

Rockwell settles

By Linda Kirby

Under threat of a permanent plant closure by the new year, 1,200 Rockwell International workers in Milton and Chatham have signed a new three-year contract ending an eight-month-long strike.

Following the latest round of intensive talks between the company and the United Auto Workers Union, employees voted an overwhelming 83.6 per cent in favor of accepting the company's final offer, Tuesday afternoon.

The tally of Milton votes showed 244 in favor and 68 against the contract, with one spoiled ballot. In Chatham, 374 voted yes with 32 negative votes and one spoiled ballot.

While both sides admitted relief with the end of a lengthy and sometimes hostile strike, the settlement is considered bittersweet for union workers who feel they had the gun put to their heads, according to Bob Farrell, president of UAW Local 1067.

Workers were told to take the offer or the company would close the plant before the first of the new year. "Our intent was not to set an ultimatum, but that is what it turned out to be," admitted plant manager

Bruce Dolson.

"If we couldn't get an agreement, our plans were set," he said, adding the company advised the union it would shut all three plant divisions.

"In essence, they didn't have a choice when you look at it," he said.

Of the 470 original Milton workers, only 80 will return to their jobs.

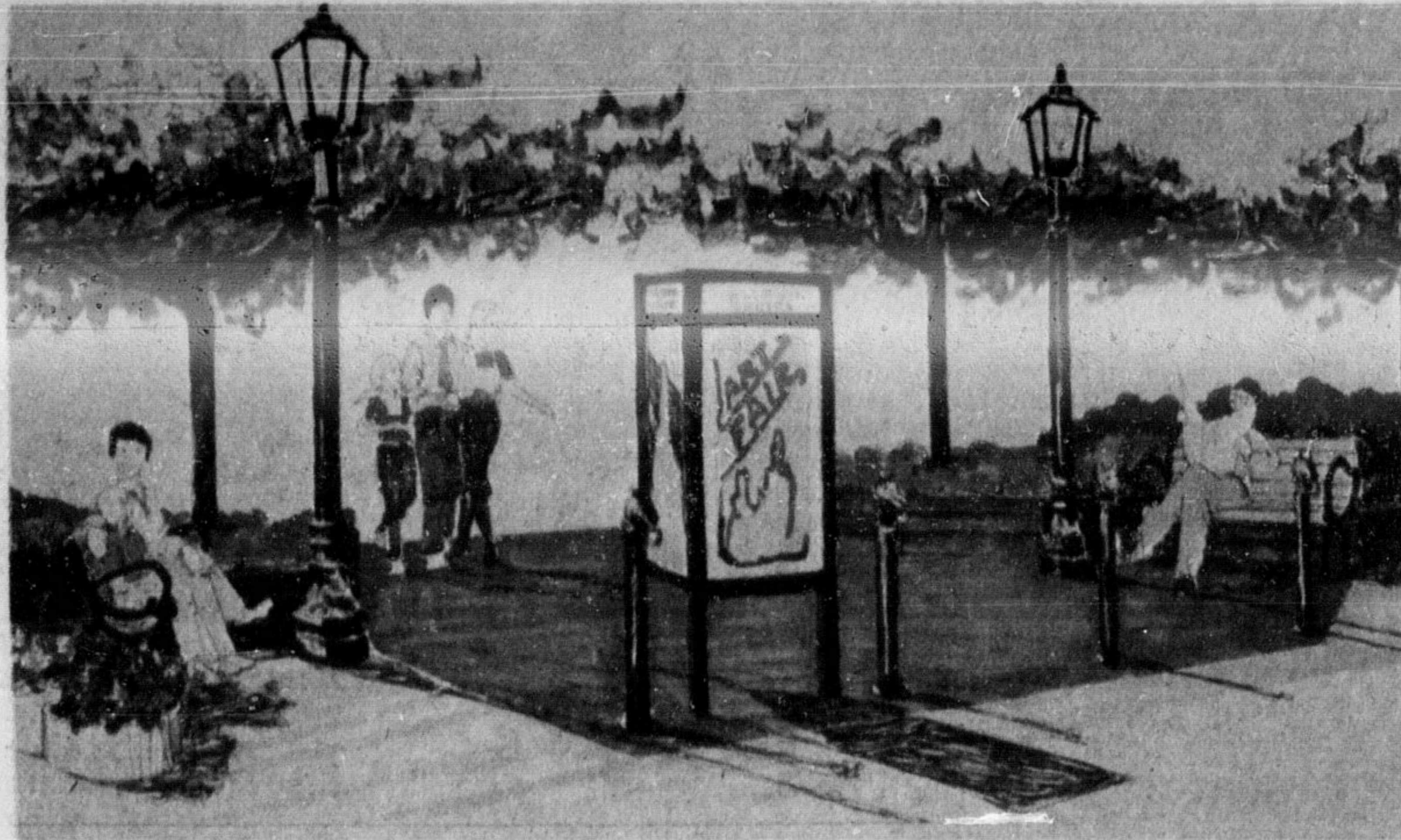
Despite acceptance of the contract, the multi-leaf divisions in both Milton and Chatham will be shut down permanently.

