

## Change in region plan rumored

# May place Milton in development area

Milton received a hint of a nice Christmas present a few days after Christmas this year. . . . Monday new hope emerged that the town will be lifted out of the

Zone Two "commutershed" region and placed in the Zone One urban area in the Ontario Government's Toronto-Centred Region Design for Development.

The designation of Milton in the no-growth zone — a sore point with town officials and area landowners since the Design was first released last May — may not

be so final after all according to a news report out of Toronto on Monday morning.

Not yet announced  
Writer Warren Gerard, in a by-

lined article on page one of Monday's Globe and Mail, says the government has decided to take Milton out of Zone Two and put it in Zone One, although the

decision has yet to be announced. Revision of population figures in the Zone Two area . . . and other indications — such as the decision (not yet announced) to

take Milton out of Zone Two and place it in Zone One — demonstrate the disagreement in concept between the planners of the Department of Municipal Affairs and the economists and statisticians of the Department of Treasury and Economics," says the Gerard article.

### Backroom pressure?

The Globe article goes on to say, "Why was Milton, a rapidly developing community, placed in Zone Two to start with? Was it because a boundary line had to be drawn somewhere? Why are Georgetown and Acton, two other developing communities, in Zone Two? Why will Milton be taken out of Zone Two and placed in Zone One? Is it because the Government is bending to the pressure of the powerful Tory backroom boys?"

Milton Mayor Brian Best and Halton East MPP Jim Snow were both contacted by The Champion Monday. Neither had read the article but both indicated they would be very pleased if the rumored change of Milton's status is true.

### Working on it

Mayor Best said he had been doing some lobbying with Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Economics Charles McNaughton at recent meetings

and he has been "twisting a few arms" for several months to get the plan changed and Milton into Zone One. MPP Snow said he had taken Milton's brief (which urged the proposed boundary line between Zones One and Two) and several other letters from constituents to Mr. McNaughton and Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough.

"I have heard nothing, but if this information is correct it is certainly in line with the thinking behind the town's brief," Mayor Best said. The town's ability to service future growth is a key in the issue and he indicated Milton is in good shape to serve a future population of 50,000 people.

### Easier here

The town and district will be much easier to service with water and sewers than two new major communities proposed for lands in north Oakville and north Burlington, he added.

The Halton East MPP said he has discussed Milton's dissatisfaction with the Zone Two designation with Mayor Best and members of Milton Council and he had objected to the town's designation as soon as the report was released last May. "To my way of thinking, with Milton's recently approved annexation and the plans for the future, it should be included in Zone One."

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## All set to welcome 1971

# Music, bells, coffee, food ready for New Year's bell-ringing

Instrumentation is nearing completion for the "Midnight Orchestra" that will lead the singing of Auld Lang Syne in front of Milton's town hall Thursday as the hour of midnight ushers in a new year.

A drum and cornet seem to be looked after, there will be recorded music if the chill permits a dance or two on the street, and the interest seems to have grown with the announcement last week that retiring Sheriff Andrew Frank will lead in the new year.

### Bell is well oiled

Maintenance has been looked after to make sure the bell will be pealing melodically and Jack Rush assures us the oil has been administered and the rope will withstand the annual pulling.

To overcome the possible cold of the occasion, those who are on hand will be welcome to warm up in the town hall lobby over coffee

and donuts after the ringing, which The Champion is adding to the "tradition". All are welcome.

### WON'T BE OUT TOO LONG

The Sheriff has promised to ring in the new year "with dignity and dispatch" and the mammoth circle of people around the street at Main and Charles will be exposed to the elements just as long as it takes for the Auld Lang Syne chorus.

Tom Nye will be on hand to look after the special music and contribute his zestful leadership to the event. He's emphasized the welcome that awaits young people as well as old folks, and in fact everyone.

Bring your party along or come by yourself. It's a wide-open welcome.

## 3 time loser?

It just wasn't his day, a district man was probably saying to himself on Thursday afternoon.

First, his car and another car collided on Highway 25 north of 10 Sideroad, Esqueving, causing \$425 total damage.

Second, the driver of the other car turned out to be an off-duty OPP Constable, Jerry Terryberry.

Third, the man failed a breathalyzer test and was charged with impaired driving.



