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Trafalgar township had one of the busiest building years in its history in 1954, with 569 permits issued for a total value of \$5,046,740. This total was more than \$300,000 ahead of the 1953 figure of \$4,737,100, Angus Gregg, township building inspector, stated. Permits issued in that year numbered only 391.

The great proportion of the construction was residential. Mr. Gregg stated, there being little of an industrial or commercial nature. Of the 569 permits issued, 443 were for houses, 14 for commercial structures, and 7 for industrial buildings. One school was built. The remaining permits were for garages, alterations, and miscellaneous structures.

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Milton Once Known as Martin's Mill, But Early Farmers in Area May Have Called It 'Milltown'

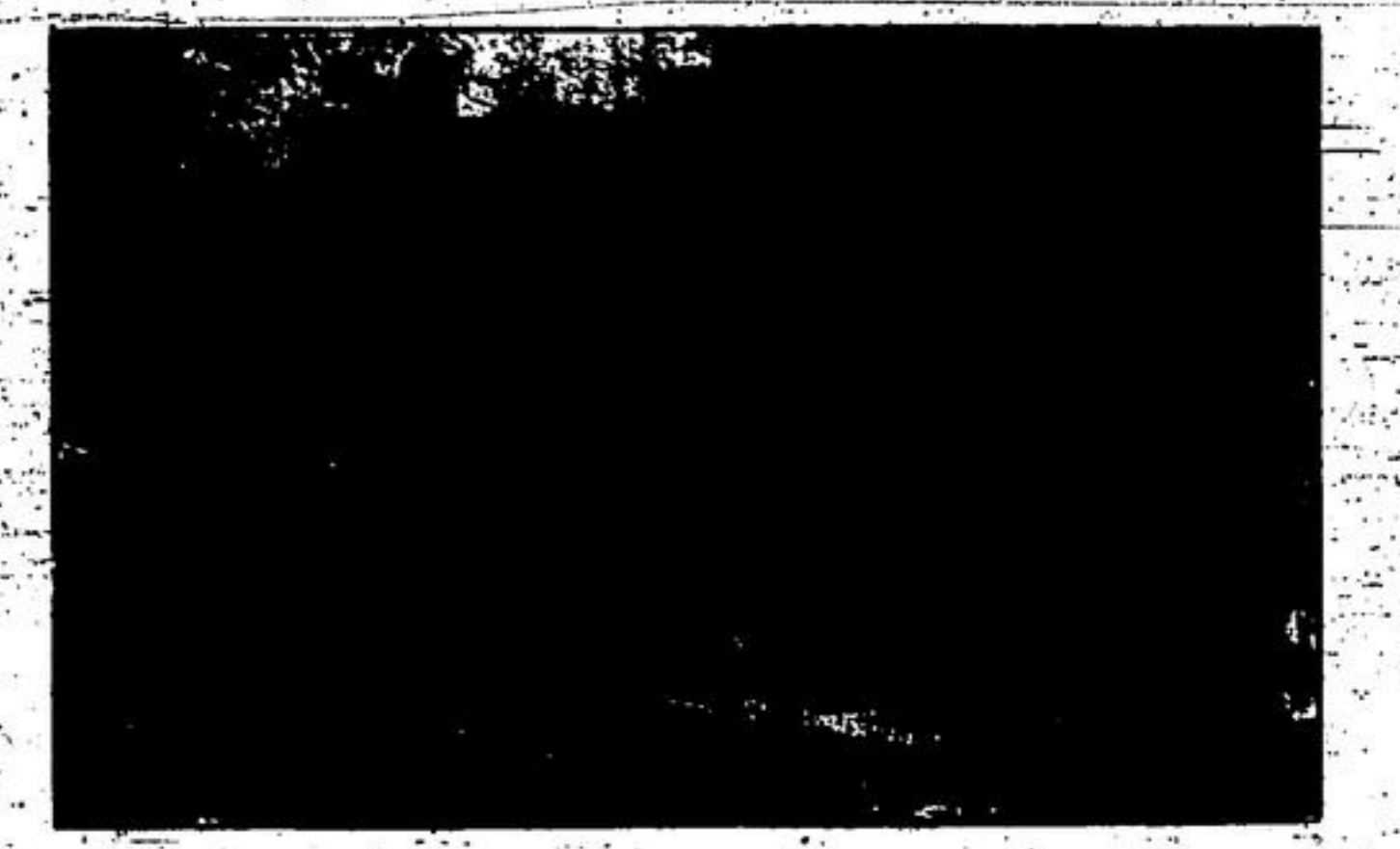
by GWEN CLARKE

The question has been raised as to whether the County town was known at any time in its history as "Milltown". From the information we have on hand we gather that the early settlement was known only as Martin's Mills. But when farmers for miles around were settling out for the grist mill it is more than likely they would say they were going to the mill-town. This little village may have become known locally as "Milltown".

After Milton had been officially incorporated as the county town it naturally followed that county buildings within the town limits had to be provided for the transaction of county business and for the administration of justice.



JOHN DEWAR from the Scotch Block succeeded Gilbert-Tice Bastedo as Crown Attorney in Milton in 1868.



THE RESIDENCE of Sheriff Clements is pictured above. In 1883, the Sheriff had great difficulty in securing a hangman for the first execution in Halton county jail. He finally had to pay \$50 - an exorbitant sum in those days - for an executioner from Buffalo.

T. Racey First Registrar

The first Registry Office to be built was on the corner of Court and Main streets and the first Registrar was installed as Thomas Racey, in 1857. The building was later moved to the corner of Pearl and Bruce Streets, across from the Public School. The present Registry Office - a stone building adjoining the Court House - was built in 1915. To the passer-by it appears as a small but attractive building, having little outward claim to its real importance. Actually, it is the most important building in the County of Halton.

