

Second Prize Letter Contest for Halton In County Council

We present this week the letter written by Jack Gray, Burlington, "My Visit to Halton County Council."

On April 18th last the Halton County Council gave to a group of students representing the Public Schools of the County, an opportunity to attend a regular session of the council. After arriving at Milton, at approximately ten forty-five a.m., we were ushered to the very large council-room, and were seated in benches facing the members representing the various municipalities throughout the County of Halton.

At the opposite end of the room there was a large U-shape table around which the members were seated. The Warden and Clerk were seated at a comparatively long end, facing the councillors. Above them hung the Latin inscription meaning "In God We Trust."

The meeting was opened with the saying of "The Lord's Prayer". The minutes of the last meeting were read by the clerk and approved by the various councillors.

Several letters were read, which were comparatively uninteresting to the students.

Mr. May, present warden of the county, welcomed the fifty-one students, expressing the hope that we would have a very enjoyable day and that we would return to our schools with a better knowledge of the procedure of municipal government.

A discussion followed, concerning the Roseland Road, with several gentlemen present telling of the difficulties endured by the fellow farmers and appealing to the council for the same to become a county road. This question was finally considered unsettled by the council until more details could be furnished according to the discussion.

Mr. Cowan, representative of an Insurance Company was then given the floor stating the changes in the types of policies held by the council.

Mr. J. Blair then moved that the council and its guests should retire to lunch, to resume business at two p.m.

During the lunch period which followed, we were entertained to the fullest extent of the abilities of the council members and the ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church. After an excellent meal served by the ladies, we were entertained with several musical selections, including community singing and trumpet solos.

Next followed one of the most interesting sections of the entire day's program. Members of the council and several other county officials addressed the gathering.

Mr. Skuce, Public School Inspector for the County of Halton, was the first, and in my opinion, the most interesting. His discussion of patriotism was not only concerned with its different forms but most important the different ways in which it affects the school children. He claimed modestly that he came unprepared to speak, but I might add that this short but well presented address clearly demonstrated his ability as an orator and most important, a practical thinker.

Mr. MacDonald, present reeve of Acton, and former warden, followed with a discussion of education and a general outline of Mr. Skuce's work.

The Hon. Judge Munro, gave a speech which acquainted us with the various courts of the county. He was followed by Mr. Dick, who briefly outlined his duties as Crown Attorney, in connection with the trial of a criminal.

Mr. R. Smith, county engineer, then explained the maintenance and repairs of a county road.

After these addresses, we were dismissed for the church room and we returned to the Court House. At this point we split up into two separate groups.

The first group, a party of twenty-six, entered the jail, and were escorted throughout the cell-blocks. I am sure many of us were enlightened as to goal conditions. I feel quite sure also if many more children would see such pathetic cases, there would be less juvenile delinquency.

Our party then entered the Registry Office, where all property deeds and official documents are kept. The entire premises were thoroughly inspected after the process of filing had been explained by Miss Field, Registrar of Deeds. Then we returned to the Council room, where we remained until the session adjourned.

During the discussion of business transactions, Mr. J. Blair, introduced a topic in keeping with current economic trends. He suggested that a reserve fund be set aside for future public works. After a hectic 40 minutes of debate the proposal was finally voted down.

Mr. Smith, county engineer, suggested that ten prizes should be given for the best essays on My Visit To Halton County Council with 1st prize 10 dollars.

Here I might add, after the session had ended with the National Anthem, that this day was one of the most profitable and enjoyable that I have ever experienced. Needless to say, that I

Basic Training Camp at Brampton Closed on Monday

TO BE TAKEN OVER BY NO. 2 CASUALTY RETRAINING CENTRE.

In an official statement issued by the Public Relations Office of Military District No. 2, regarding No. 24 Basic Training Camp at Brampton, it was definitely stated that the camp would be officially closed on Monday, July 10th, and eventually taken over by No. 2 Casualty Retraining Centre, now located at Oakville. It is expected 500 men will form part of the new camp.

