

Mayor lays cornerstone for Milton Optimist Centre



CUTTING their anniversary cake are James O'Connor and Mary Harkin, who celebrated 50 years of married life with a party at their home Saturday. Mr. Harkin started the Credit Union in Milton.

The Harkins mark 50th anniversary

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a garden party at their home Saturday night were James O'Connor Harkin and Mary Harkin.

Mr. Harkin opened Milton's Credit Union in 1958 with \$35. He was president and manager for six years. Since 1969, he has been sheriff's deputy at the court house.

Born in County Donegal in Ireland, Mr. Harkin moved to Scotland. He and Mrs. Harkin were married in Glasgow and came to Canada in 1955. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

Among guests helping the Harkins mark their golden anniversary were visitors from Chicago, New York and Scotland.

Phone bill up

New Bell rates

Milton residents recuperating from the latest gasoline increases will face yet another increase with Bell Canada rates.

Effective immediately rates for private phones will rise five per cent, boosting the monthly telephone rate for homeowners up to approximately \$7.15 from \$6.80.

The thirty-five cent raise was approved Thursday afternoon by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, following a request by Bell Canada in June for new rates.

Dialing long distance will not be so inexpensive anymore, either.

Bell has been authorized to up its rates by 9.7 per cent in long-distance rates within Bell territory—Ontario, Quebec and some northern areas of the two provinces.

According to Bill Barnes, Bell public affairs manager for Halton and Peel regions, the increase is necessary to cover higher labor costs, taxes and material costs.

The latest Bell hike follows a seven per cent increase last June 1.

Local businesses are not exempt from the rate jump.

Business rates will rise 10 per cent as the result of the increase, bringing the monthly bill up to approximately \$21.06 from \$19.15.

The new rates will bring Bell Canada an extra \$248 million in revenue, annually.

Construction of the Optimist Youth Centre on Commercial St. is making the impossible dream come true, said vice-president elect of Milton Optimist Club Gord Hull during the cornerstone ritual Saturday.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon, assisted by Eileen Logan, lay the cornerstone for the youth centre and squash health club expected to be completed by the end of September. Mrs. Logan is the wife of Al Logan, chairman of the building committee.

The building represents what a group of men with a desire to help youth can accomplish, Mr. Hull said. The Optimists are known for their youth work in the community.

The two-storey building covers 15,000 square feet. Its total cost is estimated at close to \$750,000. Applications for the squash health club are now being taken with an opening date set for Sept. 30. Membership is \$200 and limited to 150 people.

Facilities include four air-conditioned squash courts, whirlpool bath, saunas, large and small halls for meetings and functions, snack bar, coffee shop and licensed lounges. Two squash courts will be available to non-members on a pay-as-you-play basis.

Attending the ceremony was Freda Best after whose late husband, Mayor Brian Best, the surrounding park was named.

To commemorate the occasion a ceremonial trowel was given to Mayor Gordon, who said a special area is being set aside in Town Hall for gifts to the town.

Today's issue of The Champion will be sealed in with the cornerstone.



MILTON MAYOR Don Gordon and Eileen Logan lay the corner stone for the Optimist Youth Centre at the foot of Commercial St. Mrs. Logan's husband Al is chairman of the building committee.

\$550 damage

A two-car accident on Millside Dr. at Main St. on Wednesday, Aug. 9, resulted in no injuries but caused an estimated \$550 damage, according to Halton Regional Police.

Patrick Smith, 68, of 2195 Jane St., Downsview was making a left turn off Millside Drive onto Main St. when he collided with a second car driven by Willard Sexsmith, 47, of 297 Bell St., Milton.

Mr. Sexsmith was travelling eastbound on Main St. to make a left turn onto Millside Dr. when the accident occurred.

Police reported \$50 damage to the Smith vehicle and \$500 to the Sexsmith car.

—Folks are flocking to the Milton Centre's weekly flea market at the fire hall and old Sunoco station, Main St.

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Obituary

Reginald Gray

Reginald E. S. Gray of 79 Commercial St. Milton died at the age of 59 at his residence on Thursday, July 21 following a month-long illness.

He was born in Port Credit, the son of Olive Bardoe and George Gray.

Mr. Gray served in H.L.L. Galt from 1943 to 1946 in England, France, Holland and Germany.

In 1944 he married Muriel Hazzard and the couple moved to their Milton home in 1946.

Mr. Gray was employed with the Town of Milton Works Department and previously worked with the Milton Brick Co.

An active bowling enthusiast, he belonged to two local bowling leagues and helped with a junior bowling league five years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel; children Gary in Stouffville and Sharon and Phillip, both at home, and three grandchildren.

He leaves brothers Len Gray in British Columbia, and Roy and Dean Gray both in Milton. He is survived by a sister, Ivy of Waterdown and Joyce of Milton.

Rev. Stewart Watson conducted the funeral service from Grace Anglican Church in Milton. He was assisted by Rev. Robert Foster from Grace Anglican Church in Hamilton.

The church service was held Monday, July 24 followed by interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

A military memorial service was also held by Rev. Trevor Lewis with Milton Legion and Auxiliary members of Branch 136 attending.

