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ANGRY JOYCE BLVD. homeowners finally got fed up Monday and called police to stop persons from dumping refuse on a vacant lot at the

corner of Wilson Dr. Residents said they'll be a lot happier when the owner of the property starts erecting a semi-detached house on the site.

Old jail still in use

No date set for new jail

While replacement of Milton Jail continues to be on the priority list, no estimate of when the jail may be replaced is offered by government officials.

Information officer Richard Fleming said it was the Ministry of Correctional Services intent to replace the Milton facility with a new centre at the Maplehurst complex. "The timing is up in the air. We have lots of other institutions. That's all I can say."

Asked what institutions and how many preceded Milton on the priority list, Mr. Fleming said he didn't know. "The decision is not made

here, it is made at management board and cabinet. It will be done when the funds are available."

Five years?

At one point the facility was to be replaced in 1975. A recent grand jury report indicates the replacement isn't scheduled for five more years.

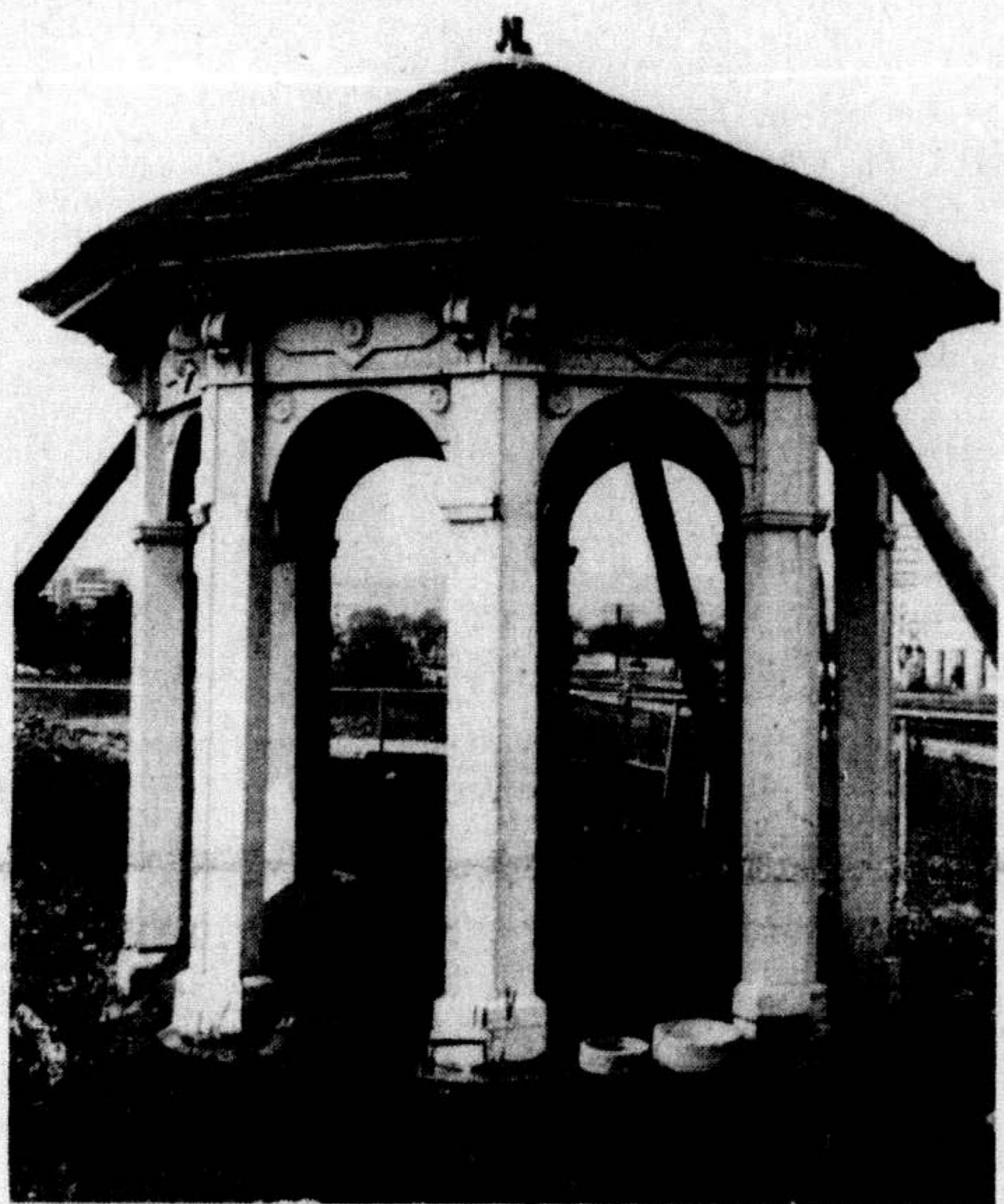
Mr. Fleming said Milton was a good institution, compared to some. Don Martin, Acting Superintendent, at the Milton Jail said he knew of no definite time for replacement but suggested "the time keeps getting further away each time we hear."

