

SETTING THE STAGE for the hi-jinks which accompanied the broomball game pitting Milton Councilors and Police against Milton Youth Council Friday night at Milton Arena, Mayor Brian Best gets a frisking for "concealed weapons" before game time in the top photo. Reeve Ron Harris posed a sturdy defence in preparation of rushes from the youthful marauders, left. Swept off his feet above, Mayor Best valiantly tries to regain his footing. Below, surefooted Regal Jack McGeachie turned to clear the ball from his goal area. (Photos by J. Jennings)



24 in race for 13 seats

Over 5,000 eligible to vote here Monday

Monday is E-day in municipalities across Ontario and in Milton voters head to the polls to select the 13 council members, school trustees and hydro commissioners to represent them for the next two years. There are 24 men and women in the race.

In Milton there are over 5,000 eligible voters — a record number.

There are approximately 5,125 eligible to vote on the council race and this figure includes 4,500 who will also help select a Milton trustee for Halton County Board of Education plus another 625 separate school supporters who'll vote on a separate school representative to the same board. Of the total, about 2,450 are property owners eligible to vote on whether or not Milton subsidizes a town bus service.

Allow 18-year-olds

Changes in the requirements for voting eligibility introduced this year give the franchise to all residents 18 years or over and this has swelled the ranks of the

eligible voters. In Milton's last municipal election, held one year ago in December of 1971, there were just 3,500 eligible voters. Development and subdivisions has also upped the total number of eligible voters.

Polls are open Monday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (local time) and voters will be casting ballots in 14 different polls at seven locations in town. The polling places have been changed this year and voters who are unsure where to go should check a map published by the town in an advertisement elsewhere in today's Champion. All eligible voters have already received a card in the mail outlining where they should vote.

Polls are being set up at J. M. Denyes School, Canadian Legion Hall, Halton Centennial Manor, Martin St. School, Harmony Court Apartments, Mayfair Apartments and Milton District Hospital.

Rush at supper

Officials expect the usual supper-time rush hour at the polls, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. so anyone who can vote earlier in the day would be wise to do so — or else be prepared for a possible line-up.

Town officials point out that only those who are property owners are eligible to vote on the \$19,000 bus subsidy as this is a money-by-law. Tenants will not be allowed to vote, nor will a spouse who is not listed as an owner on the voters' lists.

Again this year a large composite ballot will be used for the council, school trustee and hydro commission election. Two separate ballots will be issued — one for public supporters which lists the names of Ivan

Armstrong and Ernest Millson who are seeking Milton's seat on the Halton board of education, and a different one for separate school supporters who will choose between Len Auger and Ken Walsh who are seeking another seat on the Halton board. Voters in Milton, north Halton and Oakville will all be voting on that position.

Composite ballots

Both the large composite ballots will also list the candidates for mayor, reeve, deputy reeve and councillors, plus hydro commission. In the race for mayor are Brian Best and Ron Harris; seeking the reeve's chair are Percy Barr, Bob McCuaig, and Colin Smillie; running for deputy reeve are Mrs. Marjorie Powys and Dick Copley; and the 10 candidates for six council seats are Syd Childs, Jim Kerr, Gordon Krantz, Dave Lloyd, Malcolm Manford, John McIlwraith Jr., Art Melanson, Bob Moreau, Hazel Porter and Larry Smith. All public and separate school supporters can vote on each position.

The names of hydro commission contenders Charles Thompson, Austan Ledwith and Bill Rowney are also on the ballot. There are two seats open on the local hydro commission. The bus subsidy question will be on a separate ballot, as only those listed as owners can vote on this question. There are 2,450 owners on the list.

Several of the candidates are offering rides to the polls on voting day.

Meet candidates

Since nominations closed on Nov. 13 there have been three meetings held for voters to get to know and hear the candidates.

The first was Nov. 13 at Martin St. School, sponsored by Milton Chamber of Commerce. The second was Saturday at Halton Manor (where residents are, for the first time, allowed to vote in the town election) and the third was an informal gathering Sunday at the Milton Youth Council coffee house.

This campaign has seen a heavier than usual mail and sign campaign. Two candidates have large billboard-type signs around town, some have posters adorning store windows and utility poles, and several of the candidates have been mailing literature or going door to door through the town.

An advance poll will be held Monday at the town hall for anyone who will not be available to vote on Dec. 4. A second advance poll will be held there this Saturday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hours will be the same as the regular poll on Monday — 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. To vote in advance polls you must declare you cannot attend the poll on Dec. 4.

