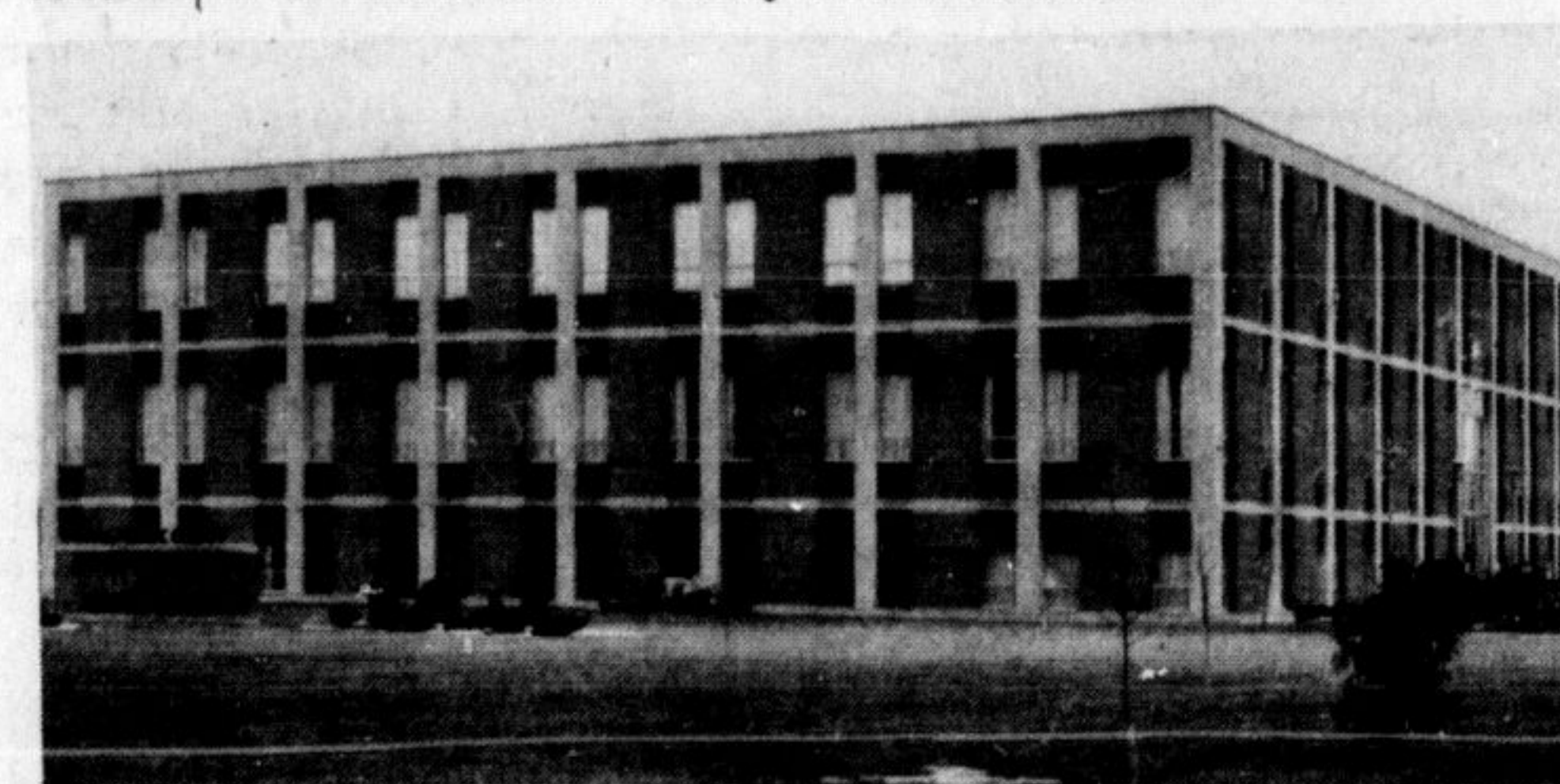


Fleeing fugitive's freeway fumble finishes freedom



The old Court House and County Jail, built in 1859, saw its last hanging in 1875. Some county courts are still held in the original building. In contrast is the new Halton County Administration and Court House.



able to get to Utah where he stayed for several months until he was also picked up on a minor charge.

