

# Many share in opening Robert Baldwin School



CHECKING OUT a slide projection machine, two visitors at the Robert Baldwin School opening were oblivious to their surroundings.

Students, parents, teachers, administrators, visiting dignitaries and builders—all had a share in the official ceremony held Wednesday evening to give Milton's newest public school—Robert Baldwin—an auspicious formal opening. The ceremony, followed by an open house, tour and refreshments, was held in the general purpose room of the colorful new "open concept" building and an estimated 500 people participated. "It is an important part of this community," said Judy Alexander, chairman of the Halton Board of Education, "and a lot of us are here to celebrate the opening of the school and our hope for the many things that will happen in this fine school for years to come."

**"Right arm"**  
Platform guests included Mayor Anne MacArthur of Milton, who congratulated the board and officials on the "wonderful facilities" in Milton, commended the principal and staff on their work, told parents they are "the right arm of the teachers"

and wished the school a most successful future. Greetings were also extended by Regional Chairman Allan Masson, who also welcomed the newcomers to Halton Region who live in Dorset Park, the area the new school serves; and by Halton East MPP Jim Snow, who brought greetings from the provincial government.

Two choirs of students sang several selections. Les Dorans of Halton Elementary Teachers Association presented the school with a painting and Mrs. Eileen Martin of the John Milton Chapter IODE presented a framed portrait of The Queen. The gifts were accepted by grade one student Greg Newell and grade six student Susan Yoshida.

**Life of Baldwin**  
Guest speaker was Emerson Lavender, director-designate of the Halton Board, who reviewed the life and accomplishments of Robert Baldwin, after whom the school was named. He was introduced by trustee William Lawson and thanked by assistant superintendent of the

north education area Ronald Chapman. Architect John Harkness presented the key to the school to Al Orth, who accepted it on behalf of the parents and the community.

In his principal's remarks, John Lenz said this has been an exciting year, full of thrills and frustrations, challenges and hard work. "We feel we have made a good beginning," he said, "but all must

continue to work together for the very best for your children." "We will do the best we can and hope we will continue to enjoy your support," he told the parents.

**Dedication**  
The school was officially dedicated by Rev. D. Gary Morton, vice-chairman of the Halton Board. The school was open for tours following the one-hour ceremony, and refreshments were served. The Milton District High School concert band performed in the library.

Robert Baldwin is an 11-classroom school with a double kindergarten and large resource centre opening onto most of the classrooms. It has a general purpose room with a stage and music room attached. A large central hall is used for activities including art, and is heavily used by citizen groups who use the school facilities in the evenings and on weekends.

—Fishing season opens this Saturday, local streams will be busy again.



ARCHITECT John Harkness presented two keys to the school, accepted on behalf of the parents and community by Al Orth, right. One was the official gold key, the second a large fancy key that was made in the school.

## Discuss housing for handicapped

A number of groups and agencies will make recommendations to the Ontario Federation for the Physically Handicapped when that group holds a major seminar May 22 and May 23.

According to Halton Human Services Council, the lack of suitable housing accommodation is relegating thousands of young adults with a physical disability to institutions and nursing homes. That groups predict the situation will become more critical as long as the shortage of housing increases and the costs skyrocket.

community study groups which would respond to the local needs of the handicapped.

An additional regional seminar is planned for May 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Centennial Manor in Milton, to consolidate the regional response to the provincial conference, and to elect delegates. The Ontario Federation for the Physically Handicapped will pay the expenses of any handicapped person elected as a delegate to this conference.

**Local input**  
Over 120 delegates are expected to attend the provincial conference in Toronto to take part in five seminar groups.

Halton Human Service Council in conjunction with the Social Planning Councils of Oakville and Burlington sponsored a regional seminar on April 15 at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton to discuss the concerns of the handicapped and to plan for the provincial conference. Both handicapped persons as well as agency workers attended this seminar. It was decided that Halton could make an effective contribution to the provincial conference in May, by forming



THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND directed by Laurie Walker entertained Robert Baldwin School open house visitors in the school library. Principal

John Lenz invited them back to play for the students sometime.



ABOUT 500 PEOPLE attended the official opening of Robert Baldwin School Wednesday evening. This view shows the crowded central hallway during the coffee hour.

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OPEN CONCEPT LIBRARY, from which fan out several classrooms, was inspected by

parents and visitors at the school opening Wednesday.



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