

# Cathy Sweet lost in Mexico; MPP Reed wins election

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The year opened on a musical note when Judy Hunter was chosen Milton's 1980 Citizen of the Year. With music her forte and modesty running a close second, Mrs. Hunter could only describe herself as humbled.

There was only good news in mid-January when the Terry Fox cancer fund hit \$25,391 and Milton Mayor Gord Krantz supported a municipal call for Canadian unity.

Later in the month, two Hamilton men were charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of man whose frozen body was found in a field near Kilbride.

At Milton District Hospital, 65 workers stayed on the job despite a province-wide strike by other members of their union.

Early February wasn't a lucky time for the Town. Milton's chances of getting an indoor swimming pool were erased when a request for a necessary Wintario grant was turned down.

Others, though, were putting out the money. Some local business owners faced \$10,000 fines when they ignored bylaws restricting hours of operation.

Patting ourselves on the back, *The Canadian Champion* won first prize for best front page, best editorial page, best news and features and best environmental stories in the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association newspaper competitions.

PC Halton-Burlington candidate Fran Baines defeated Brian Penman in a confused and disorganized nomination meeting and was set to challenge incumbent Liberal MPP Julian Reed for the provincial seat in the March 19, 1981 election.

Milton taxes were slated to jump 33.5 per cent — the regional level — not including education and sewer and water rates.

The end of February was trashed when Halton Region announced it would spend \$250,000 to prepare a report on turning 246 acres of Milton land into the next regional dump.

News hit home in early March when *The Canadian Champion*, formerly owned by Inland Publishing Co. Ltd., was purchased by Metrospan Printing and Publishing Ltd., a subsidiary of Torstar Corp. The new company was called Metroland Printing and Publishing Ltd.

Cathy Sweet, who disappeared while on a family vacation in Mexico, came

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Home to Milton following a 13-month absence. FBI reports earlier indicated she may have been a victim of a white slavery market in Chicago. But, the teenager, who actually ran off voluntarily, was found in Mexico.

Good news for Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed. He retained his seat after defeating challenger Fran Baines by 518 votes in the provincial election.

April brought a miracle for one Milton resident. Glen Hassall beat leukemia on his own after being told in December 1979 there was nothing doctors could do for him.

The month didn't go as well at Maplehurst. Considered hard core troublemakers, 11 in-

mates were removed from the medium-security correctional centre following a 24-hour hunger strike by 150 prisoners.

Oh Deer! Regional councillors were planning to discuss the possibility of another three-day deer hunt in the fall of 1981.

About 136 men had new jobs, courtesy of Rockwell International and the local union.

May was a good month for local municipal politicians. Milton councillors gave themselves a \$500 raise and voted in a \$3,000 raise for Mayor Gord Krantz. The mayor now earned \$15,000 and councillors earned \$5,500.

Happy birthday to us! *The Canadian Champion* celebrated its 120th birthday in May.

Also this month, a petition for toll-free dialing to Toronto brought a glimmer of hope for its reality, said Halton MP Otto Jelinek, and Sam Sherratt Public School was about ready to open.

June brought bad news for Toronto callers. Bell Canada would not allow Milton residents to dial toll free to Toronto.

On a good note, the final touches were made to the Downtown Business Improvement

Area's \$150,000 Main Street revitalization project.

The Milton Jaycees went all out for Canada Day, July 1. The largest Canada Day celebration in Milton's history was held in town.

It's set. Another deer hunt was scheduled to take place in the fall and this one could be four days long.

In light of recent fatalities, local politicians said Guelph Line is not constructed to handle modern traffic and a study must be done quickly in order to bring the roadway up to a modern standard.

There were more bears spotted in the rural area west of Acton and the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources was beginning to wonder if someone was setting them free.

August saw Halton MP Otto Jelinek distribute a petition in Milton asking Parliament to legislate striking postal workers back to their jobs.

Halton Regional Police was planning to drain a Campbellville farmer's pond this week to look for an alleged murder victim.

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September's annual Steam Era turned out to be another great success.

