They're making it Christmas-y for those in local institutions

By Gerry Flaherty

Residents of Milton-area institutions are to enjoy an active schedule to mark Christmas 1975, thanks to imaginative plans by administrators and the co-operation of numerous community

And at Halton Centennial Manor, they didn't wait for Christmas week to start the celebrations.

Assistant Administrator Jack Charlton said visiting groups have been coming and going since Dec. 1, and many of the 300 residents have been out on guided bus tours as

Tour, dinner

For example, Holy Rosary Church sponsored a bus tour along the lakeshore which ended with an elaborate dinner at the church hall.

The Milton Kinsmen club organized an evening tour of town so residents could view the outdoor Christmas decorations which abound this year, and topped off the event with carols in the Manor auditorium.

Milton girl guides were to carol at the manor Monday night, while similar singsongs were planned involving Rev. Duncan Wallace of Grace Anglican Church and Rev. Rod Lewis of Boston and Omagh Presbyterian churches. A group of children from Denyes School sang carols there Thursday.

Charlton said a special Christmas dinner replete

-Milton firefighters had a good crowd at the Christmas

-After today (Tuesday) there is just ONE shopping day left.

A story by Santa

Hi there, all my friends in Milton.

might have slowed down a bit.

Kimberly, 7, wants a pic-

ture of me, my wife and the

elves. Plus a list of 19 other

things that would make her

"really happy". She wrote "I

have tried to be a good girl all

year and I will leave some

cookies and milk for a snack.

Long list

Bobby and Michael told

Santa "most of the time we

school," she adds.

have worked hard in

Letters to St. Nick

A Guest Article

By Santa Claus

and the other day the editor phoned the North Pole to see if

with wine is to be served on Christmas Day for about 250 residents, as some will be away from the Manor with their families.

At Milton District Hospital, about 40 patients will be able to invite one visitor to share a complete turkey dinner on

Christmas Day, according to Administrator Brian Brady. He said many groups have been in to carol or distribute gifts in recent weeks, including the 13th Campbell-

ville Brownies, Milton girl

guides and 11th Oakville girl

guides who participated in a

special program with the Salvation Army. On Monday night, the Holy Rosary Folk Choir was to perform for the hospital's

The feast of Christmas will also be celebrated by inmates of Milton Provincial Jail on

Brown St. and the new Maplehurst Correctional Centre on Highway 25.

trimmings."

together at once.

Christmas Day for about 210 orisoners.

said a complete turkey dinner

is to be served at noon on

Main said the centre's recreational program has been strengthened for the Christmas season, and other special events have occurred like the performance last week by a country and western band.

selected prisoners, who are being permitted to spend the holiday at home with their families as part of a Ministry temporary absence program.

Superintendent Ben Jongsma of Milton Jail said "plans have been made for a traditional Christmas dinner-turkey with all the

He said the Christmas menu would be served at noontime on that day to about 30 prisoners in three separate dining areas. Rules prohibit all the prisoners from being

Jongsma, who started the annual festivities at the jail when he was appointed superintendent in 1973, also said a Christmas concert has been scheduled by a Salvation Army choir from Oakville. At New Year's, the superintendent said, the inmates hang decorations themselves and a special menu is served. Meanwhile at Maplehurst, Superintendent John Main

On Christmas Eve, a concert is planned featuring carolers from the Salvation Army and the correctional centre's own

The superintendent said Christmas 1975 is to be a special kind of event for 70 MAPLEHURST GIFT to ARC Industries was a cheque for \$143. The money was donated by 90 residents from their weekly spending money of from \$1.65 to \$4.95 per week. Presenting the gift from Unit Four is Mr. Bilodea, residence director. Receiving on behalf of the new residence on Trafalgar Rd. for mentally retarded adults are Gail Martin and ARC director Mrs. W. Isham. Jim Chapman and Lyndon Nelmes,

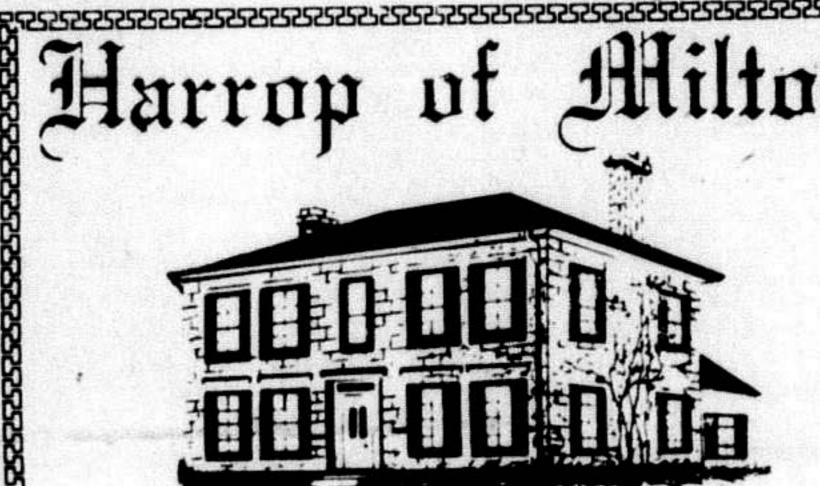
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will have two four-day breaks, including weekends. They will not be working Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and also

