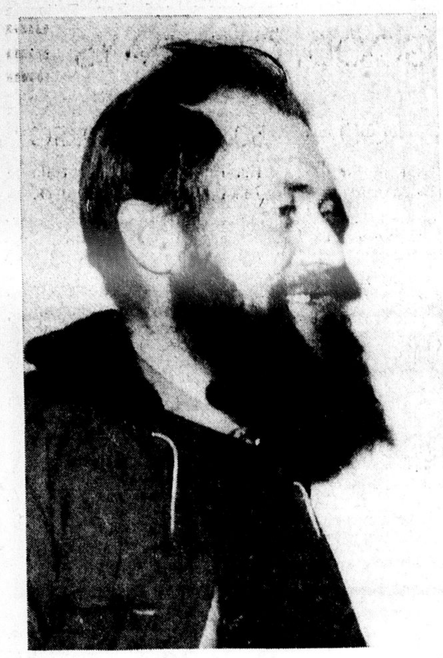

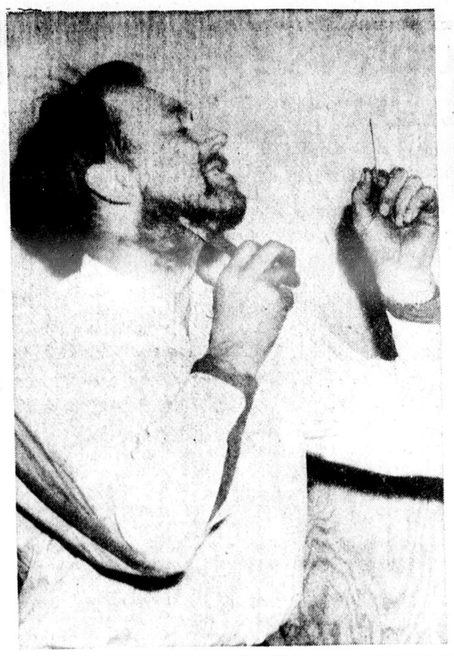

Ken Jensen, amiable proprietor of the Milton Tire Service on Mill Street, was one of about 300 men who, around the first of February of this year, tossed away the razor and began fulfilling his life's dream —growing a full beard so he could enter Milton's centennial beard growing contest.

Unlike many other starters, Ken was also a finisher, and kept the beard the full five months. Came centennial time, and after all the the contests were over (he didn't win a prize, incidentally) Ken decided it would be a shame to part with his new-found friend. So he left it to grow and thicken. While other Milton males were shaving theirs off, Ken was combing and washing his greyish-brown crop of hairy chin fuzz.

Time travelled on, and the beard grew longer, and bushier. Friends, especially his wife, chided him on his rather frightful appearance, but he took it all in his stride. The worst part was keeping it clean, he admits, because working in a tire repair shop isn't exactly the cleanest job in town. However, he tried his best and kept it trimmed and it didn't itch—much.

The day before Christmas, Ken decided the time had come to part with the protrusion, which now measured a good four inches. A wonderful Christmas present for the poor wife, you see ! !

Yes, off it came, as the above pictures can prove. At left is Ken Jensen with the full beard, moments before the drastic massacre began. Next job was using a large pair of scissors to get most of the hay off, and friends Ulf Andersen, left, and Karlo Christensen, holding the stuff, gave a helping hand to get the massive project underway.

After cropping as much as possible with the large clipping shears, Ken went to work on the quickly-departing fuzz with a smaller pair in the third picture. By this time he looked a mess, but things kept getting better as he went along.

Last stage in the great unveiling was trimming his face up with an electric razor. It cleaned him clean as a whistle, and there he is in the picture at right, proudly admiring the new (old ? ?) look while holding most of the departed fuzz in his hand. Now compare the picture at left with the one at right. Some change, eh?

Only one picture would have completed this series of photos — and that would have been one of the changing expression on Mrs. Jensen's face when her husband returned home Christmas eve with a shiny face bearing nothing but a few hours' chin growth upon it. But even the expensive cameras used in the newspaper trade would have been unable to cope with just such a situation. Besides, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen probably wanted to share that first few beardless moments together—alone.

A happy ending to this story would be to say "they lived happily ever after" but the story isn't quite over yet.

First of all, the 300-odd other beard growers who started off in the centennial festivities must certainly be ready to congratulate Ken Jensen, who managed to "stick it out" for so long. Those who grew beards for a few weeks and then gave up in disgust can imagine his feeling after nearly 11 months.

But the cincher is this—recalling many happy occasions while the beard was still ripening, Ken says his greatest thrill was the time he went to a wedding and "all the girls wanted to dance with me at once." Can you understand it? We can't! !

