



A SIX MONTH CHORE. Albino DiPede constructed a replica of a Spanish galleon using toothpicks, some hand crafted wood and patches of cotton for sails. A recent immigrant from Italy, Albino lives at 50 Main St. N., in Acton and works at Cathea Concrete in Milton. (Photo by D. Pink)

## His Spanish galleon is made of toothpicks

By Dave Pink

Albino DiPede, an employee of Cathea Concrete in Milton and a resident of 50 Main St., Acton, has constructed a miniature Spanish galleon without using any plans or models.

Aside from cotton sails, made by hand, handcrafted wooden objects and a brass anchor purchased in St. Petersburg, Fla., the ship is

made entirely of toothpicks secured with glue.

Why toothpicks? "It was different," says DiPede. DiPede, who came to Acton from Italy last September, estimates he used eight boxes of toothpicks and 10 cans of glue in his project. Total cost of the six months work, says DiPede, was about \$10.

Study ship  
A member of the Acton Public Library, the hobbyist

borrowed books on ships to study the ship plan before he attempted to build it. DiPede said he had become bored with television and wanted to build something in his spare time.

The ship measures 38 inches from stem to stern and stands 36 inches high. The ship has a hinged rudder and figurehead carved from wood in the shape of a horse's head. The sails, rigged with string, are moveable. Wheel and cannons are carved from wood.

Flies flag  
This was the first project of this type undertaken by the new Canadian. Loyal to his national heritage the ship flies the red, white and green flag of his native Italy from the main mast. He named the vessel "Italia".

DiPede is planning to build a ship of more modern design in the near future.

**About the town**  
with Dolores Melanson  
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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown from Hamilton are new residents at El Primo apartments. We welcome the Browns to Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Rashid from Burlington and India are new residents at R.R.6 Milton. We welcome them to Milton.

Mrs. Doris Prentice of Kilbride spent Christmas day at the home of her niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Twiss, R.R. 3, Campbellville.

Art and Dolores Melanson and family were visited over the New Year's holiday by Dolores' parents, Bruce and Dorothy Dingman (formerly of Milton), her brother Darren and her grandmother Mrs. Kenneth Shipman, all of Ivy Lea.

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## Across the Editor's Desk

By Roy Downs

If we had to pick the top five "newsmakers" of 1973 they would have to be Andy Frank, Brian Best, Anne MacArthur, Jim Snow and Bruce Howlett... not necessarily in that order of importance, mind you, but all five would have to be on the list.

Andy Frank is perhaps best known in 1973 as Milton's Citizen of the Year and he was honored early in the year by the Chamber of Commerce for his varied contributions to community life. But Andy wasn't only in the news that week, we saw him running the farmers market, bowling at the lawn bowling club, playing his fiddle at the

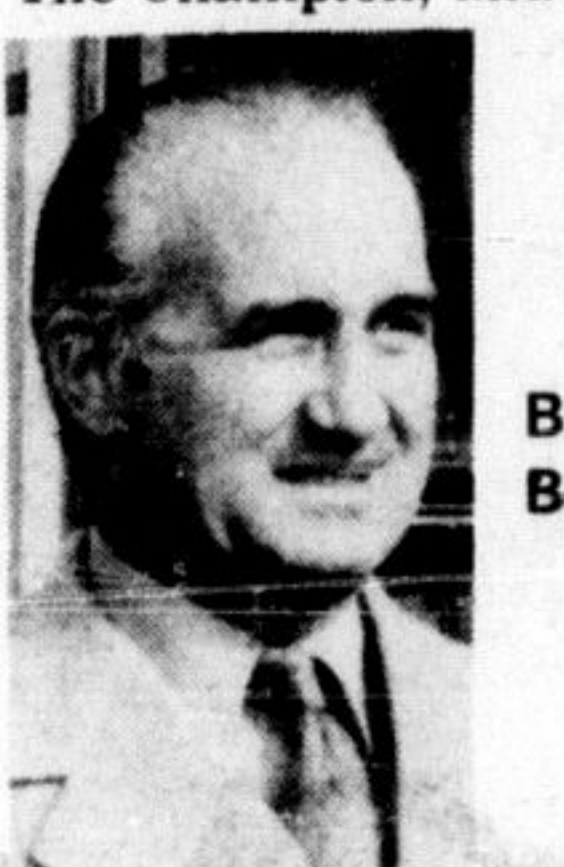


Andy Frank

senior citizens club meetings and in their jaunts around the countryside entertaining other seniors, working at the plowing match in Lambton County where he supervised entertainment in the Halton Hospitality tent, judging at the fiddle contest and more recently appearing on TV with background violin music for a historical piece.

About the only thing we didn't see Andy do this year was play Santa Claus, and that's a shame, he's certainly got the physique, the laughter and the twinkle in the eye that suits a man for that task.

We saw a lot of Brian Best, too, in 1973. He capped his six-year term as mayor with what must have been his busiest year to date. We saw him hundreds of times, in person and in the pages of The Champion, and his list of



Brian Best

accomplishments is not exactly endless but certainly too lengthy to publish here in a paragraph or two.

