## Town founded around Main St.

By Jim Dills

A history walk in Milton has to start on the Main St. because it was here the early town was founded and the most significant factor is the Sixteen Mile Creek. Interest in a recent history walk has encouraged putting the detail into written form, and so with this limited series we begin.

Looking from the rear of Grace Anglican Church we get our glimpse of the Sixteen as it meets from two tributaries and then crosses Main St.

Actually the townships bordering the Sixteen were surveyed between 1806 and 1819 "through primeval forest unbroken except for the occasional beaver meadow, a few Indian corn fields in the lower valley flat lands or a patch of windfall."

In the area of the stream there were probably Marten, Fisher, Wolverine, Timber Wolf, Canada Lynx and the Wapiti or American Elk in the woods. The wild turkey and the wild pigeons were among the birds. The last record of the passenger pigeons was at Campbellville in 1886.

Settlers regarded the forest as an obstacle. Some pine and oak was harvested for the British Navy and there were maple and beech stands too.

Through all this wound the Sixteen Mile Creek, which with its tributaries, drains 159

Omagh

square miles to Lake Ontario at Oakville. The stream was both an obstacle and an

opportunity. It was known to rise in flood time. In 1797 Captain Joseph Brant set out from his home at the Mohawk village on the Grand River near Brantford to travel to York. On Dec. 15 he was stopped at Burlington Beach

because of the "rise of the waters". After William Lyon Mackenzie was defeated at Montgomery's Tavern Dec. 7, 1837 he fled towards present day Halton. There is this early reference from his diary. "Our pursuers, nevertheless, gained on us and when near the Sixteen Mile Creek we ascertained that my countryman Col. Chalmers had a party guarding the bridge. The creek swells up at times into a rapid river; it was now swollen by the November rains." Mackenzie and one companion, in spite of high water and floating ice, succeeded in wading across the creek.

Simcoe's diary of about 1796 tells how the creek was named. The creeks were designated by their distance from Niagara if on the south side of Lake Ontario, and from Burlington, if on the north side. Oakville on the north shore is situated at the mouth of the Sixteen Mile Creek, not at the mouth of the Oakville Creek as current

maps tend to indicate. For some the stream spelled opportunity. A number of mills depended on the flow of the Creek for their life but the most durable was the Martin Mill which is still in operation as Robin Hood Flour Mills, although much changed in operation. But let us turn next week to the story of water power and the development of the mill with its effect on Milton.



## THE SIXTEEN still wends its way through bush crowded banks and ultimately crosses Main St. in Milton. It was significant in the early development of the community and at one time actually crossed the Main St. three times.

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Carey House to open Sat

The Halton Region's first to complete the project. Cheshire Home for physically handicapped adults will be open in Burlington on Saturday, Oct. 29, with about 250 invited guests present at the

The home, one of 10 in Canada established by a worldwide Cheshire Foundation, will be officially named 'Carey House', in commemoration of Burlington's 1976 posthumous 'Citizen of

the Year', the late Robert C. Carey. Some applications from North Halton are being considered. been selected, and will move His widow, Mrs. Shirley Carey, will declare the house,

ceremonies.

a 100-year-old structure on Ontario Street, in downtown Burlington, open. A reception will follow at St. Luke's Anglican Church, across the The house, which will pro-

vide accommodation for about eight adults, is being specially adapted to the needs of the physically handi-Adaptions and renovations are under the direction of Mrs. Pamela Cluff, a Toronto architect who is a leading authority on designing facilities for handicapped and elderly residents. Mrs. Cluff is currently President of the Ontario Welfare Council.

