



CONGRATULATIONS. Linda Cooper (left) and Barbie Eastwood, offer each other words

of congratulations after graduating from the Little Cherub Nursery School last Tuesday night.

Market Plaza expansion included

Hotel plan a 'con'

"The name of the house is condominium. If you take away the dominion you're left with a con and that's what we got last week; the biggest con I have ever seen this council take."

Expressing his strong dissatisfaction with a condominium project proposed by Four Seasons Hotel Ltd. for an area near the Georgetown Market Plaza, Councillor Harry Levy joined four other town councillors Monday night in an attempt to block the project. However, with six councillors—all of whom represent Wards outside Georgetown—voting in favor, the condominium proposal and an included plan to expand and enclose the Market Plaza received approval in principle from Halton Hills council.

Georgetown councillors were highly critical of both the plan and the way in which it was presented the previous week to the subsidiary planning board by F. Eisen of Four Seasons Hotel Ltd.

"Eisen came out and gave us just one great big grand-stand presentation," commented Councillor Mike Armstrong. "He told us what a wonderful guy he is and what a wonderful company he works for and that we should be aware of it."

"Up until this time I haven't seen any work he has done in Georgetown, in fact I don't know if he has done any work in Georgetown."

"It was an excellent presentation from the point of con," added Councillor Armstrong, noting that the developers had still not

filed a site plan for the project.

"What bothers me most," he added, "is that once it is redesignated they (the developers) could turn around and sell the property. We're looking for an alternative for him. It's his property, not ours. We don't like what's going in there, so it's up to him to put in what he thinks should go in there, on our approval."

"Let's not move so quickly. I would like to see this left until we know exactly what's going in there."

Mr. Eisen had presented to the planning board a plan for 174 condominium townhouse units to be situated south of the Market Plaza bordering on Sinclair Avenue and Mountview Road. Included in the proposal was a swimming pool, recreation centre and a park area. The units would be placed in groups of three to eight per block.

When Mr. Eisen was asked how the condominium townhouse project would affect nearby single family homes he noted that a petition posted in the Market Plaza had revealed that, of the 179 who had signed, 178 approved of the project.

To that an opposing petition was presented which carried the names of approximately 100 neighboring residents who were against the idea.

Councillor Levy suggested that the site would be the perfect future location for Halton Hills' civic centre complete with centralized municipal offices and a library. Those councillors who voted in favor of

granting approval in principle explained they felt the need for residential land in Halton Hills was a more pressing problem than that for more commercial property. They also noted that townhouses could provide a good buffer zone between single family homes and the plaza.

Councillor Ric Morrow commented that those who favored the proposal had made their decision "based on staff reports, an assessment, on future tax loads and a number of items which had nothing to do with a presentation to this council."

Mr. Eisen, in his presentation to council, also outlined his company's future plans for the Market Plaza, which include a dual screen theatre. It would be part of an extension that would be added to the back of the plaza. Also in the plans are a department store, a bank, small shops and boutiques. The centre will be malled with professional and medical offices above.

The overall expansion will increase the present plaza to approximately 321,000 square feet. On top of that Zeller's would be extended 22,000 square feet and Loblaw's, 8,400 square feet.

Noting in favor of the Four Seasons project were Councillors Howitt, Morrow, Miller, Hurst, Doby and Mayor Hill. Voting against it were Councillors Hyde, Coxe, Armstrong, McKenzie and Levy.

Consider cutting committee

Town council is considering a minor shake-up in its internal operations that could see the reduction in the number of council committees from three to two and an increase in the responsibilities of the citizens' recreation advisory committees.

Councillor Joe Hurst forewarned the committee of the whole Monday night that he will formally request in two weeks time that council's works and general administration committees be combined into one.

That already combined personnel and finance committee would remain as it is at the present time.

The suggestion to combine the two committees has already received strong support from a number of councillors, Councillor Hurst noted. "It's not coming from myself in particular," he explained. "It's coming from a fairly good section of council

members who have discussed it. It's certainly worthy of discussion."

Mayor Tom Hill, noting a recent regional decision to combine its administration and family services committees into one, warned that it had not worked. "You just have to see what a jumbled-up mess it is. Take a good look at what you're going to be doing before you start throwing recreation in with public works."

A suggestion that was greeted much more favorably was one that will see an increase in the responsibilities of the recreation advisory committees to include the administration of the town's parks.

Outlining the suggested growth of the committees into "recreation and parks advisory committees" Councillor Ric Morrow noted, "What we have lacked in the past is some method whereby citizens, or groups of

citizens, have had an input in the maintenance of these parks."

