

Drive-in religion

Miltonians have been rolling into the Dominion store parking lot at Laurier Plaza for religious services Sunday evenings. Sponsored by Milton Alliance and Emmanuel Baptist Churches, the

church-on-wheels is expected to continue throughout the summer, rain or shine. Special features have been planned for many of the services beginning at 6.30 p.m.

Councillors say "sorry"

Dr. Cole gets an apology

By STEVE ARNOLD
Champion News Editor

"We're sorry." That's the message Regional council will extend to medical officer of health Dr. Peter Cole for allegations about his professional conduct made by a councillor.

Acting on a recommendation from the health and social services committee, councillors agreed to extend the apology for apparently unfounded allegations made by Milton Ward 1 and 3 Coun. Bill Johnson.

Mr. Johnson, during a debate over standards and fees for rest homes receiving subsidy from the Region for welfare patients, accused the doctor of breaking open a medicine cabinet during a surprise inspection of an Acton rest home in June 1981.

The charges also concerned an indiscreet examination of a female patient.

Dennis Perlin, the Region's chief administrative officer, conducted an investigation into the charges and concluded they were "completely untrue."

Included in Mr. Perlin's package of recommendations was an apology to Dr. Cole and a proposed practice for dealing with such allegations against Regional staff in the future.

Mr. Perlin suggested that when such charges were to be made, the councillor involved should ex-

press them to him first and then to a committee and council later, always under the veil of confidentiality.

If, at the end of the process, any councillor was not satisfied that the question had been dealt with, he could make it public with the permission of Regional council.

The last part of Mr. Perlin's suggestion was rejected by councillors following a lengthy debate over its effect on their conduct.

"It simply will not work," commented Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell. "It's not up to council to decide about further action that might be taken on a subject. The individual councillor has to take that on his own conscience."

Ken Anderson, Regional solicitor, said municipal councillors have parliamentary protection against libel and slander actions when they are making statements as part of their duties.

When they make confidential material public on their own initiative, he said, they are stepping outside that protection and could find themselves facing actions.

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkevic said he hoped "council won't be unduly influenced by the advice of our solicitor" because councillors had to be free to represent their wards to the best of their abilities.

"I wouldn't hesitate to vote against anything that

would muzzle me in attempting to represent the citizens who elected me," he said.

The allegations against Dr. Cole concerned a surprise inspection he conducted, with members of his department, of Cher's Rest Home in Acton.

In Mr. Perlin's confidential report on the subject, Dr. Cole said the inspection was conducted because there had been allegations that the operators of the home were not taking proper care of the residents.

According to the report, all of Dr. Cole's actions during the inspection were within the authority given to him under the Public Health Act and other legislation.

During his inspection, according to the report, Dr. Cole asked that a medicine cabinet be opened. Later he asked that it be opened again but the key could not be located.

Dr. Cole said the lock was forced off the cabinet by an Acton realtor who was called to the rest home by the owner, Gordon Dawe, the realtor, submitted a sworn affidavit attesting that Dr. Cole removed the lock.

At the council meeting, Gerald Punnett, a lawyer representing the rest home owners, requested permission to address council. He was rejected, as were several motions to refer the entire problem back to the health and social services committee for another discussion.

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Fatality clean-up bill is \$90,000

Gulf Canada officials expect the final bill for clean-up operations and damages as a result of fatal collision on Trafalgar Rd. two weeks ago to hit \$90,000.

Twenty-seven-year-old David Bertram Roberts was killed instantly after colliding with a Gulf Canada tractor-trailer near Lower Base Line Rd. He was riding a 10-speed bicycle at the time.

Truck driver Ralph Currie, 33, of Burlington, escaped serious injury, but the crash caused his tractor trailer unit to overturn, spilling 3,000 gallons of gasoline in the vicinity.

Two Milton families were evacuated and a section of Trafalgar Rd. was closed for 24 hours as crews began the task of cleaning up the spill. Seven vacuum units suctioned up more than 14,000 gallons of liquid (mostly water) and five truck loads of earth were removed from the area.

