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The Town Hall Project

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Prepare \$80,000 Face lifting For 100-Year-Old Town Hall

By Brian McCristall

Milton's century old town hall will receive a complete face lifting if proposed renovations totalling \$80,000 receive Ontario Municipal Board approval. A Main St. landmark for 100 years, the impressive grey stone building will undergo complete interior changes and will receive new tenants in the person of the Milton Police Department, if the proposed renovations are approved.

Although the actual renovations of the town hall will cost about \$50,000, the property committee of the Town Council has also decided to purchase one new office machine and furniture for an ad-

ditional \$15,000 and to also construct a \$15,000 town works department building near the sewage treatment plant at the base of Commercial St. The total cost of the project will be \$80,000 with \$15,000 expected from grants by senior governments and the remaining \$65,000 being provided from town funds.

Objections
A notice appears in this week's issue of The Canadian Champion requesting that any objections to the proposed renovations be sent in writing to the town clerk and if necessary a municipal board hearing will be called.

Suggested floor plans prepared by architect Clare Maclean will completely change the interior appearance of the building, which was constructed in 1865, seven years after Milton was incorporated as a town and designated as the County Town of Halton County.

According to the architect's plans, the first floor of the renovated building would house a general office, a private office for the town manager, a private office and reception office for the town assessor, two machine rooms which allow for future expansion and the relocation of the Milton Police Department in the back portion of the building where the Milton Planning Board and Cancer Society presently have quarters.

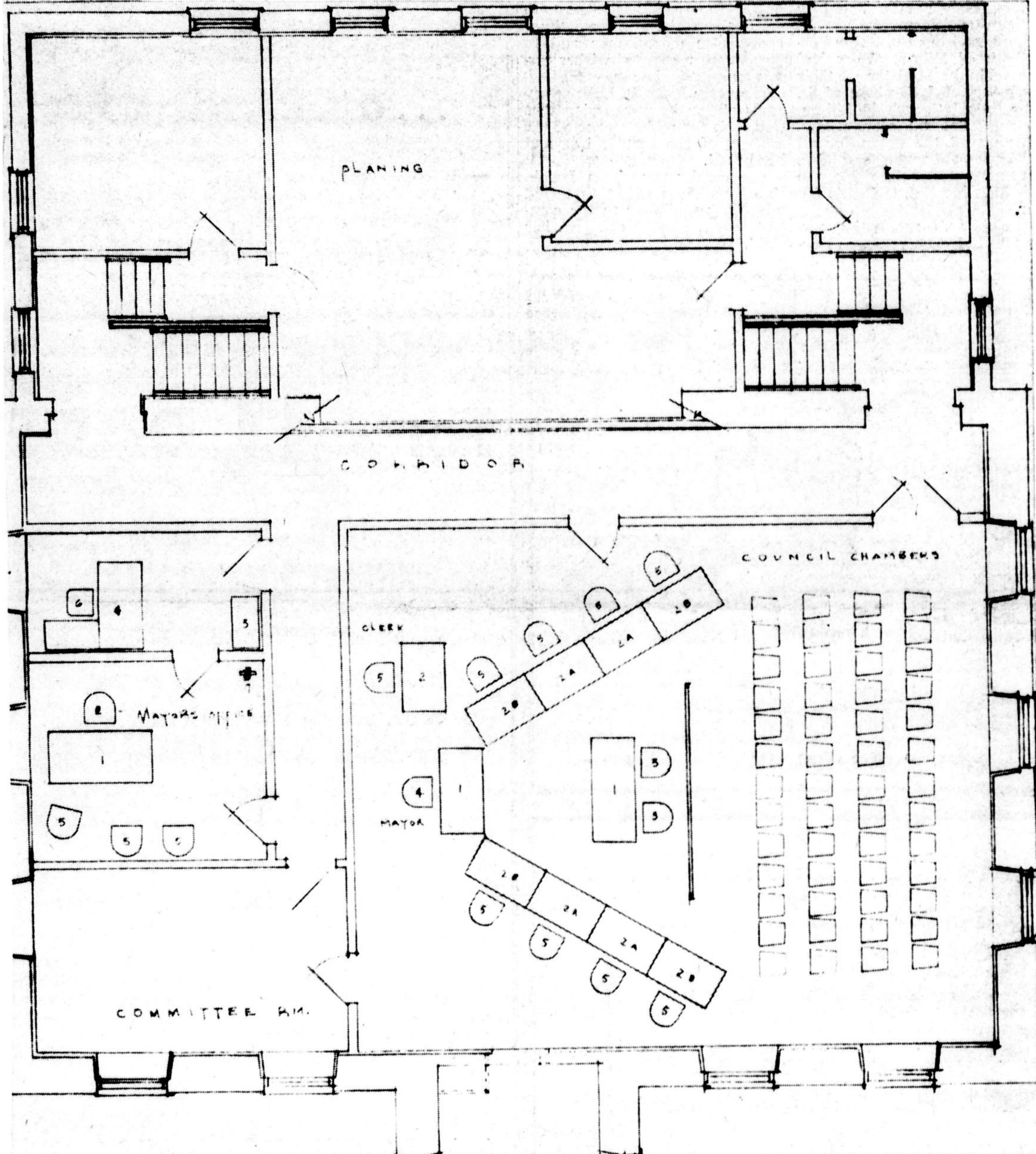
The town's office now located on the first floor, would be moved into the basement where the Milton Public Library was located until last year. The council chambers would be moved upstairs to the auditorium, which has now been described as waste space. Also moving into new upstairs offices would be the Milton Planning Board and provision would be made for a mayor's office and for future expansion. Adequate storage areas and sufficient washroom accommodations are also provided for the plans.

