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150 bed home for Halton's aged to be ready for use in November

The $1,412,000 150-bed Martin House for Halton's aged is now scheduled to be completed by September 30 of this year, nearly 10 months after the originally scheduled completion date.

The addition to Halton's accommodation for senior citizens named in honor of the Martin family of Milton, is now 90 per cent completed, Manor superintendent Stanley Allen reports. The new facilities will be used exclusively for bed care and special care patients and if construction is finished according to the newest schedule, patients should move into the building early in November.

The project has been plagued by a number of major problems since it was first begun over two years ago. Originally, it was to be completed in December of 1965, but the date was moved on to March 31, 1966. Later, it was changed again to June 15 and now it is September 30.

Inclement weather early in 1965, which put the contractors considerably behind schedule, coupled with a series of labor problems including strikes, delayed the project. The recent end of the plumbers' strike came just in time to prevent a further delay. At the present time, Mr. Allen said, there are sufficient men on the job to have it completed by the new deadline.

As soon as the trades have completed the inside work including painting, the installation of terrazo, plumbing, electrical fixtures and refrigeration, Manor staff members will be able to start their clean-up inside.

Mr. Allen hoped most of the furniture for the building might be moved in before the end of October and expected that if this was done, the patients might move in early in November.

The Superintendent termed the delays as being "very frustrating, when you consider we need the facilities." He suggested at the out-set of the building program it was believed the new facilities would be adequate until 1970, but now he said, "it is my opinion that with the large number of applications we've had, it will likely be necessary to start building again in 1969."

He pointed out some facilities for the new addition will adequately look after a further 150 bed addition. The new addition includes 14 one bed units, 40 two bed units, 14 four bed units, two quiet rooms, two psychiatric wards and six sick bay beds.

Furnishings for the building are expected to cost $65,000. One unique aspect of the building is that all windows are reversible so they may be cleaned from the inside, then turned outside. Tunnels will connect the new boiler room to the addition and the addition to the existing Manor.

Residents of Martin House will make use of auditorium, chapel and laundry, located in the Centennial Manor.

There are currently about 100 on the staff at the Manor, looking after 226 residents. An additional 80-85 will be required when the new building is ready. Mr. Allen expects the staff per patient ratio in the new building will be about two patients to one staff member while in the other portion it will be three patients to one staff member.

—Staff Photo

THE NEWEST TARGET DATE for the completion of the 150 bed, $1,412,000 Martin House — for Halton's aged is now September 30. The building is now 90 per cent complete. Halton Manor Superintendent Stan Allen hopes residents will be able to move into the new building in early November. The building, the back of which is shown here, will have tunnels connecting it with the new boiler facilities and the older manor. The sidewalk shown in the photo is the top of the tunnel — from the building to the boiler facilities.

German visitor hospitalized nearly drowns at Kelso pool

A tragic ending to a summer holiday was narrowly averted Monday night at Kelso Conservation Area swimming pool.

William Nolte, age 72, father of Hubert Nolte of 188 Southview Dr., Oakville, has been staying with his son while on a visit from Germany.

The man, a non-swimmer, apparently slipped and fell into the deep end of the pool and was pulled out by four Kelso lifeguards at 7.45 p.m.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was given and he was rushed to Milton District Hospital in a station wagon borrowed from Mrs. Flatt, an off-duty St. John Ambulance worker.

Mr. Nolte was detained in the hospital for observation; however, aside from the usual coughing, no ill effects were observed.

Hospital officials report his condition is "good", but he will stay for a couple of days.

This is the seventh incident of "people in trouble" at the pool this season, and according to Kelso representatives, by far the most serious.

Severe frost in May harms cherry yield

Due to a severe frost in the second week of May, the cherry crop in this area will be much smaller than usual.

At Braeside Farms, R.R. 6, Milton, as at other farms throughout southern Ontario, the frost and the orchardman's perennial plague of hungry birds, have combined to make harvesting some sections of the orchard unprofitable.

Les Hughes, owner and manager of Braeside, reported a complete 35-acre block of trees will be left unpicked.

Mr. Hughes began picking the crop Monday with 150 piecework pickers and eight field-foremen.

He stated that had the cold snap occurred even one week before or after the delicate bud stage, the loss would have been minimal.

Braeside exports the tart Montmorency cherries to England as well as selling them locally; either as they come off the tree, or ready for the freezer.