The local leaf division employed 370 people.

"We just could not compete against Eaton's or Japan and Mexico," said Mr. Dolson.

The new three-year contract, almost identical to that offered when plant workers walked off the job March 16, provides employees with a 31.6 per cent

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What's in a DBIA for you

If you are like most Milton residents, you've heard all about the tearing up of Main St. and a host of far-ranging plans to save the downtown core.

The photo on the left depicts what Main St. between Martin and James Sts. would look like by the spring of the new year, when the flower boxes are in and the other "street furniture" has been brought in.

Nevertheless there is much controversy and misinformation surrounding the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) and the Milltowne Centre, which is the name given to the Main St. project when completed.

This week The Champion carries a special feature which traces the beginnings of the DBIA program for Milton, what it is, and what it can be for everyone living in the Town of Milton.

Starting on Page C1, the story attempts, for once and for all, to provide all the information regarding the DBIA project.

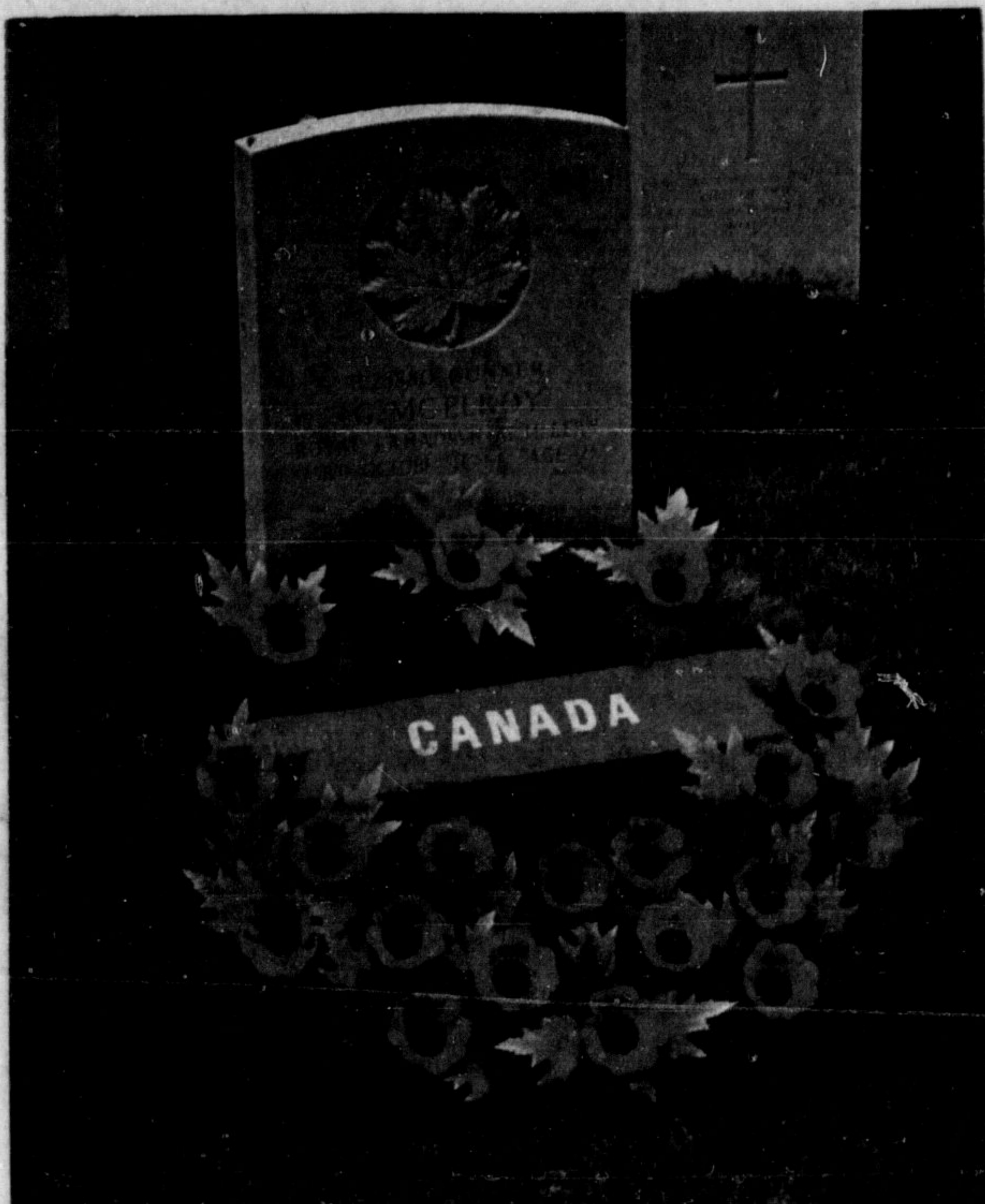
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He died for us: This simple stone marks the grave of a man who died for Canada during the Second World War, leaving a wife and two children behind in Milton. This Tuesday is Remembrance Day and it is a time to commemorate all those who fell in action so our country could stay free.

