



Councillor Anne Currie and Councillor Norm Elliott are right at home in their new quarters. (left) The new council chambers seats up to 70 people but it can hold about 100 if standing room is included. (Above) This room has a view. This is the view from thecafeteria in the new civic centre. Motorists catch a glimpse of the

big glass structure from Maple

Ave. It's actually the back of the

(Herald photos)

"Sun shine kindly" on Civic Centre's sundial

By LOIS FRASER **Herald Special**

As the Civic Centre opens of Aug. 26th, we reflect on the generosity of Halton Hills citizens. Over the past year, the citizens of Halton Hills donated almost \$50,000 to provide some very beautiful extras to make our Civic Centre a source of community pride.

Citizens were not only generous, but innovative as well. Miss Flora MacDonald of Heather Court in Georgetown is a fine example of a caring citizen. She approached her friend Marilyn Mitton, who is a member of the Civic Centre Donations Committee, and explained her idea that a sundial would enhance the garden at the Civic Centre. She has donated a sundial made of finished bronze, which is custom made in Wales by bronze founder Andrew Evans and sculptor Christopher Tynan.

Sundials are the oldest form of time-telling. The first sundial was probably a stick in the ground, with stones placed around it, which crudely divided the days and seasons for early man. The first known form of sundial was the obelisk used in the Egypt of the Pharoahs. The Greeks constructed accurate sundials as early as the sixth century B.C., using their knowledge of geometry and trigonometry. The Arabs devised the modern sundial in the 10th cen-

For nine centuries on, the sundial reigned supreme a the standard timekeeper for the civilized world.

Miss MacDonald, along with town representatives, chose the inscription "Sun Shine Kindly Here" for this work of art. (There wasn't one that said "Sun Shine Kindly Here and Keep the Taxes Low!") When Miss MacDondald saw an ad in City and Home magazine for the sundial, she drove to Packinham (near Ottawa) to the distribution agent to see samples.

The reason for Flora's generosity is that she is grateful to the town for 20 years of great living in Georgetown. Raised in Dundas, Ontario, she came here from Weston when Moore Park subdivision was being built. Miss Mac-Donald has her ATCM in music and taught 45 local students piano and theory with the Royal Conservatory of Music.

"Coming to Georgetown was the best thing I ever did," she said. "I've managed on my own in Georgetown and have found it to be a great place to live. When I go to pay my taxes, I'll look at the sundial and say - thanks Halton Hills."

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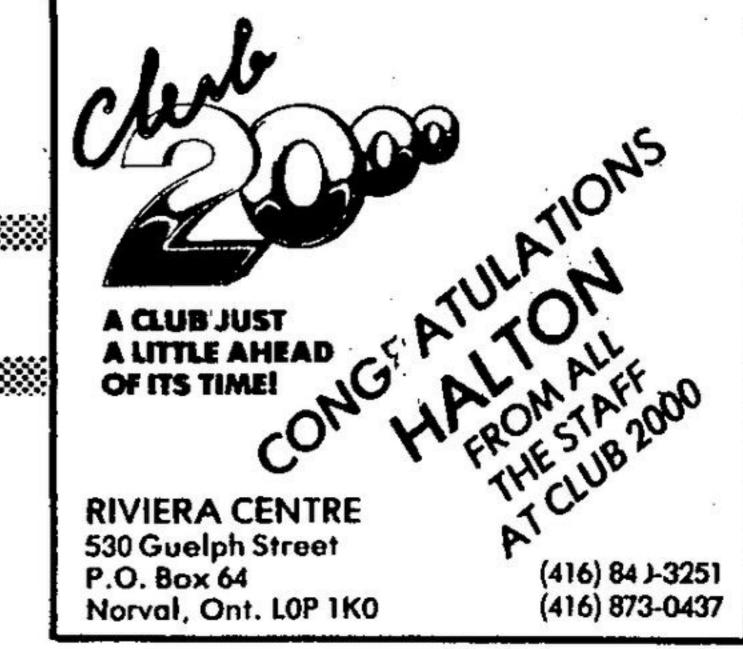
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