



AN ESTIMATED \$8,000 LOSS resulted Sunday night when someone opened a port on the side of a fire hydrant in front of the Lido Restaurant on Main St. The resulting gush of water poured in the front door of Robert Newman Shoes Ltd., across the road from the hydrant, and ruined approximately \$8,000 worth of shoes and stock. Police have a suspect but to date, no charges

have been laid. Store owner Robert Newman told The Champion he carries insurance on his stock, but the insurance company has refused a claim and he has a lawyer working on it. Thousands of gallons of water poured onto the Main St. before regional workmen were located to shut it off. There is an automatic \$200 fine for tampering with fire hydrants.

Council discusses policy on presentations and plaques

Plaques, presentations and pictures posed problems during council's deliberations last week. Discussion about plaques on public buildings sparked a lively exchange, when Transway Steel Buildings Ltd. offered to donate a plaque for the new fire hall the firm is building on Steeles Ave. Several councillors objected to the firm "advertising" by putting the company name on the plaque. Deputy Clerk Roy Main had filed a suggested policy on building plaques, which indicated the staff feels the contractor's name should not appear on such plaques.

The staff report suggested a department head, community leader or campaign chairman could be listed on the plaque, at the discretion of council. It said the mayor's name and possibly the names of all the councillors should be included.

Councillor Jim Watson disagreed with all the deputy clerk's recommendations, but Councillor Jim Kerr felt the company which built the project should be listed—whether they did a good job or a bad job.

The fire chief's name should go on the fire hall, Councillor Rose Harrison added, but not the contractor's. She also felt it would be unfair for the mayor's name to go on all buildings opened during his term of office. "Dedicate it to the people of Milton—they are going to pay the shot," she said.

Councillor Rick Day felt councillors' names should be listed, at it was of historical interest and should not be construed as "political advertising." He also felt the firm's name should be omitted.

If they donate the plaque, it is fair to have the company's name on it, said Councillor Brad Clements.

"It's garbage" to list all the councillors' names, chimed in Councillor Rose Harrison. List the firefighters, not the councillors, she said.

Final decision came from a motion by Councillor Clements. The mayor, councillors, corporation, date of opening, and person opening it will be listed. The department head's name may also be added, on council's recommendation.

Pictures provided the next thorny item. Council had commissioned a portrait photograph of former Mayor Anne MacArthur, after she was defeated in her bid for reelection last year, and it was to be hung in the town hall. The photo was presented to her at a social evening two weeks ago, and was hung on the front wall of the council chambers, adjacent to the mayor's chair, before last week's meeting.

Councillor Rose Harrison wondered whose portraits should be hanging in the town hall, and suggested a policy should be set. She felt pictures of former mayors Brian Best, Mike Ledwith, Syd Childs, Frank Thompson, etc. should be hung there. "I don't think any one mayor should be singled out," she said.

Councillor Clements reminded her the 1974 council had authorized pictures of all

former mayors to be displayed in the town hall.

A picture of last mayor of Milton, prior to regional government (Brian Best) should be displayed, said Councillor Jim Watson.

The decision was to add a portrait of Brian Best, so the last mayor of the former Milton and the first mayor of

the new town (Mrs. MacArthur) would be represented.

The final item for debate was a proposed policy on presentations to teams and individuals winning honors.

A system of plaques, certificates, town ornaments and financial rewards of \$100 or \$150 was suggested by Deputy Clerk Roy Main, depending on whether the individual or

team won local, regional, provincial or national recognition.

Councillor Rick Day felt the monetary awards are too low, and proposed \$150 and \$200. Councillor Harrison thought an individual should get more than a team, and that regional awards were unnecessary.

In the end, it was referred back to staff for more study.



HAPPY PRIZEWINNERS at a dance for senior citizens, held Friday at the Legion under the sponsorship of the Independent Order of Foresters in Milton, were Bob Reid and Matilda Keegan, the oldest gent and lady in the crowd. Mr. Reid, 80, received a scarf vest and Mrs. Keegan, 76, received a corsage. They are pictured with Mayor Don Gordon who awarded the prizes, and IOF Chief Ranger Mike Evershed. A large crowd of senior citizens attended the free dance.

Slides in ditch

Approximately \$2,000 damage is estimated in a one-car accident involving a 1978 Mercury driven by Steven L. Harris of Fifth Line, Milton.

Mr. Harris was southbound on Fifth Line when he lost control of the car and slid into the east ditch, according to Halton Regional Police. The car continued through the ditch, striking a mailbox and hydro pole before coming to rest.

Damage to the mailbox owned by David Taylor and a hydro pole is estimated at \$100.

