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Consumers' Gas opening

Consumers' Gas last week officially opened its new West Central District facilities at 950 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W. in Mississauga. The facilities include a sales department, appliance showroom, accounting department and a Blue Flame Room for community meetings.

Here, the manager of the West Central District, Gene McNamara, accepts the keys to the facilities from the builders, David and Robert Wharton of Wharton Construction. Looking on is Perry Stover, operations manager of the West Central District.

Building activity picks up

Building activity, which was slow in the first three months, has picked up considerably and Mississauga is now right on target with its construction activity level of 1977.

At the end of May, the city had approved a total of \$88.8 million worth of construction work. Last year, the figure was \$100,000 less at the same time.

The director of building standards, Keith Cowan, points out that industrial and commercial activity are both up considerably. Residential, however, is

almost \$20 million behind last year's pace.

There have been large increases in the number of schools and government buildings. There has been \$3 million worth of school work approved, compared to \$30,000 last year by the end of May. Government and city projects are running \$4 million higher.

During May, the city approved permits to construct 124 detached homes, 92 semi-detached, one 210-unit apartment building and 63 row units.

Canadian Tire

Store-site snags seen

A scheduled Ontario Municipal Board hearing to oppose a development by Canadian Tire at the northeast corner of Dixie Road and Dundas Street may be avoided.

Two objections have been received to an April 6 committee of adjustment decision to grant Canadian Tire permission to develop, even though the present zoning is at

variance with the proposed use.

Canadian Tire plans to build a major store of its own as well as a Loblaws and a drug store. It will relocate an existing bank on Dixie Road in their plaza.

One of the objectors is Mississauga Hydro, which wants to purchase part of the property for a sub-station. The other objection is by Gatcliffe Construction Ltd. which owns land to the north.

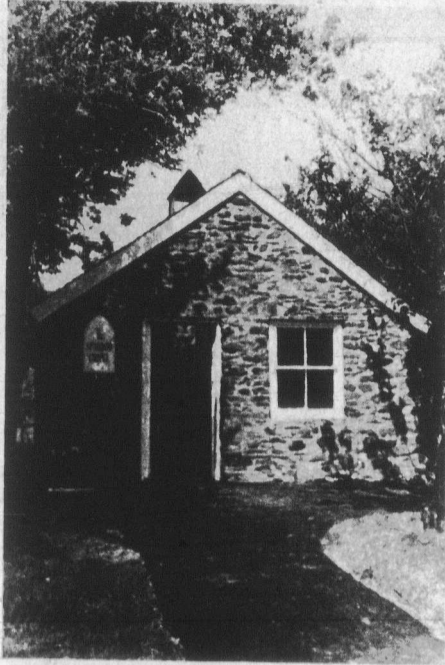
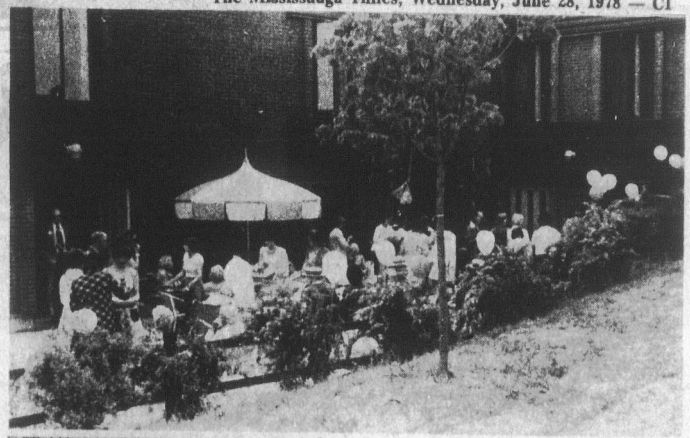
Ward 3 Councillor Frank Bean says Mayor Ron Searle is working to resolve the hydro problem and have their objection withdrawn. "It appears the hydro thing is in hand," he says.

There are some other problems with the site. A recent study done for the Metro Toronto Region Conservation Authority showed that the site is extremely vulnerable to flooding.

The conservation authority will have to consider the filling of the property to allow construction. Bean suggests they will likely impose strict controls on the site.

The councillor is also concerned about a new traffic access onto Dixie Road which would be needed. It is proposed that the site have its own internal service road, with only one access, probably at the eastern limit of the property, as far away from the Dixie-Dundas intersection as possible. Traffic lights will likely have to be installed.

Representatives of Canadian Tire and Indecon Construction Ltd. have met several times with the Ward 3 ratepayers council to present their plans.



Chelsey Park Nursing Home in Streetsville held an open house Thursday to show off their improved facilities to the public. While visitors and residents enjoyed the sun on the patio (top), two new buildings on the Chelsey site were open. The Sparrow Chapel (middle) and a woodworking shop (bottom) have been added for the 108 Chelsey residents.



