

**Agnew Report Snubs Acton**

**County Told Three Hospital Areas Needed**

A division of three hospital areas within the county of Halton was felt to be necessary, Halton County Council was informed by the Agnew Hospital report, which was presented during a special session last week.

Dr. Harvey Agnew and his associate, Robert B. Ferguson, gave a verbal report of the bulky 85 page printed document. It stressed the three areas which each include over 20,000 persons which would require a good division of hospital needs. Dr. Agnew did not think it was advisable to have two hospitals in the northern area, but as growth demanded, a second could be constructed at Georgetown.

The report did not go into a study of hospital needs in Acton and immediate area. Analysis of the study provided the following recommendations by Dr. Agnew:

**Recommendations**

That the county be divided for hospital purposes into districts comparable to the division developed following the 1946 report on education: 1. The Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital District; 2. Burlington-Nelson Hospital District; 3. Central and North Halton Hospital District. The latter district to include the whole of the county from a point one and a quarter miles north of the Dundas highway.

That the provision of only one hospital be undertaken in the Central and North Halton District at the present time.

That the County Council approve the construction of a General Hospital at Milton, subject to the confirmation of adequate financing before construction be started, and that it be planned and organized to serve the Central and North Halton Hospital District.

That the hospital constructed be at least 50 beds capacity but not over 60 beds for the present. This should be the first half of an integrated 100 bed unit, the hospital being planned for an ultimate 100 bed capacity.

**Defer Georgetown**

While a hospital in the Georgetown area would be advantageous to the people and doctors of that area, the building of such a hospital should be deferred for the present and until such time as the population and finances of the area would permit construction and adequate use of a hospital of sufficient size to make it feasible to provide modern facilities and adequate nursing and technical staff.

The County Council approve in principle the construction of a 100 bed hospital to serve the Burlington-Nelson area, the initial 100 beds to form half of an integrated 200 bed hospital, the necessary space for services for this 200 bed hospital to be provided in the original institution. The entire unit should be planned for an ultimate expansion to 400 beds.

That the location of this hospital be recommended after further conferences now being arranged, and these recommendations be finished in a supplementary report.

**As Steering Group**

That the Council Council do not endorse construction of a Public Hospital at Georgetown until (1) there is indication of a need for a 50 bed hospital there in addition to the one at Milton; (2) the committee in charge can give definite evidence that they can finance a hospital of that size; and (3) the town's industry and population have grown considerably.

The County Council approve the Georgetown Hospital Association as a responsible steering group to continue to explore hospital needs in that area, and that the Association conduct only preliminary organizing and fund-raising activities as are necessary to finance research and refrain from premature general campaigns or appeals to municipalities and Government until the financing outlined in this report is feasible.

**Larger Hospital Better**

At this point, Dr. Agnew stressed it was better to build and have one larger hospital than two small ones. It would provide better service to the patients and community it served.

It is generally recognized that

wherever possible, hospitals should be of at least 50 beds in order to make it possible to provide the equipment and staff which cannot be afforded financially in the smaller hospitals. It is better to travel a few more miles in order to have available more adequate facilities.

That all practicing doctors in the central and northern sections of Halton county, including Acton and Georgetown, should be eligible for membership on the active or attending staff of the hospital at Milton and not be restricted to courtesy membership only.

The County Council suggests to the Board of Governors of Milton General Hospital that the site just acquired should be disposed of and the new hospital be located on a suitable site immediately adjacent to the Halton Centennial Manor on Highway 25.

**Include Other Facilities**

That suitable Public Health offices and a Chronic wing of 40-50 beds, financed by the County, be constructed and operated in conjunction with the 50 bed Milton hospital.

The acute - chronic - geriatric units be directed by and share on an equitable basis and the cost of qualified key personnel, namely administrator, nursing director, business manager, dietitian and chief engineer.

For the purposes of working out the joint arrangements and dealing with problems as they arise, there be set up a Joint Committee representing the Milton General Hospital and the County.

That the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital set an ultimate objective of some 475-500 beds capacity.

The County Council request the Board of Governors of the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital to forward a brief schematic plan indicating how the hospital may be enlarged, the first to 275-300 beds, and the second 475-500 beds.

**County Continue Interest**

The County Council request the Board of Governors of the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital to advise if it contemplates the establishment of a School for Nurses before any further expansion takes place, and if so, the type and extent of such training program.

That County Council continue to exercise an interest in the construction and operation of hospitals within the county. This can be achieved by (1) influencing the implementation of such recommendations within this report and any other recommendations council decides to make; (2) by the payment of a grant matching the amount paid by the Provincial Government to new hospital construction commencing in 1957, pro-

viding the construction is approved by County Council and the Hospital Commission of Ontario.

**Pay Grant**

That the County Council should require representation on the Board of Governors of any hospital to which the county makes a grant.

That the County Council, commencing in 1957, pay a building grant for approved new hospital construction which would be equal to the grant paid by the province at a rate of \$1,000 per general active treatment bed and \$3.35 per square foot of approved auxiliary clinical service space, also \$1,000 for each three nursing bassinets, providing that such construction projects meet with County Council's approval.

That council endorse a request to Nassagaweya township to pay a construction grant of \$15,000 to the proposed Milton hospital, the 1957 council of Nassagaweya township being requested to pass the necessary by-law to sell debentures. If this cannot be done, County Council recommends to Nassagaweya council that an annual capital grant of \$3,000 per year be paid in the years 1957 through 1961.

The County Council recommend to the Council of Esquewaugon township that it pass a construction grant of \$25,000 to the proposed hospital at Milton.

**Reviews Growth**

The speaker reviewed in detail each of the recommendations, giving reasons for his conclusions. He outlined the growth of the county during the last five years adding the assessment had shown an increase of almost 300 per cent. He was sure the prospects of increased growth was "very bright."