All police departments in the county have "locker privileges" at the institution and the maximum time a charged person can spend in Milton jail is 30 days.

The jail has seen many changes in its history, including the arrival of the temporary absences program (made famous by Yves Geoffroy) and the statutory remission act.

Under this bill, every prison sentence is automatically reduced by one-quarter, and can be reduced three days a month under the earned remission program if the inmate shows good behaviour.

The temporary absences program allows certain inmates to leave the jail to attend school, or jobs or special occasions.

The superintendent has the authority to grant a maximum of five days and longer absences must be arranged with the Department of Correction.

Inmates are provided with daily recreational activities, weather permitting, such as basketball, volleyball, and softball and Superintendent Rendles hopes to have radio available to the prisoners in the near future.

By Steve Wyatt 81J

Although the Milton Provincial Jail still has the right to carry out executions, the last hanging was in 1875. Superintendent James Rendles says, "You'll never see another one."

Rendles doesn't believe in capital punishment. "I can't see that taking any man's life is payment for taking someone else's," he said. He says that what we need now is "psychiatric brainwashing" which would remove any repeated threats of violence on the public.

The jail will soon be phased out but the fate of the antiquated stone structure has not yet been decided.

Public hangings began in 1859, the year the jail opened and continued until 1875. According to retired Sheriff Andrew Frank,

the county's first sheriff, Levi Wilson resigned from his post in 1875 because he did not approve of the brutality of public hangings.

There have been several break attempts during the jail's history, the last one occurring in 1968 involving four men.

It seems one of the inmates had a broken leg and used his crutches as a club to overcome one of the guards. One prisoner succeeded in robbing the guard of his car keys and drove off in the direction of Windsor thinking he was headed for Toronto.

Realizing his mistake, he turned around in the middle of the highway and was picked up for making an illegal U-turn.

Two other prisoners were also picked up in Milton the same day while the fourth man man was



The Manor's oldest residents, Simon Henry Baverstock and Edith Greene must have found the Fountain of Youth somewhere. Mr. Baverstock is 106 and Mrs. Greene is 103. There is plenty to keep them occupied at the Manor; activities of all sorts keep them hopping.

Age no hang-up for 103-year-old

By Ann Rutherford

Most people dream of finding the fountain of youth and remaining young in mind and body for their entire lifetime.

One person who realized her dream is a 103 year old lady in Milton who still likes to think she can kick her heels over her head.

Mrs. Edith Greene, or Edie as friends call her, throws every existing theory of the "golden years" right out the window. In fact Edie doesn't have the time to be old. "There is too much to be gained from experiencing life," she says, "and I don't want to miss any of it."

Mrs. Greene, who now lives at Halton Centennial Manor, offered us her recipe for life. The ingredients combine thoughtfulness, a good sense of humor and a

flexible temper. Mix in a little happiness and social activity, remembering of course, to keep yourself respectable. Put it all together and you've got it made, the great life.

There was irony in her marriage to a man named Harry Greene, because her maiden name was Banks. Edie remarked "What else would you expect? After all, Banks are filled with Greene stuff!"

