

A place to "get away from it all"

## "Bezek" retreat centre near Campbellville

By Bob Burt

Ever wish there were some place to go just to get away from it all, to be alone, climb a hill, take part in discussions or just to spend a while saying a quiet prayer?

Providing Rev. Bernard Warren's plans are not upset between now and this time next year, visions of a local retreat centre fulfilling these needs will become a reality. Recognizing the need of the pressured businessman, overworked housewife or troubled student, Mr. Warren, his wife and friends Norm and Edna Hare of Milton set out in the fall of 1968 to set up a retreat centre.

Since then they have acquired a partially treed 53 acre parcel of land on Second Line in Nassagaweya, north of Campbellville, at a cost of \$35,000.

Specific plans concerning the shape and structure the buildings will take have yet to be drawn but both Mr. Hare and Mr. Warren have an open mind about what the program should include. They are eager to mould the program to suit the needs of the people. This winter will be used for planning and construction is to begin in the spring.

They have decided they would try to accommodate 100 people for meals, a place for about 30 to sleep overnight, residence for staff as well as a library, offices, craft shops and a chapel. Arrangements have already been made

with Halton Region Conservation Authority to have 6,000 trees planted in the spring.

Most of the work in the construction of the centre will be done through voluntary labor. Anyone willing to help will be received with open arms.

Not only help in the way of voluntary labor but materials as well will be needed. Office equipment, good books for the library (1,000 have been collected), commercial type cooking utensils, some six cent stamps, carpenters' tools, shovels, picks, axes, a post hole digger, lumber, new and used; any size and anything that might sound helpful can be used.

Methods of financing are not finalized but are expected to come from three sources including honorariums from preaching and speaking engagements, money from those using the facilities and gifts from people who want to help.

Organizers hope that once ready, the facilities will be available to everyone young and old and of every denomination on a pay what you can basis. The idea would be for those having nothing to contribute to be welcomed free of charge. Others who have ability to pay more would do so and take up the slack in administration costs.

Mr. Warren intends to provide a wide variety of facilities to suit different needs. He is confident that there is room for

many families to go together and enjoy the solitude at the scenic setting, while others would hold discussions at the same time at another location on the property. The program is quite flexible depending on the wants of the people.

Mr. Warren noted the advantage in offering recreational aspects as well as quiet and prayer besides. "People want more than a place to pray," he said.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Warren have spoken about their new project to several church groups in Milton and around the province.

Mr. Warren is a former minister of Alderwood United Church in Toronto. He has retired from the ministry to devote his full time to developing the retreat centre. The Hares are active in Emmanuel Baptist Church in Milton and the two couples have been close friends for many years. They went on a 1,700 mile trip to visit four other retreat centres, three in the United States and one near Brockville, for ideas to help them get under way.

The name chosen for the centre is "Bezek" from the story in the old testament about King Saul sending out invitations to tribes in his territories to "muster at Bezek" to help God's people who were being enslaved. "Saul promised refreshing before the battle, victory over the enemy and renewal of the Kingdom," says Mr. Warren. And that is the story of what Bezek Centre hopes to do.



IT'S NOT MUCH NOW but before long buildings will rise and people will come to the site of what will eventually become a retreat centre. Rev. Bernard Warren is pictured here with his dog Coco taking a look at the site on Second Line, Nassagaweya.—(Staff Photo)

### Promoter fails to appear

## Ratepayers none wiser about proposed race track

For the second week in a row, Esquering township ratepayers who had come to a council meeting to protest about a proposed race track in the township between the Third and Fourth Lines, south of Five Sideroad, were unable to obtain any more information about the proposed track than they already had.

Reeve George Currie had told ratepayers at last week's meeting of Council that the buyers of the land involved were supposed to bring plans and specifications for the mystery project to the next council meeting.

Reeve Currie told ratepayers at the Nov. 10 meeting that the promoter of the project had phoned to say that he would not be able to appear, but would attend council's regular meeting Monday, November 24.

When Mrs. Derek Jones, one of the ratepayers, asked the reason for the delay, clerk-treasurer Delmar French

replied that engineers are still in the process of drawing up plans of the project for council to look at.

Mrs. Jones then put the reeve right on the spot. "Is it or is it not going to be a race track?" she queried.