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Council Briefs

Delay oversizing Laurier Ave. service

During a meeting on Monday evening, Nov. 21, Milton Council:

—Delayed a decision on spending \$130,440 to oversize services on Laurier Ave. to accommodate storm drainage from the Thompson Rd. area north of the Timberlea development. It was noted that developers of future pro-

jects in the area to the north will have to repay the town for the work, plus interest, which is less costly to do now when services are installed on Laurier Ave.

—Decided the town's share of the channelization work and part of the sewage plant expansion cost can be

covered by capital levies, rather than debentures.

—Approved a two and a half cent raise in mileage rates paid to fence viewers, livestock valuers and the weed inspector for 1978. It was pointed out those people now receive 18 cents a mile, while all other town officials are paid 20½ cents.

—Asked staff to check the cost of an overhead light at Britannia Rd. and Highway 25.

—Rejected an offer of \$75,000 for the Main St. fire hall building, following an earlier decision to retain the hall.

\$1,000 toll

A two-car collision involving Helen Milne of Burlington and James Gordon Reid of Oakville caused approximately \$500 damage to each vehicle, according to Halton Regional Police.

The collision occurred at the intersection of Prince St. and Pine St. in Milton.

'We goofed'

Must replace Main-Court trees

A developer was given permission to cut down four large old trees blocking access to a new building at the corner of Main and Court Sts. in Milton, Monday night, but the company must replace the chopped trees, plus 50 per cent.

Councillors, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, recommended Main and Court Investments Ltd., builders of eight stores and 12 apartments, replace the four trees with six at the 25 foot height. At the insistence of Councillor

Jim Watson, a rider was added to the motion, calling on the firm to "make a contribution toward the traffic light that is going to be needed at that corner."

Some councillors thought the rider was in jest, but Watson claimed he was serious and the motion was passed.

Watson said "our planning staff failed us, that corner is a mess. We goofed."

Councillor Jim Kerr said the council was at fault, too, for allowing the building to sit abutting Main St.

"We did a dreadful thing there," chimed in Councillor Rose Harrison.

Review town by-law governing auctions

Milton Council's by-law governing auctions and auctioneers will be reviewed and updated by town staff, members of council decided Monday.

Auctioneer Chris Schouten called the by-law "outdated" and auctioneer Joe Simmons called it "one-sided" during discussions at Monday's committee of the whole meeting.

Councillors admitted the by-law, last revised in 1971, was perhaps outdated but said it had been passed to stop "fly-by-night" operators.

Both auctioneers suggested higher licensing fees might be a good deterrent for so-called shady operators.

The present by-law prohibits anyone from bringing new goods into town and selling them by auction. Mr. Simmons, owner of the Cloverleaf Auctions on Commercial St., said selling new goods is part of his business and he objected to earlier council plans to make him halt his sales. Councillors agreed the by-law should be changed to allow his operation, but a larger fee was suggested.

Set cyclone relief fund

The Canadian Red Cross Society has sent \$20,000 to India, where at least 12,000 people have died, hundreds of villages have been destroyed and an estimated \$625 million of damage done to crops, homes and properties by what has been called India's worst cyclone disaster of this century.

The Canadian government also announced it is donating \$200,000 through the Canadian International Development

Agency (CIDA) to be channelled through the Canadian Red Cross Society for relief work.

Concerned Canadians wishing to help India cyclone victims may send their cheques or money orders to any Canadian Red Cross branch, or to the Canadian Red Cross Society, 95 Wellesley St. East, Toronto, M4Y 1H6, marked for "India Cyclone Relief."

