

Meritorious Service Award presented Isabelle Downs

The annual meeting and potluck supper of the Milton and District Horticultural Society took place Monday, Jan. 15 at the UAW Hall.

Isabelle Downs was recipient of the Society's Meritorious Service Award, presented in recognition of her valued efforts in horticulture and her continued interest in the Society. Mrs. Downs has been a member for the past 28 years, a director for 17 years, and served as president from 1955 to 1957. She has been a faithful entrant and supporter of the annual and monthly flower shows, and her personal gardening interests are evidenced by a beautiful home garden.

President Len McNeil introduced the head table guests John Simkins, who is director of district six of the Ontario Horticultural Association, Violet Simkins, Helen McNeil, and president-elect Marjorie Powys.

Annual reports for 1978 were presented by treasurer Mel Robinson, auditor Ad Woodley, welfare secretary Ruth Lockie, and membership chairman Margaret Wrigglesworth. Secretary Agnes



Ford's report recapped activities at the 1978 meetings, and the president highlighted successful past ventures and innovations, including the community beautification awards.

Gladys Byerman presented the Byerman Plaque, honoring her husband Ed Byerman, to Margaret Wrigglesworth for her overall total-point score in the monthly flower show competitions for 1978. The plaque was recently remounted on a new base by Maurice Readhead to allow more room for the names of winners, and the president thanked him for his skillful work.

Convener of the monthly flower shows, Marilyn Smith presented first, second and third-place prizes to Margaret Wrigglesworth, Jean Robertson, and Gladys Clements for their point scores in the decorative

and horticultural judging during the past year.

John Simkins reported on the upcoming O.H.A. district six annual meeting to take place March 24 at Port Dover. Botanist and director of the Royal Ontario Museum, Dr. James Cruise will speak on people and plants. Also planned are a tour of local commercial green-

houses and several interesting films.

Ellen Reid, Leona Fidler, Jean Robertson, and Lois Parker, who convened the supper, were congratulated on its success and thanked for their efforts.

A new slate of officers and directors was presented by the nominating committee, Margaret and Cliff Wrigglesworth,

Margaret Maxted, and Grace May. District Director John Simkins installed the following officers:

Past President, Len McNeil; President, Marjorie Powys; First Vice-President, Margaret Wrigglesworth; Second Vice-President, Joan Brown; Auditors, Addison Woodley and Maurice Readhead; Directors for 1979, Ethel Clements, Grace May, Alan Odenbach, Marilyn Smith, Cliff Wrigglesworth; Directors for 1979-1980, Barbara Bussell, Ruth Lockie, Jean Robertson, Burke McNeill, and Wilma Muselius.

As outgoing president, Len McNeil spoke briefly on his enjoyable term of office, thanking all the members for their help and friendship during the past two years, and new president Marjorie Powys expressed her hopes for the continued success of the Society and its activities in the coming years.

Host and hostess for the evening were Jim and Marilyn Smith, who introduced a new member, O.A. Kummer, who has been interested and active in horticultural society affairs for the



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD was presented by retiring president of the Milton and District Horticultural Society, Len McNeil, to Isabelle Downs at the Society's January meeting. Mrs. Downs is a past president and has been a member for 28 years and a director for 17 years. Her husband Delbert (left) watched the presentation.

