

Esperanto alive, thriving Milton woman advocate



ESPERANTO VERSION of Winnie the Pooh is shown by Diana Massey, an advocate of the international language.

Glen Eden expansion gets OMB approval

Work on the expansion of the Glen Eden Ski Centre is proceeding without hesitation, after the project received its final approval from the Ontario Municipal Board last week.

Because of the pressing work schedule required to

complete the expansion in time for skiing season, Halton Region Conservation Authority executive had given the go-ahead for construction to proceed earlier this month without the OMB's approval of the financial arrangements for the project. With the approval, the

workers can proceed at full steam said Bill Warwick, director of conservation services for the HRCA.

The authority had expected to pay for the \$400,000 expansion through a \$133,000 Wintario Grant and a \$226,000 bank loan guaranteed by area municipalities—which would be repaid through the ski area's future profits.

However, the authority received only a conditional grant from Wintario and some question remains whether HRCA will have to match the grant through the private sector.

Authority members are not too concerned at this point about having to match the Wintario Grant.

Brock Harris, the authority chairman has stated there is a possible donor in the background if they should require one.

Mr. Warwick would neither confirm nor deny the existence of such a donor when contacted, but said, "Let's just say we're very confident that we'll get the support."

At one point last week, Burlington Regional Councillor Vern Connell, a strong opponent of the expansion, had intended to throw a roadblock in front of the project by filing an objection with the OMB, but he later recon-

sidered after he was approached by authority members.

Councillor Connell said he had been concerned that the taxpayers would end up being stuck with paying the bill for the expansion.

After the meeting with authority members, he conceded that it would be foolish to further delay the project and that any delay would end up costing the taxpayers money.

The existence of a possible secret donor also swayed the councillor's thinking, he said. The expansion project includes a triple chair lift 1,400 feet up the Niagara Escarpment, an additional ski run, installation of lights for night skiing, expansion of the existing ski chalet and providing a snow grooming tractor.

About 70 per cent of the skiers at the ski centre live in Halton and the popularity of the slopes has created overcrowding conditions. If the expansion was not permitted, Mr. Warwick said, limits would probably have had to be set on the number of skiers allowed into the area this winter.

However, the ski lift is expected to double the major lift capacity on the ski slopes and reduce the waiting lineups.

world today. Miss Massey, a Milton resident who teaches at the Drury school for the hearing handicapped, first became interested in Esperanto when she read an article about it 10 years ago. "It sounded like such a fantastic idea, because you could speak with people from all different countries," she said.

Last year she finally got an opportunity to learn Esperanto. In October she took a ten week course in the language, given in Toronto. According to Miss Massey, the language is simple to learn.

"After seven two-hour lessons I spent an evening where I spoke nothing but Esperanto. I understood what everyone said."

In April she attended the Canadian Esperanto Congress in Victoria. She used Esperanto for four days with no problem.

In August she presented greetings from Canada (spoken in Esperanto) to the International Esperanto Con-

gress in Reykjavik, Iceland. Miss Massey reported the mayor of Reykjavik learned enough Esperanto to give a speech in the language and to use it socially.

Although Esperanto was meant as a second language some children have learned it as their first, Miss Massey said. They usually have been children whose parents spoke different languages. They are called "denaska" Esperantists.

The most immediate advantage of knowing the language is in travelling. Miss Massey commented. Members who travel contact members in other countries. Books have been written in and translated to Esperanto. This offers the advantage of reading the literature of other countries, she said.

Being able to communicate directly with people of all nations can help international understanding and is a major advantage of Esperanto.

Asked if a person could swear in Esperanto, Miss Massey replied, "I don't know any swear words but