Asked about the urgency of

the replacement, Mr. Martin said, "It's not that urgent."

Grand jury reports have repeatedly condemned the century-old facility. But Mr.

Martin felt the replacement wasn't all that urgent. "This is a lot better than some but they (Grand Juries) condemn them all."



THE OLD BELL TOWER from the Bruce St. school has been in hiding at the town works garage on Nipissing Rd. It may go to Halton Museum, Kelso.

Bruce St. tower goes to museum

A new home has been found for the fine bell tower which has been standing sadly behind the town works garage ever since the old Bruce St. School was demolished.

Town Clerk Jack McGeachie said Tuesday that Halton Region Museum officials have agreed to accept the tower, renovate it and install it on the museum property at the Kelso Conservation Area.

Fair shape

The beige wooden tower,

which has a navy blue base and roof, is in fair shape. It stands between 15 and 20 feet high. For over a century it had sat atop the old school.

The black school bell which used to be housed in the tower now rests on stone supports at the main entrance of the new Milton library.

Mr. McGeachie said the bell isn't part of the deal and it will remain at the library. The library was built on the site of the old Bruce St. School.

Marmorite Products

Italian immigrant returns as head of new industry

By Bob Burt

Twenty six years ago I. (Pino) Lonis came to Milton from Italy. He landed in town with four dollars in his pocket. He held his first job in Canada on Dave Sargent's chicken farm, working as a hired laborer.

That was in 1949 and now 26 years later Mr. Lonis has returned to Milton, but the days of working on chicken farms are days of the past for Lonis.

Mr. Lonis returns this time as the owner of an ambitious industrial development. His firm, Marmorite Products, is a division of Lido Plastering with headquarters in Toronto.

Will grow

Production at the Milton plant got underway in February but the company is still a long way from being in full swing. Manager Eric

Tetley said that the plant on Bronte St. now covers 20,000 square feet but plans call for the addition of another 16,000 square feet. The firm employs 12 men now but that complement is expected to swell to 45 or 50 by this time next year.

The Milton plant specializes in three lines. One line unique to Milton is the garden architecture furniture. This involves some 100 different designs and shapes of concrete vases and figurines. The furniture includes small statuettes, bird baths, flower vases and a wide variety of other items.

Mr. Tetley expects to add another 30 varieties next year.