The closing of B.T.C. 24 came as a complete surprise to most of the personnel at the camp, and within a short time the men were transferred to other centres and the camp took on a "ghost like" appearance. C.E.M. Logan, I.C.G., whose wife and family have made their home in Georgetown while he was stationed at Brampton, has written the following "Parasell to No. 24", prior to leaving himself for Moncton, N.B., and we reprinted it herewith:

"On June, 1942, one bright Monday morning a group of 17 soldiers arrived in Brampton to stake out a summer camp and to erect tents.

The group under the supervision of Lieut. Dave Giesgram did a Herculean job. A few days later the number was enlarged to 8 under the guiding hand of Major Joe Sinclair, and when the main body arrived under Lt-Col. R. V. Conover, hundreds of men until the cold rains of autumn forced us into the new building of the finest Basic Training Camp in Canada.

"In June, 1944, like a robot bomb out of the clear sky we received word of the breaking up of No. 24. The reinforcement stream knew where they were headed for but alas! the poor chaps on the staff, they have a theme song, "Don't know where, Don't know when." The last draft were given a rousing send-off on the 1st of July, in fact they were aroused at 0350 hours, but they didn't mind this as they had a few smokes and chocolate bars to pack.

"The flag ceremony on the eve of Canada's 75th birthday was very impressive. Lieut. E. Callan, O.C. C.W.A.C., placed the flag in the custody of the Guard Room assisted by Lieut. Cairns, Orderly Officer, the others taking part in the ceremony were the B.O.S. Sgt. feel a keen responsibility on being chosen to represent my school at an annual session of the County Council.

Richard, and Dugler Geo. Dukas, also Pipe Major Andrew McKee.

"There have been reports of Ghost Towns in the past, but none can compare to the remnants of No. 24, especially over last week-end, even to the Ghosts wandering around.

"Many pleasant memories of No. 24 will be recalled in the future as the boys meet—"Don't know where, Don't know when."

"We are still proud of our record here at No. 24 and proud to have been a cog in the wheel of success. Cheers, one and all. Chins up and good hunting!"

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Some fifteen years ago, one of our Canadian poetesses annoyed by an injury inflicted on her by one of her friends, wrote a barbed and witty little verse, which she entitled "To A Malicious Woman." Having written it, she felt avenged and put the verse away in her desk.

This spring, while tidying up some old papers during her housecleaning, she came across the verse again, and found it still readable. The incident that had inspired it was now faint in her own recollection and she was sure that it had been forgotten by her friends. So she sent it to a magazine, which published it.

A few weeks later, when she was attending a meeting of a club to which she belongs, six different women, at various times during the evening, took the opportunity of offering her their apologies and explanations for recent incidents that had been burdening their consciences ever since the publication of the verse.—The Printed Word

SLOSKI - THOMPSON WEDDING AT BRAMPTON

A quiet wedding was solemnized June 27th by Rev. Father McOabe when Carolyn Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson of Toronto, was united in marriage to P.-O. Jim Sloski of Brampton. The bride was assisted by Miss Les Allen of Toronto and groom by his brother-in-law, C. B. Knight, from Milton, P.-O. Jim Sloski is instructor at Dumville, Ont.

BRAMPTON

Bert Hilson, chief turnkey at the Brampton goal, submitted his resignation last week. His health was the reason given.

Brampton council gave their permanent firemen a boost in salary last week, from \$15.00 to \$16.00 and from \$12.10 to \$13.00, respectively.

Frederick Earl Thompson, of the Lorne Street Dept. died while on manoeuvres in England on June 15th. The deceased joined the Lorne Scouts in January 1940. He is survived by his wife whom he met and married in England, also his parents, two brothers and a sister in Toronto.

Mr. John McClelland passed away at his home, Grimsby, on Monday, July 3rd, 1944, following an illness of one month, in his 83rd year. Mr. McClelland had lived in Palgrave until he removed to Grimsby about 17 years ago. He is survived by his widow, formerly Lulu Heaton, four daughters, Mrs. F. Taylor (Lily) Milton, Mrs. P. Worrod, Tottenham, Mrs. R. V. Conover, Brampton, Mrs. Hutchinson of Milton, and three sons, Messrs Ed. and Jack of Toronto, and Corp. Robert, who is with the United States Air Force at present in Texas. The funeral was held this afternoon from his late residence with interment in Palgrave Cemetery.—Conservator.