Hank Galdeckas, operations superintendent with Gulf Oil, explained that "booms" were lowered onto nearby water areas to prevent the gasoline from travelling any further and "skimmers" used to vacuum the gasoline and water.

Mr. Galdeckas estimated the clean-up operation to cost approximately \$20,000.

Damage to the tractor unit is estimated at \$60,000 for the trailer and \$10,000 for the tractor.

The comprehensive clean-up was not completed until late Friday afternoon, almost 48 hours after the accident.

Milton fire department officials are uncertain as to the extent of damages to a pumper unit which fell into a stream during clean-up operations.



(Champion photo by Murray Rosin)

Gone with the wind

Recent sunny days have helped melt the memories of rain swimmers, sun bathers and wind surfers. The reservoir's shimmering waters sprout colorful sails guided skillfully by sun soaked mariners.

Milton's Edgar Foster

School named after educator

By STEVE ARNOLD
Champion News Editor

Milton's newest elementary school will be named after the man known for years as "Mr. Education."

Halton Board of Education trustees voted last week to name the Coxe Blvd. school after Edgar W. Foster, a longtime educator who retired from the Halton system in 1971.

Milton Wards 1 and 3 trustee Ivan Armstrong said the name was chosen from 22 submitted to a special committee formed to name the facility.

From 1933 to 1971 Mr. Foster served as principal, supervising principal and secretary-business administrator to the Milton Board of Education.

In 1969, when Halton Board of Education was formed, Mr. Foster chose to remain at the school level and served two years as principal of Oakwood Public School in Oakville before his retirement.

Mr. Foster's son, Ian, is currently principal of that school.

E.W. Foster Public School will serve children from Milton's Timberlea subdivision who are currently attending Sam Sherratt Public School.

Providing a second school in the Timberlea area, in the south-east corner of Milton, has been a top priority of the Board for the last two years but plans had been stalled by the refusal of the Ministry of Education to provide the subsidies and approvals needed to carry out a construction project.

Provincial approval has been granted and plans call for the school to be completed by Christmas 1982.

E.W. Foster Public School will open in January 1983 with 145 students in grades 1 to 4. In September 1983 it will host Kindergarten to Grade 5.