Carey House was bought by Halton Cheshire Homes, Inc., a charitable foundation, with funds originally provided by the May Court Club of Oakville. Additional funds have come from many regional service groups. A \$200,000 campaign is being launched

immediately to raise money Carey House is presently

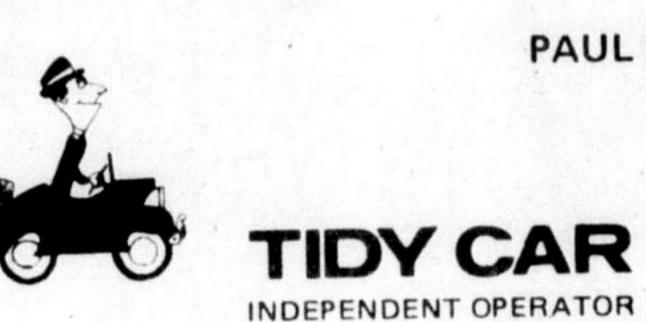
the only non-governmental housing project available to handicapped adults in the region. It will be administered by Halton Cheshire Homes in accordance with the Cheshire philosophy of providing as much personal independence as possible for residents, who will take an active role in making the group into a 'family', and the house into their 'home'. They will contribute financially. The first three residents have

into the house shortly after the opening ceremony.

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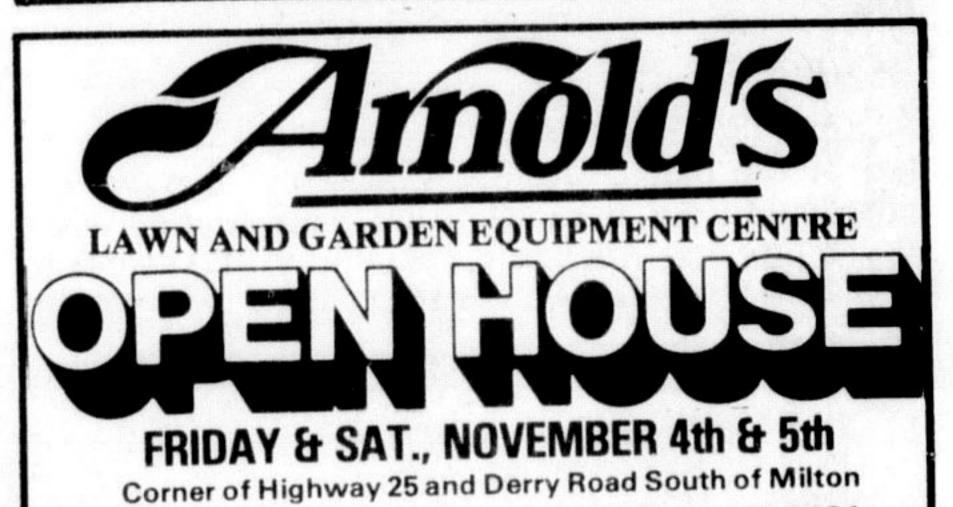
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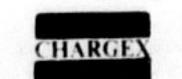
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death of two men most successful bazaar at By Mrs. Cecil Patterson Boyne Centre on Saturday, Friends in this area were Oct. 22. Rev. R. Lewis welshocked to learn of the sudden comed the host of visitors and passing of Stanley May of opened the bazaar. Mayor Hornby on Friday, Oct. 22 in Donald Gordon and Mrs. Gor-Brampton Hospital after an don of Milton were interested illness of only two days. in the various sales booths Mr. May was very active in and stayed for afternoon tea. community activities. He was Guests were from Oakville, president of Halton 4-H coun-

many

agricultrual associations.

tended to his wife the former

Wayne, Peter, Martha, Sonja

and Eartha, and grandchild-

ren, also several brothers and

rest in the cemetery of the

of Halton's oldest citizens.

passed away on Sunday, Oct.

niece Mrs. Florence Jeffcott.

munity activities.