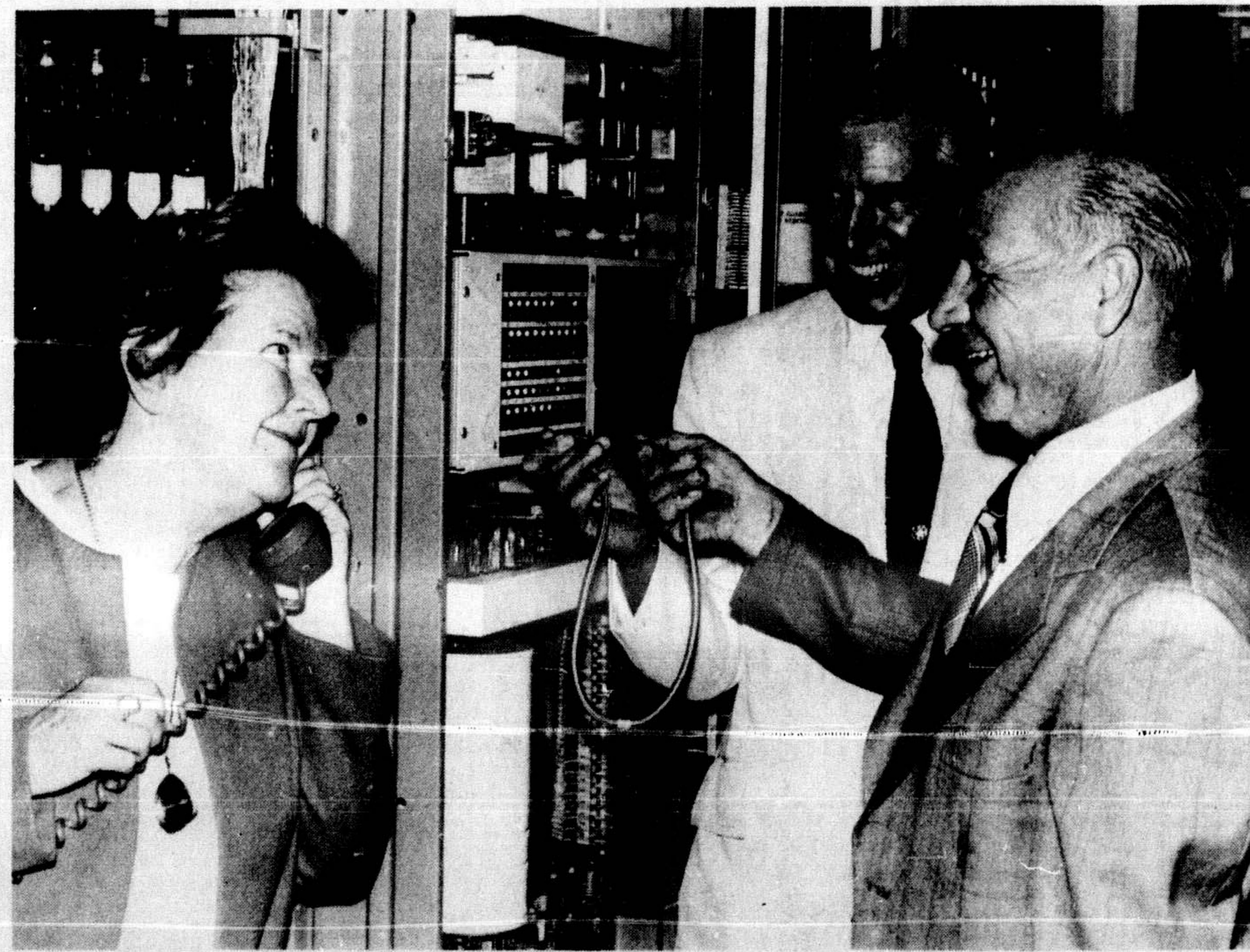
The firm sell both at the plant and through retail dealers.

Mr. Tetley claims the firm is one of the oldest in the

stucco and plastering business and the Milton showroom features eight of the

varieties of stucco and plastering finishes for houses and buildings.

Mr. Tetley claims the stucco can be purchased (Continued on page 3)



TOLL-FREE CALLING between telephone subscribers in Milton and Acton will begin Saturday, July 19, officials of Bell Canada announced this week. Milton's Mayor Anne MacArthur gets set to try the no-toll service while Bell Canada's

area manager Bill Barnes helps Les Duby, one of Acton's members on Halton Hills Council, plug in the line that will bring about the switch. The photo was taken at the Bell switching office in Milton.