A PAIR OF BELL-RINGERS, Jack Rush and Andy Frank were selected by Champion publisher Jim Dills as the "experts" in charge of New Year's Eve "ringing in the new year" ceremonies. Jack, former head of the machine shop at P. L. Robertson Manufacturing, was nominated as the man to get the big town hall bell in shape for the midnight Thursday ringing and he assures all and

sundry it has a good dose of oil applied to make it easier to turn. (Jack qualified for the job after a busy summer in charge of "sidewalk superintendents" on the Main St. reconstruction job). Andy Frank, who is retiring Dec. 31 after 13 years as Sheriff of Halton County, will pull the bell rope. Here the two men clown around, pretending to oil the bell rope.—(Staff Photo)

## Workers vote to strike

# Bargaining will continue between Robertson, union

Bargaining between P. L. Robertson Mfg. Co. Ltd. and the union representing their 300 plant employees will continue after the new year in hopes of reaching a contract settlement suitable to both management and plant workers.

At a meeting Dec. 19 the union, Local 4970 of the United Steel workers of American voted 90 per cent to strike.

### Report soon

A conciliation report is about to be handed down any day now. The union legally has 16 days after the submission of the report before they can strike.

However both sides have indicated a willingness to continue bargaining. At the last

meeting of the two parties the company was offering a package of 39 cents an hour over two years and the union was asking for a package of 71 cents an hour over two years.

Union spokesmen indicated they are also willing to continue negotiations. One issue in dispute appears to be the company's refusal to make increases retroactive to Sept. 28, the expiry date of the old contract.

Corporate personnel officers for Procor Ltd. Allan Dibblee said the average rate of pay for the hourly rated persons is \$3.08.5 which covers a range from \$2.69.5 to \$3.73. The top rate would be over \$4 an hour under the company's offer, he noted.

Procor is the parent company of P. L. Robertson. Not included in the bargaining unit are 130 office workers paid on a salary basis.

Mr. Dibblee said the company was willing to negotiate any phase of the contract, including benefits, but noted the company offered "good fringe benefits now."

"We pay 90 per cent of the medical plan," Dibblee said. A series of four meetings have been held with the conciliation officer from the Department of Labor. He has yet to submit a report. Meetings between union and company officials will continue in the new year in search of an early settlement.

# Christmas night fire damages old home

A Christmas night fire caused extensive damage to the recently remodelled home of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Glover at 98 Charles St., Milton, but prompt action by Milton Fire Department averted a total loss.

Estimates of actual loss were not available at press time but the damage from the fire, smoke and water is expected to cost thousands. One bedroom on the

second floor was gutted by flames, a second bedroom was partly burned and the fire broke through into the attic before it was brought under control.

