



STUDYING THE WARES of 4-H club members at their annual achievement day is home economist Margaret Loewen of Mississauga. She works part time for the Ministry of Agriculture and food and was on hand to lend comments on the members' displays. The meeting was held at E.C. Drury School in Milton on Saturday.

Former resident dies in Chaplin

Funeral service was held in Chaplin Sask. for Charles Higgins, a former Acton resident.

Mr. Higgins was born in Belfast, Ireland, on August 24, 1905. He came to Canada in 1919 and settled in Colgne, Sask., where he resided until joining the Canadian army in 1939, serving until his discharge in 1943. He then joined the Merchant Marines. On his discharge from the Marines in 1945, he resided in Lethbridge, Alberta until 1950 when he moved to Acton, working in Micro Plastics before returning to Chaplin in 1970.

Back in Chaplin he was employed with the town until July 1976, when ill health forced him to retire. He was married to Alma Holloway on February 9, 1942. Mr. Higgins was a member of the Royal

Canadian Legion, in both Acton and Chaplin, and a member of the Chaplin Senior Citizens.

Mr. Higgins is survived by his wife Alma of Chaplin, one daughter Mrs. Allan (Carol) Lebarge, Ernfold, Sask., four grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Martha Smith, Moose Jaw, and Mrs. Sarah Middleton, Regina. He was predeceased by his parents, six brothers, and one sister.

He died in Central Butte Union Hospital on November 26.

The Rev. Michael Ward officiated at the funeral service in Chaplin United Church. Burial took place at the Chaplin cemetery. Pallbearers were Chuck Erle, Gordon McKay, Lawrence Drysdale Jr., Joe Plonka, Richard Messer and Neil Hallberg.

Townhouse idea is heard

If 144 townhouses are built behind Georgetown Market Centre there will still be ample room for expansion of the plaza, the Four Seasons Hotels Ontario Municipal Board hearing was told Wednesday and Thursday.

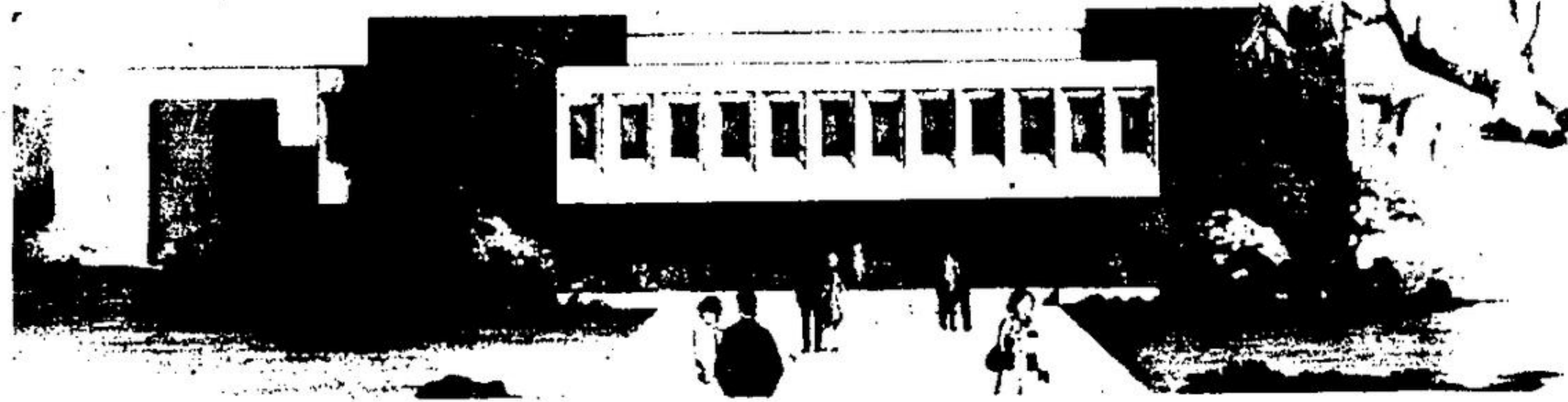
Halton Hills planner Mario Venditti said plans now call for the plaza to be eventually expanded into a 321,000 square foot enclosed mall. Thursday, Four Seasons planner Gary Silver told the OMB even with the proposed

townhouse development, square feet of mall, parking there is room for two million and offices.