—The almost total lack of rain during the past month has caused farmers and gardeners many problems — but the hot summer days have been perfect for vacationers.

—Civic Holiday on Monday provides an enjoyable break for folks who had an early vacation and for those who plan a late summer one.

Complete sale of debentures

Debentures to cover the purchase of the present library building totalling $28,000 are now completely sold, treasurer Mrs. A. Brush reported to Milton Council Monday.

The council previously had advertised the debentures at seven per cent interest and at par. The issue was sold out and Mrs. Brush reported she had orders for a further $15,000 if more became available.

She told members it cost approximately $300 more over the 15 year period to offer the seven per cent coupon and gain par yield, than if a lower yield had been received at a six per cent rate.

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN when Milton area orchardmen are harvesting cherries, assisted by pickers like Mary-Lou McLaughlan and Ann Libby. Braeside Farms of R.R. 6, Milton, is feeling the effects of an early May frost as are most fruit farms in the southern half of the province. In some areas even picking the crop was considered unprofitable.

Buffalo to roam in 70 acre home

Buffalo, penned since last fall at Mountsberg Conservation Area by the Halton Region Conservation Authority will go travelling this Friday to their new and permanent home at Rattlesnake Point.

The five animals, brought from the west last year, wintered at Mountsberg in a seven acre enclosure. Friday, they go to their new 70 acre home behind a seven foot fence. The four field area is below Rattlesnake Point and lookouts are under construction to provide a good aerial view of the herd. A natural water source on the site will be available.

The buffalo will be "tranquilized" for the transfer by truck and Conservation Authority officials don't anticipate any problems.

Vacation

Milton Council will take a two week holiday for the first two weeks in August, members planned Monday.

No regular meeting of Council is scheduled until August 15 although the Mayor has the power to call a special meeting if business warrants it.

Deplores fire hazards, protection in partially completed apartment

Deputy Reeve Charles Menefy criticized fire hazards and lack of adequate fire protection in the Diplomat Apartments on Ontario St. during the regular meeting of Milton Council. He promised unless the situation improved he would move at the next meeting for a 24 hour limit in which to correct the deficiencies or force tenants to vacate the premises.

He pointed out a number of suites were occupied and a lot of highly combustible refuse was being stored in lower apartments, still unoccupied. He also reported fire hose was not connected to stand pipes provided inside the building.

"It is a dangerous situation and one this council should not allow", he charged.

He agreed to hold his motion, which he described as drastic, after the Mayor advised him the assessor and fire chief had already met with the owners.

Councillor B. Best pointed out the fire chief had the power to act under the National Fire Code adopted by the town.

Deputy Reeve Menefy admitted some of the problems could have been alleviated since his visit to the building but he noted the elevator was not working at that time.

Owner Says:
Install hose this week

Owners of the Diplomat Apartments contacted by The Champion Tuesday morning, noted the building was all of masonry construction and the hoses referred to by Deputy Reeve C. Menefy at Monday's Council meeting would be installed this week.

Mel Dancy, one of the owners, noted water was installed throughout the building and available in all fire stand pipes as well as at the main connection on the front north exterior of the building.

The 15 suites presently occupied, he reported were mostly on the lower floors and there were two stair exits as well as the elevator. The elevator was operating Tuesday morning.

Mr. Dancy also pointed out all exit and boiler room doors were

Chief Says:
Not satisfied with alarm

Fire Chief A. E. Clement, contacted Tuesday morning by The Champion, reported he was not satisfied with the fire alarm system in The Diplomat apartments, following inspections.

He stressed the importance of completion of the alarm system and connection of hose to stand pipes as well as installation of all fire doors and self closers before occupancy.

The rubbish outside the building he also suggested should be removed regularly.

"The owner has assured us he will be building to the requirements of the National Building and National Fire Codes. I will certainly insure the provisions of the Fire Code are complied with", the Chief stressed.

The type of alarm to be installed was causing the chief concern and he indicated he would be continuing his inspections of the building.

$12,690 due in '67 on school

Milton Council Monday authorized the sale of the $158,000 debenture issue covering the purchase and renovations at the Martin St. School, to the Ontario Education Capital Aid Fund.

Third reading was also given the by-law for the debenturing of $81,200 for the addition of the general purpose room at the Martin St. school.

Council directed the debentures on the $81,200 issue should also be offered to the Ontario Education Capital Aid Fund which offers more attractive terms than conventional market sources.