Pause Nov. 11 and remember

By Jim Robinson

In Victoria Park stands Milton's Cenotaph and memorial to our war dead.

It carries 73 names of young men who went off to fight for their country in three wars and never returned.

At Evergreen Cemetery there is a slab of granite with 219 names on it. It commemorates those who went to war, fought for their country and returned. They are so remembered because they have since died.

But both monuments are there to commemorate those young men who were brave enough to face the test of blood and steel for Canada.

That's the reason the Milton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will lead a solemn procession to the cenotaph this weekend.

The survivors, and the families of those who did not come back from those horrible world wars, will be pausing to commemorate man's folly for making war and man's ability to be prepared to lay down his life for his God and his country when war has been made.

In southern Holland at Bergen-Op-Zoom there is another slab. It's in a war cemetery and it reads only "Gunner G. McElroy, Royal Canadian Artillery,

Fall-in Sunday

The Milton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion will hold its annual Remembrance Day parade this Sunday.

Those taking part will form up at the Legion building on Charles St. at 1.15 p.m.

They will march along Main St. at 1.30 p.m. and arrive at the Cenotaph by 2 p.m. for a memorial service and wreath laying.

23rd October 1944, age 23."

It doesn't say that he went off to war leaving a wife and two young daughters, Jan and Barb, here in Milton. It doesn't give any description of the grief felt by his wife Rona, when the horrible news came in 36 years ago this month.

His wife has since remarried and today she is Rona Bihun, the secretary-treasurer of the Halton Regional Land Division Department. Her daughters are grown and she still lives on Derry Rd. in Milton. It is hard for her not to remember that Nov. 11 is the day when we all pause, along with the members of the Milton Branch 136 of the Royal Canadian Legion, to think of Remembrance Day and what it truly means.

Although Mrs. Bihun had been to Holland to see her first husband's grave, her daughters had never seen it until earlier this year when she heard Milton Regional Councillor Gus Goutouski would be part of a special Canadian contingent heading to the Netherlands to take part in the May 5 Victory in Europe anniversary celebrations.

She asked Gus if he would be anywhere near the Dutch cemetery where her first husband lies; and by chance Mr. Goutouski was taking part in a commemorative service there.

At the site, Mr. Goutouski took the picture which appears above this story. A print of the picture was the very first Mrs. Bihun's daughters had seen of the grave of their father, who died for them that Canada might remain free.

But that is just one story.

There are 73 names on the memorial at the Milton Cenotaph.

For each name there is a story like that of Gunner G. McElroy. For each of them there is a reason we should all stop on Nov. 11 and remember those who fell for us, that Canada might remain free.

Owner credits . . .

New industry means 1,000 jobs

A new industry, which will employ up to 1,000 people, will make Milton its North American headquarters and the owners of the firm is crediting mayoral candidate Gord Krantz for helping in that decision.

Lou Nadalin has announced he will be purchasing the Cashway Lumber property on Steeles Ave. and will be adding it to his other holdings. This will be followed by a 10,000 square foot expansion of the Cashway building.

Mr. Nadalin told The Champion the new industry will be in the food service sector, and although he had thought of a possible move to the United States with the new industry, he said Mr. Krantz was able to convince him to keep his assets and the possibility of new jobs in Milton.