In summarizing the growth of the five northern municipalities, the report states, "it is recognized that significant population growth in the Central and North Halton Hospital District is dependent on the development of the Towns of Milton and Georgetown, and the predictability of the growth of these two centres is based on new industries."

He said the county and its component municipalities enjoyed a

"free ride" until 1949, paying nothing directly toward the construction of hospital facilities. With the 1955 population of over 63,000 persons would require the service of 300 public general hospital beds, but only one-fifth of these were provided within the county, at Oakville.

**Financing Revised**

The report included a revised financing for a 50 bed hospital at Milton:

General canvass	\$250,000
Federal and provincial grants	110,000
Township grants	130,000
Town of Milton grant	100,000
County of Halton grant	55,000
	\$645,000

If a wing for chronically ill were set up, each government would contribute \$1,500 per bed or a combined grant of \$3,000 per bed.

A major reason for the delay of at least a few years in the construction of a hospital in Georgetown is that of finance. Comparing the possible financing with that of the proposed hospital in Milton for the same size unit, it is evident that Georgetown lacks the \$80,000, available to Milton from the neighboring townships of Trafalgar and Nelson. This would increase the public portion of the subscription from \$250,000 to \$330,000.

**Health Unit Plans Grade Eight Shots Against Small Pox**

Halton County's grade eight pupils can expect a needle shortly for the Halton County Health Unit plans to vaccinate them all against smallpox.

According to supervisor Miss G. Levey, the vaccinations will be made this fall during the regular Health Unit inspections.

**STILL SEPARATE**

WINNIPEG, (CP) - Little response has been received to suggestions that the four western provinces should set up a single film censor board, said Utilities Minister C. L. Shuttleworth, in charge of the Manitoba censor board.

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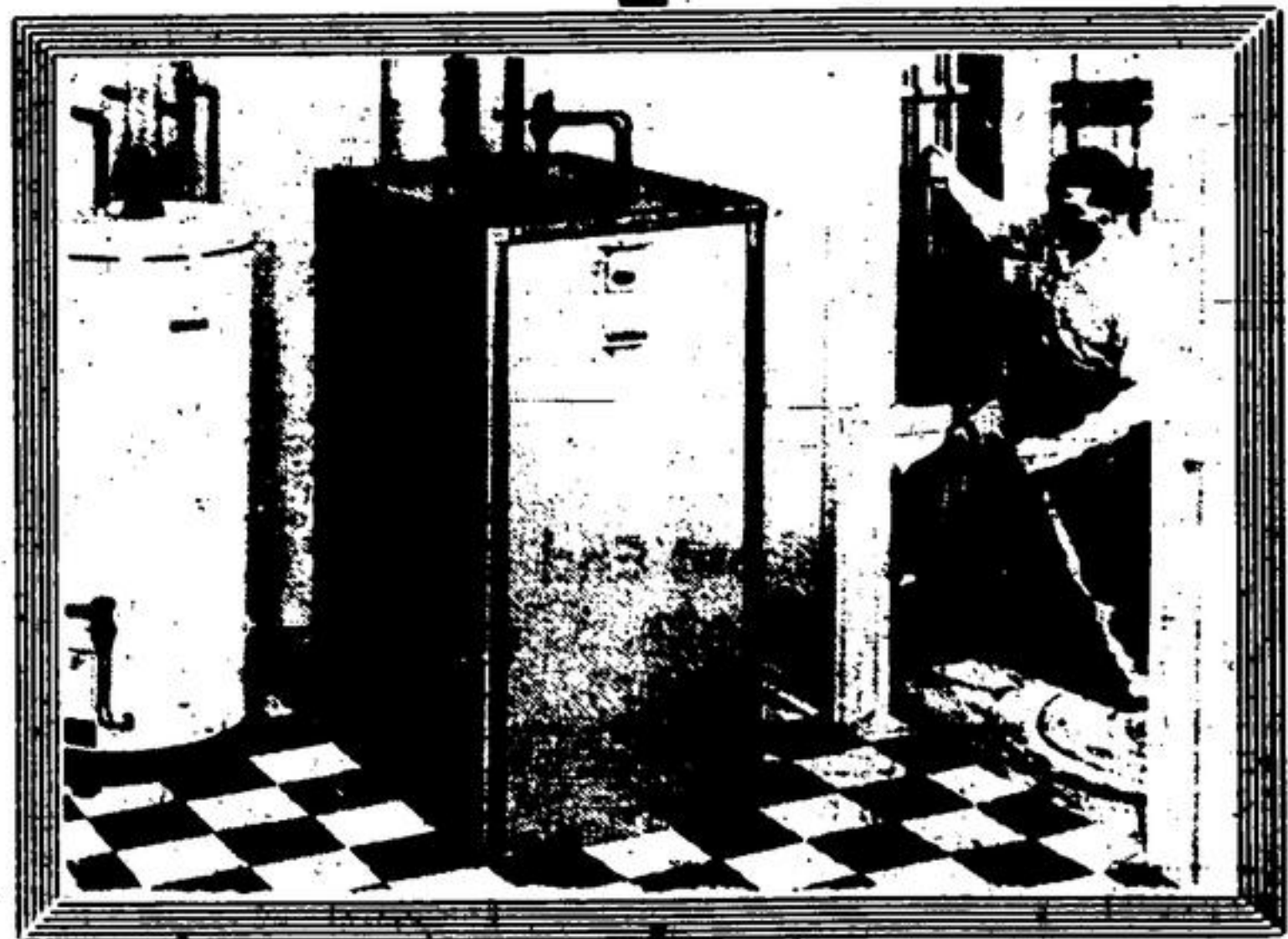
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