Burlington, Boston, Milton cil, and had been planning for and Bethel Churches. 4-H Awards night on Oct. 29. Congratulations and good He was also a leader in wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Donseveral of the 4-H clubs. Mr. ald Leslie, who were married May took a keen interest in Omagh Presbyterian the plowing matches and was Church on Saturday, Oct. 22. a keen contender and winner The bride is the daughter of in the competitions with his Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lawfine team of horses. He also

Community mourns

Get well wishes to Susan Marshall who is nursing a Sincere sympathy is exbroken arm following a fall from a bicycle. Grace Johnson and to his Stephen, Dwight,

Birthday greetings and good wishes to Mrs. George Peacock, Mrs. Rudy Jarvis, Mrs. Fred Lister, Mrs. Cliff nes. Geoffrey Northcote, sisters. Mr. May was laid to Vera Ball and Ross

Church of Christ at Omagh on Congratulations to Mr. and Monday afternoon. He will be Mrs. Len Lister, 28 years much missed by all who knew married on Oct. 29.

Congratulations to Miss Thomas M. Galbraith, one Nancy McKinnon on being chosen Queen of the Furrow for Halton for 1977-78. Judges made their decision at the plowmen's banquet in Hillcrest Church on Saturday area, and later a drover. He evening, Oct. 22, and Nancy celebrated his 98th birthday on Aug. 15 of this year, and was crowned by last year's until a few months ago was queen Miss Lynne Stewart. Nancy received a cheque, an very active and interested in arm bouquet of flowers and a his church, family and com-

Congratulations and good Mr. Galbraith was known wishes to Miss Lynne Stewart by most of his friends as on being chosen Queen of the "Uncle Tom" and will be Furrows at the International greatly missed by all. He was Plowing Match at Kingston predeceased by his wife Mary recently. Miss Stewart will Shain and had no family. He represent Ontario at many is the last of six brothers and agricultural activities for the is survived by his sisters Mrs. next year, and was chosen Gertie Clements, Mrs. Minnie from 30 entries in the contest. Stout, Mrs. Florrie Snow and She was a head table guest at Albert Turner, and the banquet at Hillcrest and many nieces and nephews. gave her prize winning ad-Sincere sympathy is exdress. Mrs. Spencer Wilson, tended to those who mourn, convener of the competition, especially his sisters and announced there would be a Lynne Stewart night in Hillwho has resided with him crest Church to honor Lynne since the death of his wife.

on her success. Mr. Gailbraith was laid to Local ladies who particirest in the family plot at his

efforts. Tese were Mrs. Florence McCann, Mrs. Grace Wilkinson and Mrs. John Congratulat-Middlebrook.

The Halton Farm Safety Council held their fall meeting in the board room of the agricultural office on Tuesday evening, Oct. 18. President Mrs. C. Patterson welcomed the members and presided for the evening.

Norman Biggar, secretaryread correspondence and minutes. Business arising from these were cheques for the Tractor Safety Competition the plowing match, trophy and \$25 cheque for first prize and \$15 and \$10 cheques for second and third prizes. Contestants were to write a safety test and compete with a tractor and wagon on a charted course in a given time limit. Fourteen members entered the contest. The competition was to emphasize safe driving habits with machinery. The

members were scored on ability to manoeuver machindisconnecting power takeoffs, no loose clothing, and all precautions to prevent

accidents. The council was advised that 26 first year members of the Agricultural 4-H clubs were eligible to receive hard hats at achievement night. They are supplied and paid for by the Safety Council.

Ted Whetworth of Orangecommented on the competition at the plowing match and said 13 others had been held in Ontario. Halton was the last one and all had been most successful.

Guest speaker was Walter Scott, a local farmer who is also engineer with a noted implement company. Scott was chairman of the committee which augmented the slow moving vehicle emblem. This triangle shaped sign must, by law, be attached to the rear or every vehilce or machine moving on highways under 25 miles an hour. He showed pictures of thousands of emblems which have been made and these show in brief form if there is

pated in the Horse Shoe

beloved Omagh Presbyterian Pitching contest at the plow-Church on Tuesday, Oct. 25. danger involved. A cup and ing match on Saturday The members of Omagh (Continued on Page B17) received cheques for their Presbyterian W.A. held ICOLUCIA REFLECTION PRESENTED GRADE 12 WAYS & MEANS TUESDAY, NOV. 1st MILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL Tickets \$2.00 per person

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