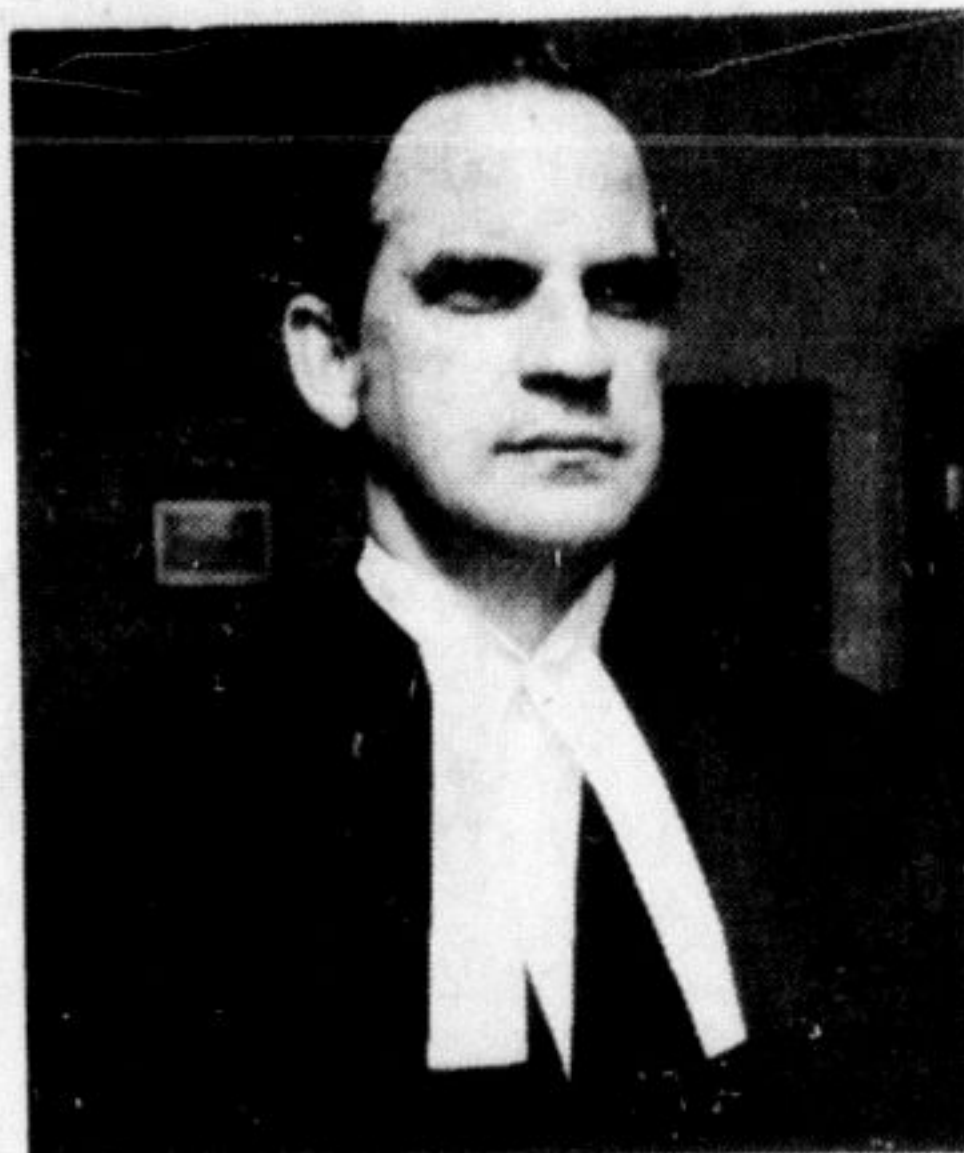
Although Edie never had any children of her own, she said "I wish I could have had a hundred." In fact, while Edie was in England she was nursemaid to three little ones.

Born in England, she emigrated to Canada with her husband in 1908. Edie says, "I love Canada, especially because everyone has always been so good to me."

Although Edie had only a limited education, she explained her philosophy that education is something that isn't just gained from sitting behind a desk, but also from reading books, making mistakes, and "just experiencing life."

Edie believes the young people of today are great. You know, she whispered, things haven't really changed too much as far as morals go; it's just that in my younger years, things were hushed up a lot more than today.

When I was about to leave, Edie kissed me goodbye and asked me to come back again soon.



Crown Attorney Douglas V. Latimer breaks for lunch during the Milton murder trial which was under way when Sheridan student-reporters visited town.