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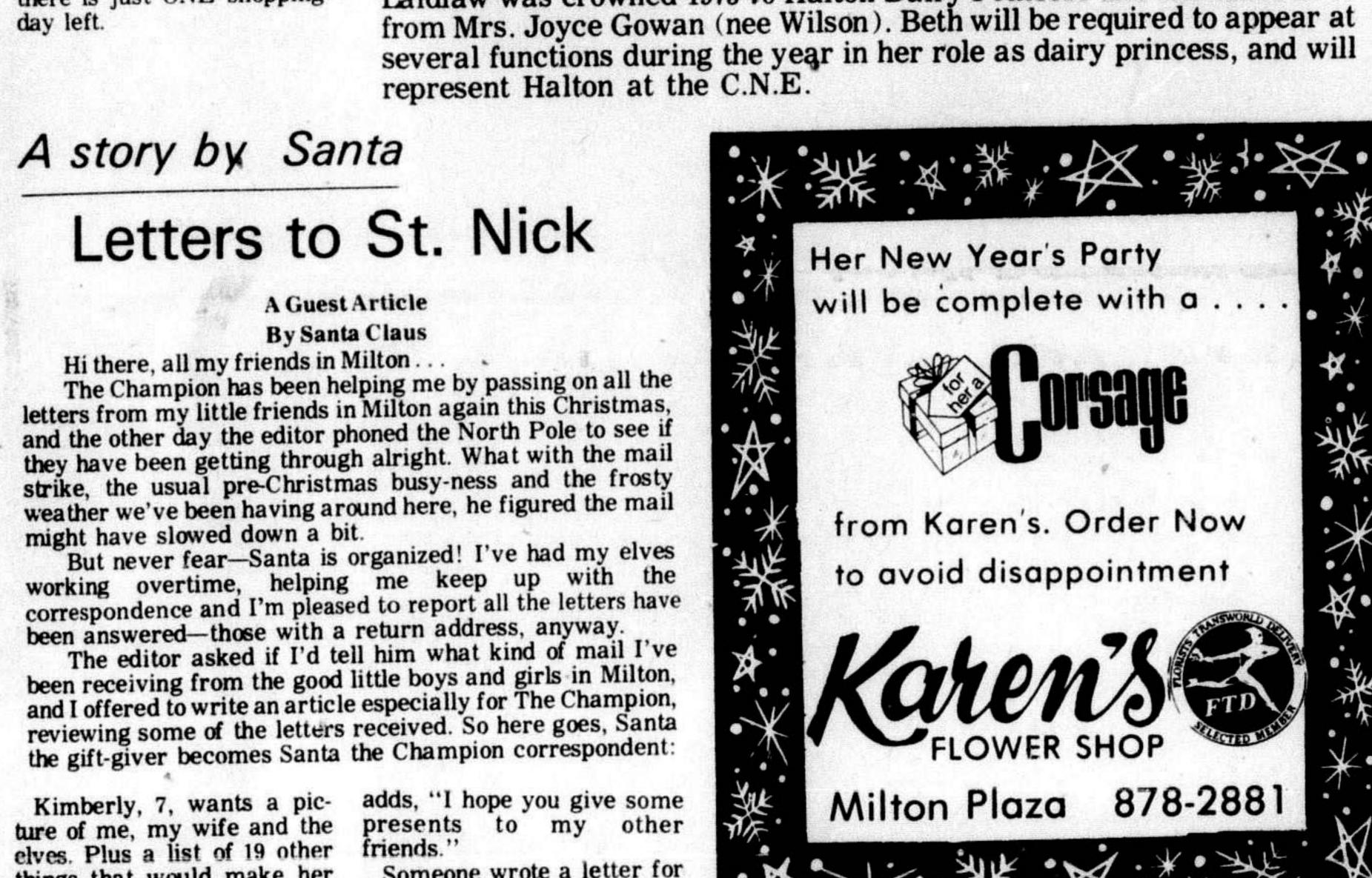
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But never fear-Santa is organized! I've had my elves working overtime, helping me keep up with the correspondence and I'm pleased to report all the letters have been answered-those with a return address, anyway. The editor asked if I'd tell him what kind of mail I've been receiving from the good little boys and girls in Milton, and I offered to write an article especially for The Champion, reviewing some of the letters received. So here goes, Santa the gift-giver becomes Santa the Champion correspondent: adds, "I hope you give some presents to my other Someone wrote a letter for Amanda, who wants "a dolly

A PRINCESS IS CROWNED. At an informal ceremony Saturday, Beth

Laidlaw was crowned 1975-76 Halton Dairy Princess and she takes over

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are good but sometimes we are a little bit bad. We will try to be good next year." Their new house doesn't have a chimney so I will have to use my "magic key in the door." Bobby wants a Steve Austin kicking the garbage can down with little bit bombs, GI Joe with a tent and a jeep. Michael would like "some little mans with a truck sitting in and they can come out." Oh yes, Bobby needs a new banana bike with no gears on it-and "a guard because my pants get ripped." The reindeer will be getting some grass as the

A MEMBER OF THE

DOWNTOWN MILTON GROUP

Some for all "I have been good and helped my mother all I can," wrote another Kimberly. "Santa, before you come to my house please make sure all the children have some toys, especially the ones that are not as lucky as me to have a mom and dad and cat," she said and I bless her for her kind thoughts.

family's out of hay.

Oh ho, here's a secret that got out! Allison writes, "Thank you for my 6 million dollar lady, if you give me one; but don't give me a 6 million dollar man because my mom already bought me one and I found it." Then she

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