Once over lightly

North to Whitehorse

By Bob Burtt

. . .Dan O'Reilly, a former Champion scribe has moved to the far north. An adventure seeker, Dan has taken a job with the Whitehorse newspaper. He made his move to the land of the ice and snow this month. Since leaving The Champion about two years ago he has authored stories for Brampton and Burlington newspapers.

. . .Still with the media, Gerry McAulliffe, the Globe and Mail's ace investigating reporter, is about to take up residence in Milton. He bought a home on Oak St. It was McAulliffe's work that brought about the inquiry into police brutality in Toronto.

. . .Colin Smilie, a former town councillor and member of planning board has stepped into a new line of work accepting a job with Bosanquet Township as Clerk-Treasurer. A former employee of Bell Canada, Mr. Smillie has had ambitions to be come a municipal clerk for some time. After leaving Bell Canada he worked in real estate before accepting the job with the township.

. . .The McKeough budget promises on one hand to fight inflation and on the other to stimulate the economy and create jobs. I'm no economist but I've always accepted the politicians' argument that you have to accept more of one to fight the other effectively.

. . .Talking about inflation, Regional Councillor Jack Raftis claims those department heads employed by the region and reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer are being recommended for substantial raises. Currently the regional brass earns from $20,000 to $28,000. If the schedule Raftis refers to is adopted, the range will be from $29,000 to $36,000. That gives the low man on the totem pole a raise of some $9,000. . . .more than a lot of people earn in a year.

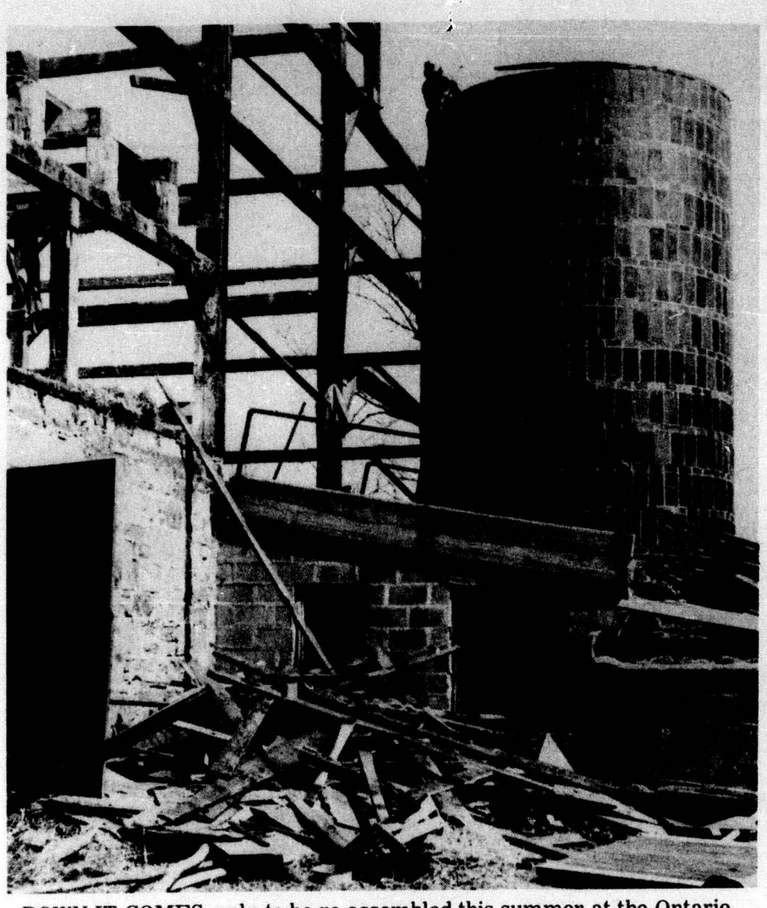
. . .Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough provided additional assistance for municipalities in his recent budget. At the same time he has urged municipalities in Ontario to ride herd on spending. It's conceivable that the extra money will be used to keep mill rate increases down. But on the other hand the extra funding could simply serve to whet the appetites of municipal councils who always have more worthy projects to do than dollars to pay for them. To quote regional chairman Al Masson, "towns and regions are spending money like drunken sailors." Therein lies the danger.

