

Plunkett Hearing Now Over...

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ment at the local level since the council has no control over it under the terms of current legislation. It was suggested it was desirable to have records of assessment close to the people concerned.

Campbellville

G. W. Goldstraw, chairman of the village trustees of Campbellville expressed that group's opposition to Milton's proposals for annexation that would include the police village. "Our taxes would go up," he summarized.

Town of Burlington

Burlington solicitor E. L. Moore pointed out the tendency of Burlington to serve as a dormitory town for Hamilton and Oakville, and suggested the relationship of Hamilton and Burlington should also be considered by the commission.

The town brief proposed consideration of a single tier government to provide broader tax base, possibly extending from Burlington, Milton and Oakville to Brampton, Streetsville, Cooksville, Clarkson, Port Credit and the east boundary of Peel County. A further alternative suggested was to fix the things wrong with the present form of government and make it more responsible in terms of representation.

Levy for Roads

The solicitor suggested the towns of Burlington and Oakville were required to pay disproportionate amounts toward county roads because of their heavy contribution to all county costs.

The brief did not advocate county planning or county assessment.

Commissioner Plunkett again questioned the desire to retain assessment at the local level, noting a current trend for it to be handled at a county level. Mr. Moore suggested the desire was to retain the information where the people are.

Still Separated

"This is only an administrative problem," the commissioner suggested. Quoting from a transportation study, the commissioner also noted the degree of orientation of Burlington to Hamilton was not as high as one would have thought.

Looking at the size of a south Halton-Peel municipality proposed in the Burlington brief, the commissioner noted it would be 300 to 400 square miles. He cited recent reviews in the United States where the county was the prime form of government and the size ranged from 300 to 15,000 square miles.

Mavor L. Berryman of Burlington emphasized to the commission the influences on Burlington from Hamilton, and the growing tax burden inflicted by mushrooming residential development that provides a dormitory for Hamilton and Oakville.

Oakville Catholic School Board
The Oakville Catholic School Board in its brief emphasized the need for transition to a closer contact with the electorate. The Board also warned large boards with too many members make decisions difficult.

Questioned by the commissioner on the effect local boards have on the school beyond setting salaries and building buildings, it was agreed the Boards really played a minor role.

Milton School Board

Milton Public School Board vice-chairman, Ron Harris suggested larger areas were coming, and the introduction of a county board of education would be ideal. It would be made up of trustees elected from various centres. In support of this proposal he noted it takes an elementary school population of 3,000 to feed a secondary school of 1,000, which provincial authorities have indicated is the best size to permit offering of most courses.

The vice-chairman proposed that Milton take in an area north and south of the town to provide the 3,000 elementary pupils suggested as an ideal size.

Andrew Frame, representing the Burlington Public Utilities Commission, stressed the need to retain the commission concept for hydro and water service. Commissioner Plunkett suggested he didn't see the significance of retaining commissions and pointed to the general lack of interest in electing commissioners.

Mr. Frame stressed the wisdom of keeping the revenue-producing services like hydro and water separate from the municipal services where the tendency might be to use surpluses to reduce mill rates rather than maintain and expand service.

Roger Roberts, representing the Burlington Suburban Area Planning Board noted a strong orientation in north Burlington to Milton, with a similar pull in the south of Hamilton and Oakville.

The brief proposed a two-level system of government with the senior level responsible for taxation, assessment, overall planning, police, conservation, major

parks, major highways, educational buildings, libraries, welfare and hospital. The second level of government would be responsible for extra taxation for local responsibilities or special desired facilities.

New Boundaries

The brief outlined four boundary proposals. All placed the area of Burlington, Milton, Oakville, Brampton, Port Credit, Clarkson in a southern unit with various divisions based on watersheds and other natural boundaries.

The proposal was to place the northern parts of Peel and Halton with Dufferin and Wellington counties, rather than with the southern parts of Halton and Peel.

Town of Milton

Milton solicitor D. A. McConachie presented the town's brief, suggesting the commission consider what can be done in the framework of the county to develop along larger lines. He expressed the town's concern that the introduction of regional government could stagnate development in the north. The town expressed the need for a county planning board to deal in broad general terms, leaving the local zoning matters to the local level.

The town also recommended the county establish a staffed engineering department that would provide consulting service to the local municipalities.

Elementary and secondary education should be taken over by the county with the exception of separate schools, it was suggested, but no opinions on the structure of the board were given.

The appointment of a county assessor was favored with local assessors left in the local municipalities to handle discussions with ratepayers. The transfer of fire protection jurisdiction to the county was also endorsed.

The Milton brief also urged that ambulance service be taken over by the county and managed by the various hospitals. The county should also take over the industrial promotion activities to provide establishment of a full time department, the brief suggested.

"The Commission should take great care in establishing too large a municipality that will take local government away from the ratepayers," Mr. McConachie concluded.

