



Milton mayor Gord Krantz turns over the sod in a ceremony to commemorate the sod-turning of Crawford Lake. The reconstruction of an Indian long house as well as several other functional facilities were added in the past year.

Nadalín, Alty found guilty

It was not a good year for either Louis Nadalín nor Terence Alty.

Both men were found guilty in a Milton court May 4 of defrauding the public with a \$7-million vending-machine operation based in Milton.

After 11 weeks of testimony and 60 witnesses, the jury deliberated for 15 hours before coming out with the verdict. Both men had pleaded not guilty.

On July 11, Judge James Carnwath sentenced the pair to four-year prison sentences. The judge said the pair committed criminal acts which caused "wholesale victimization of the public."

Within hours of the sentencing, Mr. Nadalín was a free man after his lawyer success-

fully launched an appeal of the decision. The bail was set at \$50,000.

The scam involved five companies which received money from investors for a variety of vending machines. Investors testified they received machines in poor locations, second-hand machines which broke down frequently and that sales and profits were drastically below expectations.

Lost investments ranged from several thousand dollars to \$100,000 lost by one Edmonton businessman. Despite the verdict, the judge ruled he was not in a position to rule on restoration of the lost money to the investors by the guilty parties. It was bitter-sweet news for those who had lost \$7 million in total.

Hospital fund went over the top

There was some good news in Milton last year and much of it involved the Milton District Hospital Expansion Fund.

The ambitious campaign to raise \$1 million for a new wing to the Derry Rd. hospital began in 1983 and when January 1984 arrived, the committee reached more than the halfway point of its goal.

The \$1 million target was part of an overall financial scheme bringing together money from various levels of government to build the wing.

On Sept. 29, many months ahead of schedule, the fund-raising committee announced it had exceeded its goal by 10 per cent.

Spearheaded by campaign chairman Bruce Dolson, the committee came up with several ingenious ways of fund-raising and the town rallied behind them.

Among the most ambitious was a buy-a-brick campaign in which donors were asked to give \$200. For that, the donor would receive a souvenir "Associate Builder" brick and their names will be permanently added to a wall of bricks in the expanded hospital.

This brought overwhelming success. At last count, 1,015 bricks were sold as Miltonians sought to become "part of" the new wing. The amount raised in the buy-a-brick campaign alone represented more than one-fifth of the original goal.

In addition, a draw of an original Robert Bateman painting, supplied by the Milton artist, raised more than \$40,000.

However, the bulk of the funds came from donations from individuals, commercial institutions, foundations, service clubs and organizations.

Although Mr. Dolson and his 12-member committee co-ordinated the campaign, the credit for the success has duly gone to the citizens of Milton who operating as individuals or organizations took it upon themselves to co-ordinate many fund-raising activities. It was by all accounts a team effort on the part of Milton's citizens.

Although the town was focussed on the

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hospital's campaign, many other worthwhile charities also reached their goals. It appeared that Milton citizens were digging constantly into their pockets to support worthy causes but not one dissenting letter was sent to this newspaper.

For the record, Mr. Dolson worked hard in his chairman's role despite going through two operations during the time of his position. His committee members of Brian Brady, Shelagh Conway, Roy Downs, Matt Jaeklein, Mike Ledwith, Sue McLean, Ken Newell, Sam Nadalin, Anne Ptolemy, Colin Best, Rose Shannon and Hugh Sheridan worked determinedly as the committee met its goal.



Crime showed no letdown during the year. In fact, two Maplehurst inmates attempted to escape but were re-captured less than an hour on the loose May 28. Micah Linck (left), a Maplehurst guard, was abducted but was not.

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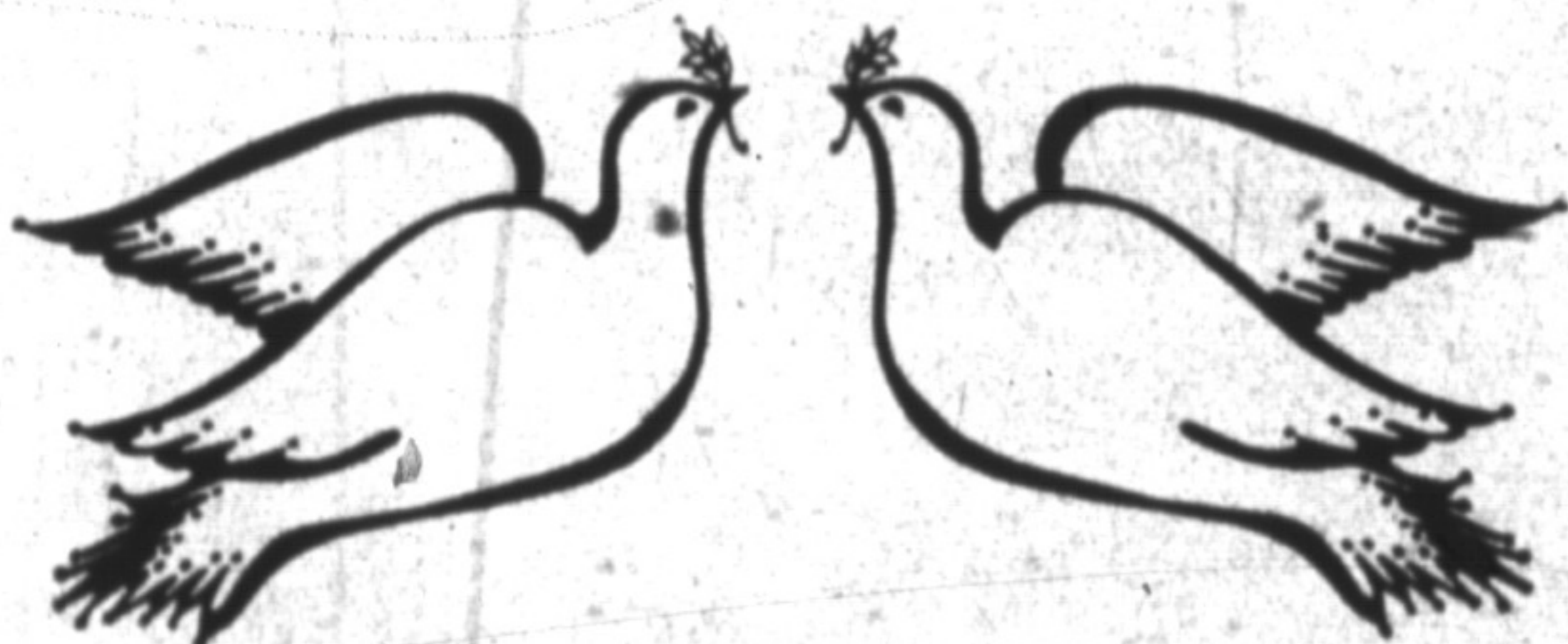
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