We felt that if we had the works committee advised in the same manner, with regard to the maintenance of the parks, as the administration committee is advised of the recreation program it might help to overcome or help control the problems we've had in the maintenance of the parks."

Councillor Harry Levy added his agreement. "Right now we're running into problems because we have no one to say 'Listen this needs doing', or 'That needs doing.' I imagine that would be the function of the advisory committee."

"Right now we're just waiting for phone calls from irate citizens."

The matter will be further discussed by the committee of the whole before any definite steps are taken.

Hornby centre \$30,000 short

Russell Hunt, president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded announced at a recent press conference, that the association is about \$30,000 short of the funds needed for the planned residence for the mentally retarded.

Five acres of land on Trafalgar Road near Hornby have been acquired for the 4,500-square foot project which will house 17 mentally retarded adults.

With the ministry of community and social services paying 80 percent of the \$230,000 project the association

was faced with providing \$60,000. Thus far money raised by the association totals approximately \$30,000. The residence is planned to be completed and in operation by October.

At the press conference held last Wednesday evening at the A.R.C. Industries Workshop in Hornby, details of the complex were revealed.

Lawrence Combe, a partner in Mark, Muselman, McIntyre and Combe, the architectural firm in charge, explained at the conference

that the complex was designed as a residence, "not an institution."

The main floor includes, seven single bedrooms, four double bedrooms, a self-contained staff apartment, five bathrooms, a dining room, living room, five washrooms, kitchen, T.V. room, sun deck, infirmary a vestibule and office area.

The lower floor will house a recreation room, laundry room, workshop washrooms, storage rooms and a maintenance room.

Designers have planned the complex to be bright and colorful with shades of green, yellow and red as the basic colors for the bedrooms. Shades of white, brown and orange carpeting will be laid throughout the building.

The staff apartment will not be used to house working staff. The apartment instead will be occupied by persons ready to graduate from the residence. The self-contained apartment will prepare graduates for future independence.

Mr. Hunt explained that, based on past experience, the association is leaning towards operating with a rotary staff, however, a definite decision has not yet been made.

The T.V. room will be furnished with large cushions enabling casual TV viewing and a double fireplace is planned to join the dining and living rooms.

Mr. Hunt explained that the firm of C.K. and C. Construction Limited of Toronto offered the lowest bid and, in conjunction with the ministry their bid was accepted.

One of the members of the various organizations from this area, that were present at the conference suggested that a cost per room breakdown be made. This would enable any interested local organization to raise money to cover the costs of a room.

Mr. Combe roughly estimated that a bedroom would range somewhere between \$800 and \$1,000.

A breakdown of costs is being prepared and will be available to any organization or group that wishes to raise some of the desperately needed funds for the new residence.

The Georgetown Auxiliary for the Mentally Retarded is supplying money for beddings, towels and linens, with the Acton auxiliary covering expenses for the major appliances with the exceptions of the stove and refrigerator. The Milton auxiliary has raised money to cover the facilities needed in the kitchen.

Mr. Hunt expressed his delight in the progress being made for the complex.

"We've waited a long time for tonight. We've been at this for about seven years now and it's finally coming into being. I suppose if it was ready tomorrow we could fill the residence. It's hard to believe that we've come this far."

However volunteers are needed and, more important, money is needed. Mr. Hunt urges any organization or interested persons wanting to help the project to contact the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

"Knowing that we have to get this money by October, we will have to work extra hard in the next six months," stated Mr. Hunt.

Approve lights for fairground Add GO buses

There are going to be lights in Georgetown's fairgrounds but they won't be the answer to the Georgetown Baseball Association's recent request to town council for lighting on a senior baseball diamond.

Council approved Monday night a recommendation from the recreation department that tenders be called for the lighting of "C" diamond in the fairgrounds. That diamond is a softball diamond and would be the second one to be lighted.

Also granted council approval was the screening of diamonds in the Hornby ball park in Prospect Park near Ashgrove and in the Limehouse Conservation Area.

An overhang screen on the ball diamond at the George Kennedy Public School will also be put out for the tenders.

Tennis buffs haven't been forgotten, as fencing of the Acton and Emmerson Park tennis courts have now received council approval. Also in the works are plans to light the two tennis courts.

BULLETIN

Just prior to press-time the Herald was informed by an official of the provincially operated GO commuter transportation system that GO service to the Georgetown-Brampton area will be increased this fall with a regular, express bus line linking this area with the Toronto subway system.

"The buses will operate throughout the day," noted GO public relations officer, Tom Henry, "with emphasis on the peak commuter hours."

The service is expected to begin operating late this year.

Premier William Davis officially announced the increase in GO service to Georgetown Tuesday afternoon. He stated that 11 buses for the system have been ordered and, hopefully, be ready by November.