Brian Best was seen, in 1973, luring industry to town, fighting to keep Milton intact as a borough of regional government, convening council meetings, appearing at public functions, pulling draw tickets, contributing to planning and hydro meetings, writing and presenting briefs on behalf of the town, extending the hand of friendship on Milton's behalf, saying thanks where thanks was due, handing out certificates of appreciation, opposing land use plans in neighboring north Burlington, pushing town servicing projects, building a new office building, actively supporting his church, digging a first sod and cutting a ribbon, all the while trying to keep his own real estate business going.

Anne MacArthur also found her name in these pages for a variety of reasons. Although her name probably appeared most weeks of the year in one form or another, she made headlines at the start of the year when she was named Warden of Halton County, in the middle of the year when she retired after 27 years of teaching high school in town,



Anne MacArthur

and at the end of the year with the post of mayor for the next three years. Known as a fighter, Mrs. MacArthur's campaigns against quarries, hydro lines, uncontrolled development and the splitting of her beloved Nassagaweya Township were all duly recorded in the pages of the press.

She also made news through her regular meetings of County Council and Nassagaweya Council, her spirited election campaign,



Jim Snow

her strenuous fight to keep the hydro line from bespoiling her area of the township, and assorted official openings and official functions—the last of which, the warden's dinner, got her some complimentary front page publicity again last week.

Jim Snow, our busy member of Halton East, crept into the news often through his role as Minister of Government Services but he also made news in 1973 with his appearances at a host of social events, sod-turnings and official openings and his close association with such provincial matters as the parkway belt proposals, hydro line routes, regional government and the energy crisis. Jim has been an effective MPP for the riding and if you saw his name or face in the news pretty frequently in 1973, it was because he was DOING something with and for the people of Halton East.

Big Jim, being a former contractor, has an added distinction of being one of the few MPPs who can turn a drab sod-turning into a colorful event. He knows how to operate all that big machinery that sits around on construction sites, so when Jim comes to turn the first sod he rejects the traditional gold shovel and climbs aboard a big power shovel, backhoe or bulldozer and gouges out a yard or two of earth. How many Ontario ridings have a cabinet minister—MPP who can do that?

And Bruce Howlett—we saved the best for last. Mr. Howlett was probably not the most popular but at least wins the distinction of being the most talked-about man in this part of the country. An American consultant, he was called in with his team of experts to help hydro route commissioner Dr. Omond Solandt pick an acceptable route for Ontario Hydro's big new 500 KV power line. To date he hasn't found one route that is acceptable to the neighbors, the municipal

## Halton groups hope for \$104,000 in LIP grants

Chosen by Halton MP Terry O'Connor, a Citizens' Advisory Group chose six of the 20 applications submitted for Local Initiatives Program grants.

A total of 35 persons will be employed with funds totalling \$104,000. Considered to be a valuable program was the Kelso Music Centre, Oakville recommended for a \$7,800 grant to employ three persons.

The Youth Housing System Group Home will get \$15,444. It is a half-way house for drug users in Oakville and will employ five people.

Halton Helping Hands is the largest project with 16 employees. It will receive \$49,500 for its work throughout the Halton area.

Repair furniture  
The Furniture Repair



Bruce Howlett

Workshop for the Handicapped in Georgetown, will receive \$9,360 to support three employees.

The Lions' Outdoor Pool Project in Acton, employing five persons, will receive a grant of \$14,040.

A Pre-School Experience Centre, Oakville, sought a \$7,800 grant to employ three persons.

In some cases the uniqueness and value to the community of some of the programs outweighed the stipulation that programs would only be accepted if the people could not be otherwise employed.

Committee  
The Advisory Group's decision was accepted in total by Terry O'Connor who submitted their recommendations to the Federal Government. The following people were on the committee: Ron Woods, Administrator, Milton Hospital; Peter Marks, Councillor, Acton; Harry Barrett, Mayor, Oakville; Doug Colison, Recreation Director, Georgetown; Mrs. Linda Climpsham, Swimming and Day Camp Organizer, Georgetown; Mrs. Valerie

O'Hara, Program Treasurer, Halton Helping Hands, Oakville; Mrs. Peggy Palmer, Halton County Director, Addiction Research Foundation, Oakville; and Mrs. Bea Clendenning, National Director, Experiment in International Living, Oakville.

The group met twice for two-hour-long meetings to arrive at their decisions. Mr. O'Connor said he hoped that by having some citizen input and tighter administration of LIP grants, the tax money would be well spent this year.

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In order to be eligible to vote at the  
**Special meeting of the Corporation**  
For the purpose of considering and approving the revised Hospital By-Laws on  
**Wednesday, February 6, 1974**  
Memberships may be purchased for \$5.00 at the Business Office of the Hospital Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by forwarding a cheque in the amount of \$5.00 to the Hospital.  
**NOTE:** The location of the meeting will be published in subsequent notices in this paper.  
A. H. Britton,  
Chairman,  
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