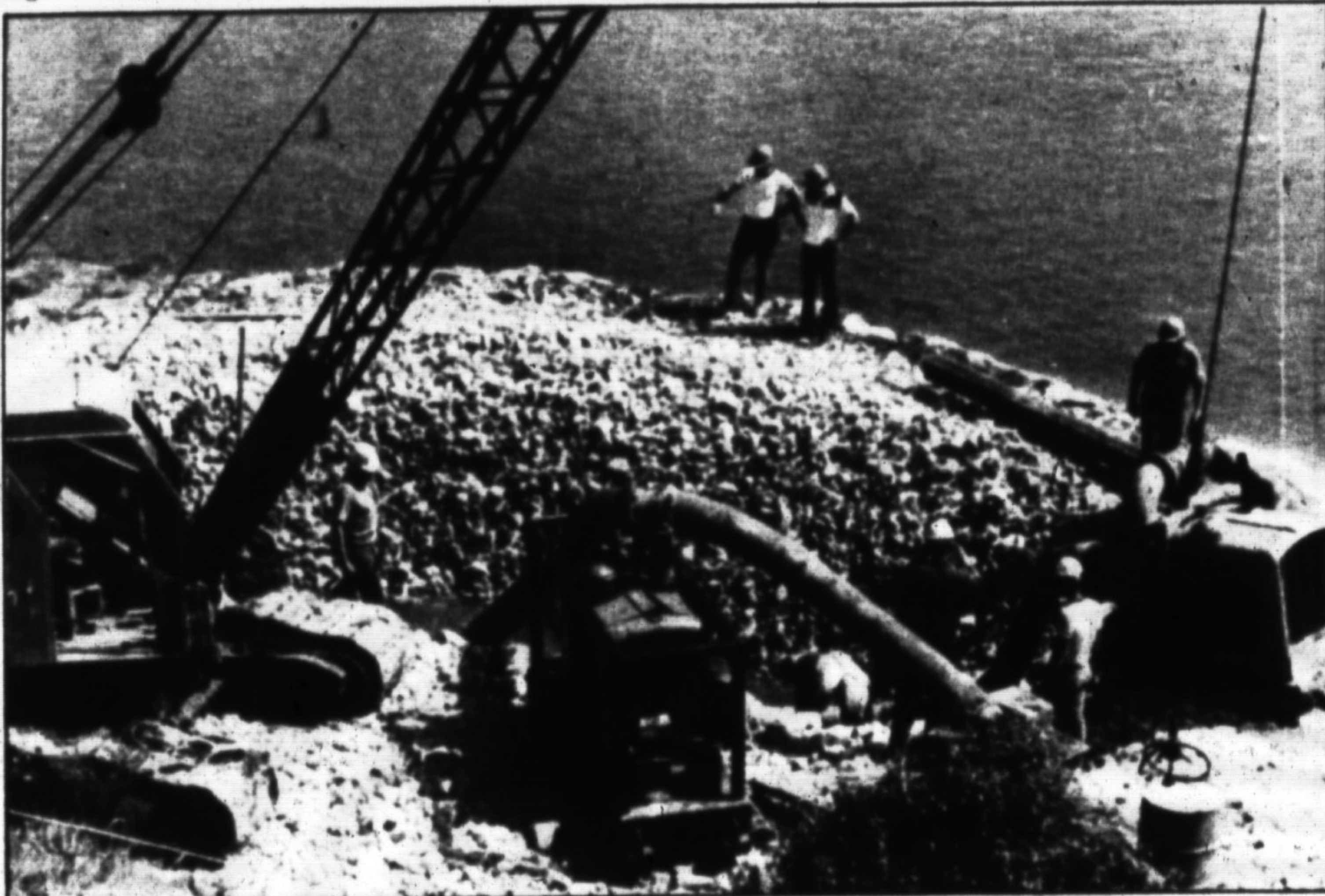
Milton's hydro commission planned to go ahead with construction of a new headquarters building, even though some councillors thought the structure's price was too high.

Closing September, heavier than usual rainfall created a \$280,000 deficit in Halton Region's sewer system.

The dull and chilly weather has taken its toll with a number of farm crops this year but corn growers have been so successful, they will likely be selling corn at a break-even price in October.

A prize of more than \$2 million awaits the winner of a battle started at Halton Region in November. At the centre of the controversy is a proposal by regional staff to collect \$2,040 per acre from industrial developers in Halton to finance the development of water and sewer services. If that charge is applied to the 1,100 acres of the Milton industrial park, \$2.8 million could be raised.

A committee of regional councillors said in December that financial subsidies should be provided by the federal government for homeowners suffering from the effect of urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI).



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