Queen's Park Control
Commissioner Plunkett observed that the public is generally more concerned with big government than they are interested in local government, as he pointed to the voting interest at elections. Mr. McConachie suggested the real participation of people in government was at the local level in seeking office and laying complaints. He suggested there was too much fragmentation and a reduction in autonomy with too much control from Queen's Park in local government thought.

Questioning Mr. McConachie on suggestions that there was adequate ground water to serve Milton growth, the commissioner pointed to a problem in Brampton where, he suggested, it had also been thought sufficient ground water existed for development there. When the supply was found inadequate a supply had to be developed from Lake Ontario by the province. The commissioner suggested premature development here might also end the same way without safeguards.

Mr. McConachie stressed the town agreed it should not permit development to the point where it would have to be "bailed out." Milton has a proven ground water supply for a reasonable and orderly development," he stressed.

In further questioning the town



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WHAT IS 4-H?

The name 4-H is derived from Hands, and Health; the significance of which is expressed in the 4-H pledge: "I Pledge—My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, My Health to better living for My Club, My Community and My Country."

The 4-H movement is designed specifically for rural young people. The program places a personal responsibility upon each boy and girl taking part, since each is required to complete at least one project during the club year. All projects are of a practical nature with the emphasis placed on "Learning to do by doing."

In addition to studying the techniques of improved agriculture, the members receive a well-balanced training in citizenship. All meetings are conducted according to Parliamentary Procedure. Members elect their own officers, learn to express themselves more clearly, and develop new skills and leadership ability. As they work together in pursuit of a common goal—the betterment of the rural community—they are preparing to take their places as the citizens of tomorrow.

4-H CLUB WORK IN ONTARIO
The 4-H Clubs in Ontario are organized by the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture under the direction of the Agricultural Representative's office in each County or District.

Club members must be farm boys and girls 12 years of age by January 1, and must not have reached their 21st birthday by December 31 of the club year. Generally, the clubs are organized in the spring of the year. The

solicitor noted Milton does not favor formation of regional government at this time. "Dominance from the south would force stagnation of the north," he noted. The town favors co-ordination of growth at the county level, it was pointed out.

Burlington Committee of Adjustment
W. Reeves, secretary-treasurer of the Burlington Committee of Adjustment, submitted that group's brief suggesting the province be broken down into several smaller provinces. The Committee urged the continuation of the present form of Committee of Adjustment to contribute to the smooth working and interpretation of restrictive by-laws.

Brian Best, Milton, presenting a submission as a private citizen, suggested Peel and Halton should be governed and administered as two separate entities. He noted the two were presently established and had recently completed administrative facilities centrally located in each county. He suggested centralization in government has its limits, and a decision now to merge the two would at some future date lead to having to decentralize when growth reached a certain point.

Mr. Best suggested the county system should be streamlined and strengthened to form the basis for regional government. He noted water is a natural resource and should be taken over.

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project is carried on during the summer months, ending with an Achievement Day in the Fall.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

4-H Agricultural Clubs are sponsored by local organizations, such as Agricultural Societies, Service Clubs, Junior Farmers, and other groups interested in the development of Agriculture and in rural youth. In addition to financial support, most sponsors take an active part in the promotion of the club project, and in general, bring to the club the support and interest of the Community.

THE CLUB LEADER

Each club must have at least one club leader who works closely with the young people, helping to provide instruction and guidance, and encouraging them to complete their project. The present growth and development of 4-H club work in Ontario has been dependent to a great extent on the active contribution of these leaders, whose services are entirely voluntary.

THE CLUB MEMBER

The primary aim of 4-H club work is the development of the club member. Each member is expected to complete carefully and thoroughly the work required in the project, to attend and take part in all meetings and other activities, to participate in the Achievement Day program, and to co-operate with his fellow members and club leaders.

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Regular meetings providing instruction in all phases of the project are held during the club season. Practical demonstrations are included in the program to give members an opportunity to practice judging, showmanship, etc.

OuterSpacemen Didn't Settle

The unidentified flying object was over Acton this week. Individuals and families watched the slow-moving object in the sky Sunday, Monday and Wednesday nights and when they compared notes, their reports jibed. All saw a silent, unfamiliar-shaped object apparently turning, with colored twinkling lights.

One explanation circulating is that the object might be swamp gas, but Acton observers rule this out. Another suggestion was the gyroplane being built at Georgetown, but it is not licensed to fly at night and would not be as bright as this UFO was. As usual, no one got a picture of it.

The men from outer space, if such they were, decided not to settle down in Acton, anyway.

No other newspaper give reasonable explanations, and the Free Press hasn't got one, either.

"CUT" CLIPPER

In Sweden, where the penalties for impaired driving are severe, a man was convicted for driving a power lawn mower while intoxicated. The judge remarked that he would be lenient because of the slow speed of the mower, and the fact there was no other traffic on the lawn at the time. However, his "leniency" was a \$150 fine.

