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Housing for 8,000 approved by town

Homes for 3,742 more people when Dorset Park is filled

By Bob Burt
The rapid growth witnessed in Milton since 1970 is expected to continue for the next few years. The town's population has mushroomed from 6,611 in January 1970 to over 9,000 now.

Milton's population will jump to 17,000 if the housing developments that have been approved or are in the process of receiving approval reach fruition.

The town's growth is limited by the capacity of the pollution control plant. That plant was recently expanded and modified at a cost of

more than a million dollars. The expansion made it possible for the town to expand and serve a population of 18,000.

Go to 28,000
Application for a second expansion to that plant is already being prepared. If the second expansion is approved the town could eventually grow to 28,000 people.

Plans for housing that have already been submitted and considered by the town would account for a population of 25,428 if all applications received final approvals and were constructed.

In a recent interview Mayor Brian Best explained final approvals for the second phase at Dorset Park have been given and those developments can go ahead. All external services have been installed.

In Dorset Park Wimpey Homes have 387 single family lots and 17 lots zoned for medium density; Halton Land Group has 225 single family lots and 110 lots zoned for medium density; and Victoria Wood has 166 single family lots and 85 lots zoned for medium density.

3,742 in one area
Development of the remainder of Dorset Park alone would result in housing accommodation for 3,742 people.

The Valleyview Gardens project at Derry Rd. and Ontario St. will generate a population of 1,216 people. That project has provision for 109 single family lots and 195 lots zoned for medium density. Roads and other services for that project are currently under construction.

Final approvals have been granted and building permits for 115 of 254 condominium units on Bronte St., Anne Blvd. and Meadowbrook Dr. have been issued. Some services have been installed for that project but no actual construction has taken place. It is anticipated that project referred to as Chaingate will yield a total of about 965 people.

Medium density
Alliance Building Corporation is waiting on OMB approval to a zoning change before going ahead with a medium density housing project on Ontario St. east of Halton Centennial Manor, and Milton Shopping Plaza.

Two apartment buildings on land formerly known as Martin's Flats between Millside Dr. and Martin St. are ready to go. One apartment building already stands there. The two additional apartments will provide housing for about 518 people.

Davies Fast Freight Co. has received approvals for 17 single family units on Ontario St., and that project is in the early stages of construction. Housing for about 65 people will be provided.

Homes for 445
Sixty-six building permits for medium density construction have been issued to Pitfield Construction on Ontario St. That firm intends to build 113 units eventually. The complete project will provide housing for 445

people. Six other developments are in various stages of receiving final approvals, but none will be granted permission to build until and unless the pollution control plant is expanded to accommodate a population of over the current 18,000 figure.

Those developments would ultimately bring the town's population to 25,428. The figure would apply to the town boundaries as they are known now. The population would increase to about 17,000 as of Jan. 1 when the new town of Milton takes in Nassagaweya and parts of Oakville, Burlington and Esqueving. All the additional lands cannot be serviced by the present sewage plant, however.



TYPIFYING the opening of the Christmas season, wide-eyed three-year-old Kelly Yonev slowly opens the present she received at the Canadian Meter Co-employees Christmas party at Holy Rosary Hall Saturday afternoon. Kelly is the daughter of Peter and Dolly Yonev, Heslop Rd. (Photo by D. Pink)

Christmas closings announced

Industry in Milton is taking advantage of Christmas falling on a Tuesday this year. P. L. Robertson and Canadian Meter Co. will be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 26 as well as New Year's Day.

Milton Post Office is hiring 26 extra people to take care of the added volume of mail. The Christmas rush is being felt this week with the peak expected to come this week-end. The main building and sub post office will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1. There will be no town mail delivery on those days.

All Milton banks will be open to the public on Dec. 24 from 10 to 3 and closed Dec. 25 and 26. They will open again for regular banking hours on Dec. 27 and 28. Banks are closed New Year's Day.

Staff Christmas holidays for town hall employees will be Dec. 24, 25, 26, and Jan. 1. There will be no garbage collection Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, Dec. 22 to 26 inclusive. Residents south of Main St. will have their garbage picked up on Dec. 27 and those north of Main will be serviced Dec. 28.

Burlington site for region Hq.?

According to Burlington Reeve Les Preston Burlington's new Centennial Industrial Park is being considered as the site for a permanent headquarters for regional government.

Preston is quoted as having made the statement at an administration committee meeting of Burlington Council.

A 380,000 square foot office factory complex is being considered as the home for regional government. That area is without sewage or water services at the present time.

The site is located between Burloak Dr. and Appleby

Line below the Queen County council has its headquarters in Milton. Elizabeth Way.

Chamber seeking citizen of year

WANTED—One "citizen of the year."

Milton Chamber of Commerce appealed this week for nominations for citizens worthy of the title and deadline for submissions is Jan. 5. The 1973 "citizen" will be honored at a Chamber dinner on Jan. 30. A nomination form is included in an advertisement in today's Champion.

