

Require average 60 foot frontages in new area

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Until August?

Meter Co. lays off 41

Production facilities were shut down at Canadian Meter Co. Ltd., Milton on Friday and 41 men were laid off for an indefinite period of time. A skeleton staff of about a dozen men has been kept at work doing service and repair work and shipping, according to the firm's manager of manufacturing Jim Orwin.

"The prolonged recession of new housing starts and the tight money policy affecting the

general economy of the country" were blamed for the layoff. The firm had a four-day layoff the week of May 18 and the men were to have returned to work a four-day week, but Mr. Orwin told The Champion the slowdown in housing starts was "more severe than we had anticipated."

Canadian Meter manufactures gas meters for residential and commercial use. Curtailment of production may extend through

the firm's normal vacation period, July 17 to August 10, Mr. Orwin reported. But he hoped sales would pick up before that.

"We have reviewed the sales picture with our customers across the country and find our inventory to be substantially in excess of our projected requirements," he explained. This is the company's first major layoff since it was established in Milton in 1956.



HELPING THE INJURED are Acton and Milton St. John Ambulance Brigades. The two patients had an electrical accident, had fallen from a ladder and were critically injured. Acton and Milton brigades staged the mock accident and

demonstrated how the victims are given medical attention before and en route to hospital. The demonstration was one of five accidents presented at Milton Arena during the area inspections Thursday.-(Staff Photo)

Recover body of Paul Scisizzi

The body of Paul Scisizzi of Milton, who was drowned on May 17 at Flat Rock Falls on the Muskoka River near Bala, was recovered Saturday afternoon by a team of divers from the Hamilton Air-Sea Rescue Unit. Dragging operations had been carried out almost daily during the past two weeks by Ontario Provincial Police and volunteer divers.

Paul and Neil Devlin had been canoeing near a waterfall when the canoe got caught in a current and tipped over. They had clung to the side of the canoe for a minute but Paul apparently decided to swim for shore. On his way he got into trouble and

efforts by Devlin to hold him at the surface of the water failed. The boys were among 18 Milton Rover Crew members enjoying a canoeing and fishing trip down the river south of Bala - an annual holiday weekend outing for the crew.

Last week Martin Franchetto of Oakville, District Commissioner of the Oakville-Milton Boy Scouts, had gone to Bala to assist with the search operation. Paul's father Otello, brother-in-law Jim Kaufman, senior Rover John White and the Hamilton scuba diving team went to the area Saturday to help.

After studying the currents in the dark, cold water they sent teams of divers into the water and within an hour the body had been recovered at a depth of 65 feet, about 125 feet from where Paul had disappeared. Don Faraway, who headed the rescue unit, found the body.

Fee \$10 for garbage pickup

Special garbage pickups—except for household furniture and appliances—will cost Milton residents \$10 per truckload or trip in future.

On Monday council approved the fee by resolution. Some residents have been cutting down large trees and leaving them for town crews to pick up, it was pointed out, and this requires a large truck and two men.

A private family burial service was held at Evergreen Cemetery, Milton, on Monday morning. Rev. Father J. J. Murphy of Holy Rosary Church officiated. A funeral mass had been held a week earlier.

Paul, 19, was the son of Otello and Ada Scisizzi of 389 Broadway St., Milton. He is also survived by five sisters, Janice (Mrs. James Kaufman), Elaine, Frances, JoAnne and Noreen. He was a student at Milton District High School.

"Not convinced"

Delay approval low rental housing

"I'm not convinced this is the answer," said Councillor Charles Fay when a motion was brought forward at Monday's Milton Council meeting approving Ontario Housing Corporation's proposal for 14 geared-to-income low rental units for the town.

Many other councillors weren't convinced, either, and the approval was grounded for two weeks to allow more study. Councillor Fay couldn't

understand how OHC could evict any tenants if their incomes grew. He was also worried the low rents would take away a man's initiative to better himself.

But Councillor William Woods noted there was a "terrible" shortage of rental accommodations in town right now and said many teachers and Ontario School for the Deaf staffers were having trouble finding a place to live. He hoped

the low rental project would free some present housing for new residents.

The whole matter was shelved for two weeks to allow councillors more time to think about it. They were also leery about making the decision without the two senior members of council, Mayor Brian Best and Reeve Ron Harris being present to participate in the discussion. One is on holidays and the other was attending a convention on Monday.

International track meet

Deaf athletes from four schools converging on OSD this weekend

Campuses at Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton will be a beehive of activity this weekend. Students from Rome, N.Y. and Flint, Mich. will appear on the scene Thursday and more students from OSD Belleville will arrive Saturday for the first four-school International Invitational track and field games for the deaf.

