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## R. Harris, John Comber will ring in new year

"Yes Virginia, there is a bell ringer and the town's annual greeting to the new year will again be pealed over the fields from the town hall tower at the midnight hour." Reeve Ron Harris will team up with 18-

year-old John Comber, representing the municipal council and the young people of the community, to handle the annual bell ringing that has become a tradition in Milton in salute to the new year.

### Larger Orchestra

"Yes Virginia, there might be a larger than usual orchestra playing in front of the town hall to lead the singers in Auld Lang Syne". Ebullient Tom Nye who has led the singers in all but one of the bell ringing episodes is cutting short his vacation to be on hand again this year. Art Britton who led the carolling band on Thursday night has undertaken to be present with his trombone and as many musicians as can brave the elements.

"Yes Virginia, there will be coffee and donuts" for those who appear from the streets and byways to link arms at the town's heart and dash off a few rounds of Auld Lang Syne. After introducing the coffee and donuts tradition last year, The Champion is undertaking a repeat. If the winds are blustery and the exposure in the "town square" can be quite limited and the warming coffee will be waiting.

### Everyone welcome

"Yes Virginia, everyone is welcome". People bring their party for the midnight salute, some come alone knowing they'll be with friends, some groups not partying come along for the brief festivity and there's always a happy exchange of new year wishes.

"Will there be anyone there?" "Yes, Virginia, almost certainly. The crowd has grown from one on the eve of midnight 1967 to more than 200 last year and the number seems to increase every year."

The town clock on the post office is the controlling time piece and as the midnight hour rings out, the town bell peals and the singers sing. There's no bigger party in town.



BELL RINGER who volunteered for midnight duty Friday in Milton's annual "ushering in the new year" ceremony is Reeve Ron Harris, who's pictured getting in a few practice pulls on the town hall bell rope in preparation for the event. He will represent the town's older citizenry while 18-year-old John Comber will represent the youth of Milton.—(Staff Photo)



OILING HER UP in preparation for the new year's eve bell-ringing ceremony at the town hall is John Comber, an 18-year-old volunteer from the ranks of Milton's younger element. He and Reeve Ron Harris will share the bell-ringing duties Friday at midnight and

toll the town hall bell to welcome the new year 1972. A large crowd is expected to gather at the site just prior to midnight for a few choruses of Auld Lang Syne—and young and old alike are invited to participate.—(Staff Photo)

## At jail, hospital, Manor

### Shut-ins enjoy Christmas

Christmas Day is a time to be spent at home with relatives or people you hold very dear. However, not everyone was able to make it home during last week's festive season. The staff and residents of the Milton District Hospital, Halton Centennial Manor and the County Jail spent part, and in many cases the entire holiday away from home.

Approximately 25 prisoners of the Milton Jail enjoyed a noontime Christmas meal, which consisted of turkey with all the trimmings. Rev. R. W. Foster of Grace Anglican Church recited grace. Eight staff members were on duty during the day.

40 at hospital  
Roast turkey with trimmings

and plum pudding with sugar sauce were the main ingredients of the noontime Christmas meal served to approximately 40 patients who were confined to Milton District Hospital. With their meal, patients also received a small Christmas tree, designed by the Hospital Auxiliary.

### Fire-free on holiday

Milton was spared the spectre of fire over the weekend. Fire Chief A. E. Clement reports there were no fires or fire alarms to spoil the Christmas holiday season. "We were very lucky," the Chief stated.

The Hospital sent as many patients as possible home for the holiday. In addition to this some patients were released for a couple of hours, so they might enjoy Christmas dinner with their families.

Between 80 and 90 staff members of Halton Centennial Manor were kept busy Christmas Day attending to the need of the nearly 250 residents of the Manor who were not able to make it home or visit friends. A Proportionate number of the residents were bed care patients.

The residents had a traditional Christmas dinner, consisting of turkey and trimmings. Along with the dinner, residents were served some wine as an additional holiday treat.