'Twas 10 months before Christmas
And all through the house
The missus was grumbling
And grumbling at spouse.

"Who ever said
You looked good in a beard?
You look like a freak,"
The missus, she sneered.

"But it's just for the contest,"
Bearded hubby replied,
"And no-one in Milton
Can grow beards like I."

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'Twas five months before Christmas
And all through the house
The missus was grumbling,
As always, at spouse.

"The contest is over,
Please take it off now,"
Said missus, "I'm sick
Of just kissing your brow.

You didn't win a prize,
Now please take it off."
"No, I think I'll just keep it,"
He said with a scoff.

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'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the house,
The missus had tired
Of grumbling at spouse.

The stockings were hung
By the chimney with care,
She knew bearded hubby
Soon would be there.

When all of a sudden
There arose such a clatter,
There stood a strange man
And he stood staring at her.

"Who are you, strange man,
To walk into my house?"
"Why darling, 'tis me,
Your unbearded spouse."

(With sincere apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and the writer of the original "Night before Christmas" poem.)

The Canadian Champion

MILTON, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1957

Large Skating Rink Built at Play Area In Kingsleigh Court

Good community spirit was shown Sunday by residents of the Kingsleigh Court area when many of the men pitched in to build a skating rink 96 feet by 64 feet at the play area in the centre of the Court.

A welcome break in the work was enjoyed when Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Clark provided hot coffee as an incentive toward better work. Arrangements are being made to have the rink flooded if the cold weather holds out. It is also hoped to have the area floodlit for evening with a gala official opening night.

Friday evening, a successful dance was held in the Legion Hall by the North Milton Ratepayers' Association, and proceeds will go toward financing the recent children's Christmas party and the new play area fund.

—It's Burlington and Nelson and East Flamboro today, but just plain Burlington tomorrow. It used to be that the pioneers could walk to Burlington in several hours, hiking across country. Tomorrow, Burlington's north-eastern boundary will lie 4,000 feet from Milton's western edge.

Miss Margaret Marshall R.N. of Houston, Texas, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marshall, R.R. 5, Milton.

SYDNEY G. CHILDS

Mr. Childs takes over his duties as Mayor of the town of Milton tomorrow (Wednesday) and will convene the first 1958 council meeting next Tuesday evening, Jan. 6.

—CBC's "Country Calendar" television show Sunday afternoon payed tribute to Ontario's weekly newspapers and the parts they play in the community.

—It is reportedly just a coincidence that triplet calves were born in perfect health at the Waterdown farm of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Hollinrake. Dr. Hollinrake is a well known Hamilton obstetrician.

Nelson Approves $16,580 Toward Milton Hospital

Nelson Township Council recently agreed to pay the Milton District Hospital Board and the Burlington-Nelson Hospital Board the money raised on their behalf in 1957.

Milton's share of the mill and a half levied for the two hospitals amounts to $16,580, Board Chairman C. A. Martin reported.

Questioned on hospital progress the chairman explained the town of Milton had given permission to connect to the services and it was expected the work on this would be completed early in January.

Working drawings for the District hospital were also being prepared and tenders for construction would be called immediately following their completion.

—Monday's snow, though rather late for Christmas, pleased the children now on holidays from their schoolwork.

—J. L. Chisholm of Milton has been named a director of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders' Association. Mr. Chisholm will travel to Chilliwack, B.C. in March to attend the annual meeting.

Service Heads Discuss Civil Defence Work Toward County-Wide Protection

Officials of several groups in Halton County met with county council's newly-appointed civil defence committee in Hawthorne Lodge recently to discuss plans for a county-wide defence program. From information submitted at the meeting, it was decided to have county co-ordinator Brigadier G. E. R. Smith and council's committee meet soon to co-ordinate all the services represented, and name department heads.

Dr. Archie F. Bull of Halton County Health Unit told the meeting he would be agreeable to taking over or giving assistance with the co-ordination of medical services. Keith McDonald of the Georgetown Ambulance Brigade said that although nothing definite could be promised immediately, an attempt could be made to co-ordinate the county's ambulances in a civil defence scheme.

Hugh Lamb, zone commander of the Canadian Legion, said he was prepared to co-operate with the committee, and G. F. Thompson of the Children's Aid Society pledged support in setting up welfare services. Fred Shaw, Halton mutual fire aid co-ordinator, said the present county system of mutual aid could easily operate under civil defence.

Representing the Bell Telephone, Doug Smith and Roy Ubank said they could survey the needs and supply various engineering services. On behalf of the Oakville and District Humane Society, Herb Merry promised support of this branch's work and explained a survey of the county has already been made in preparation for disaster.