Social activities and trips will occupy the visitors and their OSD hosts for the first two days and the sports competitions will take place at OSD all day Saturday. A dance and social hour for the American and OSC students will be held at the school Thursday evening. Friday, groups will head for Toronto to tour the Ontario Science Centre, Pioneer Village, McLaughlin

Planetarium and Old Fort York plus several other points of interest in the city. They will leave Milton at 8.30 a.m. and return home at 4.30 p.m. Friday night is taken up with a

Water feeds grease fire

Hot grease for the making of chips ignited a fire at the M and R Grill, R.R. 3 Milton, Friday. A lady on the staff attempted to extinguish the blaze with a box of soap flakes. When the blaze was almost out some customers rushed in from the front of the restaurant and poured water on the fire. The grease re-ignited and flames climbed up the wall to the roof.

swim period at the OSD pool with plenty of free time for socializing afterward. Then comes Saturday—and this is what the whole thing is about.

Around 200 competitors from the four schools will see action in the track and field events. Opening ceremonies are at 9.45 a.m. with OSD Milton superintendent Don Kennedy officiating. Athletes, led by a pipe band, will march Olympic-style onto the field. Various local dignitaries have been invited to participate in the opening ceremonies.

Saturday evening all participants will gather for a banquet and presentation of awards. Visiting athletes are being billeted for the weekend in the two gyms at OSD.

Lots larger than 50 feet frontage were favored by Milton Council and Planning Board after the joint group considered three plans of subdivision with a total of 1,281 lots last week.

It was pointed out that 791 of the 1,281 lots provided in the subdivisions had 50 foot frontage or less.

The Council indicated it would require the lots in the subdivisions to average 60 feet with a minimum of 50 feet. An allowance of 15 per cent of the units could be semi-detached and lot area requirements stipulated in the R3 requirements would be maintained.

The subdivisions are proposed by Halton Land Group with a total of 329 lots of which 153 are 50 feet; George Wimpey with 649 lots of which 491 are 50 feet and Torprop Ltd. with 303 lots of which 147 are 50 feet or less.

Council and planning board have been considering the plans since finalization of a general development plan for the area in the north east corner of the town.

Planning Consultant Derek Little also reviewed the three plans on points in which they differed from the original development plan.

He noted the Torprop proposal provided reverse frontage lots on the north-south artery, did not incorporate the original walkways, deleted a community park-arena site, introduced more intersections with the collector road in a short

distance, did not provide a public school site or church site, had not included half the north-south collector road, extended building lots into the park area which was to have preserved existing bush, and didn't agree with the plan proposed to the south.

Reviewing the Halton Land Group plan, the town's planning consultant noted the area was separated into two sections by the road pattern, a new local access road to the Third Line was added, and no provision had been made for the walkway system. The park at the main intersection was quite small and would remove 60 to 70 per cent of the bush, which is the only topographical feature of the area. He indicated the overall plan was the best as far as conformity to the development plan he had prepared.

Dealing with the George Wimpey subdivision, Mr. Little observed the industrial strip along Main St. had been reduced from 600 feet to 400 feet, some lots along the Third Line did not have the 150 foot depth minimum suggested, several small parks had been added which would be fine if the town

was prepared to maintain the areas, cul de sacs provided could produce engineering problems in looping systems and the park area projected to include the bush was not in that location.

Members endorsed the original concept of the development plan in preserving the bush area, as had been done in the development plan, with plans amended to accommodate this.

Considerable discussion took place on the lot sizes and a variety of formulas were proposed and rejected to indicate acceptance of a limited number of 50 foot lots.

It was pointed out the Official Plan provided for 30 persons per acre in single family residential areas with a minimum frontage of 50 feet. Mr. Little indicated, however, it was never the intent to provide the overabundance of 50 foot lots as indicated in the plans submitted. He emphasized the proposals were not contrary to the Official Plan except where lot sizes were under 50 feet. Council would have to decide on the size of lots it felt practical and tell the developer.

Councillor C. Johnson told members he was definitely opposed to the vast majority of lots being smaller than 60 feet.

"I never understood that 75 per cent of the lots would be 50 feet as is proposed in the Wimpey subdivision," Councillor Gord Krantz observed.

It was noted in the Halton Lane Group area 25 per cent of the units proposed were semi-detached.

Councillor C. Fay maintained a 60 foot lot was small enough.

He doubted any saving on land cost would be passed on to the purchaser. He acknowledged the town would receive less funds in capital levies and in taxes, but he supported the 60 foot lot.

Suffers burns in Tuesday fire

Mrs. Shirley Hall, R.R. 6 Milton received first and second degree burns to 30 per cent of her skin in a 10 p.m. kitchen fire at her north Burlington home Tuesday.

She and her husband Warren were out when the fire broke out and returned home to see the kitchen in their Bell School Line home blazing.

It is believed something had been left on the stove, where fire broke out. Damage to the kitchen was extensive.

Mr. Hall used a fire extinguisher and garden hose to quell the blaze before the arrival of the Milton Area Fire Fighters.

