

Hospital's nurses will resign jobs

Nurses at Milton District Hospital plan to go ahead with their threat of a mass resignation, according to a spokesman for the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

Miss K. R. Lewis, RNAO representative told The Champion Tuesday morning she was sending the hospital's board of directors a letter that day and enclosing the written resignation of "a good large percentage" of the nurses. There are about 85 nurses on the staff of the 82-bed hospital but Miss Lewis wouldn't divulge how many resignations she had on hand.

The nurses will not resign immediately but will give the board time to engage a new staff or make other arrangements for the care of the patients, Miss Lewis stressed.

The resignation issue revolves around the dismissal of Director of Nursing Mrs. L. Verrall and suspensions of her Assistant Director Mrs. P. Walker on Jan. 27. They were sent home from their jobs by former administrator Dalton McQuaig, who along with five other department heads has since resigned. The nurses urged the board to reinstate both Mrs. Verrall and Mrs. Walker to their original positions, or they would submit their resignations.

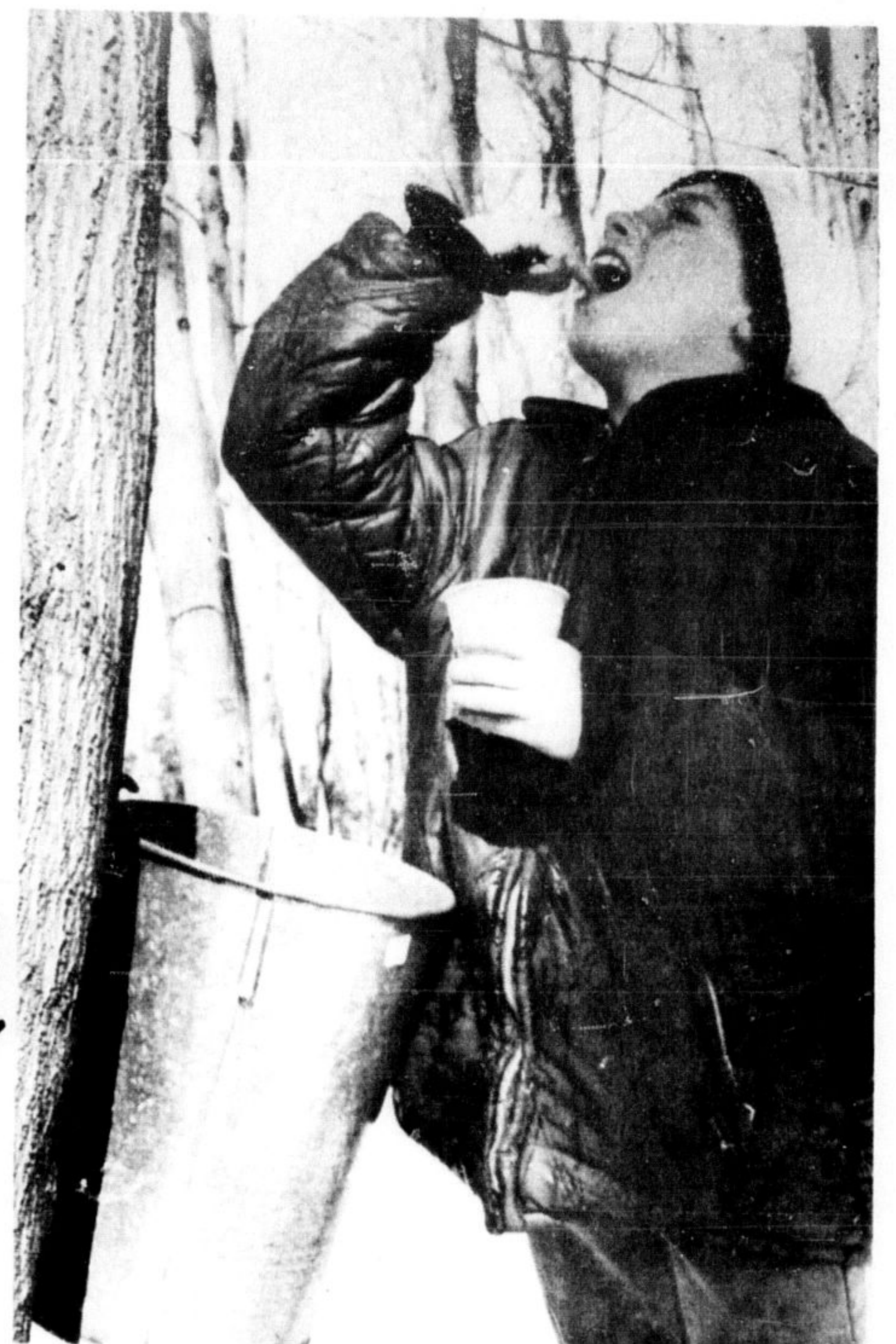
Mrs. Verrall's dismissal has been cancelled by the board and she will be taken back on staff as a nurse, but not as Director of Nursing. Mrs. Walker's suspension was lifted but she submitted her resignation.