Toll-free calling to Acton July 19

Milton telephone customers will be able to call the Acton exchange and Acton customers will be able to dial Milton and Guelph—all without toll charges—in 10 more days.

Bell Canada introduces the extended free calling area on Saturday, July 19.

Milton currently has two-way local calling with Burlington, Campbellville, Georgetown and Oakville phones. The basic monthly rate for Milton customers will not change, said Bill

Canada's manager for the Oakville-Milton area, W. C. "Bill" Barnes.

He took Mayor Anne MacArthur of Milton and former Acton Mayor Les Duby (now a Halton Hills councillor, representing Acton) through the Milton switching centre this week to explain the changes.

After July 19, calls between Acton and Milton should be handled as a local call—"it won't be necessary to dial 1 or the area code before you dial the number," he explained.

S.S. teachers

Talks break off no settlement

Halton Separate School Board has been unable to come to agreement with teachers in its employ and salary negotiations have broken off. Discussions will continue in September.

A press release from the teachers indicates the staff will continue to work under the agreement which expires Aug. 31, 1975.

Basic salaries, fringe benefits, retirement gratuity plan, wordings on level definitions based on education, class sizes and other conditions of employment are listed as stumbling blocks.

Those stumbling blocks prevented a settlement to date.

"Substantially less"

"In view of the recent settlements reached by teachers in the surrounding boards, the teachers' negotiating team cannot effect a settlement at this time as board offers are substantially less than settlements recently reached with Hamilton, Toronto and the local Halton Public Board.

"The current average salary for 1975-76 for our public school counterparts in Halton will be \$15,047 while at

present the separate school teachers are realizing an annual average salary of \$10,047," the teachers note.

The public school board came to agreement with the elementary and secondary school teachers just prior to school closing in June. That package will cost the taxpayer an additional \$10,000,000 and represents an increase of 33 per cent.

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Likely inquest into Kelso death

An inquest into the June 20 drowning of a 12-year-old Hamilton girl at the Kelso Conservation Area swimming pool will likely be held in about three weeks, investigating coroner Dr. Ivan Hunter of Milton said this week.

"It is probably best to have one and clear the air," he told The Champion. At press time he was still conferring with the investigating OPP officer, Const. G. Connors.

Nadia Bianco, who was with a school group picnicking at Kelso to mark the end of the school year, was pulled from the pool unconscious. She was pronounced dead at Milton District Hospital and the autopsy revealed death by drowning. There were about 25 people in the pool at the time and three lifeguards were on duty.

G. Kerr rejoins Ontario cabinet

Halton West MPP George Kerr is expected to rejoin the Ontario cabinet as Solicitor-General, following an announcement made by Premier William Davis Monday.

Mr. Kerr had resigned his cabinet post last February when testimony at a preliminary hearing of the Hamilton harbour dredging trial suggested a \$10,000 contribution had been made to his campaign, in return for

support.

The trial ended in Hamilton last week and Mr. Justice Callon stated there was no evidence Mr. Kerr "was involved in any impropriety".

Charged

Former Hamilton harbor commissioner Kenneth Elliott and business consultant Reginald Fisher were found guilty on 10 charges of fraud, conspiracy and uttering when the trial concluded.

Premier Davis had accepted Mr. Kerr's resignation last February, promising to reappoint him when his name was cleared.

Mr. Davis told a news conference Monday "I am sure Mr. Kerr has been through a difficult personal ordeal, but he has been sustained through it by the complete confidence in his innocence of the allegations made against him, a confidence fully shared by his family, his friends and his colleagues in government."

Mr. Kerr commented "I'll pick up where I left off in February." He was first elected in 1963.

Liberal ticket

Mayor rumored as a candidate

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur is once again being rumored to be a candidate on a Liberal ticket in the new Halton-Burlington riding.

Several months ago the mayor declined an invitation from Liberal Leader Robert Nixon to run. That ended rumors that the mayor may attempt to step up to a higher office.

