

An exciting year

MPP Jim Snow reviews 1971, and looks forward to 1972



NO. 111 MILL ST.—It was impossible to find the date this two storey frame house was built but it is known to be over 100 years old. Ross Pearen now owns the house.—(Staff Photo)

Provincially 1971 was an exciting year. The leadership race in the Tory party set wheels in motion with Bill Davis emerging as Premier of Ontario in February. Several months later the big race was on and voters across the province went to the polls and provided the Tories with a strong mandate to rule.

Halton East MPP and Minister without portfolio Jim Snow reflected on his part in the past year at Queen's Park and the effect on Halton. Snow's greatest personal achievement during the year was being appointed to the cabinet and then receiving a strong mandate from Halton East voters.

During 1971 Scotch Block Dam was completed and officially opened and the sod turned for a second dam, Hilton Falls. Construction began on the Hilton Falls Dam.

The Scotch Block project cost \$1,250,000 and incorporated Fabridam. Fabridam is an inflatable and deflatable rubberized fabric. It increases the holding power of the dam by seven feet.

Probably the decision at the provincial level that would most directly benefit Milton would be the change from Zone Two to Zone One under the Toronto Centred Region Plan For Development.

The 1,500 acre Bronte Provincial Park was a project Snow introduced last spring and since then the project has received approval, some of the land purchased and an advisory board has been set up. In an interview Snow said a construction start was planned this year and a tentative opening was set for spring of 1973. He noted the project had come a long way since spring when he took the idea to Toronto.

As a director of the Ontario Housing Corporation much of Mr. Snow's time has been taken up with OHC projects in this riding and across the province.

The 36-unit senior citizen apartment project in Milton was completed and ready for occupancy during the early part of 1971.

A 337 unit senior citizen apartment building was undertaken in 1971 in Oakville and the contract for 105 family units in Oakville was awarded. Tenders were called for a 22 unit senior citizen apartment and a 14 unit project consisting of 14 single

family homes.

Milton project Snow indicated earlier attempts to find land suitable had failed but there was some hope the second attempt would be successful.

OHC projects were carried out in Georgetown, Burlington and Acton during the year as well. Across the province there were a total of 20,000 units started under OHC.

Maplehurst detention centre, a project on the drawing board for some time now, may be underway during 1972 or 1973. A decision on that count won't be made public until the budget is released in the spring.

Ready to go Snow said all the land had been purchased, services are in, architects, plans are complete and ready for tenders to be called. He said it was high on the priority list for the Department of Correctional Services. There are 15 planned to be built in the future. The project will be constructed at Highway 401 and Highway 25.

A residential day care centre and Hospital for retarded children is still under negotiation for Oakville. The treasury board has given their approval to the Department of Health to negotiate for part of the land on the Ortona property. If the project goes through it would make use of the existing buildings and some new ones.

If constructed the facility would serve Halton and South Peel.

Looking ahead to 1972 Snow said he hoped the Highway 25 extension and widening between Palermo and Queen Elizabeth Highway gets underway this year.

He indicated the greenbelt area or transportation corridor through Halton should be decided this year. He said it had been pretty well outlined in Peel and Burlington where development pressed the decision.

Other things the MPP hoped to complete in 1972 for Halton East were a 168 home-lot plan for Oakville where the lots could be escarpment land either through the Conservation authorities or directly, and a family OHC project in Milton.

Diagnostic centre He said the \$5,000,000

diagnostic and assessment centre for juvenile delinquents is nearing completion in Oakville and should be finished this year. Courts will refer some juvenile offenders to the centre where they will be interviewed by sociologists and psychiatrists. Rather than the judge deciding what method of rehabilitation should be prescribed he'll refer some cases to the centre and consider their report before making a decision. Snow said the centre was the first in the province and would serve the whole province.

The MPP complimented Milton Council on three years of diligent work. "Since annexation three years ago they have developed a new zoning by-law, a new official plan, installed major services, attracted new industry and are well on their way for new development on the west side of town." Snow said he didn't think the town would grow in leaps and bounds but predicted a steady, well planned, orderly growth over the next 10 years.

Oakes points way for 1972 council

Dr. F. G. Oakes, who ended his term as Warden of Halton County yesterday, said in an interview with this paper there were four projects of prime importance that he felt should proceed in 1972.

He said the construction of a new public works building on a 12 acre site on Steeles Ave. should be pursued. The groundwork for the building had been done.

Relieve Manor Congestion at the Halton Centennial Manor should be relieved. Dr. Oakes said a waiting list fluctuated between 40 and 50.

Dr. Oakes said the county was investigating the possibility of procuring a five acre site in the south to alleviate crowded conditions at the 370 bed home in Milton. The county is looking at the Ortona property but have received no decision from the two senior levels of government.

The outgoing Warden said it might be necessary to add to the Milton home in order to provide relief for the situation soon. He said however, that an addition to the Halton Centennial Manor would not rule out the

construction of a home for the aged in the southern portion of the county.