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Jehovah's Witness new headquarters?



AN ARTIST'S SKETCH shows the proposed administration building for the Jehovah's Witness national headquarters planned for 64 acres fronting on Highway 7 near the Wildwood corner at Georgetown's western outskirts.

The national headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses could be located on Highway 7, near the Wildwood corner. The large administration building and residence may be built on 64.35 acres, made up of 55 acres of the Lambert estate and nine acres owned by Annette Milne, of Wildwood Manor.

The buildings here, replacing the present national headquarters near Dufferin and Highway 401, would include a residence, printing and distribution

centre, administration building, and service buildings.

The residence designed with 136 rooms, projecting a maximum capacity of 240 persons, has complete kitchen, dining room, infirmary, library, swimming pool and tennis courts.

Glen Howe, counsel for Jehovah's Witnesses, told Halton Hills Planning Board Tuesday night, there would be between 100 and 120 residents in the initial stages. He explained some of the rooms would be for workers

who have spent more than 30 years with the organization. "We care for our elderly workers," he commented.

In reply to a question, Mr. Howe said the whole 64.35 acres is taxable, except for a small portion where a house of worship is located. He said taxes are paid on the Downsview buildings.

The existing dwelling and two barns on the Milne property will remain and be renovated, and approximately 55 acres will be under farm cultivation or be landscaped. The Milne buildings

will be used by landscape workers.

The administration centre will contain offices for the direction of more than 1,000 congregations across Canada, and will include teaching facilities, writing department, the production of radio and television programs, and printing and publishing departments.

Mr. Howe explained there would be no children living in the complex, so no school facilities are needed. The land is now zoned rural, and the Witnesses are requesting an institutional zoning to cover all the activities.

The proposal was referred to the planner for circulation to all departments.

Eden Mills

U.C.W. regular meeting

by Debbie Marshall
The meeting of the United Church Women was held last week.

In the business period Mrs. M. Parker read the minutes of the previous meeting. Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. J. James and the card and flower report by Mrs. Lorna Tomlinson.

Mrs. B. Snow reported that a new large coffee perk and a tea pot had been purchased from Zehr's tapes. Mrs. E. Jennings reported on the success of the Acton Teachers' luncheon and plans were made for another.

A committee of Mrs. L. Tomlinson, M. Parker and F. Thompson to get prices for carpeting for the renovated Sunday School room was set up.

Mrs. B. Snow and Mrs. F. Thompson reported on attending the Presbyterian meeting at Belwood. The Christmas gifts were also planned.

Meeting was closed with prayer and lunch. Mrs. William MacDonald opened her home to the Presbyterian Women for their annual meeting. The president opened the meeting with a reading and prayer and all joined in the singing of Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus. The secretary and treasurer reports were given, followed by the auditor's report and the annual reports.

A donation will be sent to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer fund. Church calendars are now available. Final arrangements were made for the congregational Christmas luncheon and presentation of gifts and cards. Roll call was answered with payment of membership fees. A minute of silence was observed in tribute to the late Mrs. John Milne, a faithful friend and co-worker of our group.

The Christmas meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. W. Lasby on December 13 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. G. Stevenson was the chairlady for the election of officers for 1978. The slate of officers are: president, Mrs. E. Barden; first vice, Mrs. R. Lasby; second vice, Mrs. R. Blacklock; secretary, Mrs. G. MacDougall; ass't. secretary, Mrs. G. Stevenson; treasurer, Mrs. W. MacDonald; ass't. treasurer,

Mrs. S. Wilson; W.M.S. and Associate Member of Coin, Mrs. H. Gilbertson; auditors, Mrs. G. Stevenson and Mrs. V. Montgomery; pianists, Mrs. Lasby and Mrs. MacDonald; courtesy conveners, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McLean; program conveners, Mrs. R. Blacklock, Mrs. E. Lockett and Mrs. G. Stevenson.

Mrs. Stevenson warmly

welcomed Mrs. Barden back to the president's chair and we were reminded of the Post Office box for Christmas cards at our next meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer and song. Because of the snowstorm last Monday, the annual meeting of the Eden Mills and District Community Club was cancelled. The meeting has been scheduled for Dec. 12.

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