannon, Charles Downing, and of course Wally Crouter with his morning cup of coffee.

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