Councillor Charles Fay, chairman of the town's property committee, is pleased with the proposed floor plans and suggests the

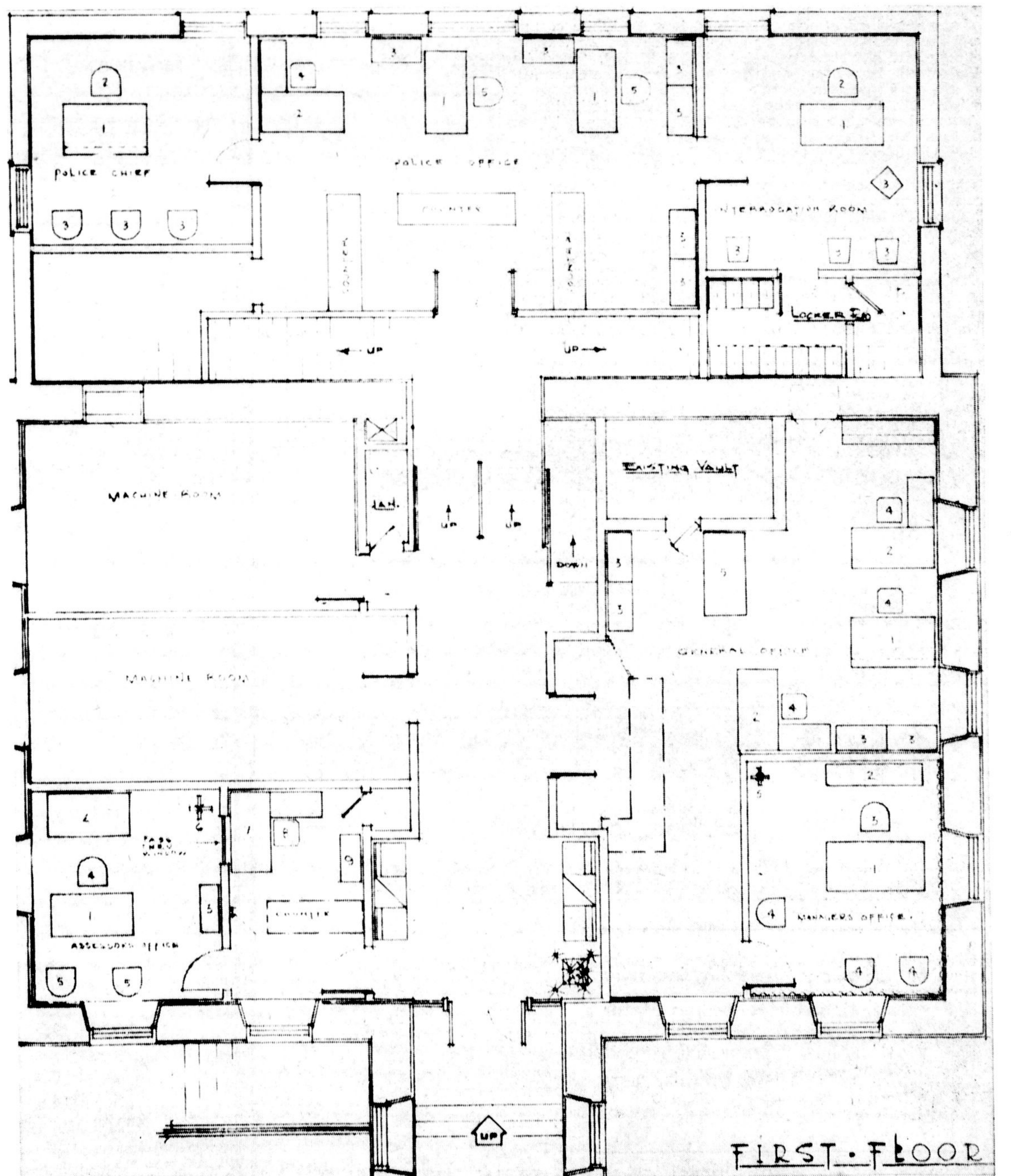


most definite need right now is for more space for the Milton Police Department. "The town is improving almost every way and I personally think it is time we spend a little money to improve the town hall. We could make minor improvements year after year but it would have to be of

COMPLETE INTERIOR RENOVATIONS will be made to the Milton Town Hall if a total expenditure of \$80,000 is approved. The century-old Main St. building is completely changed inside at a cost of \$50,000 while new furnishings and a new bookkeeping machine will be purchased for \$15,000 and a new town works building will be constructed for another \$15,000, making the total cost of the project \$80,000. Clerk-Administrator Bob Reynolds and council's property committee chairman Charles Fay are shown looking over the floor plans for the renovations.



Drawing Shows Plan for Upstairs in Town Hall



Town Hall Renovations -- First Floor Plan

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