

To Keep Residents Near Their Friends

Prefer Putting Aged Homes Throughout Halton County

Halton Centennial Manor Board members still want space for a home for the aged at Ortona Barracks in Oakville and will continue to push for it.

The board would like to spread these homes throughout the county so residents can stay near their own communities.

At present the Manor in Milton is the only home for the aged in Halton County.

Halton MP Rud Witting has told the board that the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation is still negotiating with the Ontario Public Works Department concerning sale of Ortona.

150 BEDS
The board would like space for a 150-bed home to serve Oakville. The provincial health and welfare department has also proposed to establish a regional centre for the care and education of the mentally retarded in Ortona. They use Ortona's main building as well as three for four of the auxiliary buildings.

DEPENDS
Board Chairman Tom Hill, Esqueing reeve, said further pursuit of the Ortona site would depend on price.

"With space in Oakville we could

hope to accommodate all who apply as they apply," he said. The Manor usually has a constant waiting list of about 40 and refuses applications from people in nursing homes.

Georgetown Deputy-Reeve Arthur Speight said, "Can we go ahead and acquire land in Oakville or Burlington when the province may say we have to expand the Milton facilities to designed capacity first?"

NORTHERN AREA
Other board members were sure the only restriction would be to

show all existing rooms were filled and that a waiting list existed. Oakville Deputy-Reeve Harry Barrett said, "If we get a 150-bed home in Oakville, there would be no expansion before we had 150 beds in Burlington." Other members

agreed. Burlington Deputy-Reeve David Coons said the Milton Manor would then become a home primarily for the northern area of the county. **NO BUS**
The board also noted present

difficulty friends of Manor residents have in visiting them for lack of a regular bus service. "Many elderly people don't drive and must depend on others to get them to Milton to see their friends," Hill said.

Census Shows Georgetown On the Grow

New population figures for area towns and townships were released this week by officials in Ottawa in charge of the dominion census 1971.

in the last census to 61,365 this year. Brampton's population increased approximately 5,000 to 41,238; Streetsville was up 1,000 to 6,813; Fergus up 1,100 to 5,415; Port Credit up 1,000 to 9,443; Guelph up 7,000 to 58,364; Eramosa Township up 400 to 4,361; Chinguacousy up 15,000 to 31,011; Puslinch Township up 600 to 3,597.

A Bonanza for Researcher

Says Halton's Crawford Lake Formed When Cavern Collapsed

Crawford Lake, near Campbellville is turning into a gold mine for researchers from the University of Toronto.

Botany professor Dr. John McAndrews and a student, Maria Boyko, 23, recently discovered a seven-century maize seed in sediment.

The form seed is evidence of Indian agriculture in the area.

CHANGES
Miss Boyko, who is using the research as the basis of her master's thesis in plant geography and the professor are studying the sediment to learn what changes took place in vegetation around the lake over the centuries.

Earlier this year they discovered a 500-year-old feather in the sediment. Age of the object is determined by the sediment level.

NEVER RECORDED
"Feathers have never been recorded in lake sediments," she says. "If the species can be identified we'll have an idea of what types of birds were around the lake in the 15th century."

The feather has been sent to a microstructure expert in Arizona for identification.

POLLEN GRAINS
They have also found pollen grains from the same period as the maize seed.

Dr. McAndrews' investigation lead him to believe Crawford Lake was formed when the roof of an underground cavern collapsed into a stream. He is also curator of geology at the Royal Ontario Museum.

"Crawford Lake is unique and something that should be left in its

natural state," he says. "There will be a continuing record in the lake if it is not disturbed. Other people can come back in a century and do the same thing we're doing."

LAGGING
They have also discovered ragweed pollen in sediment from

the 1850's. Pollen grains from pine trees have also been found in the sediment level dating to the 1600s. The amount of white pine pollen decreased substantially by 1900 which suggests extensive logging near the lake.

Mrs. Murray Brigden Was Hospital Employee

Funeral service took place at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home on November 10 for Mrs. Murray Brigden, 57, of R.R.2 Georgetown, who died in Georgetown hospital the previous Sunday.

Mrs. Brigden had been a member of the laundry staff at the hospital since it was opened.

The former Elizabeth Freese, she was born in Herefordshire, England, and came to Canada with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freese, 43 years ago. She lived at Bond Head before coming to the Georgetown district.

Mrs. Brigden was a member of Hillcrest United Church and was secretary of Union Local 145 at the hospital.

She leaves her husband and two children, Robert, at home, and Karen, Mrs. Garnet Moore of Clementsport, Nova Scotia; two grandchildren, Jeffrey and Eden Moore; and brothers Albert of Calgary, Herbert of Toronto, Arthur of Newmarket and John of Thornton. A brother Robert predeceased her in England.

Rev. Lynne Adams conducted the funeral service and interment took place in Bond Head cemetery. Pallbearers were her four brothers and Gordon and Alfred Brigden.

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