



Firm seeks approval for \$144,000 industrial building

The Canadian Champion

Vol. 111 - No. 16

MILTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1970

Sixteen Pages - Fifteen Cents

Unified clubs will hold winter carnival in Milton

Encouraged by the obvious success of their first major project two months ago, Milton Community Service Clubs have embarked on a new and larger project, a winter carnival for Milton.

Jim Seager, chairman of the committee which is represented by almost every service club, ethnic group, along with other organizations, said that plans for the event tentatively scheduled for Feb. 5 and Feb. 6 were falling in place and the members of the committee were very enthusiastic about the project.

Start Friday
The festivities are expected to get underway on the Friday night and continue through Saturday and Saturday evening. The committee hopes to hold most of their functions in the fairgrounds and they hope to arrange some fun games at the arena as well.

A carnival queen will be picked and she is expected to lead a torch light procession at the fairgrounds where she will light a pile of Christmas trees. Town officials are expected to become involved in the procession.

If all goes well those in the procession will be drawn by dog sled or snowmobiles. While the plans for Friday or Saturday have yet to become finalized the committee has given consideration to a wide variety of winter events that might be staged that day. "If it has anything to do with winter sports or winter fun you might find it

there," suggested chairman Seager.
Cross country skiing, dog sled races, push ball, powder puff hockey, broomball, an outdoor dance and snowmobile races might well find a spot on the agenda for the weekend.

Nothing serious
Mr. Seager stressed the idea of the whole weekend was for fun for the community and its residents. "We're not planning anything heavy or serious and we don't expect it to be much of a moneymaking affair. Just fun" he said.

An outdoor dance in February could well be a first for the area, but Mr. Seager points out the idea worked very successfully for a similar function in Etobicoke.

Snow and ice sculpturing are other parts of the program, the committee unveiled recently. A committee of judges will tour the town and judge the individual attempts. The sculpturing is anticipated to be created at the homes of the sculpturers.

In keeping with their plans to promote community spirit the unified service group will anticipate involving as many

—Getting ready for the back-to-school trek? School starts in less than three weeks—Tuesday, Sept. 8.

residents as possible. "We don't think we'll bring in any professional snowmobile racers or anything like that," Mr. Seager said pointing out the group's philosophy of involving the people of the community.

Weather?
The biggest single factor that could guarantee a successful winter carnival is the weather and unfortunately that will have to remain an unknown until the time of the carnival.

The committee is well aware of that hazard and has considered some sort of counter proposal for the events that demand cold weather and snow. The group will put their heads together at a scheduled meeting Sept. 15 and particulars are expected to fall into shape at that meeting. In the meantime sub-committees will be preparing for the event.

With all the bills in and paid for from the committee's Carlton Show Band dance held early in the summer, the committee shows net proceeds of \$2,573. This money will be put toward the creation of Unity Park. The park site is to be located in the north end of town behind the OPP station.

Jim Duffy, a member of the committee and a civil engineer by trade is heading a committee to make suggestions to the Park's Board concerning plans for the park.

Funds for park
The committee felt the proceeds from the June dance

would provide funds for landscaping, road work and some lawn. Mr. Seager said it was the committee's intention to get work started on the park by Oct. 1.

Members of the committee have pledged of volunteer support and some donations of fill and other commodities that will be needed. The Ontario School For the Deaf has already promised picnic benches for the park.

Mr. Seager expressed the hope to have the park in operating order for the spring and revealed tentative plans for a dance in the summer featuring a name band. The dance will boost the coffers of the committee for future development and furnishings for the park.

While the committee doesn't anticipate any great income from the winter carnival it is expected any revenue from the carnival will be put towards the park as well.

Smells bad no danger

Residents of R.R. 3 Milton were quite disturbed Monday, when an obnoxious gas smell surrounded their homes. The gas was a result of blasting at Halton Crushed Stone.

A spokesman for the company assured The Champion that the gas was non toxic and would cause no harm to the people.

Two car collision

Two out of town cars collided on Bronte St. near Mill, Saturday. A vehicle driven by Keith Urch of Burlington received \$400 damage. The other vehicle, driven by Thomas Cole of Bridgenorth, Ontario, received an estimated \$150 damage. Milton Police investigated.

One minor accident was also reported.

Alliance Building Corporation has made formal application to begin construction on a \$144,000 industrial building; the first of several to be built at the planned industrial plaza, situated north of Baseline Road and just east of Highway 25 in Milton.

Alliance bought the 100 acre farm that was formerly owned by Ted Harrop early in 1970. Milton council gave Alliance the green light at their last meeting when they passed a resolution that would provide for sewers and water lines for the property.

Local improvement
Council proposes to have the work on the sewers, and watermains done under local improvement. This way the town will pick up \$8,608 and the developer will pay the rest of the cost. Sewers and watermains are expected to cost \$73,000.

Alliance has told council they are anxious and prepared to start work on the complex as soon as the town gets approval from the OMB to pay their share of the

services. Council must have OMB approval before they spend money under local improvements.

Alliance will seek approval from the committee of adjustment for a land separation. The developers also will ask for a relief on the parking requirements. They plan to provide parking for 61 cars.