"I did talk with Mr. Krantz and he convinced me that staying in Milton and really putting Milton on the map is the best route to follow.

"The representations he made in regard for the need for jobs here will make this town a better place to live," he said.

Mr. Nadalin said he has purchased the assets of a United States firm with 85 years' experience in the food service industry.

Prior to the purchase, the American firm had been servicing Canada as well as the United States. Mr. Nadalin now intends to reverse that trend, with the Milton operation serving all of Canada and with heavy concentration on the northern United States.

He said he could not yet reveal the name of the company, as the last legal documents are to be signed later this week.

Mr. Nadalin did say the firm is headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., and the brand name is very well-known to Canadians.

For his part, Mr. Krantz said, he was aware of Mr. Nadalin's thinking about running the business out of the United States, but thought it might be better to have the jobs here.

Mr. Nadalin already owns the electrical supply firm which bears his name as well as the new Lou's Place, both on

Steeles Ave. Mr. Nadalin said the initial work force will be about 500 people and that "upwards of 1,000 will be needed when we get into full operation." He predicts that time will be in the summer of 1981, just as soon as the addition is finished.

He said it was Mr. Krantz who tipped the

scales in the decision on whether to keep the industry here in Canada or move to the United States.

He added that Mr. Krantz is a businessman and that they were both able to talk the same kind of language with respect for the need of new industry in Milton.

Knox knocks DBIA berms

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church wants the berms and planter boxes removed from the front of the church, but they are willing to discuss any alternatives.

Karl Reichert, representing the congregation, told council the church had no prior knowledge that the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) concept would put the curved planting boxes at the front of the church.

The objection is that it no longer allows parking at the front of the church during weddings and funerals.

Mayor Don Gordon and Planner Bob Zsadanyi had been to the parking lot on the east side of the church earlier in the day,

and had suggested that this be restructured so that the area beside the church is used for processions and church parking only.

Mr. Reichert said he could not make a decision and that it would be up to the entire congregation of the church. Following a meeting with all parties involved, including Mr. Zsadanyi and DBIA Committee member Bernie Henderson, Mr. Reichert emerged to say he would bring the side of the church idea to the rest of the congregation but "we still don't like the idea of the front being closed to us."

Councillor Blanche Hinton said she was probably not "making a popular" statement prior to an election, but she noted the street is under full control of the town, therefore the church really has no say in what goes on the street. Danyi said it had cost \$10,000 to put the berms in and it would cost another \$10,000 to take them out again. It was also noted it could take up to four months before the church gets authority for any parking changes from a higher Presbyterian Authority in Brampton.

It was left to Mr. Reichert to poll his congregation and then get back to staff to work out some kind of solution.

Special section on Election '80 in today's paper

Milton's municipal election is next Monday, Nov. 10.

To keep readers informed about the candidates and the issues, a special Election '80 section is included in today's Champion. The tabloid contains eight pages of news reports, candidates' statements and background information on the election races. It will serve as your handy guide to Monday's election.

Phones will be ringing

For Monday election results call The Champion 878-2341

8.30 p.m. to Midnight

. . . Candidate Krantz

Farmer is killed cleaning machine

A 33-year-old Milton man is dead following a tragic farm accident Saturday morning at his home.

Daniel Rae Heatherington of 1111 Britannia Rd. was killed while cleaning a corn dryer.

Halton Regional Police said the man was by himself, cleaning the machine with a wire brush, when his clothes became entangled in a power shaft and pulled him in.

His body was discovered at the scene by his father Elmer, when the equipment was heard running and Mr. Heatherington could not be found.

