

Gifts at open house

# Manor employees honor Stan Allen

Stan Allen, recently retired administrator at Halton Centennial Manor, was guest of honor at an open house held Sunday by the Halton Centennial Manor Employees Association.

Approximately 50 past and present employees of the Manor attended the informal get together which included several gift presentations.

A marble Bulova clock was given to the past administrator by members of the Association. Mr. Allen also received a Black and Decker

work bench from Halton Manor maintenance staff and a card from retired employees. A china horse was presented to Mr. Allen by Lillian Thomas, a retired employee.

"The greatest loss of retirement is my connection with the Manor residents. I miss the needs of these people," he told the gathering, adding he hoped to find a new way of working with the residents.

"I want to maintain my connections made here, and I want to feel part of this group

of present employees and those who have retired."

Mr. Allen suggested retired employees form a club, "But one that involves no dues or duties."

Mr. Allen retired after almost 20 years of service with the Manor, on Jan. 1, 1978. Previous assistant administrator, Jack Charlton is the present administrator.

Guests included Doreen Wilson, president of Halton Centennial Manor employees Association and past president Letty McNeill.



ONE OF MANY GUESTS present for the afternoon was Mary Skraba, a former employee of Halton Centennial Manor. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Allen welcomed past and present employees during the afternoon between 1.30 and 4.00. The party was given in honor of the retired administrator by Halton Manor Employees Association.



SORTING THROUGH the gifts given during the afternoon open house at Halton Centennial Manor, with her husband is Ruth Allen. Mr. Allen was presented with a marble clock from staff of the Halton Manor Employees Association and a workbench from Halton Manor maintenance staff.

# Jim Dills honored . . .

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year was named chairman of OWNA's most challenging sub-committee, handling administration. He continued to head up the administration committee through 1973 and 1974 and in 1974 also accepted the added role of vice-president.

On the eve of New Year's Day, 1967, he personally launched a new traditional happening in Milton, when he climbed into the bell tower at the town hall and pealed the big old town bell 100 times to welcome Canada's centennial year. Jim later admitted he got the inspiration for the ceremony while sitting at home on New Year's Eve, watching the federal centennial celebrations on television. He said he was ashamed that Milton was doing nothing to mark the event so he made a couple of hurried phone calls to obtain the necessary permission and carried out his midnight solo bell-ringing to ensure that Milton welcomed the eventful year.

That started the trend and, thanks to his behind-the-scenes direction, the ceremony has grown each succeeding New Year's Eve as local dignitaries are selected, music and refreshments are arranged for the ceremony. In recent years the Kinsmen Club has taken over the sponsorship of the event.

"It just seemed appropriate at the time," he said last year.

Last year he was named a director of Milton Chamber of Commerce and this year he begins his second term as director.

One of his dreams came true last year when he and others instigated the formation of Milton Historical Society. Under his guidance the group was formed and early meetings have shown much interest in Milton's colorful history. He serves as charter president of the group and last summer conducted "a walk in history" along Main St. for local residents. Researching his vast files on town history, he pulled together a fascinating tale of the historical significance of the various buildings en route, and gave a walking commentary for the crowd which gathered.

The walk is currently forming the basis for a series of articles he is publishing weekly in The Champion and he hopes that some day, the material can be used toward another of his dreams—a thorough history of the town.

His interest in history had led him earlier to publish special editions on the town hall and Milton Hydro during the 1960s, also a special town centennial edition in 1957.

His newspaper work has also led Mr. Dills into other fields connected with the publishing industry. In 1965 and 1966 and again from 1969 to 1971 he edited The Canadian Weekly Publisher, a monthly magazine produced by and for the national newspaper association. He regularly combines his summer holidays with a trip to the Canadian weeklies' conventions, held in cities from coast to coast.

He joined the board of directors of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association in 1972 and later that

at J. M. Denyes School. Being named "Citizen of the Year" is getting to be a habit in the Dills family. Jim's father G. A. Dills was Acton's first Citizen in 1958 and his brother Dave was Acton's Citizen in 1972. Dave and Jim are co-owners of the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. which includes an extensive commercial printing department in addition to the three North Halton weekly papers — The Champion, The Acton Free Press and The Independent, Georgetown.

Mr. Dills said he was "embarrassed" when he learned he had been singled out for the Chamber honors this year. "It is not what I have done, it is what everybody, collectively, has done," he said.

"None of it happens if you work by yourself, it takes a good group and fortunately there are a number of excellent groups in this community, who help make things happen."

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## Investigate break in

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# Some win...

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won't want to be bothered farming or growing trees in order to protect themselves against higher taxes.

Lougheed noted the provision for golf courses could see dramatic increases for local golf courses. The original report would have taxed golf courses at 100 per cent of the market value. The Blair Commission when it reviewed the report recommended allowance for a tax deferral and now McKeough is suggesting a number of schemes that would provide some flexibility for the municipality to negotiate taxes with golf course owners. The latter proposal would be the most lenient of those proposed. McKeough has asked his working group to look at the alternatives he has proposed.

According to Lougheed, Milton will benefit by the proposed reforms if they are implemented because the town has so many provincial institutions in it.

The proposal would see institutions pay a share of taxes for the first time. In the past some institutions have paid grants in lieu of taxes, but the grants have always been substantially under what the properties would be taxed at. For instance, Maplehurst pays \$20,000 a year to the town in grants, while the taxes would amount to \$135,000. The town collects nothing from the Ontario Agricultural Museum.

NDP Municipal Affairs critic Mel Swart says that everything the province pays in taxes will be offset by re-

duced grants to the municipality.

Lougheed claims that the new grants structure will take that into account, but Milton will still benefit significantly by taxing the provincial institutions.

McKeough says he is committed to tax reform based on market value assessment but, pressed for a time line on it, he says the government will move one step at a time.

The implications of the proposed reform are dramatic for many homeowners and business people.

# Two cars in collision

A two car crash at the intersection of Trafalgar Rd. and Steeles Ave. Tuesday, Jan. 3 resulted in \$1,400 damages for two Acton people according to Halton Regional Police.

Keith McKenzie, 38, of Acton was northbound on Trafalgar Rd. in the process of making a turn when, a second vehicle driven by Carl Weir, 30, also of Acton collided with the McKenzie car. There were no injuries, report police, but damages to the Weir car are estimated at \$1,200 and \$200 for the McKenzie vehicle.

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## Barrel saves life

Icy conditions are blamed for a one car accident involving a Milton man, Tuesday, Jan. 3. Walter Jackson, 28 of 235 Bronte St. Milton was travelling eastbound on Highway 401 near Milton CNR railway underpass, when he lost control of his car on a patch of ice and skidded into the median, smashing three barrels serving as traffic barriers.

The barrels valued at \$400 each were completely destroyed according to Milton OPP. Damages to Mr. Jackson's 1977 Ford is estimated at \$375.

OPP credit the crash barrels with preventing serious injuries to Mr. Jackson. He escaped with no injuries according to police.

**\$450 damage in crash**

A two car collision at the intersection of Main St. and Ontario St. Thursday, Jan. 5 resulted in \$450 damages for two Milton residents, according to Halton Regional Police.

Rita Maccarato 37, of 792 Cabot Trail, Milton was making a left turn off Main St. onto Ontario St. when the collision occurred with a second vehicle driven by Neil McDonald 18, of Concession Six, Milton.

Mr. McDonald was travelling east on Main St. at the time of the collision.

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