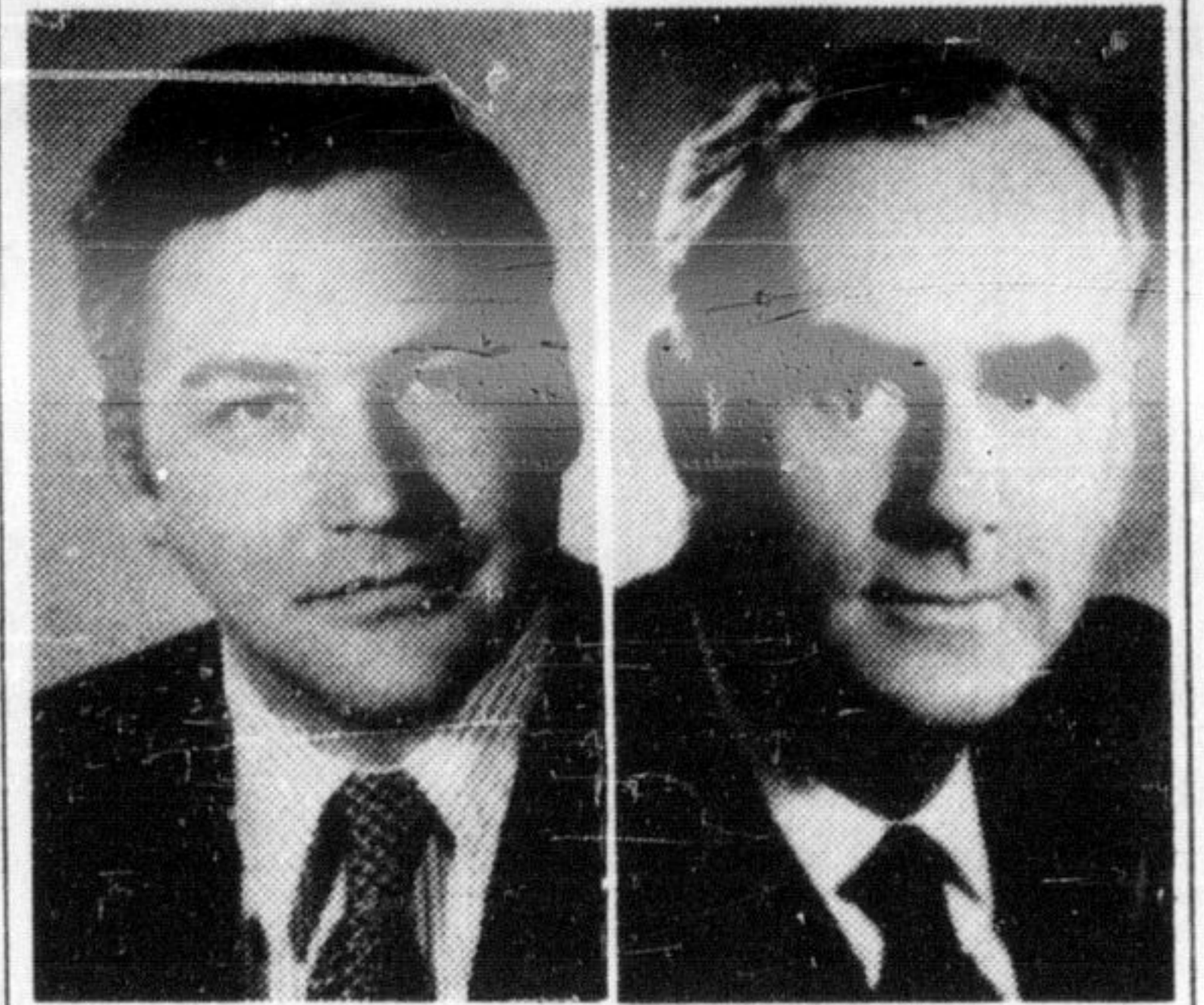
past 60 years. The meeting ended with a members' slide show. The Wrigglesworth brought slides of their home garden, including outstanding gloriose daisies planted in a foundation bed, morning-glories, a striking bed of canna lilies and marigolds, and some views of the annual-flower trials and rock garden at the Royal Botanical Gar-

dens. Mel Robinson commented on his success with amaryllis, and brought slides to show the spectacular huge blooms. Ruth Lockie's excellent collections of iris and peonies were shown, including a beautiful double pink peony named in her honor by her father, O.A. Kummer, who raised it from seed. Mr. Kummer himself commented

knowledgeably on slides of herbaceous and tree peonies.

At the next meeting on Feb. 19, the Milton and District Horticultural Society is pleased to have John Simkins speaking on Green Survival. Newcomers are invited to attend Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the United Steelworkers Hall on Pine St., beside the library.

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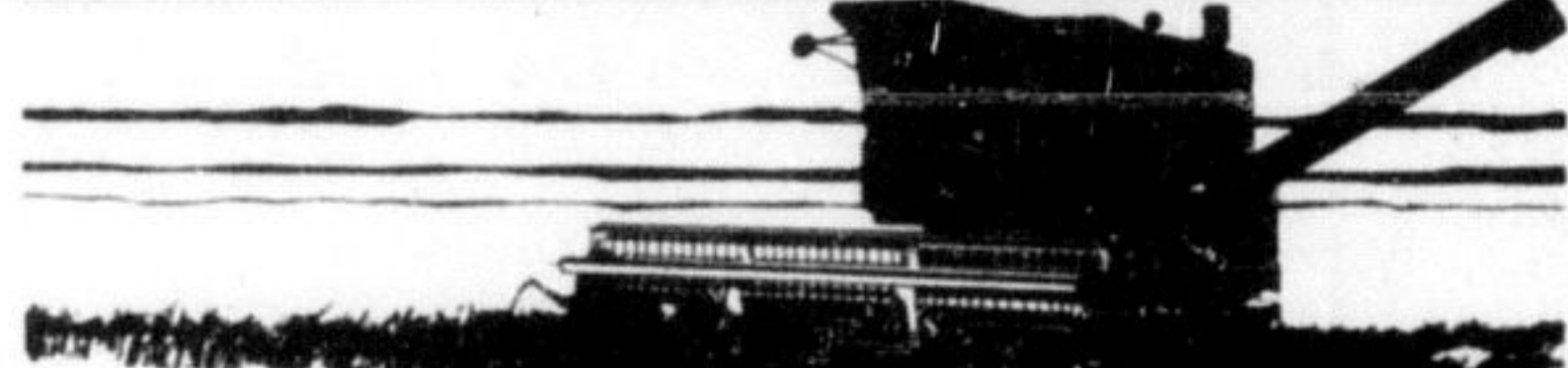
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Lovatts seek family school

The Lovatt group home is back in the news, but in a different vein.