Times Photos by Jim Adair

Chelsey

The nursing home as a 'community'

By JIM ADAIR
Times Staff Writer

The Chelsey Park Nursing Home in Streetsville, described as a "community" by administrator Kathy Szela, opened its doors to more than 400 visitors at an open house last week.

"We're trying to get away from the image of a bunch of little old ladies sitting around being forgotten," says Szela.

She adds that Chelsey Park is considered a community for young and old by those who live there.

Formerly the Gladys Glen Nursing Home, the facilities were taken over by the Chelsey Park Corp. in November.

There is another Chelsey Park on Hurontario Street, and four others in Southern Ontario.

The home is filled to capacity at present, with all 108 licenced beds full, although the building could take up to 120.

Ten of the residents are young adults confined to wheelchairs.

One of these is Wayne Heximer, a

multiple sclerosis victim, who is a member of a committee of residents who approached the new owners after the takeover. They drew up a list of ideas and plans they had for the home.

"We didn't think we would get half the things we asked for," said Heximer. "But they gave us all of it." Included are ramps for wheelchairs, outdoor walkways, patio furniture, landscaping, and special railings.

Other innovations at Chelsey Park utilize two buildings on the property that formerly were used as storage sheds. Now, a stone building, believed to be 150 years old, has been turned into the Sparrow Chapel, a small, quiet place with a stained glass window where residents can go to be alone with their thoughts.

There is also a workshop area, stocked with carpentry tools for the handymen at Chelsey Park.

The home has plans for an exchange program with one of its sister homes in Niagara, when residents from the homes will trade places for two weeks of holidays.

in brief

Gulf plans recovery plant

A second sulphur-recovery plant will be added to the environmental-protection systems at Gulf Canada's Clarkson refinery.

The \$3 million plant, scheduled to begin operation next spring, will replace the refinery's original unit, built in 1963. The existing plant, however, will be brought back on stream whenever the new plant requires maintenance.

In past, refinery operations were altered to reduce sulphur emissions whenever the sulphur plant was out of service. With two plants, the refinery will be able to maintain normal operations when either plant is shut down.

Baking-equipment firm

French Techno-Bread Inc., a licensee of Ressor Oven Co. of Paris, has begun operations at 2724 Slough St. in Mississauga.

The new firm, headed by Alan Desmond, manufactures and assembles a wide range of baking equipment.

Plastics-packaging mission

Six representatives — including three from Mississauga — of the plastics and packaging industries examined improved technologies and products during a visit to Interpack '78 in Dusseldorf, Germany and Europlastique '78 in Paris last week.

The members of the mission from Mississauga were Gary Dressler, new product development manager of Twinpack-Ampack Ltd., and Tom Nicholson, president, and R. S. Prasad, vice-president of Polyform Ltd.

The mission was organized by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism and its aim was to find improved methods of production, materials utilization and design in all aspects of plastics and packaging.

Automotive test bench

A unique test bench — the first combination alternator-generator-starter bench to be made available to the automotive industry world-wide — has been introduced to the Canadian market by Robert Bosch (Canada) Ltd. of Mississauga.

The bench's illuminated instrument panel features large-size precision volt-ampmeters and tachometer and is mounted on soft rubber pads to eliminate vibration.

Hyster doubles space

Hyster Canada Ltd., a manufacturer of fork-lift trucks, compaction equipment and construction trailers, has doubled the size of its plant at 6325 Northam Dr. in Mississauga. The firm now has a total of 53,000 square feet.

Hyster's local plant has been in operation since 1963.

Plan pay-out tops \$150,000

Over \$150,000 has been paid out to new-home purchasers under the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan.

The plan provides for purchasers' deposits in cases of builder default, assures that defects, which the builder has not repaired during the first year of possession, will be looked after, and provides for the correction of major structural defects for a further period of four years.

Streetsville merchants form new association

After a three-year lapse, Streetsville again has an active downtown merchants' association.

Formed last week, the new association has already signed about 30 members, and a total of close to 50 are expected to join.

The association's vice-president, Edna McKinnon, says the first priority of the association will be to try and standardize the business hours of the stores and offices.

"The rule in Mississauga so far has been to open and close pretty well when you please," she says.

"We're going to try and get everyone to have the same hours, so that people will know when stores are open."

Other plans are to push for better parking procedures in Streetsville, and to plan for Christmas decorations.

The new organization has inherited some money left from the last

association.

The president is Colin Kroll of Colin's Music Machine.

McKinnon represents the Sunflower Boutique, and also on the executive are treasurer Dick Danielson of Home Hardware, and secretary John Yarnold of BJ's Pants.

Directors of the association are Vince Sinclair and Ursula Welters, and the honorary director is Councillor Hazel McCallion.

Century 21 holds convention

The Mississauga members of the Century 21 real estate broker organization recently joined their colleagues from across Canada at their convention at the Harbour Castle Hotel.