MRS. C. R. (EULA) TURNER of Milton, a resident of Halton Centennial Manor, celebrated a happy 90th birthday on April 12. Her family took her home for tea and a birthday cake at her former residence, 104 Martin St. and friends and family gathered to wish her many more happy birthdays. She was presented with 90 red roses, one for each year of her life. She has one sister, three children, nine grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren and many of them were on hand for the day. Her family includes Glenna (Mrs. Ross Pearen) of Milton, Kye Dalziel of Kingston and Roy Turner of Belleville.

A minute's silence

Milton Council Monday night observed a minute of silence to honor the memory of the late Mel Hood, a former town building inspector, who died last week.

Mayor Anne MacArthur said he was respected "very much" by all who knew him, and that he served Milton "diligently and well."



DOWN IT COMES, only to be re-assembled this summer at the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Kelso. It's the old Harrop barn on Steeles Ave., built nearly 100 years ago by pioneer William Elliott. For more pictures and story see the special feature on page B-1, second section.

J. Watson under fire for snorkel comment

Councillor Jim Watson, the outspoken representative from the former Nassagaweya area, on Milton council, charged Monday night that he has been "humiliated and intimidated" because of his opposition to full-time firefighters and the purchase of a $180,000 aerial platform (snorkel) fire truck.

"I've heard people in the street say, 'Watson this and Watson that'," he said, "and I'm upset and mad that if we don't accept a staffer's report you get ostracized."

"Just because we question something doesn't mean we're a different color."

Attacked

Councillor Watson and Fire Chief A. E. Clement have been feuding quietly over the two issues, and the councillor has been attacked in letters to The Champion by several Milton residents who work elsewhere as full-time firefighters.

The firefighters in their letters have termed the councillor's various statements on the subject as being "irresponsible", "ridiculous" etc.

The councillor said he believes the fire chief has all his pals writing letters in an organized smear campaign, but Chief Clement claims he doesn't even know the authors.

Councillor Watson told his colleagues that, "I would hope none of us are afraid of anything if someone (on staff) recommends something."

And he slipped in a quick dig at elected officials of the Halton Board of Education for allegedly letting staffers "run the show".

Warming to the subject, the councillor said, "It's pretty hard for me to tell someone in Eden Mills how this truck will help them.

"By the time any equipment gets to my place, it's gone," he said, "and I pay three times the insurance rates you pay in the urban area.

"I see the snorkel can be hooked into a hydrant," Councillor Watson said in a raised voice. "But I don't see any hydrants along Guelph Line."

Councillor Marjorie Powys said many communities have been slow in providing fire protection, and said she was pleased Milton is not waiting for a major disaster before acting.

Burlington Optimist club near anniversary

The Optimist Club of Upper Burlington is approaching its first anniversary and under the leadership of Charter President Wally Pryor, the club has done well. The Carlisle Club was the sponsoring club and along with Wally Pryor, his neighbors and friends they got the Upper Burlington Club off to a good start.

Some of the projects to date include last summer's fun day in Kilbride Park "A Day In The Park", a bus service through Upper Burlington to Kelso in the skiing season, sponsorship of five soccer teams, timekeeping at Milton house league hockey games, children's talent contest and most recently the donation of over $1,000 worth of furnishings to the Ella Foote Community Building in Kilbride Park.

Elections were held last week and the new officers are president Gill Jayne, vice-presidents Joe Odorico Jr. and Ken Hill, directors Bill Blackburn, Nelson Granger, Bruce Coulson, Joe Odorico Sr., Wally Pryor and Willy Biebaut.

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DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOC.
Next Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., the Downtown Milton Business Association will hold an important meeting at the Charles Hotel Bear Rug Room. The DBA is attempting to launch a $20,000 promotional program for the core area of the town and needs the support of all business people in the core if the program is to succeed. Admission is free.
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Saturday, April 26
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2.00 p.m. Story Time
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