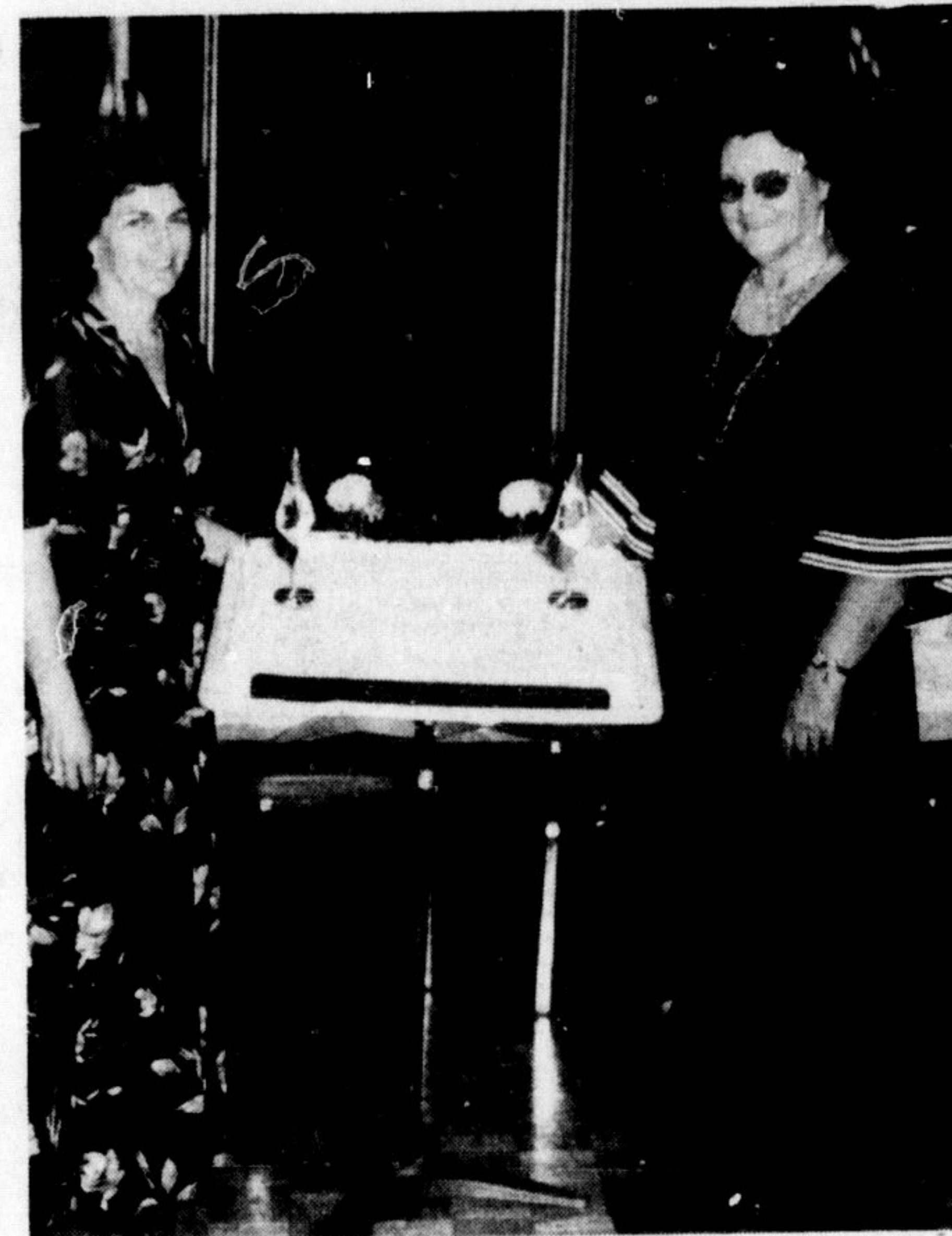
there are some nasty things you can say. You can express yourself as well in Esperanto as in English, in any direction."

Miss Massey gets an opportunity to practice her newly-acquired language at monthly meetings of the Esperanto club in Toronto and at social gatherings of members. She has inspired a few friends in Milton to take up the language and would be interested in teaching it, if there were people interested in learning.

A record of songs sung in Esperanto played softly in the background as Miss Massey talked. The words sounded like Spanish or Italian sung by an English speaking group. In Europe there are radio programs broadcast in Esperanto, she said.

The Esperanto symbol is a five-point green star. It is worn by members when they travel or meet.

Miss Massey is optimistic about the future of Esperanto. "It's so logical," she said. "You couldn't deny its usefulness."



ZONE B7 of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated the group's 50th anniversary Saturday at a banquet in Acton Legion. About 350 spent the happy evening together. Zone commander Irene Shields of Oakville shows the specially-decorated anniversary cake to Jean Hasselfeldt, president of the Milton Ladies' Auxiliary.

Site F protest . . .