Hospital Board chairman J. M. Ledwith told The Champion he had not received official word of the nurses' resignations by mid-afternoon on Tuesday. He said he and the new administrator Ronald Woods and several members of the board have had

"discussions" with Miss Lewis, the nurses and officials at Ontario Hospital Services Commission during the past week and on Monday the board, administrator and Mrs. Verrall had a meeting at Mrs. Verrall's home to discuss the current crisis.

"We have received nothing in writing," Mr. Ledwith added. Asked what action the board would take if and when the threatened resignations arrived, Mr. Ledwith could only say it had been discussed with the board and "there are two or three steps we can take", but he refused to divulge what the steps were. Another board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Meanwhile Versafoods Services is managing the hospital dietary department and former maintenance superintendent Bill McGinnis has been taken back on the staff to head up that department. Mr. Ledwith said three other departments were the senior staffers had quit in early February are carrying on without new personnel and doing a capable job.



IT'S MAPLE SYRUP TIME and the busiest spot in Halton County these days is a sugar bush operation set up at Crawford's Lake south of Campbellville by Halton Region Conservation Authority. Student Bryan Nordoff of Burlington had never watched the succulent sap drip from the trees before, so it was a treat to try some fresh sap. The fingerful was for immediate consumption—the cupful was to take home with him. For a feature on the Crawford's Lake operation, see Page B3.—(Staff Photo)

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Consider full time engineer part timer cost \$83,610

"These people couldn't have done better if they'd had a gold claim staked or an oil well". Councillor Charles Johnson charged as Milton Council reviewed engineering costs during 1969 totalling \$83,610. Councillor Johnson wondered how many full time engineers the town could have hired for that "staggering sum".

an engineer who would be expert in the many different phases of work covered.

Councillor C. Fay complained the OWRC would not approve installation of water mains without engineering plans. He maintained such plans were not necessary.

The report was referred to the Administration Committee to study the feasibility of hiring an engineer on a full time basis.

County decides to ask for Halton-only region

"No way will we jump into regional government until we know some specifics on what it will cost. I want to know in dollars and cents," Nassagaweya Reeve A. MacArthur told Halton County Council at their March meeting Tuesday.

At a closed meeting Friday the mayors, reeves and deputy-reeves in the county decided to push for a Halton-only region acting immediately on a restructured five municipality basis with representation to be decided

later. The municipalities were to include all seven present municipalities in the county. After a heated debate county council agreed to uphold the decision to push for a Halton region.

When the resolution was presented at council a map signed by Deputy-reeve Ted Tyler of Acton, Gordon Agnew of Nassagaweya and Tom Hill of Esquesing was presented outlining the boundaries they requested before agreeing to the

regional Halton.