Reeve Currie replied that all he knew was that it was going to be some kind of car racing. What kind, he didn't know.

"Well, we don't want it and we aren't going to have it," Mrs. Jones snapped back. "If I have to stand on an orange box and stop each car from coming in, I will".

Two flies found some bologna clinging to the handle of a butcher knife. After eating all they could hold, they took off, only to fall to the ground with a thud. The moral of the story is—don't fly off the handle when you're full of bologna!

### Fire committee gets busy seeks legal advice on split

While residents in north Burlington are anxiously looking forward to an open debate on the proposal for a new Kilbride fire hall, the Milton Area Fire Committee which governs the Milton brigade is getting into the nitty-gritty of legalities surrounding Burlington's proposal to withdraw from the five-municipality area group.

At the November meeting held Wednesday of last week, members decided to seek legal advice from Toronto solicitor J. T. Weir before they go too far with Burlington's withdrawal. The agreement under which Milton, Burlington, Oakville, Nassagaweya and Esquering formed the fire area board several years ago has been reviewed and members decided to seek legal interpretation of some of the clauses.

One item of concern is Burlington's claim to over \$10,000 in equity in the board. Fire committee members noted the agreement suggests any equity values are liable to depreciation and suggested the Burlington claim—still not formally presented to the committee—is away off base.

One decision at Wednesday's meeting was an agreement that the 1970 fire committee would deal with Burlington's 1970 council to decide how fire protection should be sold to north-east Burlington's escarpment area. If Burlington sets up its Kilbride station the town would still seek to buy

protection from Milton for the residents atop the east of the mountain.

Meanwhile, the committee ordered that "no negotiations for fire protection in Burlington be considered until a legal opinion has been received and settlement has been resolved."

### OBITUARY

#### Benjamin Robertson

A lifelong farmer in the Milton area died Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Halton Centennial Manor.

Born April 24, 1876, Benjamin Robertson farmed his family homestead east of



BENJAMIN ROBERTSON

Speyside, a site which his grandfather bought in 1822 and which has been worked by five generations of the Robertson family. He had attended Dufferin School at Speyside.

Mr. Robertson was predeceased by his wife, the former Margaret Arthur and by his brothers also.

He had no lodge or club affiliations and in an interview with The Champion on the occasion of his 90th birthday three years ago remarked, "All my cattle, horses and pigs were my lodge."

Mr. Robertson is survived by three children, Douglas, Jean (Mrs. Jack McGibbon), and

## Bell rates going up seven to 14 per cent

Telephone rates will be increased between seven and 14 per cent in Milton if a current application to the Canadian Transport Commission is approved.

The application, presented to Milton Council last week, pointed out the number of telephones included in the Milton exchange and those reached without toll charge in Campbellville, Georgetown, Oakville and Burlington had moved from the 50,000 to 100,000 rate grouping to the next group of 100,000 to 200,000.

Councillors questioned the reason for a weighting factor applied to the number of phones in Burlington and Oakville which counted each phone as 1.5.

Area Manager of Bell Canada, H. A. Blachford pointed out the Transport Commission regulations apply the weighting factor in toll free calling areas, where neighboring exchanges are 10 to 15 miles distant. Oakville at 12 miles and Burlington at 14 are subjected to the weighting

factor in establishing the rate grouping.

Campbellville at five miles and Georgetown at 10 miles are not weighted in determining Milton's new rate grouping.

Mr. Blachford reports the individual home service will increase from \$4.95 to \$5.30 while business phones will increase from \$12.05 to \$13.70 when the new rate grouping is approved.

Credit Valley School of Nursing's official opening and open house will be held Nov. 22, with the opening at 2.30 and the building open for tours by the general public from 3.30 to 5.30 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Grace (Mrs. Chisholm Hume), all of R.R. 5 Milton.

The funeral service was conducted at Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home in Acton with Rev. Andrew McKenzie officiating.

Interment was at Acton's Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Robertson's six grandsons, all of R.R. 5 Milton, acted as pallbearers.

## DRIVERS - Please Note The Following Regulations Will Be Enforced

By-Law 1166, Section 10

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(b) When a vehicle is parked contrary to Sub-Section "a", the Town Engineer or any other officer, or an employee under this direction, may remove or cause such vehicle to be moved and the corporation shall not be liable for damage to such vehicle arising out of or caused by such removal and the owner of said vehicle shall be liable to the Corporation for the costs of such removal.

