

Alf Brigden remembered with Hornby memorial

"Alf" Brigden of Hornby received a final tribute Sunday, when residents and officials gathered at Hornby Park to dedicate the Alfred Brigden Memorial.

Described as "the heart of the Hornby community," Mr. Brigden was considered as "Mr. Hornby Ball Park" in the eyes of many friends and residents of the community.

Mr. Brigden was not only the instigator of the community park at Hornby, but he was also one of those who helped to build it and then worked as gardener, custodian, groundskeeper, concession operator and clean-up man.

A friend of every boy and girl in the village, he knew them all by name and treated them all as his own. He died April 15, 1977.

One of those boys who grew up during the Brigden days was Hornby ball player Dave Leslie. Now a retired player, but active coach, Mr. Leslie took part in the ceremony by

unveiling one of two plaques on a stone wall erected in Mr. Brigden's memory.

"Practically all of us who grew up in Hornby knew Alf Brigden and he was a great friend to us," noted James Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications, and M.P.P. for Oakville.

Mr. Snow was both a long time friend and fellow worker with Mr. Brigden.

"The park would not have been if it had not been for him," he said.

Snow lives just north of Hornby.

Also present for the Sunday afternoon ceremony was Mayor Tom Hill of Halton Hills and Mayor Don Gordon of Milton.

"He is sorely missed," said Mayor Gordon, adding that "he was a very great man, and in essence represented the heart of this community of Hornby."

Mayor Tom Hill added that Mr. Brigden had few com-

plaints to bring to council, "but he would let you know of any ideas, he had."

"He was a great fellow to know and to work with."

A committee fund was started to build the stone wall, said Irene Saunders of Hornby, "because we forget too soon about the work that was done."

Present for the ceremony were Mr. Brigden's three surviving brothers; William Edward, Gordon W., and Wesley Stewart.

Other family members included Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brigden, Tom and Viola Alderson and Mrs. Fred Ainsworth.

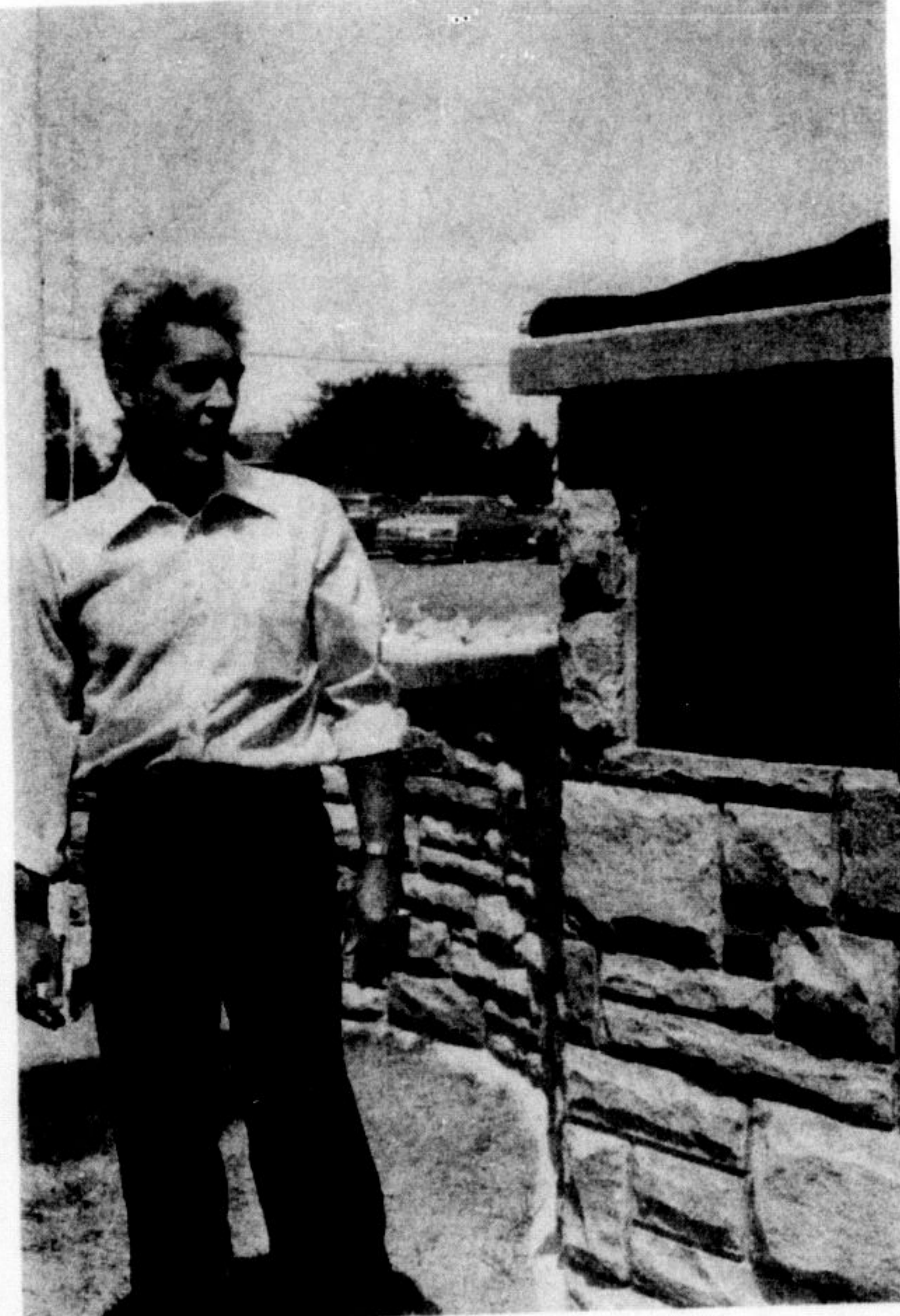
Members of the memorial committee are; Spencer Wilson, chairman, Marion Robertson, Cliff Wrigglesworth, Dave Leslie, Irene Saunders, Elva Howden, Bill Schreiber and John Wallace.