23 vote at first poll

An advance poll in conjunction with next Monday's municipal election was held in the Milton Town Hall on Monday, and 23 exercised their franchise. Some of those were polling clerks and deputy returning officers, who will be busy running the polls on Dec. 4.

A second advance poll will be held at the town hall between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 2.

Anyone left off the voters' list who wants to make a ballot on Monday can still do so, if they are a legitimate voter. They must see the town's returning officer, Clerk Jack McGeachie in person, and sign a declaration that they are eligible to vote.

Officials report only an "X" will be accepted on the ballot — a check mark is not valid. The "X" must be placed in a circle beside the candidate's name, or beside the "yes" or "no" on the subsidy question ballot paper.

After the polls close at 8 p.m. the staff of 30 deputy returning officers and poll clerks will lock the doors, open the boxes and start counting ballots. The results will be telephoned to returning officer McGeachie at the town hall and he will quickly relay them to the election return centre at Martin St. School auditorium. There they'll be posted on blackboards and all the candidates and their supporters are expected to gather there to watch the results come in.

Coffee, phone service The Champion is again offering its popular election night services to aid readers. Results will be available as they are received, by telephone at The Champion office from 9 p.m. until the results are final, likely around 11 p.m. To obtain results, phone 878-2341 or 878-2343. Results from Oakville, Burlington, Esqueving and Nassagaweya will also be available through The Champion's phone service.

The newspaper will also be providing coffee and donuts for the crowd at the Martin St. school return centre.

Maplehurst underway

Province's \$13,500,000 correctional centre in Milton expected to be complete in 1974

Ontario's \$13,500,000 correctional facilities for adult offenders, Maplehurst, is officially underway in Milton.

Construction work started this week on the former Clarke farm at the south-east intersection of Highways 401 and 25, under the direction of Janin Building and Civil Works Ltd. of Toronto. According to Halton East MPP James W. Snow, Minister of Government Services, the Janin firm won a management contract to oversee the work done by sub-

trades on the project. Janin's bid was the lowest of 11 tenders, ranging to a high of \$273,000. Associate architects on the project are Dunlop, Farrow and Aitken of Toronto.

Architects last week filed a copy of the plans for the correctional facility with Milton's building inspector Ray Olan to obtain the building permit. Olan indicated it would take him some time to sift through the plans—they weighed 70 pounds!

Workers were on the 90-acre site last week, ready to break ground for the province's new jail. Construction is expected to take two years and the department is calling for completion in 1974.

Facilities at Maplehurst include both an adult correctional centre and an adult training centre, which will replace outdated facilities at Mimico Correctional Centre and help reduce the population at Guelph Correctional Centre. Department of

Correctional Services information officers said there are presently over 230 inmates at Mimico and around 500 at Guelph. The 500 population was "unworkable" and 200 was the optimum size for such facilities, they said.

Total of 400

The training centre is designed to accommodate 200 young offenders between the ages of 18 and 25, with provision for dormitories, academic and vocational training and public visiting. The correctional centre will house 200 short-term recidivists from 18 years of age up, with dormitories and areas for academic and industrial trades instruction and visiting.

The central facilities will cover kitchen dining, recreational and community activity areas, a chapel, social and medical services, laundry, administration offices and supporting services.

The plans take advantage of existing natural separations provided by trees, land gradients and creeks, for which flood plain control is specified. These, coupled with the design of the buildings, will effectively segregate the training centre inmates

from occupants of the correctional centre, both within their own units and in their alternating use of the central facilities.

In addition to security design and grouping of the buildings, a 16 ft. perimeter security fence is specified for outdoor recreational areas. The plans also call for an internal system of roads, with paved parking for 200 cars for staff and visitors, and a new main access close to the administration block from Highway 25.

An elevated railway by-pass line effectively separates the Maplehurst site from the town itself.

All Maplehurst buildings are designed for one storey in height, with connecting corridors to the central facilities unit. Living units are shaped and grouped to form a number of enclosed outdoor courtyards for the use of inmates and visitors.

18-bed dormitories

The training centre is subdivided into three living units, one having 72 beds and the others 64 beds each. These are further subdivided into dormitories, each with a maximum of 18 beds.

