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One day after the nowevacuation, the phone rang at the home of law-Greenwood, president

of the Milton Kinsmen Club, quickly telephoned several other members of the club.

Just one hour later (at 2:30 a.m.) Greenwood and his Milton relief crew were at one of the centres. evacuation allowing some local club members to get some

Although the work of service clubs is perhaps more visible in ways such as Kinsmen Park and sponsorships of sports teams, it is the fellowship of the club which draws its members out of their cozy beds in the wee hours of the morning to attend to the needs of the community.

The Milton Kinsmen with 15 members

Club is one of the newer service clubs in town. It with a variety of projects originally started in the and general Kinship. early 1960s but the first "We emphasize fellowclub disbanded, only to be rechartered in 1974

ship towards a number of explained Greenwood. "It's not an end in itself. It was definitely the fellowship of the club

members out of beds or made them dress up in costumes "held customers of Milton Mall in a fund-raising method. club stresses the need for

the individual to get in the community. The five points in the constitution are: 1) To improve and educate the member in

business ethics; 2) To stimulate interest in the community; 3) To carry on service

The club has increased to 22 members now who have kept the club going

stitutional authority; 5) To foster spirit of cooperation and quality of life throughout the world.

"Somebody joins the club with the aim for self-Greenwood. "We learn self expression. But we must apply this to the

uphold

community. "Our motto is serving the community's greatest needs, which we base on what this area needs

That may mean serving hamburgers at booth, sponsoring sports library with a new movie projector, or even con-Kinsmen Park European-style (Par-

The first Kinsmen Club

was formed in February

1920 in Hamilton when

Harold Rogers returned

from the First World War

and wanted to join a club.

His father was

member of the Rotary

Club which meant young

Rogers (then in his early

support from his father.

formed the first Kinsmen

club which was intended

wildfire and now number

616 across Canada. There

are 18,000 Kinsmen (aged

20-40) and over 40,000

members. Once Kinsmen

reach 40 years of age,

they are allowed to stay

in the club as K-40 mem-

bers but cannot hold any

Kinettes-wives of Kins-

Rogers received the

Order of Canada for his

Of the six service clubs

in Milton, Kinsmen is the

sole all-Canadian club

although it has ties to

several world-wide clubs

Each of the world clubs

shares similar ideals and

standards of the Kins-

Those who would like to

join the club are first

introduced by a member

at a meeting. Sometimes

they would participate in

some social events to get

Club president Lorne

there is no hustle or pres-

sure on anyone to join

and is solely based on

their commitment to be

There is a \$6 initiation

stresses

the feel of the club.

Greenwood

part of the club.

special projects.

work last year.

figure includes

The clubs spread like

20s) couldn't join.

Rogers went out

only for young men.

ticiPark).

The Kinsmen participate in numerous club activities including biweekly meetings at the Bear Rug Room in the Charles Hotel, football games, and an annual boat race down the Credit

River in Streetsville. Events are lined up and there is seldom difficulty getting members to

One of the projects the club is considering concerns the new women's hostel. A group from the Rezoning of hostel approached the sponsoring sports club with the aim of don-providing the ating money towards a land makes new building.

"We may just take a room and fix it up with furniture as well as giving them a straight

fee plus a \$30 annual fee.

The annual fee goes

toward national projects

and expenditures while

No less than 85 per cent

directly returned to the

community from which it

raised. The club is

restricted by law from

per cent of money raised

for general expenditures.

biggest expenditure was

its donation to cystic

fibrosis at \$1,000. The

club also contributed \$700

local Scout troop, \$400 for

the Heritage Day essay

writing contest and \$100

jects. There were also

numerous other smaller

international pro-

for minor sports, \$500 to a

Last year, the club's

spending more than

money raised is

back into the

locally raised money

communities.

Spotlight on

service clubs

Kin club organized

in Hamilton in 1920

cash donation," said Greenwood.

