

# Opening, crowning, rally kick off Snow Festival



**KING AND QUEEN** of Milton's first Snow Festival are Milton District High School students Jeni Ferguson and Paul Perrott, on the snowmobile. Both were presented with carnival sashes by MDHS Student Council president Susan Pearce, carnival toques by Halton East MPP Jim Snow and both tied each other's carnival sash. Milton Community Service Clubs chairman Jim Seager is shown with the king and queen. King and Queen as well as Prince and Princess of the festival were crowned at the opening ceremonies held at Kelso Sunday.—(Staff Photo)

Milton Snow Festival is now in the "swing of things" following an official opening at Kelso Conservation Area Sunday.

A snowmobile parade, snowmobile rally, St. John Ambulance demonstration and the crowning of the Snow Festival King and Queen, Prince and Princess were just part of the activities. Icy hills and frozen Kelso lake gave young and old alike the opportunity to enjoy the chilly, wintry weather.

Spectators donned their woollens and stamped their feet to keep warm as they patiently awaited the start of the official opening of Milton's first Snow Festival. Everyone gathered

around an open bonfire and clapped their hands to the beat of Milton Girls' Pipe Band before the official snowmobile parade of dignitaries arrived.

#### Dignitaries attend

Scouting across the snow on the machines were such noted guests as Halton MP Rud Whiting, Halton East MPP Jim Snow, Nassagaweya Reeve Anne MacArthur, Councillor William Woods, Reeve Ron Harris, Councillor Percy Barr, Snow King Paul Perrott, Snow Queen Jeni Ferguson, Snow Prince Rick Bridgman and Snow Princess Jeannie Blacklock. Master of ceremonies was chairman of the Milton Community Service Clubs

Jim Seager and Mayor Brian Best declared the Snow Festival officially open.

The 12 Community Service Clubs of Milton were each represented by one member of the club, and all members were officially introduced to the crowd. Halton MP Rud Whiting made special note of the work that went into preparing the activities of the festival and hoped this would be "the first of many Milton Snow Festivals."

#### Another festival?

Jim Snow, Halton East MPP extended greetings to everyone from the Ontario Government and added he hoped Festival week would be an overwhelming

success. He also made mention of another festival being held in Toronto this week, referring to the Ontario Progressive Conservative Leadership convention at Maple Leaf Gardens.

"And no Festival would be complete without a king and queen," said Jim Seager. Paul Perrott, 19, of 260 Kingsleigh Ct. and Jeni Ferguson, 18, of Broadway Ave., will reign over all activities of Milton Snow Festival this week. Milton District High School Student Council president Susan Pearce presented the king and queen with their carnival bands at

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**THEY'RE OFF!** Halton MP Rud Whiting lowers the flag to officially start the Snowmobile Rally held at Kelso on Sunday. A total of 39 snowmobile enthusiasts entered the race and although some got lost on the 10 mile course, three men finished in a matter of 40 minutes to win the three top awards donated by Dayco Canada Ltd. Spotters along the route awarded points to drivers for manoeuvrability and following course directions.—(Staff Photo)

## Big Snow Festival underway — four days of fun to come

The first few events are over but four more days and nights of fun are yet to come as Milton's first Snow Festival winter carnival continues this week.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be busy days in Milton and the final events of the eight-day Snow Festival are expected to draw record crowds.

Even the weatherman was co-operating this week. When organizers from Milton Community Service Clubs sat down six months ago to plan and co-ordinate the town's first winter carnival, their chief concern was over the weather. After all, a Snow Festival isn't much of a Festival without snow.

However the weather has to date been near-perfect and there's plenty of the white stuff lying around.

Sunday's opening at Kelso was well attended and the snowmobile rally provided an afternoon of fun for the 39 competitors and the crowd which watched. Monday the stores launched their February Festival Sales. The Champion's snow sculpturing competition was a big success and a good crowd was on hand for the Holy Rosary bingo.

A car rally last night (Tuesday) was held at Milton Plaza, too late for detailed coverage in today's issue.

Wednesday is a quiet day but from Thursday to Sunday the whole town promises to be "jumping" with activity as a mutt show, downtown mall, music and dancing concert are on tap for Thursday; a Christmas tree burning, torchlight parade of snowmobiles, Klondike Night, Legion dance are on for Friday; the grand Festival parade, dog sled races, high school activities, Optimist Dance and high school dance are Saturday; and the final dog races wind up the week on Sunday. The public is welcome to attend all the events.

The King, Queen, Prince and Princess named by the high school and Martin St. senior

school will be visiting most of the Festival programs, as will the Chamber of Commerce's "Milt" the Snowman, symbol of the Festival. Many homeowners are joining in the carnival spirit with colorful (Christmas) lighting displays turned on again for the week-long celebration. Meanwhile "Milt" is beaming a smile and extending the hand of welcome to one and all on street banners and window signs all over the town.

A detailed schedule of the remaining Snow Festival events will be found elsewhere in today's Champion. Watch next week's paper for detailed story and photo coverage of Milton's big week of mid-winter madness.