Maplehurst centre won't replace old Halton jail

Although Ontario is building a \$13,500,000 correctional centre in Milton, the new jail won't replace the antiquated county jail facilities in Halton.

Jim Cassidy, an information officer in the Ontario Department of Correctional Services, told The Champion this week that a facility to replace Halton's 115-year old jail on Brown St. in Milton is not included "in the initial stages" of the Maplehurst project.

"Eventually it will be replaced, but right now it's a matter of priorities," Cassidy said. "There is room there (at the Maplehurst site) for some facilities to replace the Halton and Peel jails," perhaps later, but the department just cannot afford it at this time.

"We are not closing the door," he stressed.

Over the past 10 years the semi-annual visits and inspection tours at the county jail by Halton Grand Juries have come up with recommendations that the jail be replaced. At one point about five years ago the province announced a proposal to build a regional jail to replace outdated facilities in both Halton and Peel Counties, and a site on the Ninth Line near Hornby was selected. Those plans have obviously been dropped.

The big push on the Maplehurst centre is to relieve the facilities at Guelph and to replace the present facilities at Mimico. Cassidy said Mimico has over 230 inmates and Guelph has around 500. The total normal population of the Halton and Peel jail facilities is around 100 inmates.

Seek \$19,760 subsidy

Monday bus plebiscite

When Milton voters go to the polls Monday, not only the political aspirations of candidates for municipal office will be at stake but also the future of a bus service for Milton.

The service was inaugurated in February by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lewis on a trial basis, to see if the need existed for a service. At that time no subsidy was given. Now the Lewis' feel the need has been proven for the service and they are asking for a subsidy. The subsidy is necessary because while the need for a bus service has been proven, the demand isn't great enough to make the venture a paying one without a subsidy. Ratepayers will be asked to

approve a grant of \$19,760 for the year previous in monthly amounts for the previous month's service. Lewis notes this would amount to five or six dollars per ratepayer per year or 50 cents per month.

Expenses Lewis' calculations show \$125 licence for one vehicle, \$1,000 insurance, \$4,566 in fuel, \$13,000 for two drivers for a total of \$18,681. That leaves \$1,079 for depreciation, servicing and repairs and other miscellaneous overhead and doesn't include anything for profit.

Any fares the bus operator collects will be the only profit on the service.

Lewis noted that current legislation does not allow anyone other than property owners to vote on the bus subsidy. Electors must be listed with an "O" behind their name. This rules out senior citizens at Halton Centennial Manor, at the senior citizen apartments as well as all of the other tenants in town.

Lewis feels this will have a damaging effect on his campaign to have a subsidy for the service. "That makes it rough", he commented. In the case of a married couple who have the home listed under one name or the other instead of as co-owners, only the individual whose name is (Continued on Page Twelve)

New plant starts production soon

A gradual shift is underway that will see the Don Mills branch of Barber-Greene move its operation from there to the new plant near Steeles Ave. in Milton. Plant superintendent Richard Steinhart said production is expected to be in full swing by the end of the year at the Milton plant.

Craftsmen and contractors are still on the site, working on office accommodation, a lunch room and finishing off work in the plant area. Plant manager Bruce McKenzie said some of the offices were moving last weekend.