"We have every reason to take a dim view of regional government after last week when our education bill went up 6.21 mills and the rest of the county had a reduction. Education is no better than it was a year or two ago, yet we pay far more," Mrs. MacArthur claimed.

Burlington Reeve Gordon Gallager said the restructuring would depend on servicing. He said they could enter the

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Retain Lorne Scots pipe band military band squeezed out

"No, it's not us, thank the Lord," exclaimed one of the local Lorne Scots Regiment's pipe band members after a story in last week's Champion indicated the pipes and drums of

the Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment were being wiped out in a federal department of defense economy drive.

To set the record straight, it's the Lorne Scots Military Band (the brass and reed band conducted by Lt. Elgin Corlett of Oakville) which the military brass wants to wipe out to save militia funds. The century-old regiment has carried two bands for many years. A few men from Milton play in the military band.

Matter of fact, some of the Lorne Scots pipers and drummers are preparing now for a return visit to the famed Edinburgh Festival's military tattoo this August. Ten years ago the whole band went to play in Scotland's big festival; this year the defence department has enough funds for 12 men each from five pipe bands in Canada to make up a composite band representing the country. Names of those going from the Lornes have not yet been announced. They will leave August 6 and return Sept. 12.

Lorne Scots officials said it is possible more bandmen could go, but the money would have to be raised locally to support a larger contingent as the defense department budget only allows for 60 men. There are eight Milton players in the pipe band.



BROOKVILLE PETS 'N' SETS square dancers put on a rollicking entertainment that had toes a-tapping at Halton Centennial Manor on Wednesday evening. The young dancers, most of them students at Brookville Public School, formed up three sets and performed their modern style of square dancing before an enthusiastic audience. —(Staff Photo)

Planners okay airport despite protest effort

Despite heated arguments from over 150 area landowners, Oakville Planning Board has voted a firm "yes" for the application to rezone 200 acres of land at Omagh for airport use. The vote of five in favor and three against stood pat as Grant Davidson's proposed airport gained ground.

By board time Thursday night, 25 letters opposing the airport had been received; one in favor. This resulted following the Sunday night protest meeting at Boyne Centre when north Oakville councillors Geoff Drew-Brock and Don Gordon urged residents to come up with constructive evidence against the airport. Pros and cons of the proposal broke loose following the statement by board member Tom Heath that the present

application is half a mile east of earlier municipal airport plan. He said this should reduce some of the noise disturbance to village residents.

Grant Davidson of Willowdale, the airport applicant, touched on the topics residents seemed most concerned with. He referred to the airport in Guelph when discussing property value, stating the value should go up with the introduction of the airport to Omagh. "Towers and silos can be built as long as they don't interfere with the zoning and dead trees will be removed at our expense," said Davidson. "Low lead gasoline is used in small plane engines and storage tanks will be buried underground to prevent air pollution. The training of young pilots will not be carried on here

either, but rather over the wooded area of the escarpment."

Mr. Davidson also disagreed with a statement by Dr. T. J. Molony that noise from these planes can cause damage to hearing as well as cause heart trouble. He compared the noise of airplanes to that of lawn mowers and "hot" cars. "You can shut off lawn mowers and cars but can you shut off planes?" asked Dr. Molony. He also presented the World Book 1970 as proof to back up his previous statement that noise can effect hearing, heart and throat. "I moved here for peace and quiet, not noise," he said. He was one of three doctors who testified the airport would be a health hazard.

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Education budget set

Nassagaweya levy is going up other municipalities are down

Expenses for the Halton County Board of Education will be up \$4,330,162 for a total of \$35,961,543 this year. All but one of the seven Halton municipalities will realize a reduction in their levy. Nassagaweya, the only township without a reduction, will see its mill rate jump 6.21 mills, subject to final calculations.

Board officials said the rise for Nassagaweya was due to a wrong estimation of the provincial equalization factor, resulting in an underlevy last year which has to be made up this year. Both Esquesing and Nassagaweya felt an adverse effect of this factor.