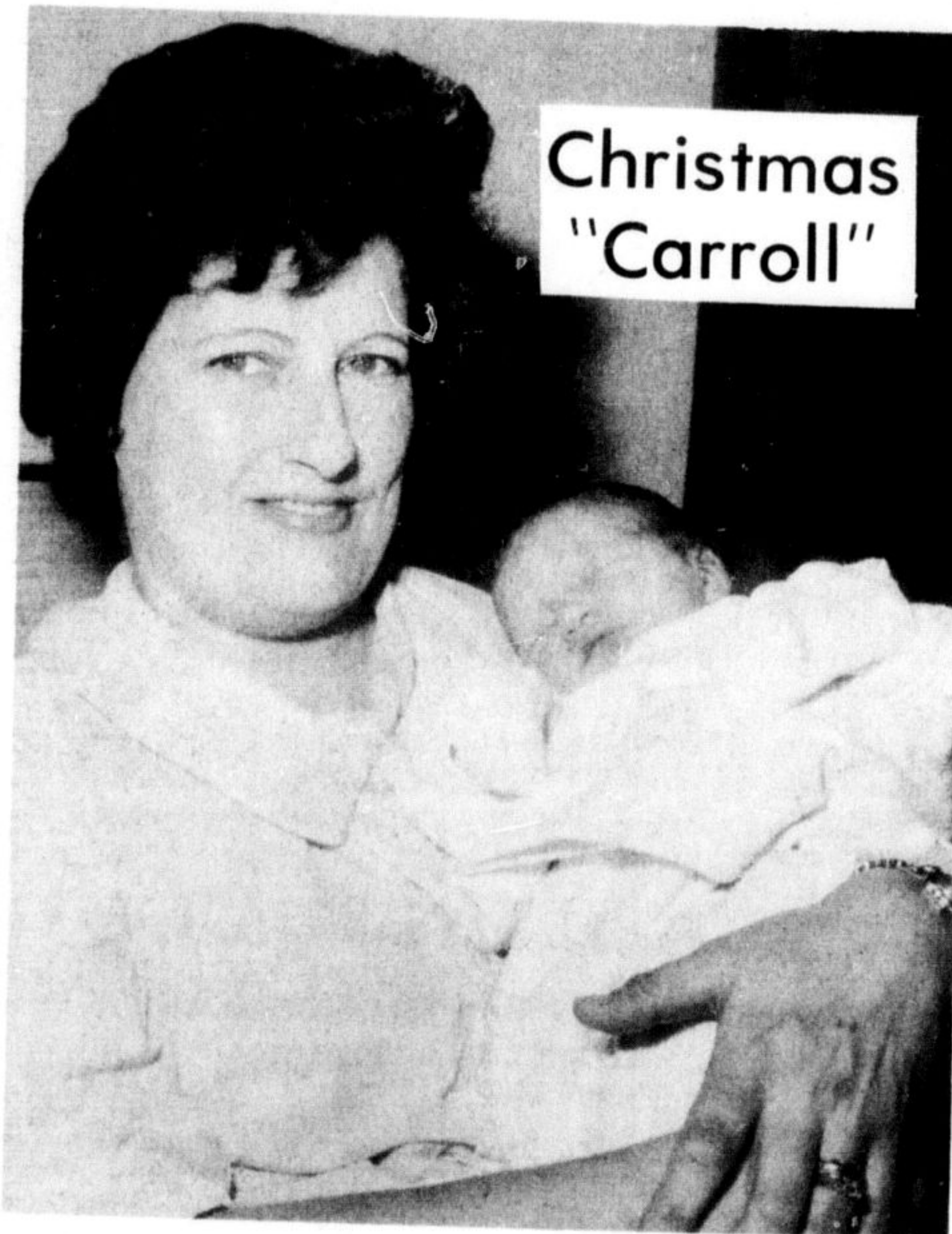
### Blame chimney

A faulty chimney in the living room fireplace is believed responsible for the fire, which broke out around 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Glover and their children Nancy, 16, and Bruce 13, were

sitting in the living room enjoying a game when they smelled smoke. At the same time neighbors had smelled smoke and spotted the fire on the west side of the house and came banging at the Glovers' door to alert them.

Jack Bousfield, 395 Pine St., was visiting a home in the area when he noticed the smoke and smelled the fire. About the same

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## Christmas "Carroll"

CHRISTMAS DAY BABY at Milton District Hospital was Nancy Lynn Carroll, shown here with mother Mrs. Ruth Carroll of 364 Mountainview Dr. Nancy arrived into the world at 6.30 a.m. Christmas morning and was a welcome present to her four sisters and three brothers at home. She weighed 8 pounds, 3½ ounces at birth. —(Staff Photo)

## Makes her Christmas happy

# Widow wins \$100 draw

Christmas was a whole lot happier for the Dube family at 171 Bell St. this year.

Mrs. Virginia Dube, a widow supporting a family of three with a job at Halton Centennial Manor, was the winner of the \$100 grand prize in Milton Chamber of Commerce's Christmas bonanza shopper draw.

Chamber president Mrs. Mary Clarke drew Mrs. Dube's name from a drum full of tickets Thursday afternoon as the four-week shopping promotion drew to a close. Within half an hour Mrs. Dube was presented with the prize—vouchers good at any of the 84 participating stores and services in Milton, with a total value of \$100.

### First win

"You've got to be kidding," the happy housewife shouted into the telephone when she was called and notified of her prize. "I've never won anything in my life."

She still couldn't believe it when Mrs. Clarke visited her home to present the vouchers. "Oh, this is just wonderful," she said.

One of Mrs. Dube's daughters is to be married in the spring and Mrs. Dube has decided to spend the new-found money on a new outfit to wear to her daughter's wedding.

### 10 others win \$10

Ten other persons won \$10 vouchers in the final draw held Thursday. They were: Miss Lynn Coulson, 36 Robert St.; Smitten Currie, R.R. 2, Campbellville; Paul Beene, 263 Ontario St. N.; Miss Michelle Burton, 71 Heslop Rd.; Mrs. A. McTear, 349 Kingsleigh Ct.; Rob Reid, 263 Ontario St. S.; A. Heaney, 378 Ontario St.; Charles Few, R.R. 1, Milton; Mrs. Alice Mash, 372 Pine St.; and Miss Shirley Maeder, R.R. 3, Campbellville.

Because the Post Office was closed until Tuesday of this week and the vouchers would be delayed by mail, each of the winners was notified by telephone on Christmas Eve. The phone calls sure brightened up Christmas for everyone concerned. Chamber directors who did the telephoning said the stock reaction in eight of the 10 cases was a disbelieving "you're kidding."

### One seven year old

Lynn Coulson, a teenager, said she had only deposited one ticket in the drum. One of the winners, Shirley Maeder, is just seven years old.

Earlier in December, 32 other winners had collected a total of \$300 in merchandise vouchers from local stores. They ranged in value from \$5 to \$25.