Find disposal site

Order Milton Inn removal

Removal of the burned out Milton Inn on Main St. was ordered by Milton Council Monday with the owner given to the end of the year to act before the municipality moves in.

If the municipality demolishes the building and clears up the site the work will be charged against the property.

A location for the disposal of the rubble was located and Mayor Brian Best said an area on Alliance property

north of Steeles Ave. was available if action was taken immediately. Council earlier discussed the demolition but pressure at the town's land fill site prevented them from ordering the action then.

Parking problem
Reeve Bob McCuaig focused council's attention on the problems of rebuilding on the Main St. He noted that a number of years ago the town's planner suggested zoning provisions allow for 100 per cent lot coverage in

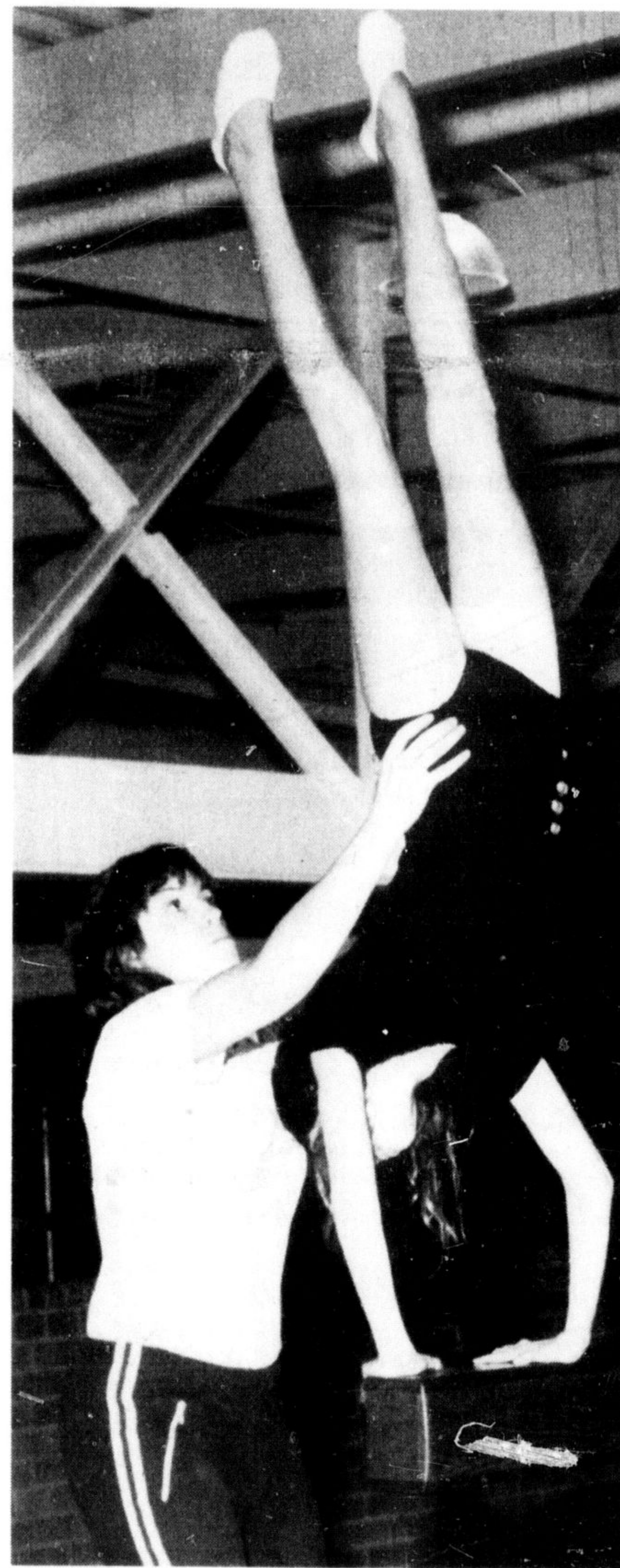
the downtown core with the municipality providing the parking. The hotel, he suggested, was an example. If any store on the street burned it could not be rebuilt under current legislation because the owner would not be able to meet the newer parking requirements.

The reeve reviewed a number of empty stores or business closings on the street and suggested the loss of the hotel had had some effect. He maintained there

were advantages in having the hotel rebuilt but acknowledged it could never be done with current parking requirements.

Councillor Gordon Krantz acknowledged he would consider reduced parking requirements but the initial proposal on the site had been so vague that council couldn't even consider it.