The provincial equalization factor is established by the Department of Municipal

Affairs. With assessment increases last year in Nassagaweya it was estimated the factor would rise. Instead it decreased. The underlevy last year which produced a 12 mill drop in Nassagaweya, is reflected this year as well as the lower equalization factor.

Postpone annual hospital meeting

The annual meeting of Milton District Hospital Corporation has been postponed until April 8, chairman J. M. Ledwith announced Tuesday.

Originally scheduled for tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m., the meeting had to be postponed to allow sufficient time for public notice of the meeting.

The second factor influencing the net effect on the mill rate was the arbitrators' award. When the County Board took over all schools at the end of 1968 some councils had surpluses and some carried deficits on the 1968 operations. The Nassagaweya board ended that year with a

surplus. Had it not, the mill rate would have jumped 9.33 mills rather than 6.21 this year.

If your assessment is \$5,000 in Milton for 1970 your school taxes should drop about \$13. The same \$5,000 assessment in Burlington would give a reduction of about \$32, in Georgetown about \$29, in Oakville about \$24, in Esquesing about \$6, in Acton about \$14.40. If your property is assessed at \$5,000 in Nassagaweya you can expect to pay about \$30 more than last year.

The mill rates are down 6.46 mills in Burlington, 2.68 mills in Acton, 1.33 mills in Esquesing, 5.89 mills in Georgetown, 4.76

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Sr. Citizen apartment building proposed for Ontario St. site

Construction of a \$364,392 36-unit senior citizen apartment building was recommended to Milton Council by the Ontario Housing Corporation Monday.

The proposal by Wimpey Homes was one of three received in response to a call by the Corporation for tenders. It would be located on Ontario St. opposite George St. A four storey building was proposed with elevators. Its location was within walking distance of Milton Plaza, S. H. Philbrook, development manager of Ontario Housing Corporation told council.

The one bedroom units would be built at a cost of \$10,122 each.

The Ontario Housing Corporation would pay the full cost of the project based on a 90 per cent federal loan and 10 per cent provincial. Any operating deficit on the project would be paid 50 per cent by the federal government, 42 per cent by the provincial and seven and a half by the town. The project will pay full municipal taxes.

Rents in the apartments will be geared to income and range from \$32 monthly. They will include full heat, light and water

services and be properly maintained and landscaped.