Here, within its vaults inscribed on the pages of its registers, and recorded in the wills of those who have long since passed away, lies much that is pertinent to the history of Halton. Romance, tragedy, drama - it is all there and can be traced through the details of inheritance, foreclosures and dissolution of property, recorded in the legal phraseology of the times.

The Court House was built in 1854-5, and added to in 1877, the addition including the high-walled courtyard. Stone for the building was all quarried from limestone quarries within the county.

The first judge for Halton was Joseph Davis, who held that position until his death in 1866. He was succeeded by Thomas Miller. The first Clerk of the Peace was Gilbert Tice Bastedo of Milton. He is described by the Halton Atlas as a gentleman of considerable talents and a universal favourite on account of his urbanity and warm-heartedness, and was also Crown Attorney until his untimely death in 1868.

His successor was John Dewar from the Scotch Block. Judge Miller was later appointed Master in Chancery. W. L. P. Eager, Milton,

was the first deputy-clerk for the Crown; Clerk of the County and Registrar of the Surrogate Court. The first Coroner for the County of Halton was Dr. Anson Buck, of Palermo.

Gaol Breaks

The Court House and Gaol, like the Registry Office, has its history. Here, in the Court Room and the Judge's Chambers, persons accused of breaking the laws of Canada - based on the Laws of Great Britain - were brought to trial, and sentenced or released according to the evidence produced in Court. Charges laid varied little from those of the present day - assault and battery, robbery, drunkenness or selling liquor without a permit, indecent assault and the occasional murder.

For minor offences the punishment meted out was a fine of anything from \$2 to \$20, or from one week to 30 days in gaol, with or without hard labour. But the cells sometimes had occupants other than criminals or drunks. Occasionally some poor unfortunate would be kept in detention for no other reason than that "he had gone crazy". Milton, like every other place of detention, had its occasional gaol-break. One time, many years ago, two prisoners, with the assistance of outside help, scaled the wall and made good their escape by means of a team and sleigh that was waiting for them outside. A man by the name of Lauke is said to have been

the first gaoler. He lost his position because while he was in charge "some so-called psalm-singing evangelist" broke out of gaol - clearly a case proving "the devil can quote scripture for his purpose."

Three Executions in Halton

Since the gaol was built these have been three executions on the premises - An issue of the Canadian Champion in 1934 reprints the following account. "The execution of Michael O'Rourke was the first within the walls of Halton County Gaol - in March, 1882. O'Rourke was found guilty of the murder of an old man, Patrick Maker, and his 37 year old daughter, who lived near Burlington. He was sentenced to hang, June 9, 1882. There was a stay of execution until January 5, 1883, when he was hanged in Milton.

"Sheriff Clements, who had been in office only six months, had great difficulty in securing a hangman, and was compelled to pay \$50 to the individual who officiated. (Apparently this was considered an exorbitant sum for hanging a man). The executioner claimed to have come from Buffalo and stated he had never assisted at any previous execution. But the skill with which he performed the operation of pinning the prisoner and adjusting the noose, clearly showed he was no novice at the business. Three-quarter inch rope was used and the drop was about eight feet. O'Rourke was born in County Wicklow, Ireland in 1822."

Apparently before the Courtyard was built executions were held in public as the news item continues: "Two previous executions in Milton were as follows - November 13, 1858, Thomas Connor, a half crazy old man, was executed for the murder of two women with whom he had been living. The hanging was a public one and old residents said that sight-seers on that occasion must have covered half an acre of ground. Then on June 12, 1862, Edward Keenan suffered the last penalty of the law for the murder of his mother while the youth was on a drunken spree."

Sheriff Resigns

Keenan was little more than a boy and was tried during the term of office of the first sheriff, Levi Wilson. After the boy was hanged Wilson resigned. Apparently he considered the young lad had not been given a square deal, and his terrible end preyed on the sheriff's mind. In the case of O'Rourke it was thought in some quarters that he was innocent.

We realize the above gruesome details do not make pleasant reading but if this column recorded the good things and ignored the bad, then it would not be fulfilling its purpose in recording the historical background of the County of Halton.

The surroundings of the County Buildings in the early days must have presented a very different picture from that of today. Victoria Park, where the fine Memorial to those who gave their lives during two World Wars, occupies a prominent position and is a credit to the town of Milton and the County as a whole. But for years this piece of land was seeded with grain of one kind or another. We surmise it was sown and harvested with the aid of prisoners from the gaol.

It was not until March 7, 1888, that plans were made to have the Court House Square laid out as park land. The slides and swings are naturally of quite recent date.

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"Since circulation facts are the common denominator of advertiser-publisher relations, whether the contact is in the local market or in the national market, we must seek new ways to improve our practices. This conference should provide a better understanding of this basic data, allowing publishers to return to their markets with the information that will aid them in helping advertisers to interpret and use this data."

Chairman of the conference is Floyd S. Chalmers, president of Maclean-Hunter Publishing Company Limited. Speakers include Mr. Wolcott, Leo H. Smith, A.B.C. chief auditor, and James F. Devine, of the A.B.C. executive staff, all of Chicago.

Participants on the conference program are Robin E. Merry, Marketing Research Director, Lever Brothers Limited, Toronto; Howard S. Mark, advertising manager, The Robert Simpson Company Limited, Toronto; William H. Cranston, C.W.N.A. director and publisher of the Midland Free Press and County Herald; Mark Napier, vice president, J. Walter Thompson Company Limited, Toronto; St. Clair Balfour, Jr., vice president and publisher of the Hamilton Spectator, and Douglas Gowdy, manager, MacLean's Magazine.

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