Cannon's signal sparks off firemen

By Dorothy Redfean

"I've had to take the bodies of burned children out of buildings, and it affects the way you think," said Milton Fire Chief Albert E. Clement. "The first thing that flashes through my mind when I hear the alarm is 'I wonder if anyone is trapped in the building.'"

Chief Clement has been a firefighter in the Milton area for 38 years, and has been Fire Chief for 20 years. He is the only full time fireman in Milton, the other 33 are volunteers. They are paid by the hour for their work at fires and practices. They all have other jobs.

When a fire call comes in, the volunteers are called on a telephone alert system operated by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cannon, who live behind the fire hall, and are on duty 24 hours a day. Mrs. Cannon lifts her phone, and the phones in 33 firemen's homes start ringing at the same time and keep ringing until answered. Any conversations in progress are automatically cut off and replaced by Mrs. Cannon, giving the location of the fire.

Mrs. Cannon knows when all the men have been alerted as there are lights which glow as each volunteer's phone is answered. This takes somewhere between 15 seconds and three minutes, and never has taken more than six minutes.

"We are really trying to work

on a fire prevention program as well as fire fighting," he said. "We are striving to educate people on fire safety. We are running a poster competition in all grade fives in the Milton schools."

Chief Clement said most calls to rural areas are for grass fires, and that he gets the same number of calls from Milton as from rural areas. "Christmas is our busiest time, there is so much paper around, and flammable decorations."

The Chief is proud of his Department. "Our volunteer men are excellent fire fighters and well qualified for their jobs. They have a three to six months' training program, then an exam on which they must score 75 per cent, before they are accepted," he said. "Five of our men have put in over thirty years in the fire department, and they have all received the Fire Department Long Service Medal, given to dedicated men with 30 or more years of service."

Inspecting buildings is one of the chief's jobs. He does this personally, on all buildings, new and old residences, hospitals and other institutions.

The Fire Department is also called out to accidents, sometimes to stand by in case of fire when car wrecks are being pulled apart, sometimes to use resuscitating equipment or give first aid. They have the equipment to cut people out of wrecks.

After a fire or an accident, all equipment is made ready for the next call before the men can go home. This sort of thing can't be left until tomorrow.



This solid stone building, Bruce Street School, is the oldest school in Halton County. Built more than 100 years ago, it is closing its doors for the last time on June 30. It has no gymnasium and is in need of costly repairs.

"Auld Kirk" was first

By Anne Sadler

The first religious meetings in Milton were held in a log school where Anglicans, Presbyterians, and Baptists worshipped together. In 1846, the first church established was "The Auld Kirk" on Queen St, now on Mill St.

In 1852, the Wesleyan-Methodist Church was founded. The foundation stone has been embedded in the basement of the United Church on Main St.

The Anglicans also had their own church in 1852. The present Grace Church was built in front of the old building. The original is used as a Sunday School and Parish Hall.

The Presbyterian Free Church was built in 1855 on Martin St. In 1931 the Halton Rifles took it for an Armoury. Now it is used by the United Steel Workers as a Union Hall.

The first Roman Catholic mass was held in 1822 in a private

Award winning made champion of "The Canadian Champion"

Since 1945, Milton's "The Canadian Champion" has won 30 awards for publishing excellence, an enviable record for any newspaper, and exceptional for a paper with a 5,000 circulation.

The first issue was printed in 1861, when each letter in each line of type was individually set by hand, and the production of a four page edition took time and patience. Today, the paper is published by Dills Printing and Publishing, Ltd. This company has some of the most sophisticated offset printing equipment in Ontario.

The paper has grown to keep pace with the increasing population of Milton, and frequently runs to 24 pages. The staff has increased from two people on payroll to nine, plus correspondents and plant staff.

There are no first issues of the Canadian Champion available, but some dated back to 1862 are in the Provincial Archives. In the early days, the paper covered some national and international news, but emphasized local happenings. There were no dailies available, and radio and TV were unheard of, so the paper was an important source of entertainment to the community, and carried short stories.