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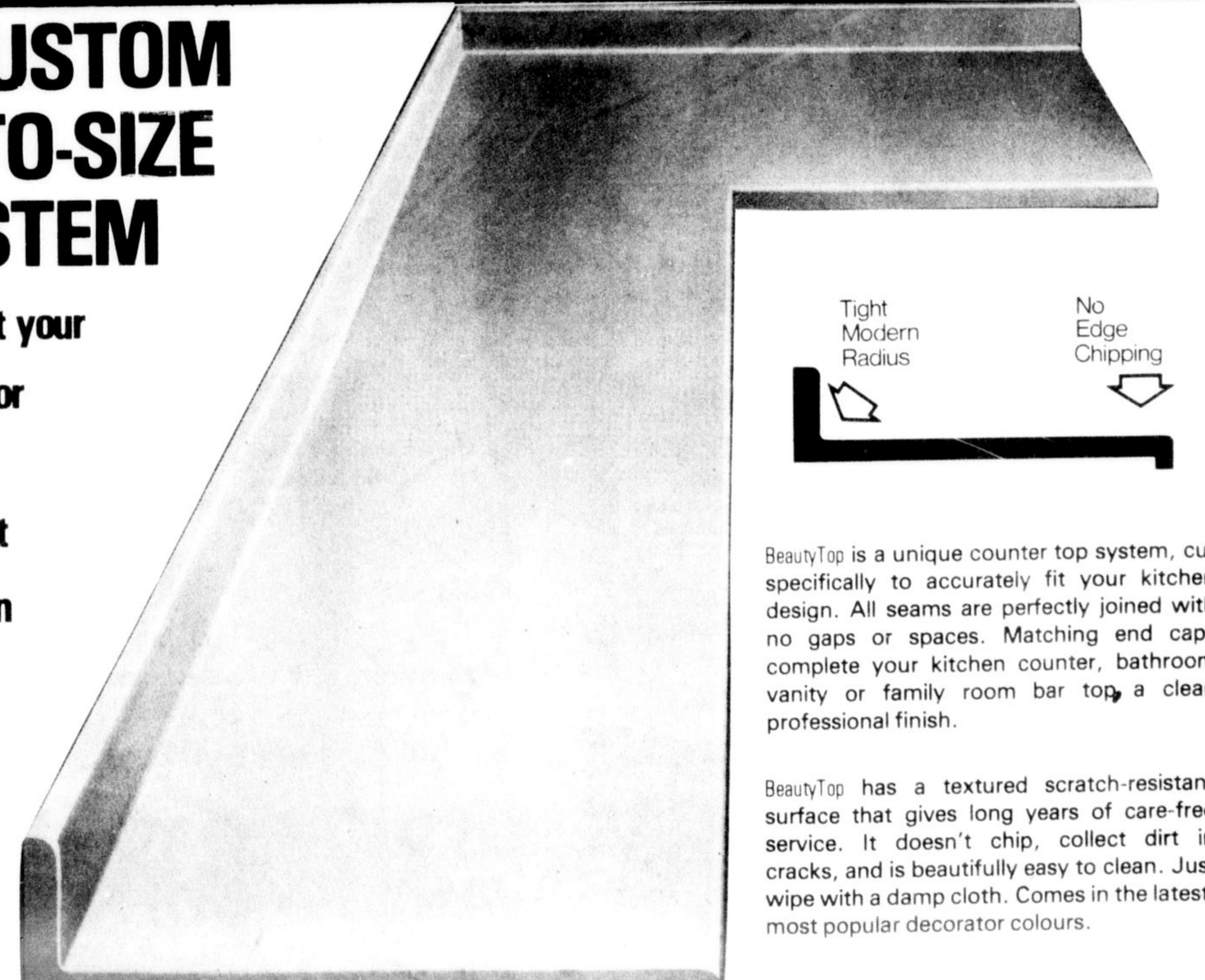
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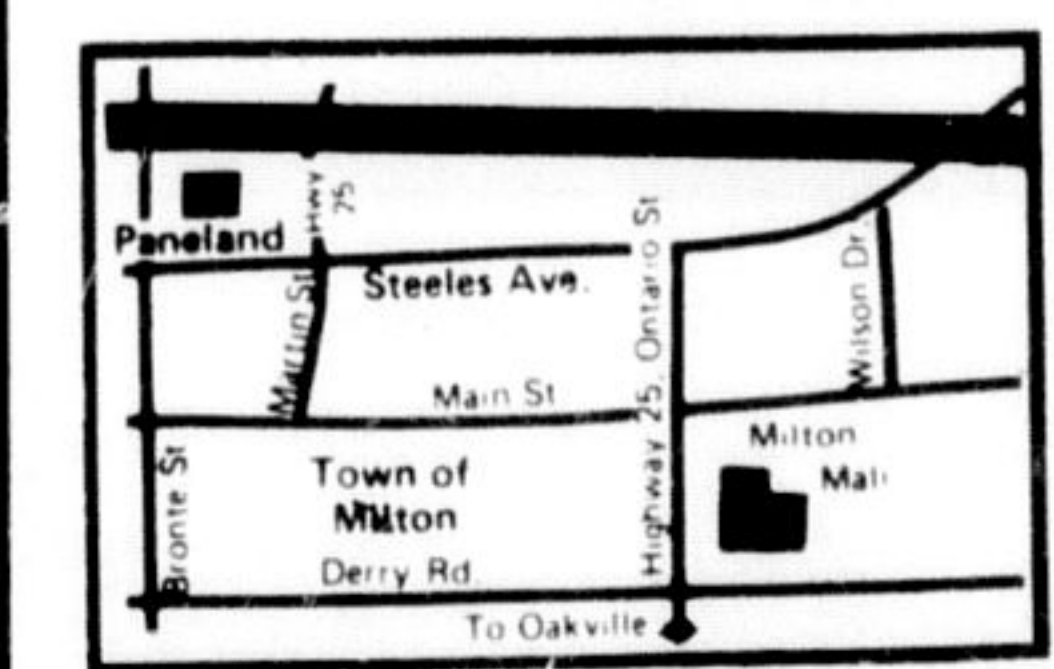
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