# Town's accomplishments reviewed by Mayor Best

Special year-end report

The year 1971 was an outstanding one in Milton's history, according to Mayor Brian Best. It was a year the council cleaned up several outstanding projects and launched several new ones, he told The Champion in a special year-end interview this week.

Industry, the Toronto-Centred Region Subdivisions, apartments, water, sewers, creeks road improvements, parking and transportation have been recurring news items during 1971 and it was certainly a busy year for the nine-man council and the various boards and committees which serve under it. Yet all of those things are material things and while they are all important to the operation of a town like Milton, Mayor Best feels "people" items should also be given high priority.

### "People" items get priority

For that reason items such as senior citizens and low-rental housing, police, library, youth and recreation items have also been frequently listed on the council agendas and the mayor says he is proud to report some progress is being made in these areas too.

The arrival of Polymer Corporation's modular housing units industry, the shifting of Milton from the slow-growth Zone Two to the medium-growth Zone One area in the Toronto-Centred Region Design for Development, and further industrial gains in Milton during 1971 top the mayor's list of Milton's outstanding accomplishments of the past 12 months.

Polymer, now under construction on Harrop Dr. on lands that were annexed to Milton a few years ago, will have a \$5,600,000 installation and a work staff of around 220 when production starts in the spring. The mayor feels Polymer's location here will help attract other related and "feeder" industries to this area and will show other prospective industrialist that a large crown corporation has faith in Milton's location and services. He feels Milton's move from Zone Two to Zone One was one of the factors that influenced Polymer's locating here and hopes this will spread to others.

### More industry

During 1971 the Krohnert Steel Tanks firm completed its industrial building on Steeles Ave. and has completed three nearby company homes which have been under construction for some time, he pointed out.

Alliance Building Corporation has its first industrial mall building finished and almost completely rented to four firms, while a second building has been erected on the former Harrop

town's share of creek channelization work in that block.

A new zoning by-law, number 71-71 was passed this year which covers the entire north-east quadrant. Lands previously held in "development" zoning can be released for residential building at the town's discretion under this new by-law. Once it is approved by the OMB, likely in January, the town can sign subdividers' agreements with the three developers.

The Mayor expects construction can start this spring on the first homes, with occupancy expected by July or August.

Completion and opening of the town's first 36-unit senior citizens apartment building during 1971 was another milestone, according to Mayor Best. "They are all very happy and a lot of the earlier complaints about the Ontario St. location seem to have disappeared. This building was a step in the right direction," he said.

### Second senior home

Now the town has authorized construction of a second such project and a need has been proven for 22 units. Ontario Housing Corporation has called for bids from developers. The town also asked OHC to help provide some low-rental housing in Milton but to date there has been little progress.

Water was another area of busy-ness for the town this year, and the reference here is not to the fluoridation controversy which embroiled Miltonians for nearly six months. The town completed its fourth well at Kelso at a cost of close to \$100,000, made plans to run an 18 inch line to the reservoir on the escarpment from Bronte St., considered a million gallon expansion at the reservoir, installed remote reading devices on all water meters in hard-to-get-at places, and decided to review its policy of selling water to consumers outside the town boundaries early in the new year.

The reservoir line will enable the town to shut off an old five inch line that feeds the reservoir from two Walker's Line wells, and feed it by force main from the town system and the Kelso

position as far as water is wells. "We are in an excellent (Continued on Page 2)



CHRISTMAS DAY BABY arrived at Milton District Hospital Saturday evening when Mrs. Tom Nikifork of Nassagaweya Township gave birth to Lisa Marie, her third child. Mother, baby, father and two brothers at home are all reported "fine."—(Staff Photo)

## Santa Claus brings Christmas baby

Santa Claus brought more than toys and candy when he came down the chimneys of area residents at Christmas. The Nikifork family, of R.R. 2 Rockwood received a six pound, 12 ounce baby girl in their Christmas stocking.

Mrs. Thomas Nikifork was admitted to Milton District Hospital at 2:30 p.m. Christmas Day. Her baby was born about six and a half hours later at 8:54 p.m.