Douglas Lovatt has made application to Milton Council for a zoning amendment to change a five-acre parcel of land located near Moffat from rural residential to residential school.

In a letter to Council, Mr. Lovatt said the intention is to create "a special type of school" called the Inverness Teaching Family School to teach "a maximum of five children referred to the school by several agencies."

The letter said the children will be "mostly from broken homes... in need of loving care in an environment which will kindle them to a new way of life."

Discussion on the application was held to a minimum because of a court case involving the town and the Lovatt's previous application for a zoning amendment to turn the property into a group home.

That application was strenuously opposed by local residents.

The application to create the school pointed out the Inverness Teaching Family School numbers four staffers. With a maximum of five pupils it would create a pupil-teacher ratio of one to 1 1/4. "This is a very high ratio indeed, and makes for a very stable situation," said Mr. Lovatt.

The application also stated the staff has been

judged as qualified by "competitive, experienced and well-educated personnel who are engaged in the field of social service work for this province."

The application was turned over to the planning department for an initial report. Under questioning, planning director Bob Zsadyani said the report would not be too different from the report the department did on the Lovatt's group home application.

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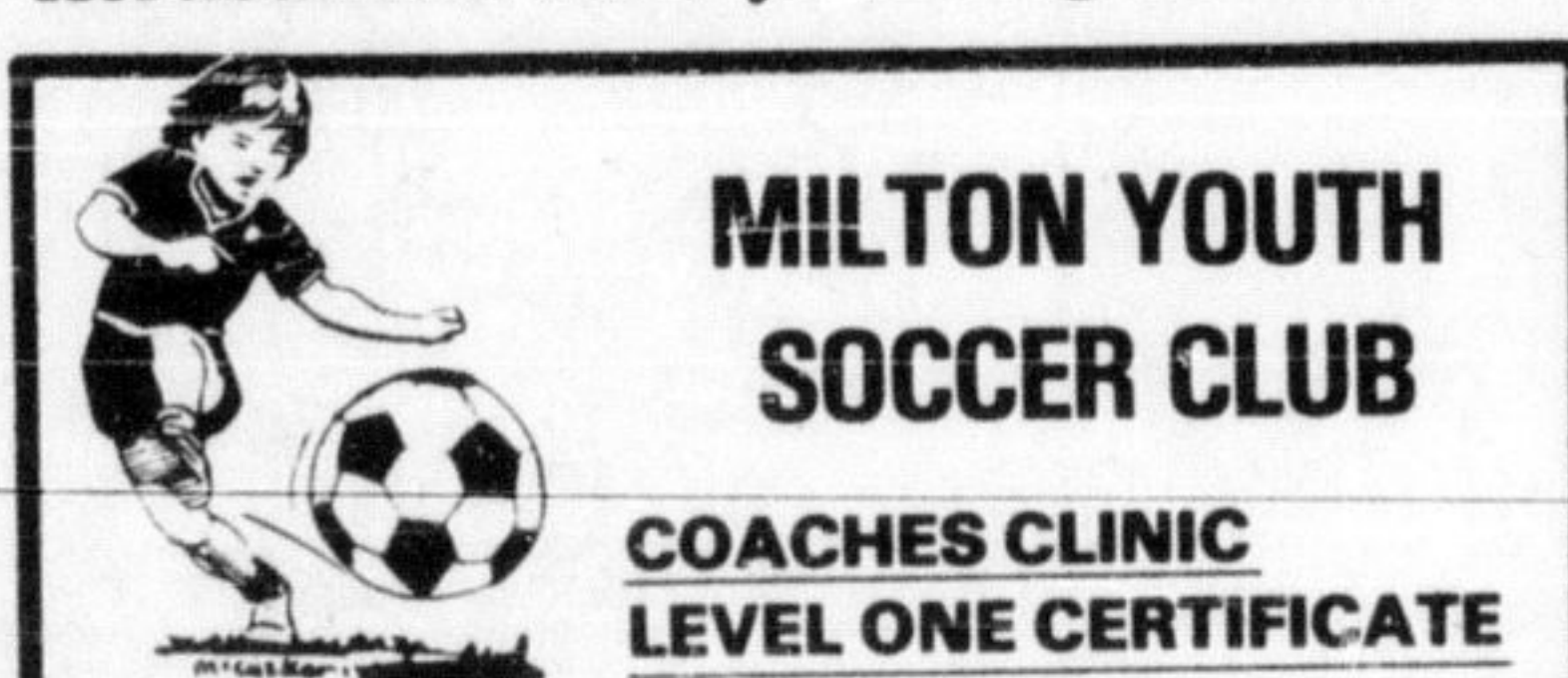


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