The Champion was bought in 1943 by the late G. A. Dills, father of Jim Dills, the present publisher. Mr. Roy Downs is editor.

New lease on life for deaf

By Sandy Dickinson

Is there a silence that is eternal? For 592 students at the Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton, the answer is yes.

To become enrolled in the school, according to R. A. Wollaston, Assistant Superintendent, children must be examined by staff doctors.

Robert Argall and Doug Rowbottom, two audiologists, assess the extent of the hearing handicap and an individual's verbal competence. All the students, except one have neural deafness; damage to the auditory nerve.

Another deciding factor is the mental integrity or potential to learn of a deaf child, as determined by psychologist, Dr. James Ford.

Children, admitted from ages 5 to 21, must be physically able. One of the students has cerebral palsy, but he can manage his wheelchair with great dexterity.

There are 180 students from Preston, Hespeler, Kitchener, Guelph, Acton, Georgetown, Streetsville, Brampton, Port Credit, Hamilton and Burlington, who are based out of residence.

Most of the students will be tradesmen because in the skilled professions, communication is important.

After graduating from Milton last year, seven students went to Gallaudet College in Washington; the only post-secondary school for the deaf in the world.

The school divided into junior and senior sections, employs 28

deaf people; two are teachers, some are maintenance men and others are residential counsellors.

Deafness can be a lifetime proposition and Milton OSD offers services for all age groups. Miss Armstrong, a receptionist, said that the "children make as much noise as children in an ordinary school. They're normal."

Mr. Wollaston said that "if they can read, the doors are open wide for them. Books are the tools of the intelligent."

As their vocabulary is limited, words remain abstract until there is some correlation with reality.



Milton is the home of the Ontario School for the Deaf, one of the most modern schools of its kind in North America. It is a well-designed, well-lighted building with residential, academic and recreational facilities.

Milton land sales boom

By Nancy Mellott

The County Registry Office in Milton is one of the busiest places in town. The sale of land has increased greatly in the past six months, owing to the government releasing more money for mortgages. Mrs. Jean Martin, deputy registrar, says that anyone who can scrape up a few dollars is buying land, and it is common for minors to have land held in trust for them by their parents or lawyers.

One of the oldest documents on record is a certificate of Crown Lands which was issued to Captain Joseph Brant in 1798. Brant's Block has since been subdivided into 21 different lots, and incorporated into Burlington.

The Registry Office handles patents, registers and land titles for Oakville, Burlington, Georgetown, Acton and Milton, plus Nassagaweya and Es-

queuing townships, so you can see why they are kept hopping on the job.

If you're thinking of cheating on your income tax this year, you might as well forget it, because the income tax people are in there all the time, CHECKING.

Prompt service, no waiting at modern hospital

By Vera Richters

Milton's 83-bed hospital is large enough to serve the town's needs until the late '70's. Business Manager Mac Elliott says, "It is well-equipped and well-staffed and there are no long waiting periods."

The first floor is used for surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics, dietary kitchen, laboratory, x-ray division, administration offices and other related departments, plus two operating rooms, one emergency operating room and one fracture operating room.

The hospital does not train medical students, but they are affiliated with the Credit Valley School of Nursing. Student nurses come in two or three mornings a week for lectures or practical experience.

There are 42 full time and 52 part-time nurses. The medical staff includes nine local doctors, Dr. Donald Aikenhead, Dr. James Gibson, Dr. Ivan Hunter, Dr. W. Koslowski, Dr. Ronald MacKay, Dr. J. W. McCutcheon, Dr. George E. Syer and Dr. R. Edwards, chief of staff Dr. W. S. Legate and the administrator Ronald Woods.

There are plans for a home care service which will reduce the length of stay in hospital.

Bruce St. School closing "Oldest in the county"

By Wilma Blokhuis

Bruce Street School, the oldest school in the county is closing its doors for the last time on June 30. Its 67 students will be transferred to J. M. Denyes School in Milton. The building is over 100 years old.