(Continued from Page One) Ciprietti wanted to know why, if the main thrust of the solicitor's report was dealing with delays, did it take Mr. Martin three months to present his report.

Mr. Martin explained that at the time of council's decision in June he was away. He said the problems with the administration building had also caused further delay, but actually his report was started three weeks after the original decision and then proceeded in the usual administrative fashion.

Milton Councillor Jim Watson cross-examined the lawyer to determine if the inspiration to prepare his report had come from himself or if he had been "cornered" to do it.

Martin said he personally felt council should know all the facts about the two acts. He said it was hard to make choices on this type of decision and that maybe this time, council was not fully aware of the consequences.

Later Councillor Watson said he had reason to believe that Regional Chairman Ric Morrow was behind Martin's report. "Obviously the report was biased," he said.

He felt that after council's June decision to apply under the Environmental Assessment Act that the regional chairman became suspicious and asked Martin to prepare the report.

"My understanding is that the act (Environmental

Assessment Act) is a little more polished," said Councillor Watson. "When you are possibly destroying the lifestyle of people, they should have every possible tool at their disposal to fight."

He felt by reversing the decision, the region was putting economics in front of people.

Commenting on the report, Milton Councillor Jim Kerr said afterwards, "To me it was just presented as confusing garbage. It said a lot of nothing."

"We're just playing games at the region anyways," he said. "The Ontario Municipal Board and George Kerr (Minister of Natural Resources) will have the final decision whether the dump goes to Site F."

Voting in favor of the solicitor's motion were Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, Oakville Councillor McLean Anderson, Burlington Councillors Jack Raftis, Tom Sutherland, Don Carter, Vern Connell, and Dave Coons, Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill, Halton Hills Councillors Russ Miller, Garnet McKenzie, Roy Booth and Michael Armstrong.

Against the motion were Milton Mayor Don Gordon, Milton Councillors Kerr and Watson, Oakville Councillors Laurie Mannell, Gordon Reade, Ron Planche and Arch Donaghey, Burlington Councillors Walter Mulke-wich and Ben Ciprietti and Burlington Mayor Mary Munro.

Hospital lawn party raises X-ray funds

Milton District Hospital Auxiliary raised over \$2,000 at its annual lawn party, held Saturday at the Martin St. home of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Martin report co-conveners May Bell and Rose Shannon.

The afternoon was cool but sunny and the crowd was on a par with previous years, they reported. Hospital administrator Brian Brady officially opened the afternoon and chairman of the hospital board of directors Emmerson McCready made the draw for a quilt and rug.

Proceeds will go toward the new X-ray equipment at the hospital.

Simultaneous with the lawn party, an art show featuring the works of local artists was held at the nearby mill pond in Centennial Park.

Conveners of booths this year were bake table, Vera Delacourt; candy, Shirley Kerr and Rosalind Richardson; country garden, Helen Penrice, Margaret Bundy and Mary Borland; knitting, Viola Slade; library, Isobel Patterson and Rosemary Windmoller; nickle table, Betty Stark; toys, Eileen Martin; unique boutique, Ginny Galipeau; white elephant, Alma McIntyre;

fish pond, Isobel Patterson and the Candy Strippers; ring-a-thing, Joyce Henry; tea, Jan Moir; and draw tickets, June McLeod.

Simplicity is the key

Esperanto, which is based on common European languages is easy to learn according to Diana Massey, who learned in 10 lessons.

Even people who speak one of the Oriental languages can master it, although it is a little harder for them, Miss Massey said.

The language has been simplified to 16 rules of grammar to which there are no exceptions. Spelling is based on the principle of one letter, one sound. In pronunciation, the accent is always on the next-to-last syllable. It sounds similar to Italian or Spanish.

The vocabulary makes extensive use of affixes to cut

down on the number of different words to learn. Miss Massey illustrated by using the words for hot and cold, words which in the English language are unrelated.

In Esperanto hot is varma, cold is malvarma. The insertion of the letters "eg" indicates extremes, as in malvarmega, very cold. The equivalent of cool is made by the addition of "et", malvarmeta.

Nouns are made by the addition of the letter "o", as in malvarmo, the cold. Words ending in "a" signify adjectives.

There are 23 consonants and five vowels in the 28-letter alphabet

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