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## Founder's Descendant Authors Oakville History of 521 Pages

Oakville and the Sixteen (University of Toronto Press, \$10) is a sizeable history presenting its 521 pages of information in an interesting style that will attract the non-fiction readers as well as the students of Halton history.

Hazel C. Mathews was a natural for the compilation of this book as she is a descendant of a pioneer Oakville family. As Mrs. Mathews explains in the preface, "A quantity of family papers, untouched for half a century, formed the nucleus of this local history." Dr. Juliet Chisholm sister of the author, added 36 line drawings with remarkable accuracy and detail from old maps, prints, faded photographs, woodcuts in rare gazetteers and newspapers, actual objects and places.

As well as the line drawings scattered through the book three color plates add to the value of the record. Included is a plan of Oakville, of 1835 and a picture of the Sea Gull, one of the early boats plying the harbour.

"Again in 1828, Chisholm expressed an interest in the advantages of The Sixteen... but for the present and all time to come... a harbour at the mouth of the Sixteen would serve a greater proportion of the settlements." So declared Col. W. Chisholm as he continued his petitions for a grant of the land at the mouth of The Sixteen where the present day Oakville is located.

Tracing the history of Oakville and the Sixteen through the years of its founding and the steps of development. Mrs. Mathews does an excellent job of placing that development in relation to the rest of Ontario and Canada. With the ever popular rumour that Oakville may in the near future become a city the historical work is well placed.

In concluding the work, Mrs. Mathews indicates the changed atmosphere in the present town when she says: "The harbor, though little used by commercial shipping, has lost none of its popularity among owners of pleasure craft. It continues also to perform one of its initial functions, that of a harbour of refuge. The recent announcement by the Canadian government of its intention to carry forward the St. Lawrence Seaway has implications for Oakville."

Oakville, as has been indicated, was primarily a port at the mouth of the Sixteen. One of the most significant voyages from the struggling port was by the Sea Gull, a 238-ton 105 foot schooner built at Oakville. In 1884 it sailed to Durban to stimulate trade between Oakville and South Africa.

The carefully compiled information backed with notes that indicate the authority for the history should be a necessity for the county's schools and public libraries. The book is a good example of the thoroughness with which similar histories of Canadian centres should be compiled. It is understood that the same author is now working on a companion book on Halton county.