Mrs. Hall was taken by ambulance to Milton District Hospital where she was treated by Dr. R. Edwards who reported she would be hospitalized for a few days.

Operation Survival tackles "eyesores"

Operation Survival held its first executive meeting Thursday evening; a meeting to stamp out litter.

"Our plan is to clean up the eyesores in Milton," said chairman Mrs. Joyce Burton. "Our group correspondent has sent letters to the owner of the plaza requesting to know about a clean-up contract. If there isn't a contract for clean-up then we intend to take action and see that there is."

She said the organization will welcome any personal pictures of "beauty spots" in town and will pin them on a local bulletin board for display to the public.

The group is also considering an essay or poster contest in Milton's elementary schools where a panel of judges from the group would judge the best work and a cash prize would be awarded to the winner. "We intend to put posters up around town," said Mrs. Burton. "This is to show the people just how interested the children are in combating the problem."

The next general meeting will be held June 11 in the Credit Union Hall.

Town holiday on June 29

Milton's municipal employees will be observing the July 1 Dominion Day holiday on Monday, June 29, Milton Council agreed on Monday.

The town's works department staff had petitioned works superintendent Bruce McKerr for the Monday holiday, rather than on the actual day which is a Wednesday this year. Council approved and extended the Monday holiday to all municipal employees.

Opinions expressed in recreation survey

Find Miltonians prefer small town life

Milton's inhabitants have overwhelmingly indicated they do not wish to live in a larger town. Tabulation of the results of the recent recreational survey has shown that 77% of the people would not want to move to a bigger urban centre. This conclusion is based on returns representing between 5,000 and 6,000 of Milton's population, in the survey conducted last month by Grade 13 geography students at Milton District High School.

Why do people enjoy life in a small town? Milton is fortunate; townfolk may reap both the benefits of breathing country fresh air and of attending more sophisticated and diversified activities in nearby cities. The desire to associate closely with nature has been supported, 42% of the families have travelled the Bruce Trail in the last year, while almost three-quarters of the families engage in hunting or fishing.

When people leave town for recreation one-third go to Toronto while only 15% visit Hamilton. It is surprising that both Oakville (19%) and Burlington (17%) attract more of Milton's entertainment seekers than does Hamilton. Last year's survey showed that both centres were insignificant in attracting Milton's shoppers. However, if Miltonians are typical, Oakville and Burlington are battling it out to decide the entertainment capital of the region.

Some strong opinions have been voiced on matters influencing the whole town. Results were against a new speedway as only 44% liked the proposal. Tabulation showed an even more negative response for the jet airport which could be constructed somewhere within the vicinity, less than 23% voted for the airstrip. Those citizens who expressed the desire for a new or better arena lost a close decision. The score: 47% for, 53% against, a new or better arena. Regarding the question of higher taxes for the arena, those against paying soundly whipped those willing to pay by 72% to 28%.

Changes which the citizens would like were discovered. The town is solidly behind the suggestion that Milton should have a Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A.; 85% think it is a good idea. The majority of the replies stated that family members would use the gymnasium facilities at the High School if made available; 62% would use the

gym on week nights while 56% indicated that they would work-out during summer vacations.

Supervised playgrounds, which are operated at the public schools during summer months, appear to provide an important service. Results show that 52.5% of Milton's families have children under age 14. Of these families exactly 50% have made use of the supervised playgrounds. This service has thus been used by over one-quarter of all the families in Milton.

Many recreational habits and attitudes of the individual have also been determined. Over 60% feel they now have less time for recreation than 10 years ago. This is a surprise. Sociologists state that one of society's main problems is how to use an ever-increasing amount of leisure time. What is the explanation? It may be that as one grows older family and especially work responsibility increases until near retirement age. The job of raising a family is much more complicated and demanding than in the past. Our technological society is placing heavier responsibility on all workers and is stressing a need for their greater adaptability.

It may be in an effort to relax and reduce tension that watching T.V. has become one of the most important forms of home recreation. Still, about 77% said that T.V. is viewed less than two hours per day while 40% watch it less than one hour per day. Reading is not a lost art. Over 47% stated that more time is spent reading than watching television.

Forty-one per cent feel that an individual should have about two hours per day to engage in enjoyable activities. One-third believed that three to four hours should be for enjoyment. Exclusive of watching T.V., 53% have only one hour or less for recreation each day.

Looking at recreation outside the home it is found that 50% do not attend evening meetings, clubs or organizations; 43% attend from 1-4 per month; 12% attend from 5-9 and 5% go to over 10 meetings per month; 30% of these people join these organizations because of duty. The large number attending no meetings may be

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MEET THE SURVEY CREW—Teacher John Horner (upper left) and his class of Grade 13 geography students recently took a survey to determine the feelings of Milton and district residents on recreation habits and facilities. Their findings are reported in today's Champion. Members of the class pose with the survey forms they distributed, collected and tabulated.-(Staff Photo)