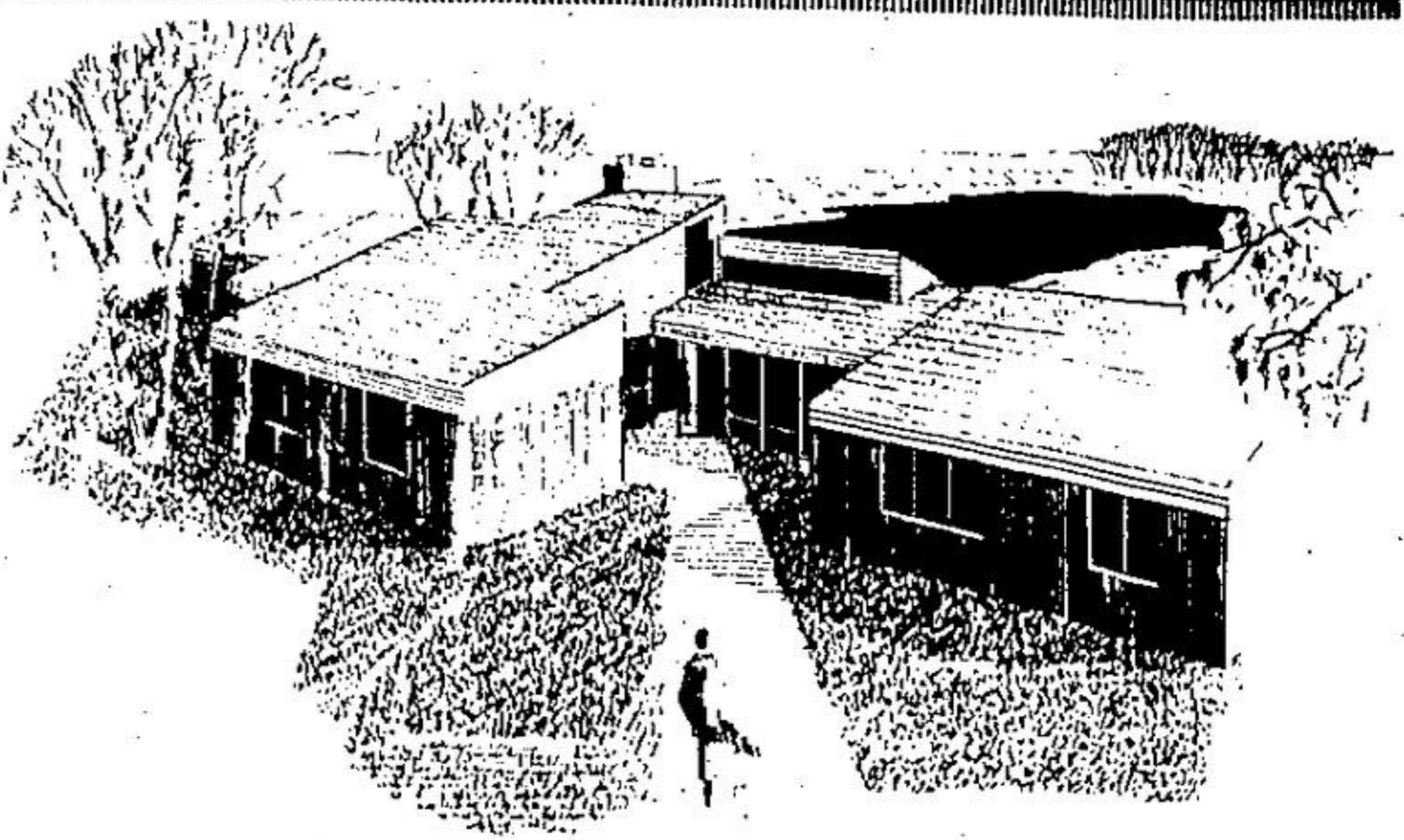
The buses would travel from Georgetown to Brampton, Brantford, Malton and then onto the Toronto subway system, possibly connecting at the York Mills station.

Mr. Henry stated that further details of the addition to the GO system have not yet been finalized. He did not know if the buses would run on weekends.



CONSTRUCTION RECEIVES THE GO-AHEAD. At a recent press conference held by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, plans and details of the new residence were revealed. Standing by

the plans are (from left to right) Leo Viru, chairman of the residence committee; Russell Hunt, president of the association; Charles Clifford, second vice-president and Les Griffiths, first vice-president.



RESIDENCE - North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded

Your Morning Smile

Q. What is yellow, hot and dangerous?
A: Shark infested mustard.