Since then however, rumors have been renewed. In a telephone interview the mayor would only say "I haven't thought much about that." She would neither decline nor substantiate the rumors.

Julian Reid of Norval is the only Liberal who has publicly declared his intention to seek office. Mr. Reid is a professional actor and for some time headed up Norval's effort to keep the community school open.

Milton councillor Don Gordon has been invited to run for office but has said he won't attempt higher office during the next election.

Halton-Burlington Conservatives gave elementary school principal Gary Dawkins the nod while the riding NDP chose Bill

Johnson to represent it. Dawkins lives in Acton and Johnson hails from northern Nassagaweya. Johnson is well known in the riding as a ratepayer activist, with special interests in environmental issues.

Balloons returning

Rotarama balloons have floated as far as New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania and dozens of tags have been returned to The Champion with the hopes of winning the \$25 prize.

The helium-filled balloons were part of the Rotary Club's Rotarama held June 24-28 at Milton fair grounds. Those who bought the balloons for 50 cents are eligible to win a 10 speed bike if their balloon is returned from the furthest distance.

The contest ends July 19 and the winners will be announced July 22. Distance is judged according to the post mark.



STEVE RASBERRY holds a tombstone 108 years old which was found during some digging in the back yard of his Charles St. home.

Early pioneer's tombstone turns up on Charles St.

By Bob Burt

The tombstone of Elizabeth Harrison, a prominent citizen of this area who died in 1867, has turned up in the back yard at 36 Charles St. That lot is owned by Richard Todd and the home is rented by Steve Rasberry and his family.

Investigations have so far failed to determine whether or not the tombstone marks the grave of the late Mrs. Harrison. Files of The Champion do indicate however, that Mrs. Harrison died June 5, 1867 at Henry Harrison's home. Henry was one of her five sons.

While relatively little is known about Mrs. Harrison herself, historical records indicate she and her husband Thomas were among the very early pioneers of Milton and district.

Hardy pioneers

According to the Halton Atlas of 1877, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were born in England, settled on Lot 12, New Survey, Trafalgar in 1820, and built the first home in that part of the country.

The record in the Atlas reads, "To say they were farmers, conveys now but a poor

idea of their occupation. Their first care was to build a house, for the roof and floor of which they had to split and hew slabs from the logs, and every rod of land had to be cleared of nature's sturdy crop of forest. It is hard now to convey any idea of the loneliness and privations of the early settlers.

"Mrs. Harrison was six months in the township before she saw another woman. Their nearest shop was at Little York (now Toronto), where a woman has been known to walk for a pound of tea, going one day and returning the next, and then inviting the neighbors in to partake of what was in those days a luxury.

Starts own school

Mr. Harrison died, leaving his widow with six children, the eldest only 17 years of age, but instead of succumbing to circumstances, she bravely fought with and overcame the difficulties of the situation, and not only her family, but the whole neighborhood benefited by her perseverance and energy. When there was not a school of any

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Building auctioned but high bid still too low

An attempt to sell an industrial building and land in Milton on June 25 has failed—a reserve bid on the property, established by the court, was higher than the top bid of the auction.

All Purpose Equipment of Scarborough was the top bidder at the sale, handled by Wilson's Industrial Auctioneers, Milton. Company representative Bill Findley bid \$94,500 when Halton Paint

and Chemicals went on the auction block.

The bid topped other bids entered by Louis Nadalin and Aubrey Richardson, both of Milton. But it wasn't high enough to beat the reserve bid fixed by the court, under the direction of Judge J. K. Blair.

Still for sale

A spokesman for Helson and Baines, the law firm in Halton Hills handling the property, said the building

would likely be offered for sale through a realtor.

Judge Blair of the Halton Supreme Court ordered the property and building sold by public auction, under the Mechanics' Lien Act, following a suit launched by creditors L. J. Zanatta Construction Limited and S. A. Fay and Son Limited and other contractors and suppliers. Halton Paint and

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