Most move

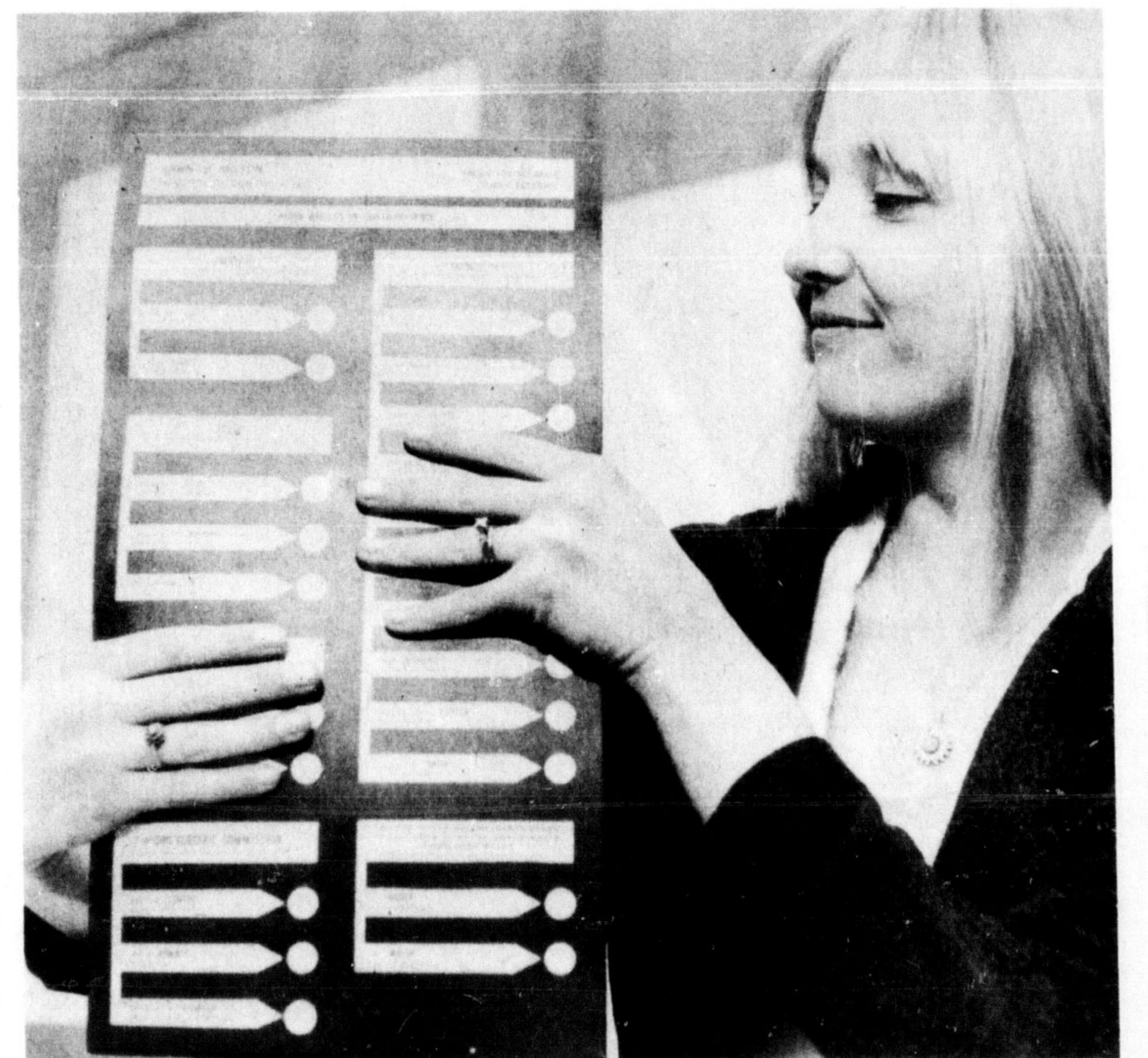
He felt almost all of the sales and service personnel would make the move to Milton, while some of the production people would stay in Don Mills and seek other employment rather than make the move. Some people will be hired locally now and perhaps

more when the plant expands. Huge bins of parts and fittings were being situated last week and work was underway to establish welding and steel shops. A company spokesman said the firm had hoped to have moved by October but because of construction and service delays, the move was set back.

The firm manufactures road paving and industrial and mining equipment. The firm opened its Don Mills plant in 1953 and expanded until it had 48,200 square feet. While the Milton plant won't show any considerable increase in square footage in the beginning, the plant will have the advantage in higher ceilings, a definite advantage in that kind of operation.

Barber-Greene's Milton plant is on Barber-Greene Rd. in the Alliance Building Corporation's industrial mall north of Steeles Ave. east of Highway 25.

. . . . plus subsidy on bus



A COMPOSITE BALLOT will be used in Monday's municipal election in Milton and town hall stenographer Marie Tyner displays a sample of the larger than usual ballot. It will contain names of the 20 candidates seeking 11 seats on the council and hydro commission, plus names of two seeking a seat on the Halton

Board of Education. All of the 5,125 eligible voters will receive a ballot designed like this, and 2,450 property owners eligible to vote on the bus subsidy will also receive a second ballot bearing the question.

(Photo by J. Jennings)

OK plaque at Bruce St.

The history of Bruce St. School will be commemorated, Halton County Board of Education agreed Thursday. They agreed to Trustee Vern Connell's suggestion that a plaque be put on or in the school, subject to the purchaser's approval. The town of Milton offered to purchase the school on a conditional basis. The 115-year-old structure, once doomed, appears now to have a role planned for it in the future of the community.