



Mayor Pete Pomeroy cut the ribbon at the opening of the new dress shop, Mavis rose, owned by Mavis Thwaites, who assisted Mayor Pomeroy with the ceremony. Each lady who visited the store was given a rose, and patrons were served a glass of champagne to celebrate.

Brampton press conference

McDermid discusses Boat People

Herald special
John McDermid said he would be willing to fight any move to put the Vietnamese refugees in all of the empty Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) dwellings in Brampton.

In a press conference Monday, Mr. McDermid said there seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding about the CMHCs and the refugees by Peel residents.

He said that the government requested a count of all the unoccupied units owned by the CMHC. When it was released that there were about 550 empty units in Peel, Mr. McDermid said that everybody assumed, since the CMHC is offering a temporary low price on the units for the refugees, then the refugees would move into all the empty units. Not so, said McDermid. He said he has already assured the concerned people in the area that the refugees will not be allowed to

occupy all of the units.

The CMHC has offered to rent the dwellings to the refugees for \$200 a month. The dwellings are now sitting empty because the homes' previous owners either defaulted on their payments or abandoned the units for other reasons.

CAN'T SAY
Mr. McDermid said renting all the units would be unfair to those people who have already invested in the property and he would be prepared to fight to save their investment.

Mr. McDermid couldn't say how many refugees will come to Brampton.

"I can't put a number on that," he said. "I'm not one to say what the economy can absorb."

Asked why the poor in Canada aren't receiving the consideration the refugees are, Mr. McDermid said the poor in Canada don't need the help as desperately.

"Our poor are a lot better off

than the Vietnamese refugees," he said. "They are sitting in the middle of the ocean in leaking barges. We can and we should do our share to help them."

Peel officials, including the social services and education services, were complaining they weren't consulted about the plan by the government and the CMHC and said they shouldn't have to read about it in the newspapers.

Mr. McDermid said that if the government sat around and consulted with everyone the plan would affect, it would take a lot longer to get things done.

WHY COMPLAIN
Mr. McDermid said he couldn't understand why school board officials would complain about the refugees moving to Peel region.

"I find that really ironic," Mr. McDermid said, "that with all the schools closing and the teacher lay-offs in our

area, that they should be upset about the possibility of higher enrollment."

He said he has met a lot of teachers who have told him they would be interested in teaching the refugees English.

"Besides, this is an emergency situation," he said, "and in an emergency you have to put a tax on something."

Mr. McDermid said he doesn't know why so many people are getting upset about bringing the refugees to Canada. About 40,000 Hungarian refugees moved to Canada in 1946 and that didn't do Canada any harm, he said.

Even though about 20 refugee families have already moved to Brampton, Mr. McDermid was doubtful as to whether or not Operation Lifeline in Brampton could bring in their projected 50 families.

"I don't think Brampton will hit the 50-family quota," Mr. McDermid said. "The private sponsorship isn't quite as strong as was originally expected."



Council blasts its appraiser

The efforts of a local land appraisal firm were tossed in the waste bin by the town's general committee Monday night as councillors sympathetically accepted a landowner's contention that appraised values for a Norval property were "unreasonably expensive."

Stephen P. Saxe Ltd., a Georgetown realty appraisal firm, had been hired by the town to assess the value of an unused road allowance in Norval which abutting homeowners John Thomas and Ron Hawn wished to purchase. Town council had already approved the closure and sale of the roadway, portions of which the two purchasers intend to reclaim as extensions of their own properties.

TOO HIGH
The committee agreed that the appraised values were too high and voted to offer the desired property to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hawn for 25 cents per square foot. A third neighboring property, owned by the estate of the late Harry Hunter, will become the subject of a similar offer, also involving the abutting portion of roadway.

"I don't know why we deal with this appraiser because we get a ridiculous report from him every time," Mayor Pete Pomeroy said. "We just waste our time on him. This property is useless to the town; I'm willing to lower the price."

The mayor pointed out, however, that a minor problem involving the division of the road allowance has yet to be resolved by the property owners. Mr. Thomas indicated steps are already being taken to resolve the matter quickly.

"Pick a figure," Mayor Pomeroy suggested to Mr. Thomas.

Coun. Harry Levy contended that Saxe abided by "the basic principles of appraisal" but had apparently failed to take other factors into consideration which altered Mr. Thomas' and Mr. Hawn's situation. Both the location of their respective properties and their intentions for the future use of the road allowance should be considered, he said, suggesting the 25 cents per square foot offer.

Coun. Walter Biehn opposed the recommendation, maintaining that those who wish to make the purchase should first make the town a counter-offer before council considers the matter further.

38 DOGS ARE DESTROYED

Of the 47 dogs impounded by the town's canine control officer last month, 38 were destroyed after investigations failed to trace the animals to their owners, according to the officer's quarterly report.

Of the remainder, six were reclaimed by their owners and three placed in new homes.

The report indicates that more dogs are being destroyed now than ever before, with June's tally bringing the total number of dogs put away to 171 for the year thus far. During the same period last year, 142 of the 276 dogs impounded had to be destroyed.

Although four more dogs were impounded during June, 1978, than during last month, 13 fewer were destroyed. The canine control officer was successful last June in finding new homes for nine of the dogs captured, while 17 were reclaimed.

The officer responded to 314 calls last month, bringing this year's total to date up to 1,529, roughly the same as the first six months of 1978.

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