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**SNOW SCULPTURES** entered in The Champion's Snow Festival sculpturing competition took on many forms. Here are two of the best. The polar bear and seal, above, won first prize for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bissonnette of 218 Elmwood Cresc. while the snowmobiling "Snoopy", an entry of the J. Carroll Family at 364 Highside Dr., placed a close second. There were three major prizes and 10 honorable mention awards, all shiny 1971 silver dollars, given as prizes in the contest.—(Staff Photos)



## Seniors move soon to new apartment

It won't be long before some of Milton's senior citizens will be moving into the new \$365,000 Ontario Housing Corporation 36-unit apartment building on Ontario St. N.

On Friday those applicants who met the OHC qualifications were notified by telephone they have been accepted as tenants. Last week the OHC appointed a Milton man, T. Joukema of Ontario St.

N. as resident caretaker of the apartment building.

OHC was expected to officially take over the three-storey project this week from the contractor, Wimpey Homes (Canada) Ltd. A final inspection was taking place on Tuesday of this week. Occupancy is expected around March 1, or perhaps earlier.

#### Geared to income

Tenants are chosen from the applicants on the basis of need

and their rents will be geared to their income. The lowest monthly rental figure is \$32 and the provincial average is \$40 a month, an OHC spokesman said.

It was a controversial subject in Milton for several weeks early last year when a local group opposed the location of the building. They claimed it should be closer to the downtown area but OHC was unable to find a more central site which met their requirements.

### Obey Toronto - Centred Region report?

## "Might as well fold-up" - - planner

"Why doesn't the province tell us what the Toronto-Centred Region plan will let us do? Otherwise we might as well fold up our Planning Board", Councillor Jim Watson declared at the inaugural meeting of the Nassagaweya Township Planning Board last week.

He made the observation after the secretary suggested the Board confine its efforts to those within the framework of the Toronto-Centred Region Report. The Report places Nassagaweya in Zone Two, a recreational and conservation area where growth is to be restricted.

#### All in limbo

Secretary Campbell Thompson reported every subdivision plan in the township had been placed in limbo by the Department of Municipal Affairs pending revision of the township's Official Plan to coincide with the Toronto-Centred Region Design for Development.

The Campbellville subdivision was the only one that had

proceeded far enough to go ahead.

"The Department has guaranteed there will be no consideration of plans of sub-

division for six months and possibly a year," the secretary pointed out, indicating it would take that long to develop provincial policy on the Toronto-

#### In the dark

## Meeting goes on

Problems with rural hydro lines caused a one hour and 20 minute power break in Milton Monday evening. A small amount of power was coming through but it was only enough to burn a few lights rather feebly, and homes in town were partly or completely without hydro service for most of the time between 9.50 and 11.10 p.m.

Milton Councillors were in the midst of a council meeting at the town hall when the break came. Only the "exit" lights in the building kept burning, but councillors didn't take that hint — they kept on talking anyway. A few minutes after the lights went off Chief of Police Ray Andress arrived with a gas lantern and councillors continued the meeting around the lantern — much in the same style as their predecessors must have done in the 1800's.

## Champion wins twice in newspaper contest

The Champion received two major awards in the 1970 better newspapers competition sponsored by Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association. Certificates were presented during the OWNA's annual February convention which this year moved north to Kapuskasing for four days of fun and business sessions.

In the province-wide class for "best news story of 1970" The Champion received first prize.

The Milton paper also won a third prize for overall excellence in the category for newspapers with 3,500 to 5,000 circulation. First went to the Dryden Observer and the Huntsville Forester was second. The Acton Free Press, a sister paper to The Champion, placed third in the province-wide class for best editorial page.

#### Convention train

This year the town of Kapuskasing is celebrating its

50th anniversary and Mayor Rene Piche, who is also publisher of the town's weekly paper The Northern Times, invited OWNA delegates to come discover northern Ontario and taste some Kapuskasing hospitality. Over 200 boarded a special convention train in Toronto Thursday morning for the 14-hour trip to Kap. The train was provided jointly by Canadian National and Ontario Northland Railway. It brought the delegates home again on Sunday.

During their stay in Kap the delegates joined in business sessions and toured the mill and bush logging operations of Spruce Falls Power and Paper Co. Ltd. William Davis of Brampton, Minister of Education and one of the provincial Conservative leadership candidates was guest speaker at the Saturday evening dinner.

Publisher Jim Dills and Editor Roy Downs represented The Champion at the convention.

## Childs heads arena bd.

Councillor Syd Childs was named chairman of Milton Arena Board at a meeting of the board

this week. Bob Brush was named vice-chairman and Bruce McKerr secretary-treasurer.

Other members on the board are Councillor Charles Johnston, Bill Dougherty and Blake Charleton.

#### Separate fans, players

During the meeting the board reviewed a request from the police department asking for some sort of structure be constructed to separate fans from the players at the penalty box area. The letter pointed out some trouble had been caused there at a junior hockey game recently.

The board agreed to notify the police department of their intention to provide a glass wall that would help solve the problem.

## Raises for plan board

After considerable discussion Milton planning board members last week voted themselves a raise from \$10 a meeting to \$12 a meeting and to \$15 and \$20 for the vice-chairman and chairman respectively.

It was pointed out the planning board members are the lowest paid in the county, even with the increase.



# MILTON SNOW FESTIVAL

**Enjoy yourself at Snow Festival this weekend**