The first building, an industrial complex, will consist of six units. Each unit will be 4,000 square feet. The first building will face Base Line Road. The dimensions of the one storey building will be 100 by 240 feet. Plans include parking spaces for 61 cars along the front and side with six truck loading bays at the rear.

Plans show the property to be serviced by a road running north and west from Base Line Rd. at the west side of the Harrop house. The 100 ft. wide road will be 800 feet long.

President of Alliance Building corporation David Satok has told

council his company will invest over half of a million dollars on the complex.

13 Buildings
Alliance plans an array of 13 industrial buildings, a 70 room motel facing Highway 25 and a five storey 60,000 square foot office building facing Base Line Road.

Had enquiries
According to Mr. Satok he has already had enquiries and requests for information about the availability of space. The value of his first building is estimated at \$144,000 exclusive of land costs, roads or services.

When the proposals went before planning board several months ago the town planners were pleased with the general intent of the developers. It is expected much of the industry will be "showcase industry," that is small factories with neat exteriors and no outside storage of materials. The complex is the first of its kind for Milton.

Award contract for town owned building

The building that stood on the corner of Main and Charles St. for more than a hundred years and recently became better known as the MacNabb building is down and construction of a new bake shop at the rear of the building has begun.

At a special meeting of council Friday afternoon council awarded the tender for the construction of the building to G. DeWildt Construction Company. The low tender came in at \$8,522.50, well within the budgeted cost for the job.

Good price
While councillors were all happy about the price some were less enthusiastic about the design of the building. Some noted that the front of the building was perhaps a little fancy for their liking and indicated they would have preferred a more conventional building.

Mr. DeWildt has said he would begin the work on the building immediately and have it completed by Sept. 1. A park area is planned for the front of the building and work on that will follow the completion of the building.

The MacNabb building had its fate declared by the Department of Labor who issued a stop work order on the road reconstruction and repaving job in the area of the building until it was either torn down or had an independent engineer certify it as being in a condition that would not endanger workers if they continued work.

Demolish old building
On that note the town purchased the building and the lot, had it demolished and are now erecting a new building to house the baker, Mr. Gillies, who was left without a shop when the building was destroyed. Mr. Gillies will rent the shop from the town.

The project was one of several factors complicating the main street reconstruction. It held work up for almost a month. The demolishing of the building and the closing of a portion of Charles St. proved to be a thorn in the back side for several merchants and for people patronizing Main St. businesses.

Only the self-employed sidewalk superintendents who gathered in front of the town hall or across the street closer to the job seemed to enjoy the demolition. A regular group gathered daily and spent a countless number of hours discussing how they would go about the job, and how they don't make buildings any more like the one that was being demolished among other tid bits of information.

Dam may be completed before winter comes

The Scotch Block Dam a project by Halton Region Conservation Authority is expected to end water shortages for people in the area of the 16 Mile Creek and prevent the threat of water shortages in the future.

The dam is expected to cost in the vicinity of \$1,000,000 before it is completed late this fall. Work began on the project earlier this year and is expected to be completed before the winter winds providing the weather permits the work to be done.

BOT general contractors from Oakville are building the dam and C. C. Parker, Parsons and Brinkerhoff of Hamilton are engineering the job. A spokesman for the engineering firm explained how fabri-dam will empower the dam to hold another seven feet of water in the reservoir.

Fabri-dam
Fabri-dam is a relatively new device used in construction of

dams. It is believed the Scotch Block Dam will be the first in Canada to have it but it has been used in the United States. The device resembles a rubberized balloon and can be inflated or deflated to help regulate the flow of water over the spillway.

Plans for the dam were initiated in 1964 by a special order from the Minister of Energy and Resources to build dams. At that time HRCA embarked on plans for the Scotch Block and Hilton Falls Dam. While HRCA officials can foresee the completion of the Scotch Block Dam this fall the Hilton Falls dam is still being held up by litigation. The Authority has been to court on a number of occasions but the matter has yet to be resolved and the work is still held up.

Complaints
Max Hatherly, secretary treasurer of HRCA, said there was a real shortage of water during the summer of 1964 and

one years immediately following. Mr. Hatherly recalled a terrific number of complaints during those years. Several market gardeners and golf courses had licenses to draw water from the 16-Mile Creek and cattle farmers were complaining there wasn't enough water to feed their stock.

Mr. Hatherly suggested the supply of water isn't as bad now as it was then but noted that when the dam is completed and the water can be regulated life will be made a lot easier for golf courses, market gardeners and individuals drawing water from the creek.

The water crisis has been eased in recent years due to greater powers given to OWRC. "They have more teeth and are able to regulate the use of water," he said.

The Scotch Block Dam is located on Highway 25 between Milton and Acton near the Tangmere Mushroom Company.



THE SCOTCH BLOCK DAM, a project that has been on the board since 1964 is coming along according to schedule according to BOT Construction spokesmen. BOT is the general contractor for the job.

The Dam is being constructed to regulate the flow of the water from the 16-Mile Creek.

—(Staff Photo)