ONE VERY HAPPY WINNER of \$100 worth of merchandise vouchers in the Milton Chamber of Commerce Christmas draw was Mrs. Virginia

Dube of 171 Bell St. She accepts her award from Chamber president Mrs. Mary Clarke, right, who pulled the winning tickets in the final draw

## Finalize appointments to boards, committees

Appointments to town boards and committees were finalized Monday evening of last week when Milton Council renamed most of the present members to return to their positions.

Robert Brush and Blake Charlton were re-appointed as members of the Milton Arena Board for one year. Chairman Colin Smillie is retiring and a replacement will be named later. Other members remaining on the board are Councillors S. G. Childs and Charles Johnson.

### Two appointees

Alex Cooke was returned as delegate to Halton Museum Board and Dr. C. A. Martin was re-appointed town delegate to Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Returning to Milton Planning Board for a three year term was Alfred Rigo. Others currently serving on the board are chairman Norman Pearce, vice-chairman Don Hayward, Colin Smillie, Charles Copeland, Mayor Brian Best, Deputy Reeve Percy Barr and Councillors William Woods and S. G. Childs.

The Parking Authority's three current members C. B. Knights, Robert McCuaig and C. Clarke have all resigned. Mike Ledwith, Bruce Frame and B. A. Bonin were named to replace them, for a one year term.

### New members

Murray Grenke was returned to the Milton Parks Board and Recreation Committee for three years and Robert McCuaig was

named to replace E. B. Clements on the joint group. Mr. Clements decided to retire this year. Others currently serving are chairman Jim Dills, Dave Smith, Howell Hopkin and Councillors Art Melanson and Gordon Krantz.

Member Johnny Johnston of the Industrial Commission has resigned since moving to Oakville and the council decided to re-appoint the other four members for 1970. They are chairman John Ostler, John Semple, Geoff Dreger and Bud Nichols. Joining them as council members are Reeve Ron Harris and Deputy Reeve Percy Barr.

### One change

One change was made in the Milton Public Library Board, with Mrs. Ruth Stinson named to replace J. C. Langedyk who resigned. Others re-appointed for one year terms were chairlady Mrs. Isobel Thompson, Robert Mackay and William Duignan, plus Mayor Brian Best.

Milton Committee of Adjustment will remain intact again this year as Robert Reed and Dave Green were re-appointed for three year terms. Others still serving are Mike Ledwith, Sam Nadalin and Andrew Keily.

Council also decided to retain all council committees the same as last year. Councillor Charles Fay will continue as representative to Milton Area Fire Committee, Reeve Ron Harris to Halton County Industrial Committee, and Don Hayward to Halton Planning Association.

## Sheriff gets a letter writer dead 40 years

Halton Sheriff Andrew Frank got a letter last week from a man who has been dead for 40 years, and he's still a little puzzled over what appears to be a painstakingly executed joke.

The letter came on the official letterhead of "Sheriff Samuel Webster, sheriff's office, Milton, phone 29W." It said "This is just a kindly note from one sheriff to another, to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." It was signed, "Sam". Every the envelope was antique.

Sheriff Webster served as Halton Sheriff from 1908 to 1927 but died shortly after his retirement. Sheriff Frank, who is this week preparing for his Dec. 31 retirement, wondered if all the recent publicity over his retirement has brought out old Sam's ghost—or if someone with access to old sheriff's office stationery pulled a Christmas prank on him.

"That's a real keepsake," he concluded.

## Poll downtown merchants on closing street for mall

Worried there might be some unfavorable reaction from business firms, Milton Council decided last week to poll downtown firms before giving Milton Chamber of Commerce permission to close Main St. between Martin and Brown Sts. for a one-day shopping mall.

The Chamber asked permission in a letter from secretary Bob McCuaig. The downtown mall is to tie in with the week-long Snow Festival (Milton Winter Carnival) being sponsored by Milton Community Service Clubs, Feb. 7 to 14, 1971. They want the street closed for a shopping promotion on Thursday, Feb. 11 only. It was suggested that if closing the street for the whole day was impossible, it might be closed for the latter part of the afternoon and the evening.

### Write first

Councillors were worried there might be objections from some of the merchants and decided to poll

all merchants by letter first, before approval is granted.

It was also suggested traffic only be closed off to James St. instead of Brown St., so traffic would not have to be rerouted more than one block.

## Post Office to open Saturday

Beginning Saturday, Jan. 9, 1971, Milton Post Office and all other post offices in Ontario will remain open on Saturdays to serve the public. The announcement was made by Jean-Pierre Cote, federal minister on Tuesday.

The Milton office will open the money order and general delivery wickets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Milton postmaster Walter Bell announced a "skeleton or partial staff" will be on duty Saturdays.