Reeve McCuaig maintained that even if public parking was available across the street from a business, it does



STEADIED by chief instructress Jill Boothby, Shelagh Borland executes a handstand on the balance beam. Girls six to 16 participate in the gymnastics sessions. (See feature, Page B-12)



MAYOR BRIAN BEST and Mrs. Best were honored at Milton's civic banquet Wednesday when fellow councillors presented three gifts. Mayor Best received a framed color photo on canvass plus a scroll tribute, presented by Reeve Bob McCuaig, left. Mrs. Best received a floral arrangement. The Mayor ends a six year term at the end of December. (Photo by R. Downs)

End of an era

Civic banquet fetes Mayor

Marking the end of an era, about 300 gathered at Roma Hall Wednesday evening for the last civic banquet the present town will ever hold. On Jan. 1 Milton becomes part of the enlarged community that will retain the Milton name but will include all of Nassagaweya and portions of Oakville, Burlington and Esqueving.

Guests included six former mayors, all former members of council the town was able to contact, members of the town staff and its boards and commissions.

Mayor honored
It was a "thank you" night for one and all. Mayor Brian Best who chaired the evening presented certificates of service to all members of boards and commissions. On behalf of the councillors, Reeve Bob

McCuaig presented the retiring mayor with a colored portrait photo on canvass plus a certificate, hand lettered by artist Dorothy Stone.

The certificate read: "A tribute to Brian Best, P. Eng., F.R.I., for his deep involvement, enthusiasm, leadership and selfless dedication over a period of 14 years as school trustee, councillor and mayor of the Corporation of the Town of Milton, and in special recognition of his untiring efforts to insure the continuing existence of our municipality. A testimonial of sincere appreciation and good wishes."

Councillor Hazel Porter presented Mrs. Best with a bouquet of flowers, "for the sacrifices you have made" over the past six years as the town's "first lady". The

crowd gave Mrs. Best a standing ovation. In her reply Mrs. Best said "our life has been Milton, first and foremost. We will miss it but we will still be here. Call us anytime."

Toast to town
Halton East MPP Jim Snow proposed a toast to Milton past, present and future. He reminisced about his early life in the town, his classes at Milton Public School on Bruce St. and the old high school on Martin St., Middleton's store, Anderson's barber shop and the early ball and hockey teams.

In the past five years Milton has seen many changes, Snow said. Usually expansion brings problems but the town's growth has been well planned, he suggested. He al-

Campbellville mourns the passing of an era

By Joyce Beaton
Campbellville marked the end of its 60 years as a police village Monday with a nostalgic look at the past. Former trustees, hydro commissioners and guests comprised the 60 people who attended a farewell dinner at the Masonic Hall, as Campbellville prepares to enter into the new Town of Milton in January.

Jack McPhail, a former trustee and master of ceremonies for the evening, said, "It is with regret and sadness that we are here this evening to mark the passing of the police village of Campbellville."

His sentiments were echoed by speakers throughout the

evening. June Andrews, local historian, gave a concise history of the police village since its inception in 1914. She told of the first concrete sidewalks laid to replace the boardwalks of 1900. A by-law which threatened a \$50 fine or a jail term to persons not cleaning the sidewalks within an hour after a snow storm.

History
As early as 1918 letters of complaint from the village trustees were written to CFR about the road being blocked by trains for extended periods. There was a 15 mph speed limit at that time through the village.

The first electric lights were installed in 1924 con-

sisting of 34 subscriptions and 14 streetlights. Ross Carbert, hydro commissioner since 1945, informed the gathering that today Campbellville has 100 domestic and six commercial hydro users.

Reminiscing of times gone by Omer VanSickle, one of the last Campbellville trustees, told his memories as a child playing on the sidewalks of the village. He remarked on the trustees of the past 25 years, most of whom were in attendance at the dinner. "This is a unique gathering," he said, "here this evening are some of the earliest trustees to serve the village."

"We know we cannot

Planting strips are favored as protection for neighbors

Planting strips between residential and commercial properties in a development zone should not be eliminated, A. H. Arrell of the Ontario Municipal Board told a hearing in Milton yesterday.

Arrell reserved decision on the question after more than two and a half hours of testimony and argument. Currently town by-laws make it mandatory for new commercial developments to provide a 10 foot planting strip where the property abuts a

residential property. Several residents who live on Main and Mary Sts. at the west end of the street argued against removing the planting strip provision in the by-law. They suggested it was the only protection they have against someone building to their lot line.

Transitional
The application before the OMB would eliminate side yard planting strips but not the rear yard requirement. Solicitors Harry Funk who

appeared on behalf of Milton Community Credit Union and Doug McConachie on behalf of the Town of Milton, both pointed out the area of Main St. in question was a transitional zone. They argued that once all of the residences have been taken over and the entire street was commercial, there would be a series of alleys between stores.

McConachie suggested the planting strips would eventually be a detriment to the Main St. Building inspector

Ray Olan said it wasn't feasible for developers to build on a 66 foot lot if 20 feet had to be taken for a planting strip. He said there would also be problems maintaining the planting strips between stores.

Under the current by-law no buffer is needed when a commercial property abuts another commercial property. Chairman Arrell suggested the strips shouldn't be removed now but the way to

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