### He wanted a boy!

"It's an extra special Christmas present", remarked Mrs. Nikifork. "I have two boys aged six and five and I'm sure they'll be happy with their new baby sister, although one of them wanted a boy."

The new addition to the Nikifork family will be named Lisa Marie. Although the family has a mailing address of R.R. 2 Rockwood, they actually live about five miles north of Campbellville. Mr. Nikifork is an office worker with the Ford Motor Company in Oakville.

## Wins \$100 in Chamber draw

# New dress her Christmas bonanza

Miss Irene Huffman got a nice Christmas present on Christmas eve—the \$100 first prize voucher in the Milton Chamber of Commerce's annual free Christmas shopping draw.

Draw chairman Ron Harris played Santa Claus and delivered her voucher to Miss Huffman, of 285 Ontario St., late Friday afternoon. Needless to say, the winner was overjoyed to learn she had claimed the top prize.

"I think I'll buy a new dress," she said. Miss Huffman won a \$100 prize once before in a Chamber draw and put it towards a dress, so a new dress was the first thing on her mind. The voucher is good at the store of any of the 90 participating merchants who sponsored the Chamber's free shoppers' bus and draw during December.

### Second prizes

Two second prizes, \$50 vouchers, went to Mrs. Eva Fitzpatrick of 443 Mountainview Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Comber, 320 Highside Dr. Both were thrilled to receive the Christmas bonanza.

The Chamber also awarded 25 vouchers worth \$10 to lucky shoppers, for a total distribution of \$450. Chamber Santa Claus Art Leger, president Reg DiCola, draw chairman Harris and retail committee co-chairmen Bill Gallinger and Nick Chuchmach drew the tickets from the drum in front of Milton Department Store at 3 p.m. Friday. Mr. Harris spent that afternoon and evening telephoning winners and brightening up their Christmas with the news they had won the prizes.

Hundreds of tickets were turned in for the draw. Shoppers received one free coupon in a flyer delivered to their door and a

second coupon was published in the Dec. 8 Champion.

Winners of \$10 vouchers were: Mrs. Fred Paupst, 313 Elmwood Cresc.; Mrs. Cecil Patterson, R.R. 4; Mrs. J. Farrell, 339 Pine St.; Mrs. L. Potter, 333 Maplewood Cresc.; Mrs. M.

Adam, 146 Robinwood Cresc.; Mrs. Gordon Rayner, R.R. 1 Milton; Mrs. Joyce Laing, 276 Elmwood Cresc.; C. Needham, 257 Woodward St.; Mrs. C. B. Beaty, 111 Ontario St.; Mrs. Evans Estabrooks, 201 Heslop Rd.; Mrs. Jack Peddie, 81 Robert

St.; Mrs. Joe Ellis, 326 Pine St., Olive Fetter, 41 Main St. Also J. W. Lamont, 72 Barton St.; Mrs. R. McGinnis, 40 Mill St.; Miss Joni Parton, 398 Bell St.; Mrs. Sadie Thomas, 70 John St.; Mrs. Harvey Agnew, 195 Martin St.; Mrs. Jack Haslam,

104 Robinwood Cres.; Mrs. R. C. Cunningham, 275 Martin St.; W. J. Barker, 248 Elmwood Cres. George Parsons, 235 Ontario St. N.; Mrs. Bruce Peer, R.R. 1 Milton; Mrs. R. Parnaby, 146 Ontario St. N.; Mrs. G. G. Purdy, 34 Mill St.



"BRITTON'S BUNCH", an odd assembly of local musicians, performed their first (and probably last) concert Thursday evening when they toured the town playing Christmas carols. Conductor Art Britton is pictured at left and players visible in the photo include Kathy McDowell, Oz Ledwith, Andy Frank, Roy Downs, Murray Roulston, Peter Phillips, Bruce McKerr

and Jim Dills. They played short concerts at the town hall, Harmony Court Apartments, Halton Centennial Manor and Milton Plaza during a two-hour span. High school students who play in the school band bolstered the collection of adults who dug horns out of mothballs to form the band. More pictures inside.—(Staff Photo)