Acting as M.C. for the occasion was Vince Mountford, Campbellville bagpiper, Stewart White led the ceremony with a tune from the ball park gateway to the Memorial wall.

The afternoon concluded with music from the Milton Senior Citizen's Band and refreshments.



BROTHERS Gordon W. Brigden, Wesley Stewart Brigden and William Edward Brigden were on hand Sunday for a memorial service and dedication. "Alf" Brigden was considered by many to be the heart of the Hornby community and was honored for his role in creating the Hornby ball park.



DAVE LESLIE, one of many Hornby ball players encouraged by the late Alf Brigden, unveiled one of two plaques, during a memorial service Sunday afternoon. Mr. Leslie was only 14 years old when he began playing ball with the help of Mr. Brigden. Now retired as a ball player, he continues to coach ball teams.

Main St. smokes after explosion

Main St. in Milton looked like it was going up in smoke early Friday morning, following the explosion of two hand grenade smoke bombs.

The two bombs exploded into a "cloud of smoke" outside the Lido Restaurant on Main St. but did no damage, according to Milton precinct police.

Police are investigating the possibility the grenades were stolen from Hand Chemical in Milton.

Four suspects are currently being questioned about the prank. The incident occurred shortly after midnight Thursday.

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Milton police office is in the right spot: Munro

Halton Regional Police Force's senior civilian thinks the Milton detachment's century old office is where the police ought to be.

"I think it is the right place," administrator Ray Munro said in answer to commissioner David Coons' question, "Are we thinking of moving?" during Thursday's Halton Regional Police Commission meeting at Oakville.

The commission shelved Munro's \$9,500 worth request for quotes on fixing up the Hugh Street office. After August we will know what funds are available for the project, said Oakville commissioner Harry Barrett. He moved the commission simply

receive Munro's requests.

Barrett told the commission it was to do what it could this year for the building. The rest will have to wait for next year.

In the specifications 10 jobs are outlined which would see exposed wood work repainted, stairwells fixed, main floor retiled and walls and ceilings painted. Two broken windows in the general office would be repaired and a ceiling would be suspended in the office. Part of the ceiling in the safety and court office is to be repaired.

The specifications also included work on a room next to the ladies' washroom, where two of the three doors are to be sealed, and the room refinished. Alterations to the washrooms are also to be undertaken.

Work is to be completed by October 31, states the request for quotations.

The requests are addressed to seven Oakville firms, two in Acton and one in Burlington. The total cost of the work is not to be more than \$9,500 according to Munro.

From the minutes of the commission's in camera session of July 6 Munro was given the go ahead to "expend available funds from the 1978 budget for Milton building repairs, and further that the additional required expenditure be deferred to the 1979 budget."

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