"There is a possibility we may sell the property," said James Morrison, superintendent for the Halton County School Board. The Board has made no final decision whether to convert it to a home for the aged.

There are four elementary schools in Milton. Three junior schools have kindergarten to grade five, and one with grades

five to eight. Total enrolment is 1,059 students. Principals of the junior schools are Stan Shepherd of Bruce Street School, Wes Clow of J. M. Denyes and John Lenz of W. I. Dick. Tom Gibson is the principal of Martin Street School.

Charlie Hunter is the principal of Milton District High School. Out of 910 students attending the school, 500 depend on buses.

In September 1973 a new school on Ontario Street will be opening - 500 students are expected to attend. It may be a junior school.

Antique machinery highlights Milton Steam-era show display

By John Bonter

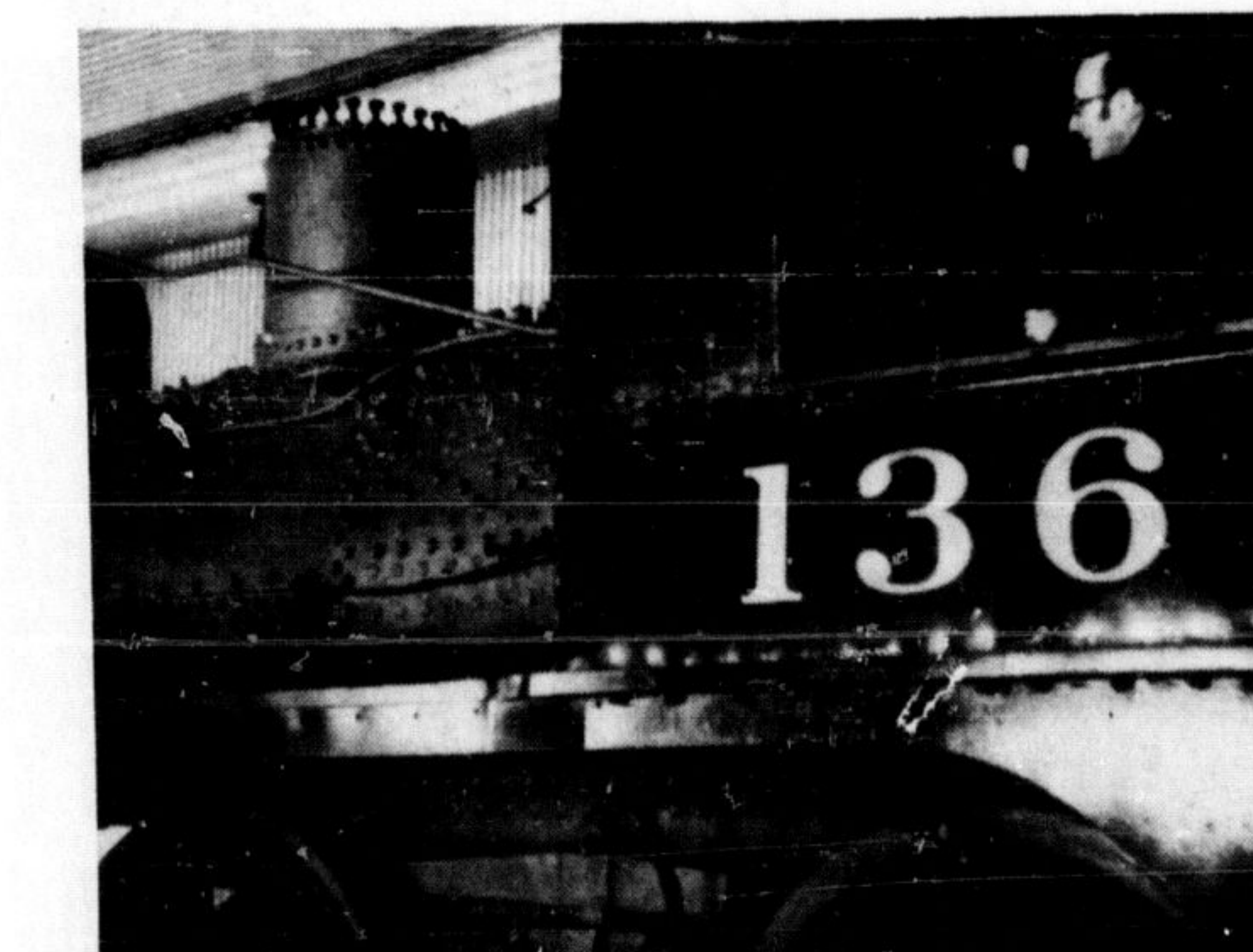
In 1959, a small group of men met at the home of Leslie Lowe and launched The Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association which now numbers approximately 300 men and women in Canada and the United States. The result of these men's activities in the restoration of antiquated steam and gasoline-powered farm machinery has been Milton's now famous Steam-Era exhibition which has been a Labor Day weekend feature (excluding Sundays) for the last 11 years.