Respectfully,  
M. R. ANDRESS,  
Chief of Police,  
Town of Milton

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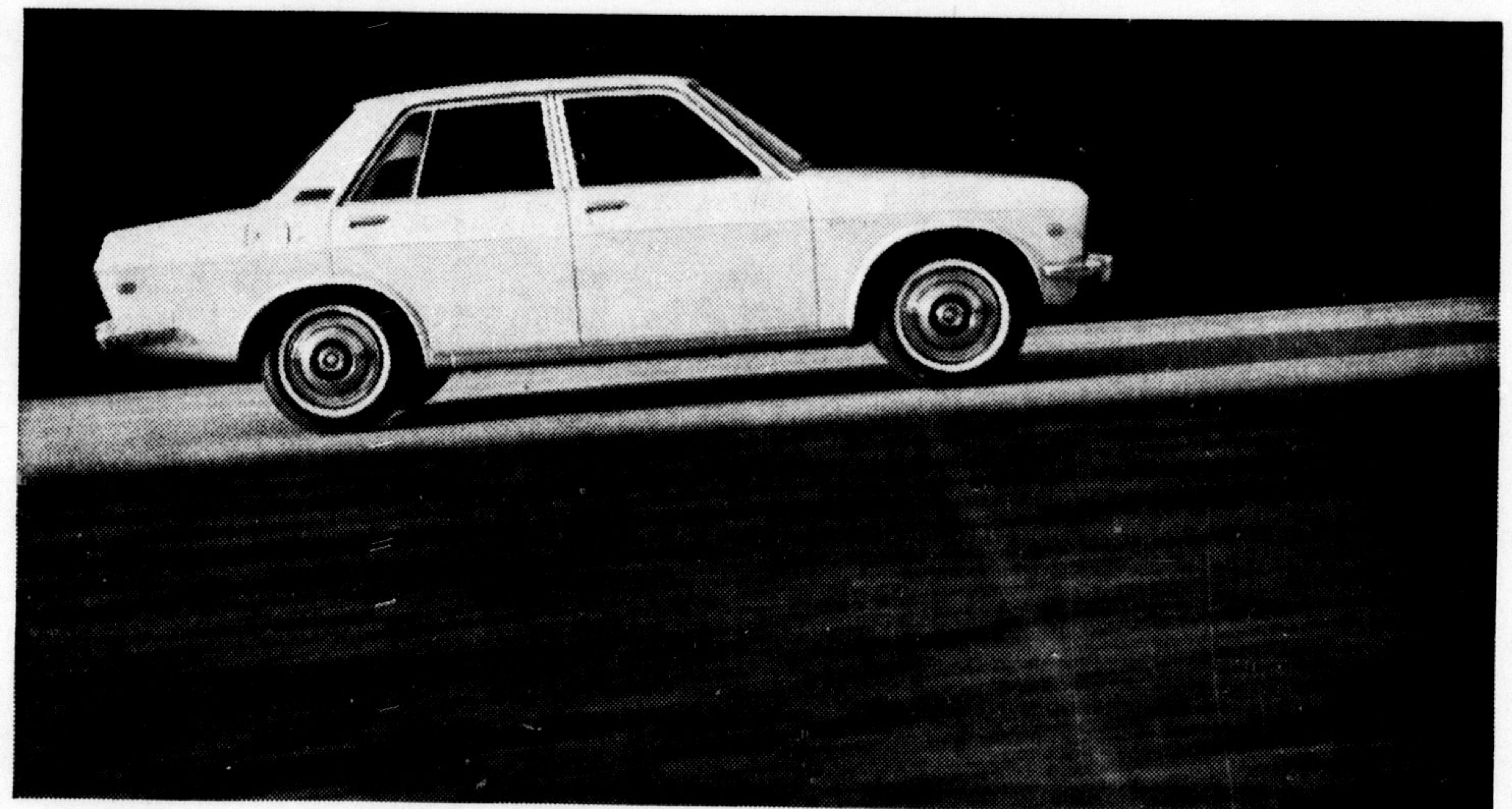
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