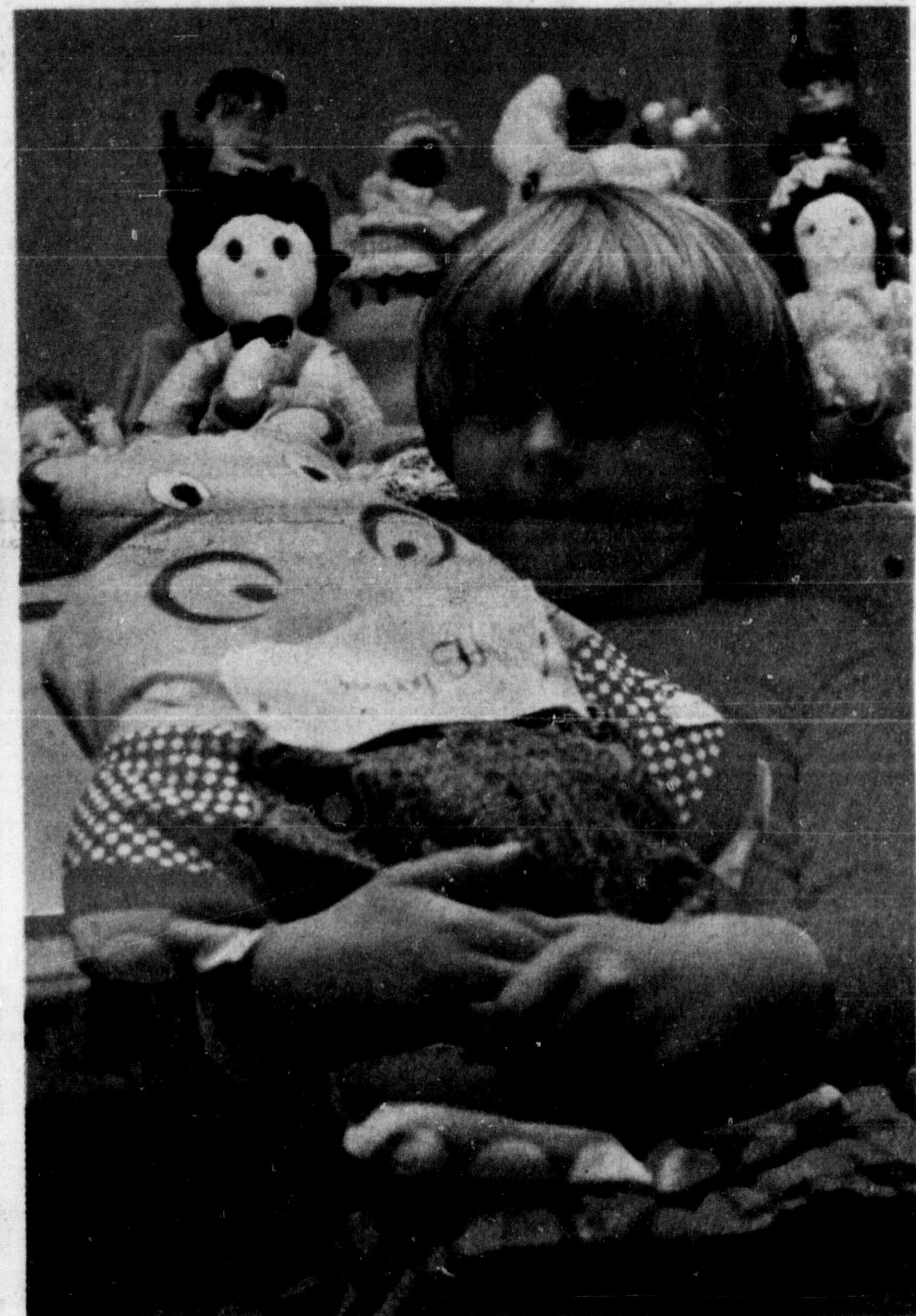
He was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Donald Aikenhead.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn and two young children Jane and Jeff.

The son of Elmer and Beatrice Heatherington, he also leaves a sister Gayle, in Calgary.

A memorial service was held Tuesday afternoon at Kilbride United Church.

Mr. Heatherington was a past member of the Halton 4-H Club and was also a past director of the Halton Soil and Crop Association.



She likes bazaars

With Christmas less than two months away, many bargains can be picked up at the frequent bazaars in town. Five-year-old Julia Brown finds one of the stuffed animals to her liking, at Omagh Presbyterian Church bazaar.

Inside today

Seal flag raised

Christmas Seals are now in the mail and an appeal is being made to buy the seals and help fight lung disease. Story and picture Pg. 3.



Tim Pollen's one-game experiment with Milton Flyers will be just that. The 13-year-old will not play further. Several members of the Milton Minor Hockey executive met with Jr. B Flyers' owner Vern Gooding and a pact was reached enabling Flyers to take 15 and 16-year-olds as substitutes. For more details see sports page B1.

Police need residents

Halton Regional Police Chief Jim Harding said police and citizens must work together to fight crime. Story and picture Pg. 8.

Princess crowned

Halton has a new Dairy Princess. Pretty farmer's daughter Laura Marshall wears the crown. See Page 6.

Post Office opening

Milton's new Post Office on Brown St. will open to the public next Monday. It's a big improvement over the existing facility on Main St. See Page 7.

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