

Library attracts 2,000 more to facility - Chairman

By Jane Muller
Milton Public Library acquired over 2,000 new patrons in 1980 according to retiring Library Chairman Don Lambert's report to the annual Library Board meeting Jan. 21.

"Milton residents continue to clearly emphasize the importance and expectations they place on their public library services," stated Mr. Lambert.

"The year 1980 may be viewed as a most important year in the history of Milton Public Library with the installation November of the new automated circulation control system.

"In fact this may be a major event in library service in Canada.

"It may be the first time that a group of independent public library systems joined together as a network using a common centralized computer system.

"In this case, Milton has joined with Halton Hills and Oakville," his report stated.

Chief Librarian, Shelagh Conway's report stated, "In December, 1980 we went on-line, and began entering our records into the database - it was a momentous occasion.

"We anticipate having our terminals on the circulation desk and being on-line to the public by mid-summer."

Mr. Lambert said the new automated system will benefit the public by allowing more efficient and economical service.

Mr. Lambert's resignation as board chairman came after seven years of service. He received a plaque of appreciation from the board and a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Gord Krantz.

In his presentation, the mayor expressed the town's indebtedness to

Mr. Lambert for his work on the board and stated he had left his "mark" on the library and would be missed.

Lester Wood will take over as chairman with Lorne Greenwood, vice chairman and George Jackson as the representative to the board of the South Central Regional Library System.

"There are now about 37,000 books on hand, approximately 1.4 books per capita, whereby the normal minimum service provided by public libraries is 2 to 3 books per capita.

"It is clear that a more adequate book budget must be sought in future budgets if the library is to attain at least a minimum standard of service in this vital area," stated Mr. Lambert.

The library's non-print resources grew in the past year offering 156 films up from 134 in 1979, 1,205 records, up 71 over last year, 79 talking books up 14 from 1979 and six more microfilms bringing the total to 60.

There were 3,524 volumes acquired by Milton Public Library this year and of those a total of 2,944 titles.

The grand total of all circulating items including print, nonprint and equipment was 136,695 compared with last year's total of 127,151 circulating items.

There were 125,844 books borrowed in 1980, up 8,881 over 1979. Record borrowing was down this year at 4,089

compared to 4,291 in 1979. Adult film shows attracted 633 this year, a jump of 277 from 1979 attendance figures. Special programs for adults saw a decline in attendance over 1979 with 1,310 compared with 605 in 1980.

The number of children attending preschool, Saturday and special programs was down from the 1979 figure of 7,066 to 4,992.

Special displays and

events at the library over the past year included a quilt exhibition by the Friends of the Library, Festival of Countries film show, Eleanor and Franklin film series and the Royal Heritage film series.

of entertainment at the centre. Ping-pong, free pinball, car games and organized games are part of the five night a week program.

"It's going to take time to pick up," says Mrs. Ward. "We weren't expecting a large number - it averaged from 15 to 20 kids during the fall and I don't think they have been turned off."



How are you, Haggis?

Addressing the Haggis is the highlight of the celebration of Robbie Burns Day. Dr. Alis-tair McIntosh does the honors at Milton's Burns Supper Saturday night at Milton Memorial Arena. Accompanying Dr. McIntosh are (from left to right) Ken Brush, Harvey Brush, Cy Guthro and Vicky Bird.

Drop-in centre open

Barry Courville and Roger Trull, Milton Parks and Recreation drop-in centre supervisors at the Optimist Centre, are wondering where Milton's young people are five days a week from 7 to 10 p.m.

The centre was open from September to December on Tuesday and Thursday nights but due to the popularity of the drop-in the hours

were increased, according to Bonnie Ward of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Courville said the summer drop-in program which he headed was successful and blames the current lack of response to the centre on January examinations and general lack of knowledge as to centre hours.

Anyone age 12 to 16 years can find an evening

Councillors gun down wild west sales office

A marketing strategy proposed by Campbell Thompson, president of Meadows Homes, described as "tacky" and "garish" by Milton councillors prompted a request for staff to prepare a policy statement restricting similar proposals.

The promotion scheme included two trailers to be located across from Fifth Wheel Restaurant on Chisholm Dr. to provide a temporary sales office for homes in Bronte Meadows Subdivision owned by Goldfan Holdings.

The plan for an off-site sales office could have received the go-ahead as far as zoning by-laws, but councillors took exception to the "visual clutter" the trailer's facade included.

"It's tacky looking. It looks like Klondike Days or something," commented Councillor Rose Harrison.

The old west design of the trailers and the large signs attached to and surrounding them were thought inappropriate for the entrance to the town.

Councillor Don Knight said the off-site sales office would give Meadows Homes an unfair advantage over the other developers.

"It's a precedent which I don't want us to get involved in," he told fellow members.

It was Councillor Bill Johnson who suggested the town adopt a policy to deal with such forms of signage and advertising, similar to Mississauga's.

The policy could later be adopted as a sign re-

striction by-law.

Despite Mr. Thompson's suggestion that if the off-site sales office were approved, he would "undertake to tone down the facades somewhat," his request was refused.

Heart fund soon

Fran Frampton, Chairman of the Milton Chapter of the Ontario Heart Fund, has been given council blessing to conduct a door-to-door fund raising campaign during February.

February is Heart Fund Month and the Milton Chapter will be trying

to get the message across that funds for research can and have made significant strides in heart disease.

Mrs. Frampton also has council approval to fly the Heart Fund flag from the Town Hall during February.

People

Milton Historical Society, launching its fourth year, has named new officers for 1981. Founder and president for the past three years, Jim Dills turned over the reins to Valerie Grimshaw on Jan. 15.

Others elected were first vice-president Peter Ledwith, second vice-president Audrea Lear-Costigan, secretary Isobel Hickson and treasurer Allan Pentland.

Appointed to head committees were, special events, Pamela McLean; library and museums, Donald Hayward; religion and educational, Jan Chambers; social and recreational, Len McNeil; civic and environmental, Bus Norrington; welcome committee, Jessie Hamilton.

Milton Senior Citizens held a pot luck luncheon at the Legion Hall Jan. 14 with a good turnout. Ed Parsons introduced Mayor Gordon Krantz who spoke on what the future holds for Milton seniors.

Games were enjoyed, and Happy Birthday was sung for Mrs. Dorothy Edwards and Jack Tight. Everyone wished a speedy recovery to Mrs. Nellie Moore from Harmony Court Apartments, who is a patient in hospital.

The Institute of Canadian Bankers reports Milton banker Cindy Penfold of Royal Bank of Canada has completed its Fellows' Program at York University. More than 3,600 bankers have completed the program since it was started 13 years ago to provide a solid foundation in general business education at the university level and a managerial overview of the business of banking.

New club

It appears Milton will have a Toastmasters chapter, if the demonstration meeting held Tuesday, Jan. 20 is any indication of community support.

Organizer Ross Knechtel reports 31 were present with about half of those being current Toastmasters members.

"We had a tremendous response. I don't think we'll have any problem in Milton," said Mr. Knechtel, a member of the sponsor Royal City Toastmasters in Guelph.

A tentative executive has been established according to Mr. Knechtel.

"The three of us will make sure things go properly," he says.

The organizer suggests the next step to securing a chapter in Milton will be a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7.30 p.m. at the Optimist Centre. Anyone over the age of 18 may become a member. If interested, discover more about the club at the next meeting or call Ross Knechtel at 878-5933.

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