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Manor celebrates silver anniversary Sunday

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Halton Centennial Manor in Milton will celebrate its 25th Anniversary Sunday with a parade, rededication ceremony and a lawn party.

The public is invited to join Manor residents and staff and officials from the region and province for the ceremonles and a tour of the complex.

Ric Morrow, Halton region chairman, Walter Mulkewich, a Burlington councillor who is chairman of the Manor's committee of management and Lawrence Crawford, director of the senior citizen's branch and office on aging for the ministry of community and social services will be officialing at the ceremony.

Also taking part at the rededication ceremonles will be his Honor Judge K.Y. Dick, the first chairman of the committee of management, Dr. Carl Martin, chairman in 1953 and 1964, who will represent the 24 Chairman since, and Stanley A. Allen, Manor administrator since 1957.

The parade gets underway at 1:15 p.m. at Victoria Park in Milton, Marching in it will be the Milton Pipe Band, The Georgetown Legion Pipe Band, the Burlington Teen Tour Band plus 200 majorettes. After marching down Main Street to the Milton shopping plaza, the parade will pick up Manor resident and the dignitaries for the last leg to the

Recemberation ceremonies will start at 3 p.m. and will be

Lived jail-like in home

Time has not stood still in homes for the aged in Ontario. Back in 1930, a booklet of rules and regulations which were in force for over 15 years, was printed for the forerunner to the Halton Centennial Manor, the "Home of Refuge and Farm of the Counties of Peel and Halton," located in Brampton.

In fact, prioners in fail have an easier time than those persons then, mainly the poor, the indigent, those without means of supporting themselves and the "feeble mladed," who were admitted to the homes. The homes were administered by the provincial department of welfare.

"Persons possessed of money or property," says the old rule book, or those receiving an old age pension could be admitted at the discretion of the board of management but had to pay \$6 per week for their maintenance.

Pregnant women usually were not admitted but if they were, they had to leave within a year. If a woman "inmate" gave birth to a child, the child was to be turned over the Children's Aid Society before reaching age two.

When a person was accepted into the home the superintendent or matron had to ensure the new inmate was cleansed thoroughly. Men had to have their hair cut "closely."

The sick excepted, everyone was expected to work each day but Sunday. Tasks on the farm or in the house were assigned and loitering was not permit-

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Like some prisons, the house operated on a bell system. Says the rule book: "At the ringing of the morning bell, every inmate (the sick excepted) must rise, wash and be in readiness to proceed to the

duties of the day."
It goes on: "The bell will ring ten minutes before each meal, when all will leave their work and be in readiness with clean hands and faces for the ringing of the second bell, when they will repair to the dining room and take such seats at the tables as are assigned to them by those in charge, where they must observe silence, decency and

good order."
The residents retired at 9 p.m." at the ringing of the retiring bell."

Discipline was meted to to those who broke the rules. The most severe discipline was solitary confinement for "not more than 24 hours, except by direction or permission of the

No one was allowed to leave the ground without permission from the superintendent.

Strict rules prohibited inmates from trading articles or clothing with other inmates or visitors or begging of per-sons who visited the House of Refuge and Farm.

Visitors were allowed every Thursday-either for two hours in the morning or two in the afternoon. They probably noted the cleanliness of the house and its inmates, for the rules also stipulated that: "Every inmate shall be completely bathed at least once weekly."

Annual toll

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followed by tours of the complex and refreshments served

on the Manor grounds. For the residents, however, the celebrations begin Saturday afternoon when they will be entertained for three hours starting at 1 p.m. by the Ray Osborne Duo, the Acton Chorallers, and the Oakville Har-

The theme of the anniversary is "25 years of Caring. The roots of Halton Centennial Manor go back to April 1949, when Halton County council appointed a special committee to plan a Home for the Aged. Before then, Halton and Peel counties shared a "Home of Refuge and Farm in Brampton but rapid postwar growth in Ontario soon out-

stripped the home's facilities. The committee reported to council and in September the purchase of 20 acres of land on Ontario Street in Milton was approved for the sum of \$6,000. A 95-bed home costing \$530,000 was opened July 10, 1952, by the Honourable W.A. Goodfellow, then Minister of Wel-

fare. In 1956 a staff residence was built, freeing about 10 beds in the residence which was then almost filled to capacity. By 1958, it was apparent that more expansion was necessary to accommodate a growing demand for senior citizens care and an addition, built at a cost of \$902,250, was opened September, 1961 by the Honourable Louis P. Cecile, then Minister

In 1963 a need study for a new home in Hallon was undertaken and because of the foresight in the 1949 council in buying 20 acres, a new home could be built on the same site and run by the same administration. The new home, containing 150 beds for bed care residents, was opened November 9, 1967, and named Martin house after the founding family of Milton. Opened by Nobel Drew, Ontario Director of Homes for the Aged, Martin

This home was called Pettit

House, after Mary Pettit of

Georgetown.

added later.

Today, Halton Centennial Manor is home to 345 residents - 112 men and 233 women. The Manor employs 275 persons and has an annual payrol! including fringe benefits of more than \$3 million.

In late 1975, a laundry facility was added to Martin house to handle all the bed linen and linen and personal clothing of all the residents. The laundry has the reserve capacity to double its production.

The facilities include a craft room, workshop, tuck shops in each house, several common rooms, and adjuvant's workshops that provides special therapeutic excercises and crafts to help residents who, for example, have suffered complications from a stroke There is also a nondenominational chapel and a large auditorium.

The knichens at Martin House and Pettit House serve 1,300 meals daily. Special serv-

food to each resident and provide a choice of courses. The food staff service staff also prepares the meals for the

Wheels program. 'The married couples quarters ensure that married couples entering the home can continue to live their lives together. There also have been married couples who first met at the manor and were subsequently married.

There is a busy beauty partor looking after the needs of the 233 women five days a house was designed so that week, but the barbershop for another 150 beds could be men is open only on Mondays or on special occasions.

Most of the residential bedrooms are designed to accommodate two persons, but there are a number of single bedrooms for those who require private accomodation. There are several four bedroom accommodations.

The average age at the manor is 82 which is 22 years higher than when it first started, Stan Allen, Manor administrator told reporters on a recent tour of the complex. Since its inception, 11, 336 residents have come and gone.

The eldest woman resident is Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson, who was born May 18, 1877. The oldest male resident is James Warren, who was born November 3, 1678.

The auxiliary of the manor started in 1964 and its president for 13 years was Mr. Allen's wife. The auxiliary have purchased and donated to the Manor coffee vending machines, a whirtpool bath, privacy curtains, lelevision sets.

ing carts, designed especially public address systems, pew for Martin House, carry the cushlons for the chapel and special chairs and lifts for handicapped residents. It has about 50 members and Mabel Colson of Millon is its third Milton and District Meals on president, Lillian Hopkins was the second president.



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calls herself "A young lady in a home for the aged." She

has lived at Halton Centennial Manor for 12 years. Born in Belgium, she came to Canada 25 years ago and lived in

Georgetown for five years. She said she does not like to live

alone and at the manor keeps very busy. Above, she is pictured with a loom she uses to weave placemats which

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