Over 11,000 attend Sunday Witness rally at Mohawk

A peak attendance of 11,255 persons was recorded at the final session of the "Kingdom Unity" district convention of Jehovah's Witnesses Sunday at the Mohawk Raceway in Campbellville.

The principal address, "Who Are United in This Strife-Torn World?", was delivered

by R. Newton of Georgetown. Stressing worldwide disunity is threatening civilization, Newton said there is an urgent need for unity to preserve life and insure lasting peace.

"Think of what a united human family could mean," Newton said. "It could mean loving co-operation instead of heartless competition; fellow feeling instead of blind hatred; upbuilding peace instead of senseless violence; unifying mutual respect instead of divisive nationalism."

"If all the money and effort spent each year on arms and military preparation were devoted to peaceful pursuits-necessary homes, hospitals, basic sanitary needs, clean water, schools-what a transformation could take place even in present imperfect conditions."

Newton said an end to wars, military proliferation. nuclear armaments. terrorism and hostility could mean peace of mind and security for the future. Speaking from a prepared text, Newton

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education to rid humans of all influences that divide," he said.

Newton pointed to two world wars as evidence of the need for change. Quoting from the book War In Peace he detailed the 130 military conflicts since World War II

that killed 35 million people in 100 countries. Outlining the basic reason for such a situation, Newton said it is due to mankind's adherence to ancient political and national

Newton reviewed comments by historian

Approve lot on 15 Sideroad

Halton Land Division Committee approved the cutting, approximately in half, of a piece of land on the south side of Fifteen Sideroad between the Seventh and Eighth Lines, this week.

On the land owned by Aler Investments and Senga Construction Lim dare two old houses which will be torn down.

Each lot will have a new house erected on the property, which was the subject of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in May. At that time the owners wanted the land divided into three lots, but the request was said such changes must begin in the minds rejected.

Since no objections were raised by the "And to change the mind there has to be a region, the Town nor adjacent residents, the

Arnold Toynbee who wrote: "This worship of one's own nation has been in truth in the master religion. The worship of sovereign states sets their respective members against one another because this religion is an expression of self-centeredness; and selfcenteredness is the source of all strife."

Looking back to the first use of nuclear weapons in 1945. Newton said time has eroded the terrible consequences of the use of such weapons. "There are few eyewitnesses to such warfare," he said.

Stressing that the situation is more deadly in 1983, Newton said the predicament is ironical. He said many fear man is only one short step away from extinguishing himself-by nuclear suicide.

Newton also emphasized that inflation, recession, high unemployment and extraordinary trade and financial pressures are placing economic institutions under enormous stress. "Recently it was reported that 32 million

were out of work in 25 developed countries. And since this is the situation in developed countries, what hope is there for the underdeveloped countries?" he asked.

Newton concluded by saying that few people recognize that God's kingdom is a real government despite the fact they pray for it to come in the "Lord's Prayer."

He said the kingdom of God will soon exercise its authority over earth and restore what man has failed to achieve-lasting peace and security.

165 home for Brownridge reunion

The eighteenth reunion of the Brownridge family was held at Milton Fair Grounds Saturday July 2, 1983 with 165 in attendance. The first reunion was held in 1907 at the homestead on Lot 4, Concession 7 in Esquesing Township. The family is descended from Thomas Brownridge who emigrated from Yorkshire England in 1819 and married Eliza Ward of Islington in 1822.

They raised a family of seven sons and one daughter and their descendants now number more than 1100. The homestead at R.R. 2 Georgetown has been passed down through the family and Murray Brownridge, the present owner, is a great-great-great grandson of Thomas and the seventh

Brownridge to own it. Doris McNabb of Georgetown, the reunion's first woman president, and the committees had planned a day full of activity. The families attending provided the food for two picnid meals.

Joe Brownridge of Inglewood again coordinated a program of races, contests and a baseball game. The keenly-contested horse-shoe pitching contest was won by John Brownridge of Brandon, Manitoba and Don Brownridge of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. Joe Brownridge of Inglewood was travelled to the reunion from five provinces again the champion nail-driver.

Dianne Richardson of Bramalea was winner of the chicken-calling contest while Glenn Tresselt of Buffalo was the best wifecaller.

An engraved silver cup was awarded to the youngest baby present, Michael Burns, son of Chuck and Elaine Burns of Milton. The oldest lady present, Ethel Brownridge of Georgetown and the oldest man present. Jim Brownridge of Milton, each received a

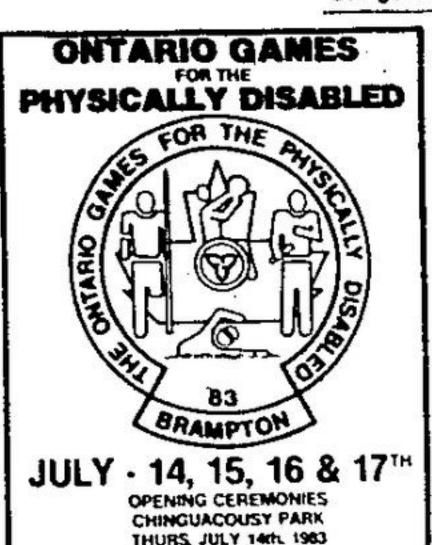
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brownridge of Milton, married 55 years, were the couple who had been married the longest. John and Debbie Brownridge of Unionville were the most recently married couple. Frank and Pearl Brown of Georgetown had the largest immediate family in attendance, with 15 members present. Pierce Caudell of Norfolk, Virginia discovered the mystery person. The person who came the furthest to attend the reunion was Lois McNabb of Victoria, British Columbia.

A large family tree was on display with colored pins marking those persons attending the reunion. Members of the family and six U.S. states.

Adult descendants who attended the reunion for the first time included Marie Arnold and her sister Joy Lelond from Manitoba, Isobel and Lillian Fothergill from Burlington and Ash Brownridge and his family from Virginia. (Ash was recently honored on his retirement from the American Wildlife Federation, with an auditorium named in his honor.) Earl Arthurs and family from Charlotte, North Carolina, attended for the first time in 28.

On Sunday July 3 a memorial service was held in Hillcrest United Church. Rev. Robert Irvin, the new pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Cobourg and a great-greatgrandson of Thomas Brownridge, spoke of "Coming Home." Florence Moore of New York and Sherry Muckart of Brampton were the soloists.

Following the service, Murray and Carol Brownridge entertained at the homestead. A picule supper was served. Ward Brownridge of Georgetown received a large birthday cake in honour of his birthday on that day.



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