MILTON

Milton Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the sewage disposal question, further details of which have been presented by the engineers, James, Proctor and Bedford.

Four teams are operating in the Milton Softball League, and the standing places, Misseswood 1st, F. L. Robertson's 2nd, Firemen, 3rd and Businessmen, 4th. A collection is taken at these games to aid the Children's Play-ground.

Sergeant O'Leary now stationed at Camp Borden has accepted the position of Latin teacher and physical instructor at Milton High School. He will receive his discharge from the army in time to commence his duties in September.

Alma Irene May, wife of Harvey Patterson, died suddenly Monday, July 3rd, in her 46th year. She was born in Exeter and lived in Zimmerman for 17 years before moving to Harper's Corners, Guelph road, last year. She leaves a son and daughter, and four brothers and four sisters.—Champion.

ACTON

It has been reported that Cpl. George Baylis, hockey star of the 1938-39 championship Acton team, was wounded in action during the invasion. Wurd has been received that Pte. John Turlock of Acton, also has been wounded in France.

The painters have commenced this week the re-decoration of the interior of Knox Church. Services for the next three weeks will be held in the town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Benton, attended ordination services in the chapel of the Jesuit House of Studies, Toronto, when Mrs. Benton's brother, Rev. Frank Birns, of Arthur, was ordained. Fr. Birns has completed thirteen years of his fifteen year course for the priesthood.

At a picnic, celebrating their 25th anniversary, two members of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.F.E., were made presentations prior to leaving Acton. They were Mrs. Frank Beattie and Mrs. R. A. Gould.—Free Press.

PLEASE, WHERE ARE THE MUMMIES?

Guards at the Royal Ontario Museum report that nine out of ten people visiting the Museum want to see the Egyptian mummies. This exhibit holds more shivers than a combined ghost story and mystery thriller. Its real importance lies in the fact that it illustrates a burial custom five thousand years old, one unique in the history of mankind. Mummification, an attempt to perpetuate physical life by complicated embalming and ritual, gradually developed in complexity from about 3,000 B.C. to its highest point of elaboration about 1,000 B.C. The burial of objects to be used in the mummy's physical life after death naturally developed as a consequence.

Practically all our knowledge of ancient Egyptian daily life comes from the tombs. That this daily life is far more interesting than the mummies themselves you can easily prove by a few hours in the Egyptian galleries. Here the life of the past can be reconstructed from the Museum's collection of jewellery, toilet articles, tools, weapons, furniture, sculpture, stone and decorated clay vases, etc.

SPECIAL COURSE ON FOOD ADMINISTRATION

The final session of the special training course on food administration in the liberated areas was held in London on June 2nd, when the Minister addressed representatives of twelve of the United Nations and of U.N.R.R.A. and other organizations. Col. Llewellyn, stressed his hopes that, for several years after the war, the world food situation will be such that no man should be so unfortunate as to

LIVEDOY FOLLIES PRESENTED IN AID OF THE RED CROSS

As the program aptly commented, the Livedoy Follies, presented in Gregory Theatre last Thursday under the auspices of the local branch of the Red Cross, was a "breezy riotous fun-fest". The event was well-attended and the audience enjoyed every minute of it.

There were no intermissions, and the Follies commenced their fast-moving show shortly after 8 o'clock. It would be impossible to single out a favourite star, when there were such first-class entertainers as Jimmy Devon, former "Dumbell" star, whose comical dancing has won accolades in every theatre of note in England, South Africa and North America, and Joan Haines, young blonde and beautiful, who has been on the stage and in radio almost since the tender age of five, with her scintillating Helen Bruce's lovely voice, famous for her parts in Gilbert & Sullivan operettas, and Norman Evans, Canadian-born baritone, a former C.M.O. soloist, were royally applauded. The dancing of Irene Hughes, and the uncannily accurate song and guitar imitations of Daphne MacFarlane, were equally enjoyed. The comedy spots by Pat Rafferty and Jack Ayre, both former "Dumbells", provided plenty of laughs.