To questioning it was pointed out the payment in the next year on the $158,000 issue will be $12,690 in principal and interest. "That's over a mill", Mayor Childs pointed out.

Praises efforts of deputy-clerk

Deputy-Reeve C. Menefy paid tribute to the work of deputy-clerk, Mrs. Audrey Brush for her work since assuming the duties of clerk as well as treasurer following the resignation earlier this year of Clerk-Manager R. Reynolds.

An adjustment was arranged in salary to compensate for the additional work load involved.

Need heavy rainfall
To halt six-week drought

Spotty rainfall in the county during the past few days has cooled off thermometers, but it hasn't yet come close to making up for the damage caused by a near six week drought.

Only the most careful gardeners — who have religiously watered their lawns during the hot spell—can now boast of large green patches. The farmers seem to be the ones that will suffer the most. Halton's Assistant Agricultural Representative Geoff Taylor reports, "delayed seeded grain crops have already been damaged to a certain extent, but although most crops could be a lot better, this is nowhere close to being a disaster area."

Generally speaking, Mr. Taylor reports, "hay was excellent this year. Early planted grains are not filling out properly and it's expected later seeded grain will be quite poor. Even a good rain now won't be of too much assistance — most of the damage has been done."

Summing up the situation he noted, "taking everything into consideration, if the crops were planted early they should be alright. Anyone who seeded crops late could be in trouble."

Recalling a conversation with two long-time area farmers, the assistant agricultural representative said, "I was told a drought hasn't been as bad in this area for a long time. I understand we've had less than a tenth of an inch in a month."

During 1963, 64 and 65 the average rainfall in the area for June has been 1.5 inches, for July 5.5 inches and for August 4.3 inches. The last really serious crop failure in the County was caused by a hail storm on August 11, 1964 when hundreds of acres of crops were practically wiped out.

During the early part of the week there have been a few heavy showers in some parts of the county while other parts — notably Milton and north Oakville — have had little or no rainfall at all.

O.M.B. approves

Ontario Municipal Board approval has been received for the addition of a general-purpose room to the Martin St. Senior Public School, it was learned at a meeting of the Milton Public School Board Monday night.

Chairman H. P. Johnson signed the contract officially awarding the tender to L. J. Zannata of Milton. It was voted unanimously by the board that the contractor apply for a 100 per cent performance bond, after a motion by Alex Cooke and seconded by Mrs. Kernighan.

Board member Alex Cooke was appointed as a one-man building committee with whom architect Clare G. MacLean could confer.

May get gas pump for town vehicles

Tenders will be called by the town on the supply of gasoline for town vehicles with the installation of a municipal pump at the works building in the disposal plant site.

Council Monday approved the form of tender call outlining a proposed two year agreement to be made with a successful oil company bidder. Estimated gasoline consumption is 20,000 gallons. The company will be required to install the pump and the town will purchase the underground tank.

For a number of years the town has purchased its gasoline from local service stations on a rotating month about basis.

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TWO RACKETS form a perfect frame for Tom Shortt as he works out at the Milton Tennis Courts on Main St. north. The courts are in excellent condition. Lessons are conducted each Saturday morning and youngsters interested in taking instruction are invited to attend, free of charge. Lessons for 9-13 year-old children are from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Lessons for 14-year-olds and over begin at 10 a.m. and last for an hour.

No excuse for parking problem on Montgomery lane: owner

"There has never been any real excuse for letting the situation continue", Gord McIntosh told Milton Council in a letter Monday outlining the problems and dangers of present parking west of Montgomery Lane and on the lane itself.

Council referred the problem to the committee on streets and walks and police.

Mr. McIntosh told Council the lane paralleling the Main St. and at the back of north side properties is used by the public for parking whereas the land used as a lane is private property. He also noted Montgomery Lane between Mill and Main is too narrow to allow parking. "At the Main St. entrance it is narrow and steep and slopes into our building."

"We should not have to write you about it. You have known what the situation was for a long time," he wrote.

Mr. McIntosh proposed the prohibition of parking on Montgomery Lane and the lane back of Main St. properties. He suggested the grading and curbing of the Main St. entrance to Montgomery Lane and the renting of a lot from the W. B. Clements Estate for parking by the Parking Authority. He also proposed the Parking Authority take over any private lands adjacent to the Clements lot where owners are agreeable.

Councillor P. Barr of street and walks committee agreed to investigate the problem of parking on the lane and private property with the police chief.