

New offices for next fall

Halton Region's overcrowded headquarters at Bronte Road and the QEW is steadily giving way to a spacious new \$28 million facility that will also serve as headquarters for the Halton Regional Police Force.

The entire project, including a substantial addition as well as the renovation of much of the existing structure, should be completed by early next fall, said project supervisor Bob Moore.

Halton Regional Police say once the move is made into their new facility, they'll turn their full attention to a new Milton police station, which could be under construction by 1993.

It's already been approved in principle by the police board and \$2.2 million has been allocated.

Tim Fredo, the force's planning manager, explained that current accommodations "are not sufficient for policing a growing community."

With regional government and the local police force sharing facilities, Mr. Moore said taxpayers will save money.

In particular, the two public bodies will share a cafeteria and kitchen, conference rooms, a health and fitness area and a child care centre.

Mr. Moore said the size of the regional headquarters will about

triple, allowing it to bring back to the fold certain departments now spread throughout Halton.

Police say they'll also be able to undertake similar consolidation. Some "headquarters functions" currently farmed out to other detachments —

such as the traffic and marine unit at Milton and computer facilities in Burlington — will be brought back under one roof.

Region Briefs

Love that dirty water

Halton Region will look into Milton councillor Colin Best's suggestion to re-use the discharge from the Milton sewage treatment plant.

The rationale, explained Halton Region public works supervisor Bruce Kitchen, is that instead of pouring the discharge into Sixteen Mile Creek, where it simply tumbles down to Lake Ontario, it's put to better use, such as the watering of parks and golf courses.

"This concept is used extensively in the southern United States for recreation and irrigation purposes," said Mr. Kitchen in a recent staff report.

"Although we do not have the same type of climate and the severe water restrictions they have, I believe that consideration should be given to Milton's request."

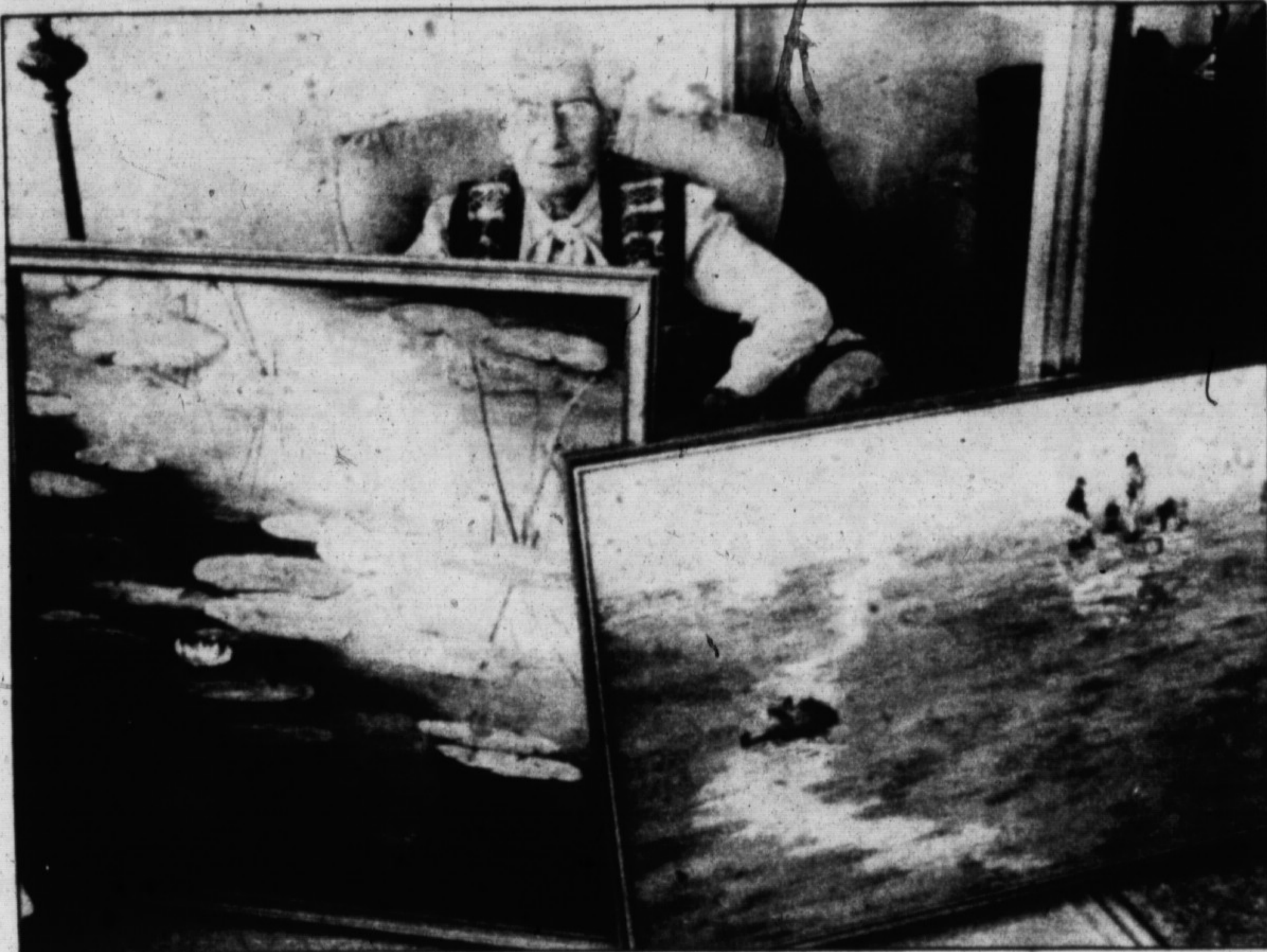


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Art for YMCA's sake

Two original oil paintings by local artist Marie Clements will be included in the third annual gala art auction being held by Milton YMCA on Friday, Nov. 16 at Holy Rosary Parish Hall. The fundraiser will feature 150 pieces ranging from sculptures to oils, acrylics, graphics and water colours. Admission is \$10 and includes wine and cheese.



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