Chief Lee Smith of the Burlington police said it wouldn't be too difficult to set up a working police group as one had been in operation during the last hostilities. For the Ontario Provincial Police, Sergeant Bill Gibson of Dundas said that although O.P.P. presently in Halton couldn't operate under civil defence, they would co-operate with the civil defence chief.

Reeve Wm. Card of Oakville, speaking for the militia units, said the men were now being trained for home defence. Jail governor Glen Ryder said that although his direction came from the Attorney-General's department, the county jail facilities would be available during disasters for persons found looting.

Committee members were agreed hat the meeting had been beneficial to all and promised early action in setting up the committee.

Exchange Greetings Across the Border

Greetings were extended across the border last week when Mayor J. M. Ledwith phoned season's greetings to Mayor Charles S. Barker, of Milton, Delaware.

Mayor Ledwith extended the town's greetings to the Mayor and his wife who were guests here during the Milton Centennial and made many friends.

The Delaware mayor reciprocated with greetings from his municipality and asked to be remembered to all the friends he and his wife had made in Milton Ontario.

Retarded Children Will be on Radio

Milton's Sunshine school for retarded children—comprising seven pupils from Milton and two from Acton, will be "on the air" this Monday, January 6th, when Trans-Canada Matinee on Toronto's radio station CBL will rebroadcast a tape taken in September at the school.

The program will devote about eight minutes of the hour's broadcast to the school, somewhere between two and three o'clock in the afternoon. The recording was originally played in September, but as it was Milton Fair day many interested persons missed the broadcast.

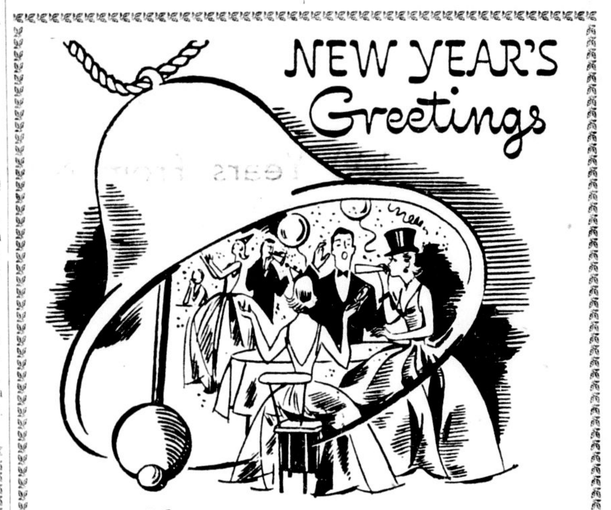
Monday, the children will be demonstrating rhythum and speech, and will also be interviewed.

The caribou is a migratory animal.

Theft From Service Station Nets $400 in Cash Merchandise

District O.P.P. are still investigating a theft at Early's Service Station in Campbellville Friday night in which the thieves looted the service station and Weir's garage of $400 worth of cash, tires cigarettes and a television set.

Robert Early, station proprietor, discovered the theft at 2 a.m. Saturday morning and reported it to police. Entry, police said, was made through the repair shop at the rear of the building where $190 worth of tires and other equipment were removed. Taken from the front part of the building were $100 in cigarettes and tobacco, $35 in silver from the till, and a $75 television set.



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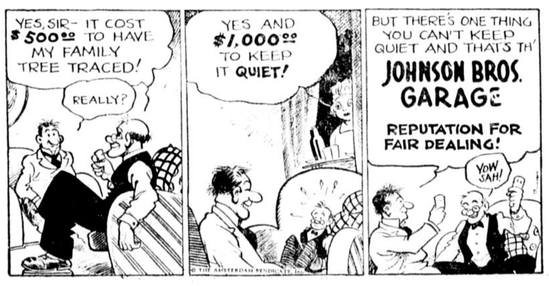

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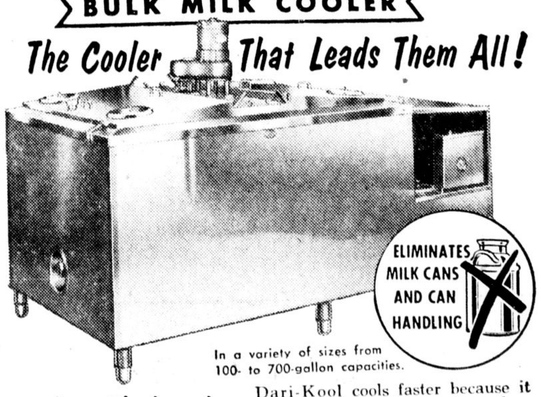

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