

'Miltowne Centre' new name for downtown

Downtown Milton has a new name. Miltowne Centre has been selected out of 54 possible names, in a recent contest sponsored by the Milton Downtown Improvement Area Group, to find a name for the downtown district.

"It was not easy to choose, especially since there were names very close to the winner," stated Bill Duignan, chairman of the Board of

Management. Similar names included: "Mill Towne Centre," "Milton Town Centre," and "Milmain Centre".

But there were many names far from the ordinary. "The Apple Core" was the nomination of one town resident who felt "bit by bit the downtown core is being eaten away."

The resident further suggested the apple be used

as a town emblem, and then as each bit of modification or old store is leased, place a section in the apple until it is whole."

Other names included: "Heritage Place", "Clock Tower Square", "Aye Old Mill Mart Square", "Leader's Way", "Jasper's Mill", "Europaville" and "Mountain Side Village."

"Roots of Milton," "Heart of Milton", "Unity Place" and related names reflected the feeling of many people who associated the downtown section of Milton with the beginnings of Milton.

Said one applicant with a nomination for "Mountain Side Village", "there are a lot of mountains around here and with a village at the end of the word, it sounds nice. And that is what it is a village."

For many, Milton downtown is very much a part of

the established section of town, close to the old mill. "Jasper's Mill", nominated by one individual was chosen because, "Jasper Martin build the mill around which Milton evolved. This name recognizes both the founder and the industry around which the downtown core grew."

"The Mill Pond Mews" was the choice of another contestant who stated the mill pond was the "most familiar and famous site in Milton. It is also most remembered by the people for the outside area."

There were others who named the downtown after more original subjects, including one boy who felt the most appropriate name would be "Hot Fire Town". His reason? "My pet cat is named Hot Fire."

Contestants were also invited to suggest means of improving the downtown area. Some stated the town should encourage a program to enhance the downtown area in such a way as to encourage tourism. Another contestant said store merchants should be allowed to buy paint and other alteration materials at a discount to

"spruce up the shops."

There were suggestions for a promenade "which would encourage the downtown retail area as a pedestrian mall and a gathering place for the community."

Parking was viewed as needing improvement by several contestants. "The business people on Main St. should keep their car and their employees' cars off Main St.," was the comment of one individual.

Beautification of the downtown area was the recommendation of several contestants—including the idea from one entry to buy the now empty Milton Department Store, to be used as a walk-through with free parking at the back.

"There would be a relaxed feeling to shopping, without worry about traffic and your kids, with a place to park at the back, no matter what the weather, without walking a mile in frustration to your destination."

The winner, Mrs. P. Yackman of "Pheasant's Nest", Main St., Campbellville will be presented with a \$25 gift voucher and a Town of Milton pen and paperweight set.

Wells announces plan

Program at ECD will assist slow learners

About 18 to 20 children with severe learning disabilities will take part in a special pilot project to be sponsored by the provincial government at the Ernest C. Drury School in Milton.

That announcement was contained in the throne speech released last week. Education Minister Tom Wells said that children with severe learning disabilities often have to go to very special schools in the United States, because there is

nowhere in Ontario where their needs can be accommodated.

The throne speech said the program would emphasize early identification of learning disabilities and ensure that school boards provide appropriate services to handle them.

A source in the ministry said that there are between 100 and 150 students now being educated outside the province, because of lack of facilities here.

The source said the Milton school had some additional residential space and noted students brought into the program will require residential accommodation as well as special programming.

The program will be designed to serve as a resource base for boards of education in the province. In other words, it will provide a forum where teachers can learn to work with severely learning disabled students.

The ministry spokesman said students admitted to the school will suffer from one or more severe learning disabilities involving the written or spoken language process.

She indicated students suffering from learning disabilities often show frustration and hostility.

The disabilities cover a wide range of problems. The difficulty could be in assimilating information, talking, spelling, writing, reading, math, or thinking and integrating facts.

The source suggested some students who suffered from a disability could achieve a sufficient mastery over the subject matter to eventually

return to conventional schools.

ECD superintendent Roy Wollaston said it was almost certain the pilot demonstration program would be at Drury, but he said final details wouldn't be worked out until after a series of meetings is completed.

Director of Education for the Halton Board of Education Em Lavender said the board was holding preliminary discussions with ECD and the Ministry with a view to sharing facilities at the school instead of build a new high school in Milton.

He said that if those talks bore fruit the establishment of the special centre at the school would not preclude the sharing arrangement under consideration by the board.

Downtown group gets moving

The Management Group for the downtown business improvement area is making arrangements for a special Easter sale, according to the first of a series of newsletters prepared by the group.

In a recent contest the group named the area Miltowne Centre. The management group is still looking for a suitable logo that might be used in promotional work.

Committees have been set up under the following headings of parking, beautifica-

tion, retail promotion, special events, information, research, planning and public relations.

The management group is arranging an information session with Harold Nash of St. Catharines. Mr. Nash is involved in the BIA project in that city.

Art Melanson, a member of the management group, said a meeting would be arranged within two weeks but it isn't decided whether it will be in Milton or in St. Catharines.

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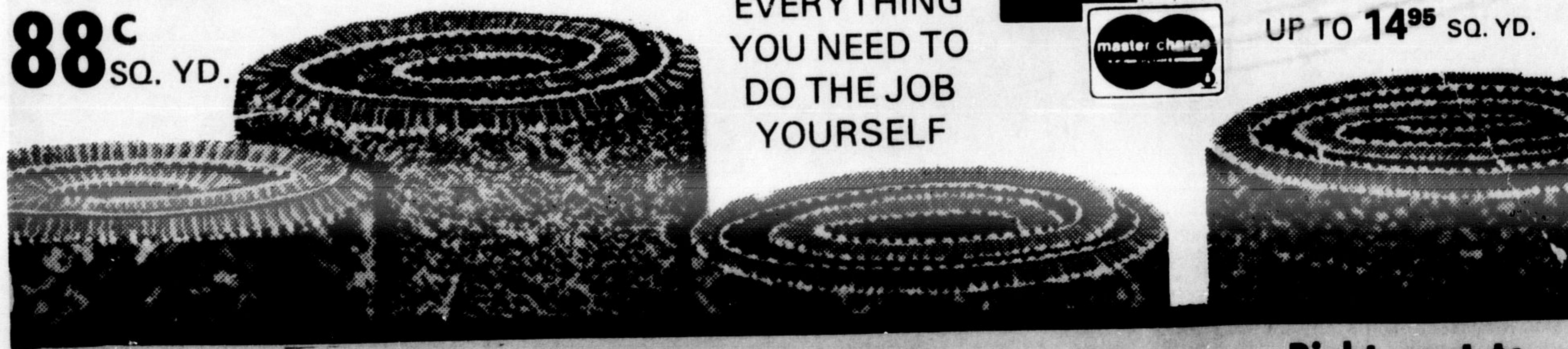
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