Pallbearers were nephews Bob Stoddard from Orangeville, Bob Gray and Brian Gray from Milton and friends Doug Gervais, Tulio Perusello and Jack Ellsworth.

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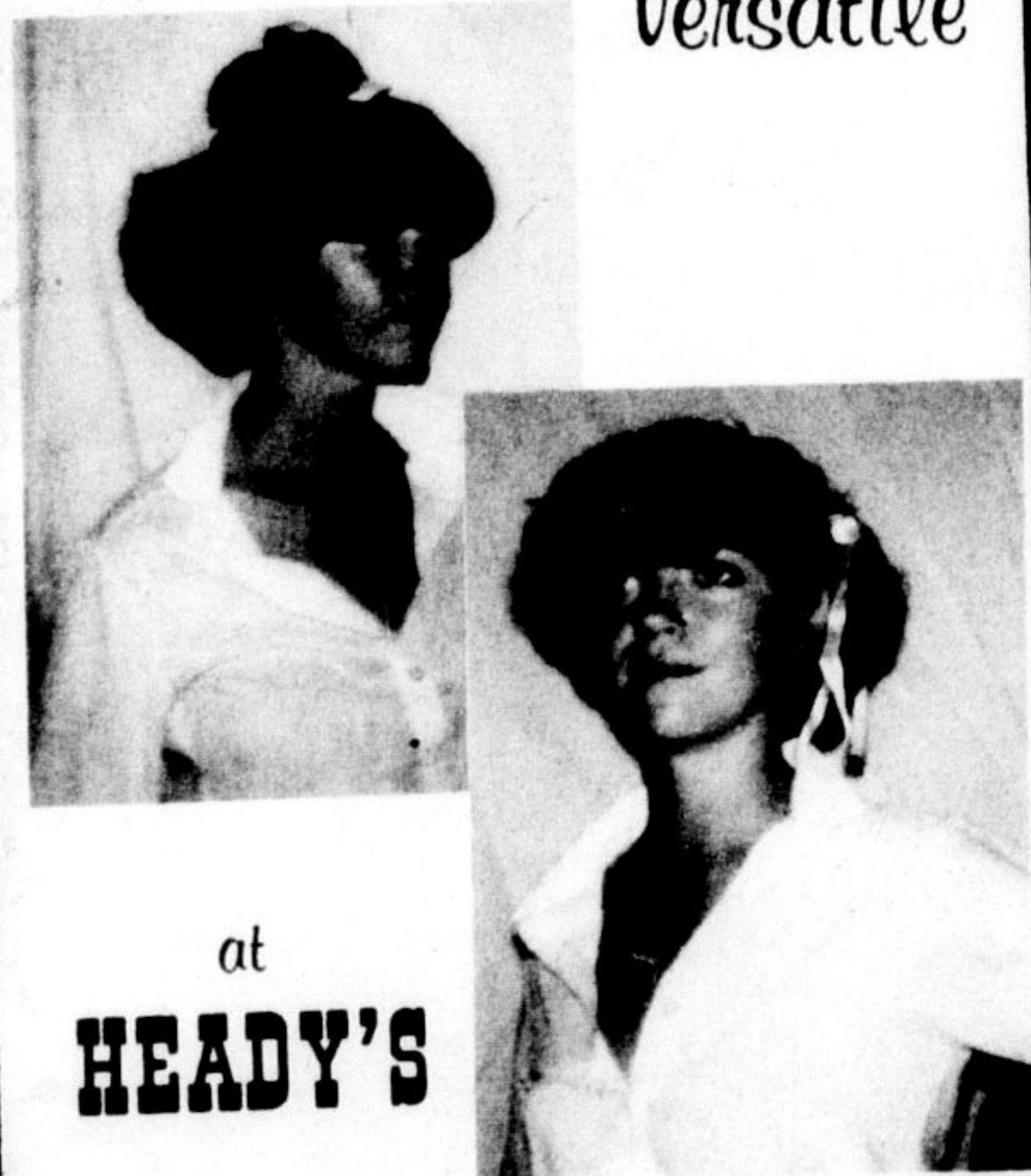


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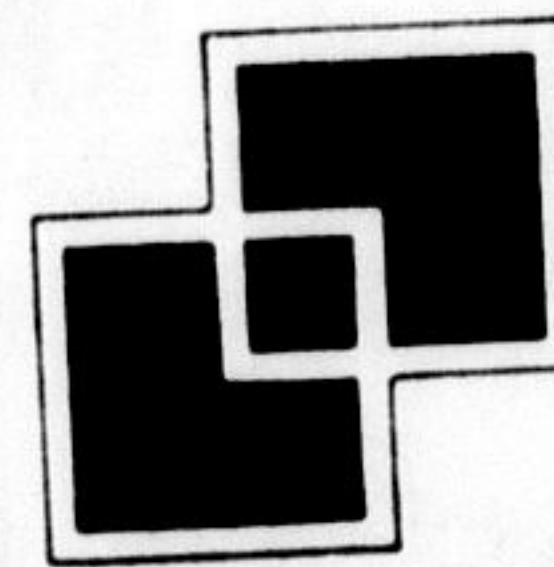
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