In each project members are required to keep accurate records on cost of production. Attention is also paid to safety in the operation and handling of livestock, machinery and all types of farm equipment.

Each club elects from among its members a president, vice-president and secretary to carry on the club meetings. By participating in the business sessions and group discussions, members develop self-confidence. Judging competitions sharpen their powers of observation and teach them to make their own decisions. Training in leadership and citizenship is an important part of every 4-H project.

PROJECTS
In Ontario, 4-H clubs are organized on a project basis with all members of a club carrying on the same project. A wide variety of projects are offered, according to the interest of the members and the type of Agriculture carried on in the area.

This year, Halton County 4-H club members will be able to choose from a wide variety of 4-H clubs. The Dairy Calf clubs will be divided into the East and West 4-H Holstein Clubs, and the Halton Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club, while the Acton members may join either the mixed dairy and beef calf club or the Acton Grain Club.

The Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, Grain Club and Corn Club will be offered, while the Halton Sheep club is already in operation. The Halton 4-H Strawberry, Potato and Swine Clubs are three new 4-H clubs that will be offered this year to Halton club members. For senior 4-H club members (members 16 years of age and older) the 4-H Conservation and Engineering Clubs will again be offered this year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
A wide variety of activities at the County, Regional, and Provincial levels have been designed to add interest to the local club program.

★ Competitions in Judging and Showmanship arouse considerable interest in the 4-H Shows are also popular.

★ Organized educational tours of farms, agricultural institutions, and industrial centres are also included.

★ Special Leadership courses provide additional training.

★ National Club Week is an outstanding experience for the 4-H Club members selected to represent each province in Canada. During the week they are given opportunity to discuss Canadian and World affairs, to associate with leaders in Agriculture and Industry, to exchange ideas with fellow club members from other provinces and from U.S.A. and to broaden their knowledge through trips, to points of Agricultural, Industrial, and Civic interest.

The trip serves as an incentive to further participation and leadership on their return to their home communities.

If you would like to join a 4-H Agricultural Club, contact the Agricultural Representative for Halton County in the Agricultural office, Main Street, Milton, and he will be happy to assist you in every way possible.

Nassagaweya Council Briefs

During a recent meeting of Nassagaweya Council, members:

• Approved the hiring of S. Scott as caretaker of the Township Offices, effective April 1.

• Decided to purchase a new grader for the Township Roads Department at an estimated price of \$20,000, of which an estimated 50 per cent will be received from the provincial government. It was decided to finance the purchase of the grader over a two-

year period and it was learned O.M.B. approval must be received. The clerk was instructed to write the O.M.B. asking for the approval.

• Learned the township "has no recourse but to pay legal fees totalling \$514.60". The fee resulted from a complicated court case which resulted when a township ratepayer appealed a decision of the township poundkeeper about three years ago.

• Approved a by-law for 1966 road expenditures in the township totalling \$65,000, including \$25,000 for construction and \$40,000 for maintenance. A supplementary by-law for road expenditures totalling \$17,500 was also passed.

• Received an invitation to attend a meeting of the Golden Horseshoe Industrial Council on April 1 at Hornby Tower Golf Course.

Festival, Ball Club Donations Approved by Nassagaweya W.I.

The Nassagaweya Women's Institute was entertained at the home of Mrs. Andy Frank of Milton, on the occasion of their March meeting. There was a good attendance of members and the meeting was chaired by the president, Mrs. Fred Edwards. The roll call was answered by an Irish song or joke in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Some matters of business were discussed and the group gave unanimous approval to donations to the Halton Musical Festival and the Moffat Baseball Club. A retarded school project was introduced concerning an enameling stove which the Sunshine School needs for their craft work and it was decided to hold a euchre in Brookville Hall on April 4, to raise funds for this cause.

The president thanked those who had carried out the TB survey so capably. Mrs. M. Moffat addressed the group regarding the Cancer Fund and requested volunteers for the drive.

Following the business, the meeting was turned over to the program convener, Mrs. Murray Mahon. The opening number, "How to catch a Leprechaun", was read by Mrs. Pyatt. An impromptu dialogue caused a good deal of merriment and was exceptionally well carried out by Mrs. M. Moffat, Mrs. A. Frank and Mrs. M. Mullen.

Some contests followed, which were enjoyed by all. The lineup of pigs made from potatoes, raisins, tooth-picks and yarn was quite impressive and the judging was really difficult.

Complaints Bring Double Columns

The Free Press had a few complaints last week regarding the omission of the 50 Years Ago and 20 Years Ago columns as well as Sugar 'n Spice column.

Last week, unfortunately, there was more news than could be accommodated in the 12 pages. This week the advertising has increased considerably and therefore the issue contains 46 pages.

Readers of the above mentioned columns will be pleased to note a double amount of these columns is contained in this week's issue.

It pleases us at the Free Press to note readers miss certain stories when they don't appear. We often wonder which articles are best read.



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