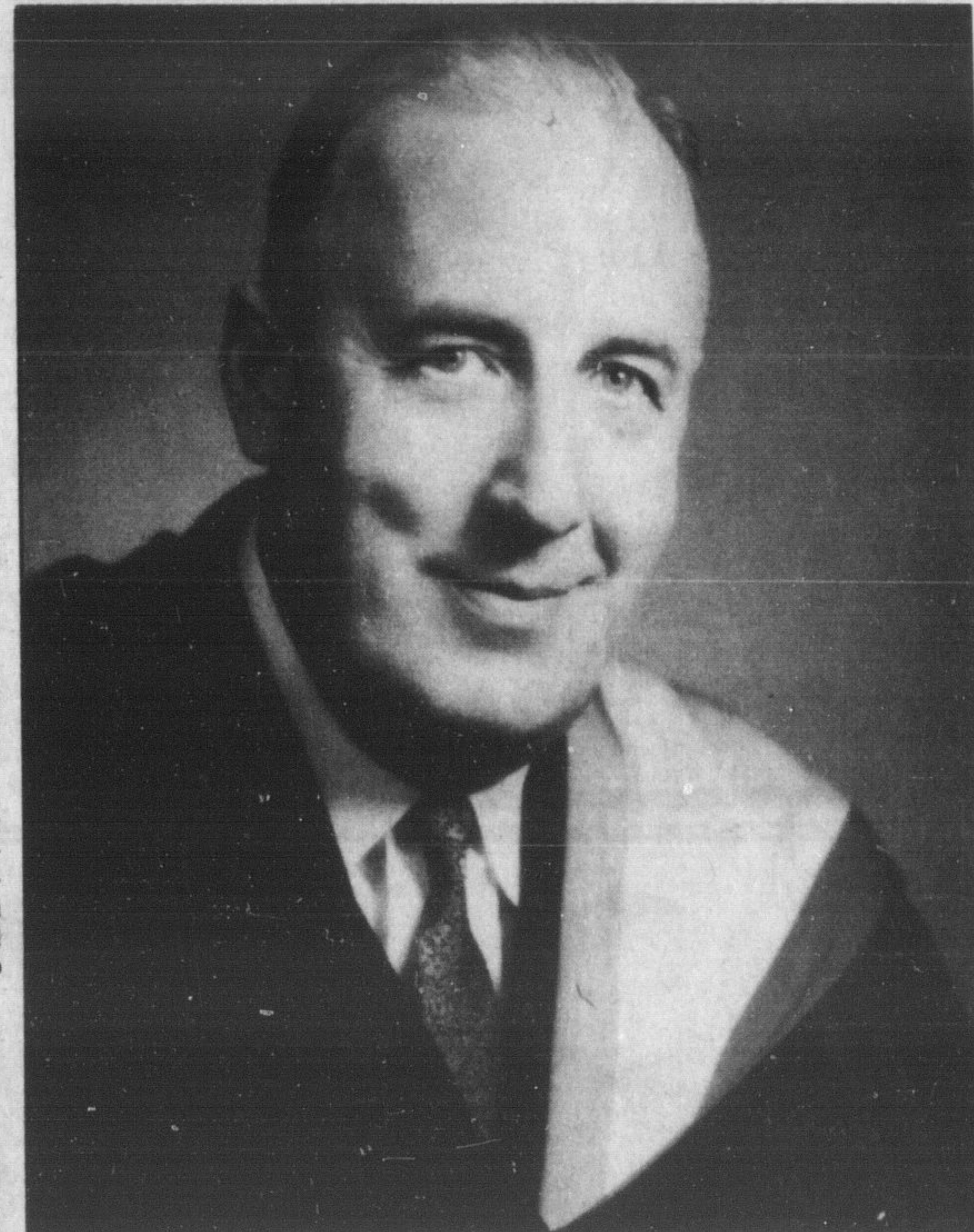
Students will go to Sam Sherratt for the last three years of their elementary education.

From September 1982 until the new facility is open, Timberlea students destined for the Foster school will be accommodated in a vacant residence at the E.C. Drury School for the Hearing Impaired.

A complete description of the boundary for the new school was provided to parents through a newsletter sent home with their children.

Generally, children living south of Childs Dr., north of Derry Rd., west of Thompson Rd. and east of the E.C. Drury complex will attend E.W. Foster.

In most areas the boundary line for the new school runs down property lines and not down the middle of the street.



EDGAR FOSTER

Naming a tribute to "Mr. Education"

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

While Edgar Foster considers the naming of a school after him a "great honor," many others will call it a fitting tribute to the man who is fondly referred to as "Mr. Education."

A scrapbook documenting the construction of the public school on Coxe Blvd. will add another chapter to Mr. Foster's history of involvement in education.

Mr. Foster began developing a career which would lead to his nickname in 1927, as principal of a public

school in Waterloo County—where he served for two years. That was his first position, after graduating from one year at Toronto Teachers' College, and soon led to the job as assistant principal at Victoria Public School in Collingwood.

With six years of experience under his belt he came to Milton with his wife Kathryn who had to give up teaching as she had done in Collingwood before their marriage. In the days of the dirty 30s one employed person per family was considered the maximum.

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Keeping fit

Pat Zorge, recreation director of the Milton YMCA, talks about the misnomers of weight loss and artificially replacing exercise. See page C2 for her column.

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Golfers — your last chance

Golfers, this is your last chance to play an enjoyable round of golf and support Milton District Hospital's expansion fund at the same time.

Tournament chairman Les Feero has set Friday July 16 as the absolute deadline for entries for the first annual Canadian Champion Charity Golf Tournament.

Mr. Feero expects there will be a full field for the July 23 tourney.

In an effort to alleviate the cost, The Champion will accept a post-dated cheque for the amount dated to July 23, the day of the tourney. The fee which includes green fees, dinner and a vast array of area-donated prizes, is \$35.

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