Crowded conditions in the administration building especially in certain departments of the administration of justice I feel council must meet early in 1972 with representatives of the Public Works Department to determine needs for added space in the future.

He suggests a study be carried out on possible changes in the present system of county government. "If we assume increased jurisdictions and responsibilities then the three additional members as provided for in the private member's bill would become very helpful."

Dr. Oakes listed planning, engineering, waste disposal, police, fire and Children's Aid as areas that might be handled on a county wide basis. He recommended county council seek more representation and a stronger say on the conservation authorities than what presently exists.

The private member's bill that has been passed by county council may be amended, Dr. Oakes said. The bill now provides for three additional representatives from Burlington and Oakville.

Dr. Oakes noted there was a feeling among county councillors that the request for additional responsibilities should be incorporated into the bill. If it is going to be amended it would have to be done before the hearing of the private member's bill Committee in March.

Dr. Oakes said he favored a Halton only region and indicated the only reason he could see for Halton going with Peel is the removal of a large part of the county such as Burlington.

He indicated the county should force the province's hand rather than waiting for the province to force the county into a regional unit.

Confident He said he was confident the county could prepare themselves for regional government and benefit by mistakes other regions have made. He said Halton wouldn't allow costs to increase once regionalization was invoked.

In some of the regions now formed costs have increased rapidly and increased provincial subsidies have been awarded over a five year period to help offset the increased costs.

During the past year the county restructured their committee system streamlining the host of committees to four broad committees.

The warden reported a busy year with the Department of Social and Family Services and an increase of staff to meet the heavy workload.

Perfect record Eleven girls had a perfect record of attendance and the average attendance was 18. The leaders and members appreciate the kindness of Omagh Presbyterian Session for permitting the club to rent and hold their meetings in the church basement. Local leaders Mrs. C. Patterson and Mrs. M. Kurnan will attend the Leaders Training School on February for the next project "Being well dressed and well groomed".

Birthdays go to Miss Eva Crozier, Miss Isabel Stoutt, Anna Jean Hadfield, Erla Snow, Will Devlin, Patsy Patterson, Eileen Marshall, Karen Marshall, Valerie Green and Kathy Alexander.

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Grading land at dam would cost \$25,000

Unless its technical committee can come up with an alternate solution, the Halton Region, Conservation Authority may have to grade approximately 90,000 cubic yards of earth at a cost of \$25,000, from a portion of the property the HRCA expropriated from Gordon Hume when it created the Scotch Block Dam and Reservoir. Mr. Hume's land extends west from the Third Line Esquing, approximately one third the width of the reservoir.

At its meeting Thursday, HRCA learned that Hume feared a mudbank would be created behind his property when the

level of the water in the reservoir was lowered in the fall.

Have agreement General Manager Murray Stephen told HRCA members Hume wanted that part of his property bordering the reservoir graded, under an agreement he made with the Authority when it was building the dam. "When the Authority expropriated part of Hume's land it made an agreement to grade those lands on a three to one slope", explained Stephen.

Stephen estimated the cost of removing the earth from the area Hume wants graded would be about \$25,000. HRCA members decided they would have their technical committee investigate the matter before any definite decisions were made.

Construction valued at \$1,242,500

The number of building permits issued in the Township of Nassagaweya in 1971 began at a slow pace and ended the same way. There were no building permits issued for the months of January and December. However the rest of the year was a busy one for the township — building wise.

Building permits issued for the year totalled \$1,242,500. This year's total exceeded 1970's by more than \$450,000. The value of building permits issued in 1970 was \$773,000.

If January and December were the slowest months, August was the month of greatest expansion. A total of \$452,000 worth of construction permits were issued during that month by building inspector S. W. Savage.

Omagh

Pride in Canada is 4-H theme

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson

Boyne Recreation Committee held their first euchre for 1972 at Boyne Centre with 14 tables in play. High score winners were Mrs. C.D. Galbraith, Mrs. H. Reed, Milford Colling and John Roberts. Lucky draws from the tallies went to Mrs. M. Colling, Mrs. Claire Wilson, Donald Douglas and J.E. Ellington. A delicious lunch and social time was enjoyed by all.

The South Halton 4H Achievement Day was held at Graham Hall Milton on Saturday Jan. 8 with over 100 members attending for judging events in the morning. At 1:30 p.m. mothers and friends attended to enjoy the program of skits and demonstrations from the various clubs. Mrs. Doreen Bannister, home economist, presided and welcomed the visitors.

Hornby South 4H Achievers the local club, had an exhibit. The title was "It's great to be a Canadian"; commentators were Danielle Major and Tricia Fish. The exhibit displayed Canadian flags, a map of Canada and pictures of recreational spots, and prominent buildings and the open Bible.

Stress freedom

The girls stressed the importance of freedom of religion and press. Canada's natural resources of timber, minerals, water and holiday spots, a flag of our own, that Canada is 104 years old and for all that time no war or battles have been fought on Canadian soil, that Canadian people play an important part in world affairs, that many people from many lands live in harmony thus proving it is wonderful to be a Canadian.

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