That project is still in drawing board

Other projects the club sponsors include the annual Community Day soap-box derby down Main St. which draws competitors from across

July 1 celebration. The club also donated a movie projector to the

been threatened with a

lawsuit over the rezoning

unlikely the matter will

At issue is the proposed

Bronte St. south of Derry

Rd. from industrial to

agricultural. The land is

owned by Jasma Invest-

ments, and the company

wants to retain the in-

A lawyer for Jasma,

dustrial rezoning.

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liable for damages.

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ever get to court.

lawsuit possible

the province during the

local library when a camera buff in the club discovered the need for

During the year, the club sponsors an essaywriting contest in the elementary schools.

Also the club has made waiting for a bus at the Martin streets a little warmer by donating a bus shelter.

investigation into the

'litigious nature."

plan to rezone.

tentions of both an ap-

plication to develop and a

The pet project of all

Kinsmen Clubs across the country is cystic fibrosis. Each member club donates a certain amount of its funds towards the national pledge. Milton's

orphanage in Malaysia. Greenwood of the fundraising and club ac-

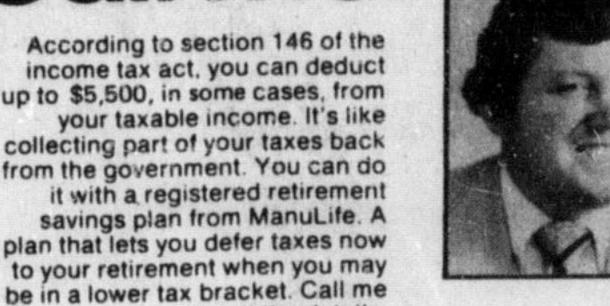
share last year was Other national projects include the construction and maintenance of an "It takes time," said

titities. "But most of the guys are committed. Without the support of the Kinsmen wives and Kinettes, lots of things

wouldn't get done.

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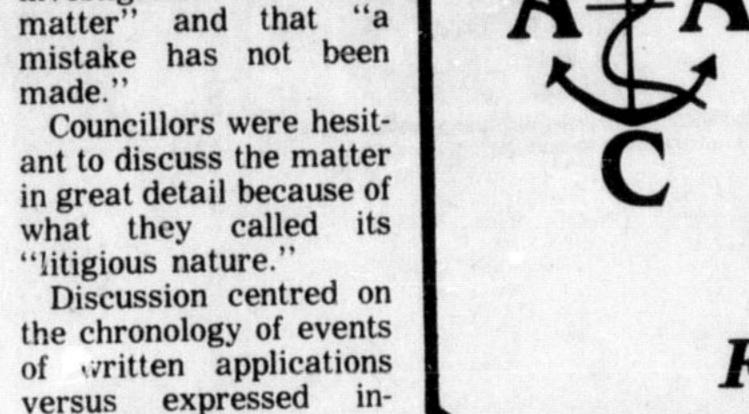
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Charette. ParticiPark project is next for Kinsmen

CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION of another project ac-

complished by the Milton Kinsmen Club are six club members.

The new frame for the swings at St. Peter's Separate School was

done by club members who donated their time and money. The

members from top to bottom, left to right, are Carl Jensen, Jim

Rae, Lorne Greenwood, Dave Barry, Bob Winder and Raymond

Miltonians will soon be able to exercise European-style if the Milton Kinsmen Club gets its way.

The 22-member service club has seriously considered the possibility of adding several exercise stations to Kinsmen Park, underwriting the costs themselves with some help from a Wintario grant.

The stations would include spots with ladders for climbing, push-ups and other varied exercises around a jogging track which would be made available to the entire community without fee. The project is being initiated by the

Kinsmen executive which hopes to have 100 ParticiParks located

around the country.

financial and technical assistance from an insurance company which makes park kits available to the local clubs. The local clubs must seek out other forms of financial assistance, find the

wood to construct the stations them-Initial estimates place the cost at around \$10,000. So far, the Milton club has not officially approached council but president Lorne Greenwood said

they will soon. The plan calls for about a dozen stations, although any number of stations can be added at a later date. The parks idea germinated with ParticiPaction for some time before the Kinsmen Club brought the dream into a reality with several constructed across



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