Century 21 has 5,500 offices in Canada and the United States, with 55,000 sales people, making it the largest real estate sales force in the world. The organization is made up of many small real estate companies, which have banded together.

Those invited to join

Century 21 are licenced real estate brokers with good credit ratings and favorable reputations with the local real estate board.

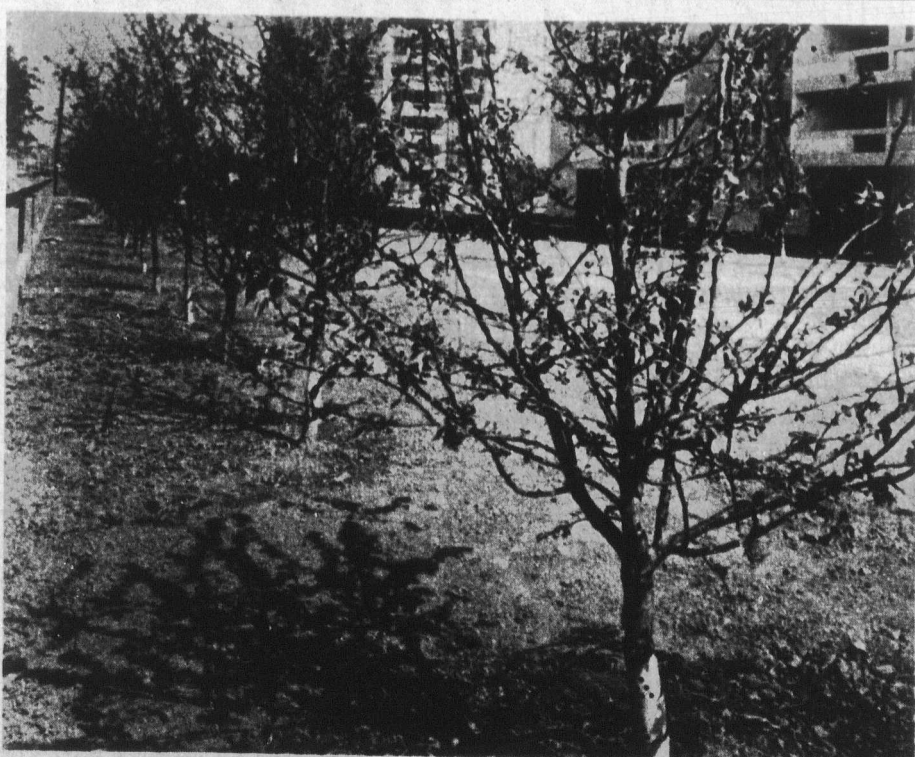
It costs \$7,150 to obtain a franchise, and a service fee of six percent of the company's gross income.

The organization offers four major benefits in return: the image Century 21 holds with the public; a huge referral system from all parts of Canada; on-going training programs, including conferences, such as the one at the Har-

bour Castle; and bulk buying for things like signs and promotional items.

The Harbour Castle Hotel conference featured Century 21 president U. Gary Charlwood.

Guest speakers were Chris Hegarty, president of a management consulting firm and a founding director of the National Speakers Association; and Hank Trisler, a realtor who is a member of the Realtors National Marketing Institute in the U.S.



These are some of the newly planted red maples in front of builder Iggy Kaneff's Obelisk apartments. The trees are larger than the ones usually planted by developers.

Kaneff and his maples

'My grandfather planted those'

If you associate Mississauga builder Iggy Kaneff with any particular color, it has to be white.

Kaneff's the Bulgarian-born high-rise specialist who has erected so many of his distinctive white towers around Mississauga.

But these days, when you think of Kaneff, you're also going to have to think of red. In front of his two Obelisk buildings along Highway 10, just north of Elm Drive, Kaneff has planted a mini-forest of red maples.

The unusual thing about the trees is that they are more mature than the ones developers often seem to plant.

Along Highway 10, I want to make the rest of the guys look sick," he adds.

"I don't want to wait 20 years to see the landscaping," says Kaneff. He planted the trees in front of the Obelisk condominium and rental buildings as part of the gateway to the city core, which will be located just to the north around the Square One Shopping Centre.

The core is going to be a special place which deserves special treatment, according to Kaneff. "When my grandchildren are passing by I want them to look at those trees and say, 'My grandfather did that,'" says Kaneff.

"When people drive up Highway 10 to the core, I want them to look east to my buildings, not west," says the builder.

The plantings were recently praised by Ward 2 Councillor Mary Helen Spence as a "mature forest."

Kaneff has also installed lockstone at the Elm Street-Highway 10 intersection to set off the red maples.

The landscaping for the Obelisk buildings, which have an Egyptian theme, will cost Kaneff about \$150,000. He says that's about three times the normal cost.

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