Lever Brothers Company paid the entire cost of the performance, leaving all receipts, with the exception of the rental of the theatre and other incidentals, in the hands of the local Red Cross Branch.

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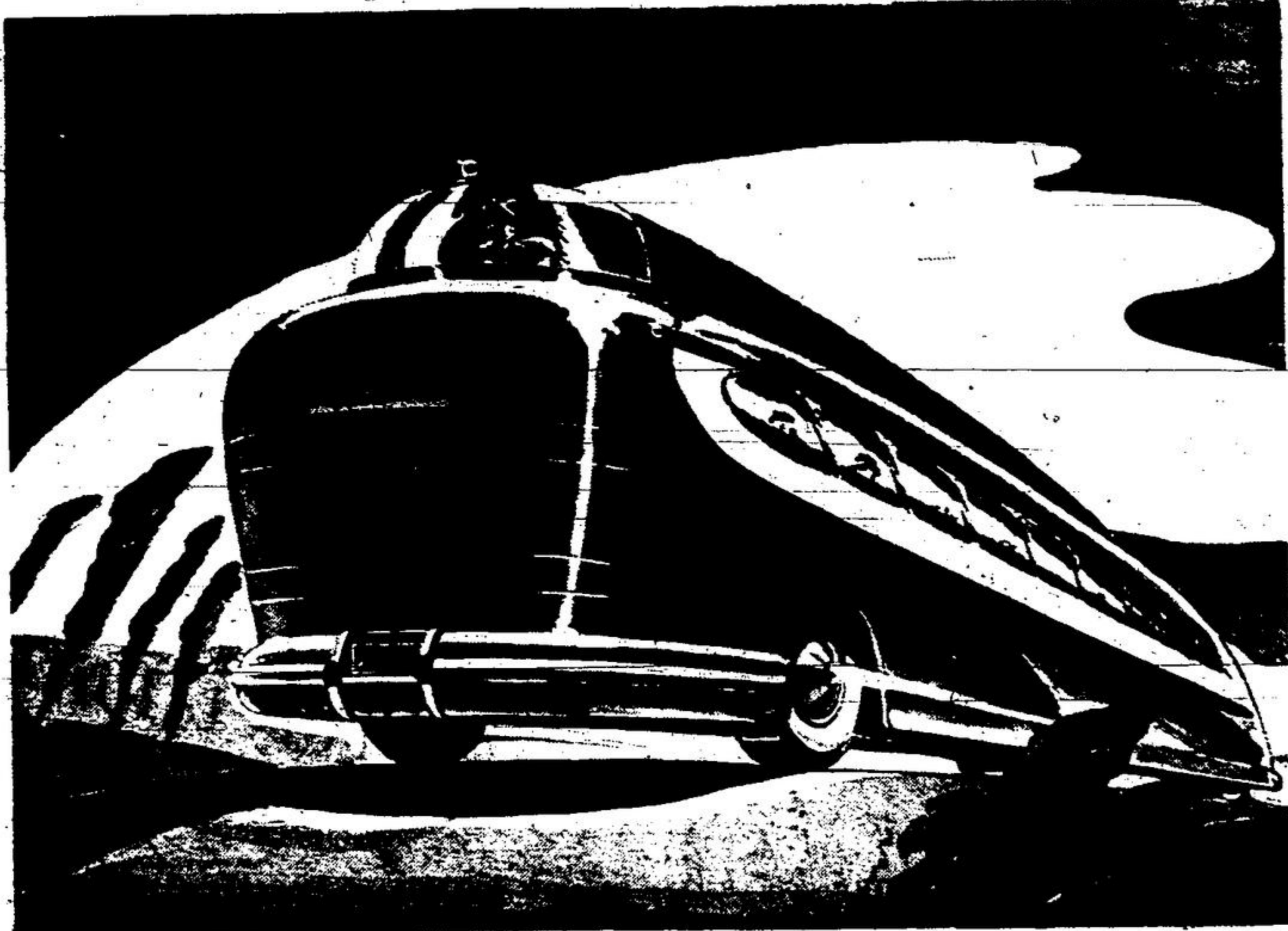
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