Last year, over 30,000 tourists flocked to view the old gas engines, usually over 100 on display, all restored and operating. There was a drag saw, stationary steam engines and

boilers, antique cars and a variety of other early pieces. The wives and families of the men in the club also contributed with their exhibition of spinning and weaving.

Sherwood Hume, a faithful steam buff and long time member of the association says that the cost in producing one of these annual exhibitions is well over \$20,000. Most is spent for the transportation of the heavy engines and equipment, some of which comes up from the U.S. Some of the members make 200-mile round trips to go to the monthly meetings; one man 400 miles.

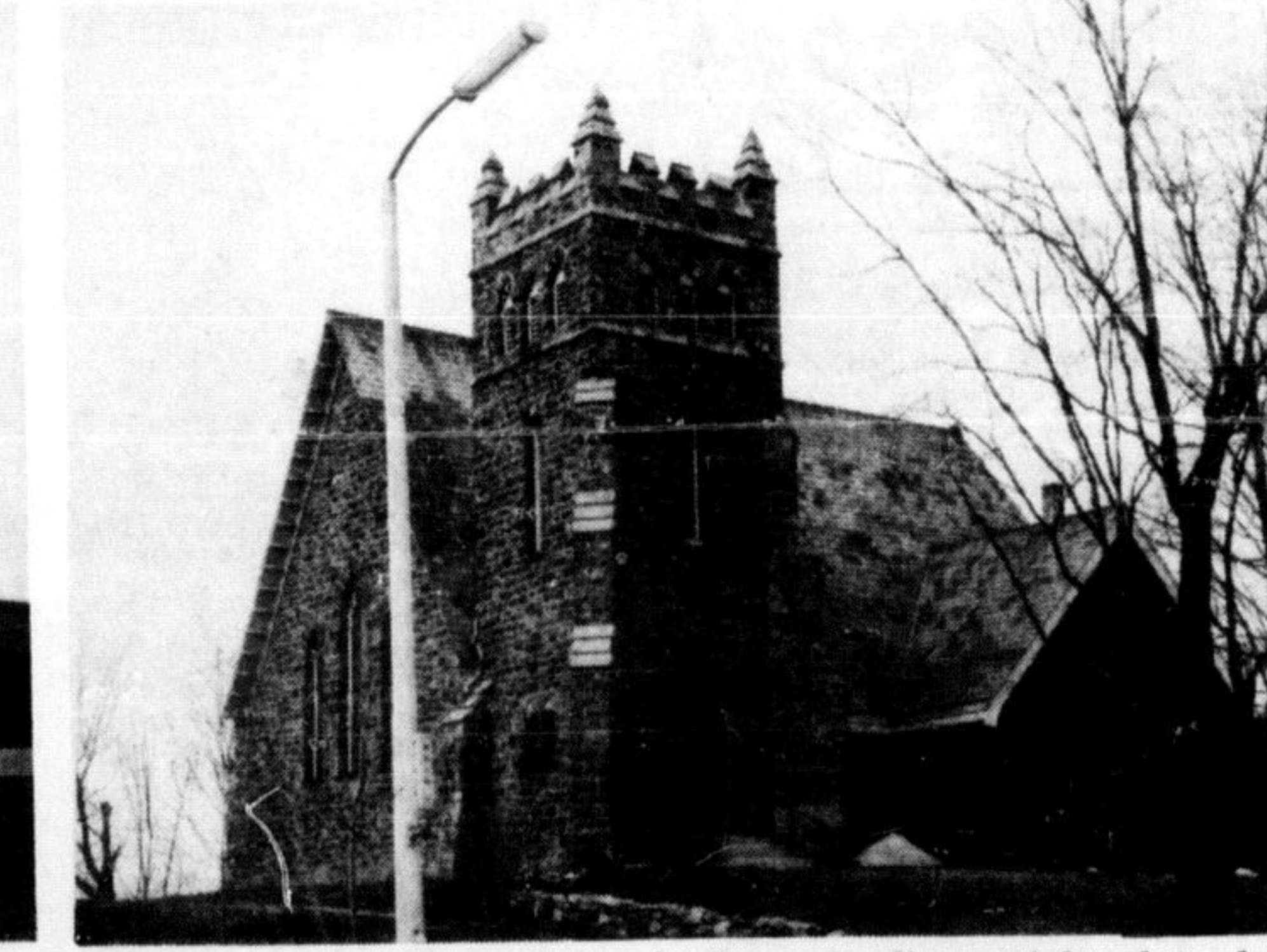
This coming Labor Day will mark the group's 12th anniversary and is expected to be as successful and enjoyable as it has been in the past.