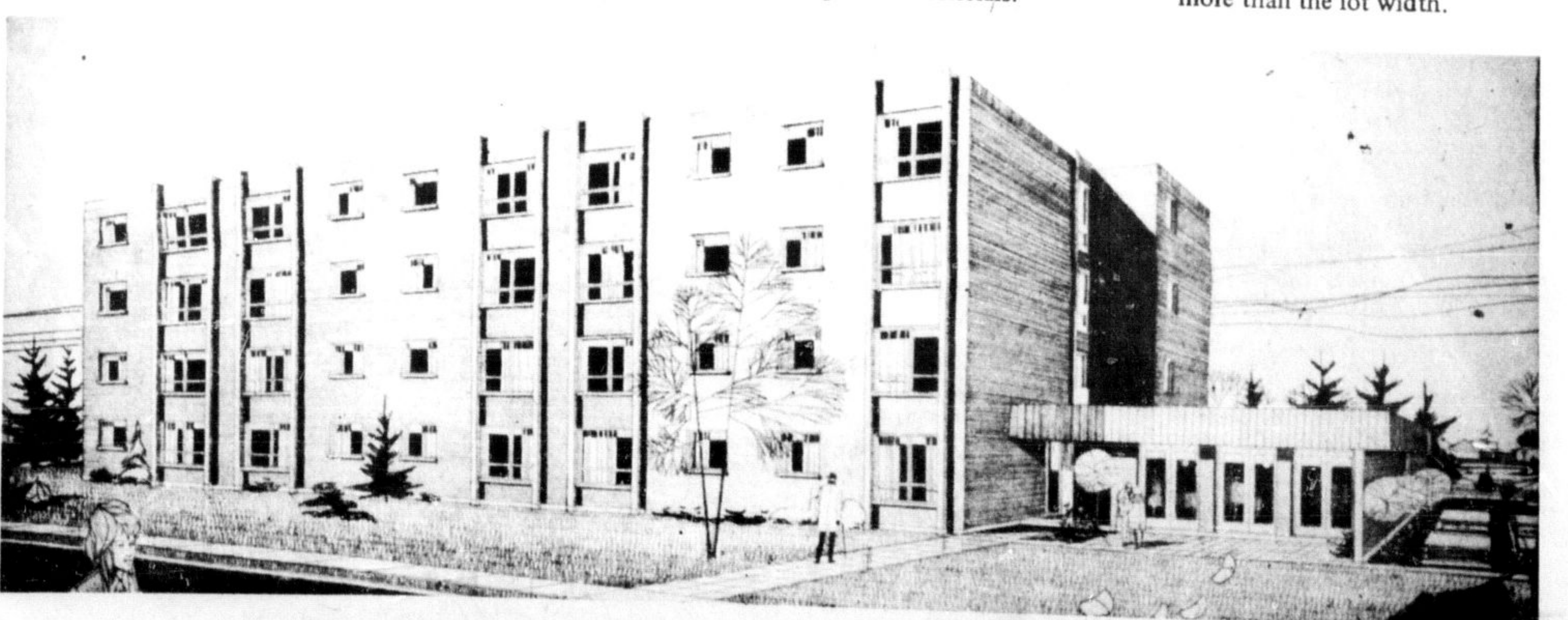
Mr. Philbrook predicted that an early council approval of the project could result in occupancy of the units toward the end of December.

In discussion on the project Councillor W. Woods suggested the provision of only 10 parking spaces did not seem adequate and R.vee R. Harris advocated about the construction of a sidewalk from the units down Ontario St.

The points were to be clarified with Ontario Housing Corporation officials.

Two other proposals for the project were received. Zorge Construction proposed a \$375,264 two storey walk-up design for the land at Heslop and Commercial along the southern limit of the Denyes school property.

Dow Construction proposed a similar design between Pine and Charles and Maiden Lane unopened. Price was quoted at \$353,313 but Mr. Philbrook noted the proposal did not meet OHC requirements. He observed the building width adds up to more than the lot width.



WIMPEY HOMES' DRAWING OF \$364,392 APARTMENT PROJECT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Jetport would bother OSD students hearing aids would amplify noise

Five hundred students at Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton this week joined the growing protest against the rumored jetport locating in Esquesing Township.

The deaf and hard of hearing students certainly don't want any jetports in this area—the noise of the jumbo jets would be picked up and amplified many times through the high powered amplification equipment that is located in every classroom in the school.

O.S.D. Superintendent Don Kennedy explained how a nearby jetport would adversely affect the school's educational program in a letter to the editor. Here is the complete text of his letter:

"We at OSD wish to object to the establishment of a jet airport in the vicinity of Milton, insofar as it would create problems in the educational areas of the school.

"In each classroom, high powered amplification equipment is used. External noise is kept to a minimum. The school buildings are located well back from Ontario St. to avoid highway noise.

Classrooms are sound treated, but not to the extent that jet airplane noise can be excluded.

"If the school might be near the glidepath of aircraft our students would be subjected to considerable outside interference from jet noise that is amplified many times through their hearing aids. This problem would be one over which we could not devise controls, and therefore would adversely affect our education program."

Concern is growing all over Halton about the possibility the new jetport for super jumbo jets will be built in this area. Although the federal government says the site will not be announced until the fall, many factors point to an Esquesing location. The jetport questionnaire published in The Champion has prompted an overwhelming number of readers to write protesting a Halton location.