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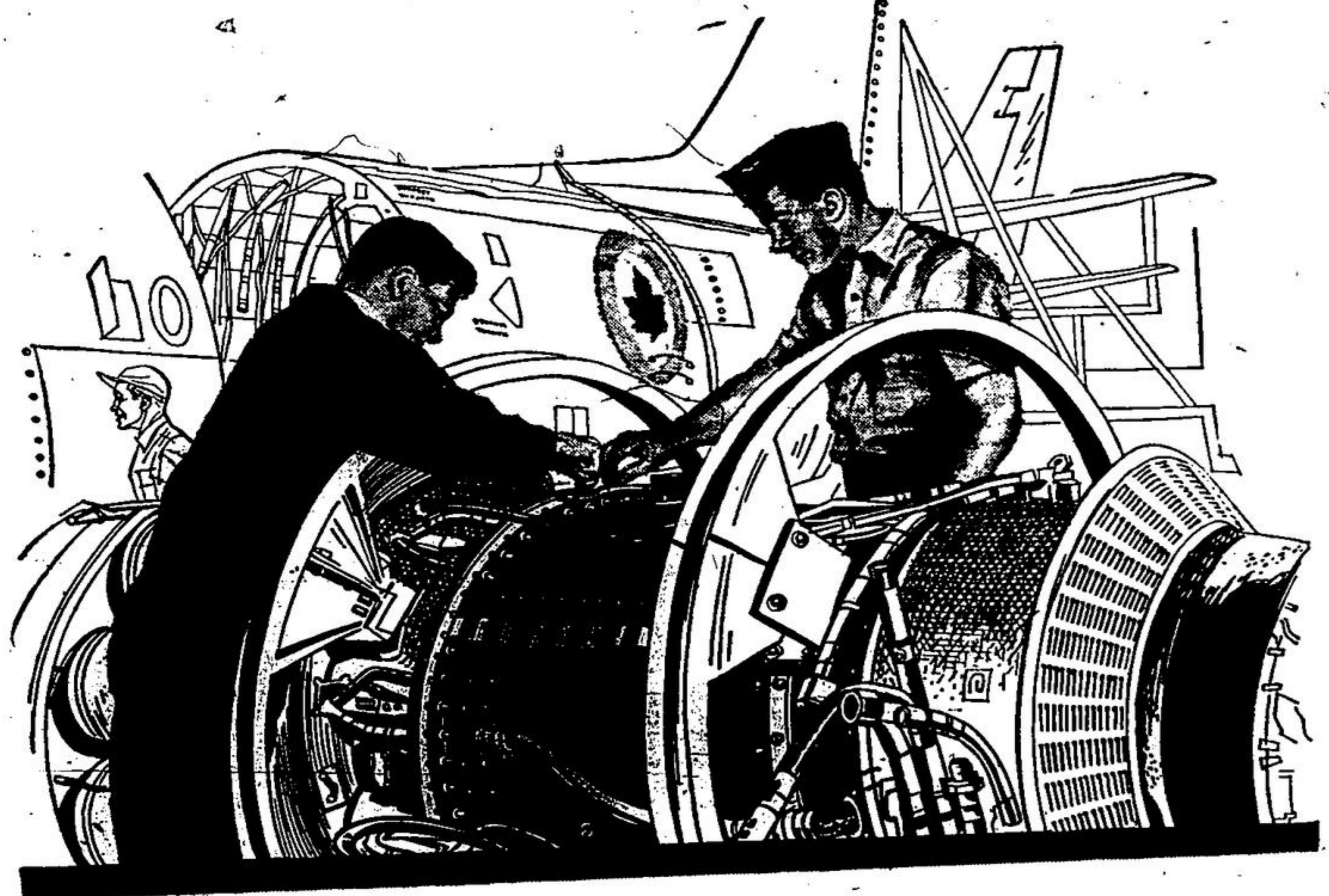
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### FARM NEWS

#### Three County Groups Elect New Officers

This is the season of the year when farm organizations meet for their annual meetings. During the past week at least three such meetings were held.

Nelson Federation  
On Thursday evening the annual meeting of the Nelson Federation of Agriculture was held in Nelson Township Hall. This took the form of a banquet, with ladies of the Nelson United Church W.A. catering. There was a splendid representation of the farm leaders of the Township.

R. Gordon Bennett, associate director of Extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was the guest speaker of a splendid programme presided over by President M. A. Campbell. Mr. Bennett who was introduced by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, is a native of the Kilbride - Carlisle community and he delighted his audience with his thought provoking address.

Brother Jack Bennett rounded out a most enjoyable programme with the aid of the Lowville Quartette. The newly elected officers are:

President, Harry King, Milton; Vice Pres., Jack H. Taylor, Burlington; Sec'y.-Treas., Mrs. Velma Norris, Milton.

Spencer Wilson Elected  
Also on Thursday, Esqueping Federation of Agriculture held their annual, and the following were elected:

President, Spencer Wilson, Norval; Vice Pres., Denney Charles, Georgetown; Sec'y.-Treas., Mrs. J. L. Ellerby, Limehouse.

Milk Producers  
The Stewarttown Township Hall was the scene of the annual meeting of the Halton Milk Producers' Association on Friday afternoon. It was an excellent meeting, and a real credit to those responsible for the planning. It was a real privilege to listen to the summary and outlook presented by president Wm. Hoyle; Sec'y., William Wilmot and Fieldman Wm. McCordale, of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association — also the excel-

lent progress report by George Jackson Jr. on the proposed plant for secondary milk in the Toronto district.

The newly elected officers are: President, Walter Royle, Oakville; Vice President, M. C. Beaty, Milton; Sec.-Treas., John M. Bird, Georgetown.

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