Steady hand on the throttle, keen, unflinching eyes staring straight ahead, Ben (Casey Jones) Rose, Sheridan College journalism instructor, barrels down the track aboard No. 136. The 50-ton iron horse, built in 1883, is being refitted in Milton for a new tourist train on an eight mile stretch of CN track between Cheltenham and Georgetown. The Credit Valley Railway is scheduled to begin its weekend runs for steam buffs in June.



The old and the new, St. Joseph's Convent, one of the original stone buildings of Milton, emphasizes the modern architecture of Holy Rosary Catholic Church built in 1966. Hamilton architect Frank



Burcher designed the new church. Grace Anglican (right) dates back to 1852.

Planning board guides growth

By Barry Lapp

Milton has growing pains—and the town's Planning Board is a prudent parent.

A forecasted 700 to 800 units are needed to house Milton residents in this stage of the municipality's development. E. Ross Pearen, secretary of the Planning Board, said last Wednesday.

"We just don't have enough houses for people, and it will be a greater problem in the next few years," said Pearen.

The town recently released 467 residential lots for a slated 2,800 people. The lots are open to single-dwelling units.

According to Milton's Official Plan, the town's sewage facilities can handle a population up to 11,000. The population is 7,500, but the slated 2,800 will necessitate a new addition to the treatment plant. This addition, Pearen said, will service up to 17,000. And the ultimate population the plan calls for is 28,000.

A strain to the housing situation is the influx of industry to Milton—the municipality has to

adjust to the rise in population. This spring two new industries will begin production in Milton.

The Polymer Corporation, Pearen said, begins production next month and will employ 200 to 225 people.

Polymer, a crown corporation, builds modular homes, precast dwellings equipped with everything from plumbing to broadband. This industry may be a partial solution to the housing crisis.

Paul Krohnert Manufacturing Limited, the second industry, will begin production late this spring, employing 30 people. Krohnert manufactures stainless steel tanks for the dairy industry.

The town has an open door policy to prospective environmentally-compatible industries, but there are precautionary measures. The ratio of the industrial and the commercial to the residential must be balanced 40 - 60 per cent, and Milton is maintaining this equilibrium, Pearen said. The public would suffer the consequences of higher taxes if the balance was upset.

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