

No North Halton Support

Milton Lone Dissenter Against Tomorrow's County Council Revision

Milton's stand against adding extra Oakville and Burlington representatives to Halton County council is going to be a lonely one. Reeves and deputy-reeves from five of the other six municipalities have assailed the Milton position in terms ranging from outright condemnation to disappointment. The Burlington and Oakville council members have been most vocal, mainly because the two big South Halton urban centres believe they deserve a stronger voice at the county level.

Oakville's reeve, Allan Masson, told the county roads committee last week, "With the difficulties we are experiencing with Milton, should we consider any further projects for them?"

Last Monday, the Milton council approved a delegation to the Ontario legislature's private bills committee to oppose the revision in voting and representative strength which the county council passed in October.

Burlington deputy-reeve David Coons feels "Milton had better watch out or it will be out in the cold."

"Here we are rebuilding their main street and this is what we get," he said. "How do they expect to get a Halton-only regional government unit by acting like this?"

The county council has asked for revisions to its act of incorporation which would give the South Halton town of Oakville one additional representative and Burlington two. This is seen as a first step toward setting up a Halton regional government unit as a means of revamping the county system and

giving a more vital role in local government.

The new voting structure was drafted by Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow.

The revision would also give Oakville and Burlington equal voting strength to the other five municipalities on recorded votes.

NARROW MINDED

The proposed revisions must be submitted to the private bills committee for consideration. After a first reading in the house, the bill is sent to private bills for hearings.

Burlington reeve James Swarborough said this week that Milton is narrow-minded.

WONDER WHY

Deputy-reeve Arthur Speight of Georgetown told Masson, "I think you would have a lot of support today if you had recommended that we ignore the (Milton) request."

Warden Francis Oakes of Acton expressed disappointment at the Milton reaction. "I'm sorry they have taken this attitude. I wonder why they waited so late to tell us."

At the roads committee meeting, a Milton request for reconstruction of a section of Steeles Avenue brought out the opposition. There are no Milton representatives on the roads committee.

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Vanier Institute Program More Stress on Counselling

Mrs. Joan Masson of Georgetown chaired the meeting of the University Women's Club of Milton and District at Pineview School on November 4.

Mrs. Joyce Porter shared the speaker's chair with Captain Ronald Pullar as they spoke on prison life. She explained the recent changes made in treatment of inmates using the move from the Mercer Reformatory to the Vanier Institute as an example. The residents have much more freedom than they did in the regimented routine of the Mercer. They are encouraged to learn to accept the responsibility for their actions; this requires much more active counselling than just guarding as

was done in the past.

However, "rehabilitation inside our prisons is not enough," stated Mrs. Porter. "We need help from the community for our girls when they leave prison and try to integrate back into society." She hoped that more work would be done in this area since the Elizabeth Fry Society was swamped.

Captain Pullar is a member of the Anglican Church Army and has been a chaplain at the Don Jail since 1962. He explained how degrading the routine of this institution is and how no attempt at rehabilitation is made since the jail is considered only a "Holding Unit" for an average of 750 men a day.

Mrs. Joyce Andrews introduced a resolution on recycling garbage to be sent to the Canadian Federation of University Women. The Federation is being asked to put pressure on the Federal Government while each local club is encouraged to tackle the municipal government.

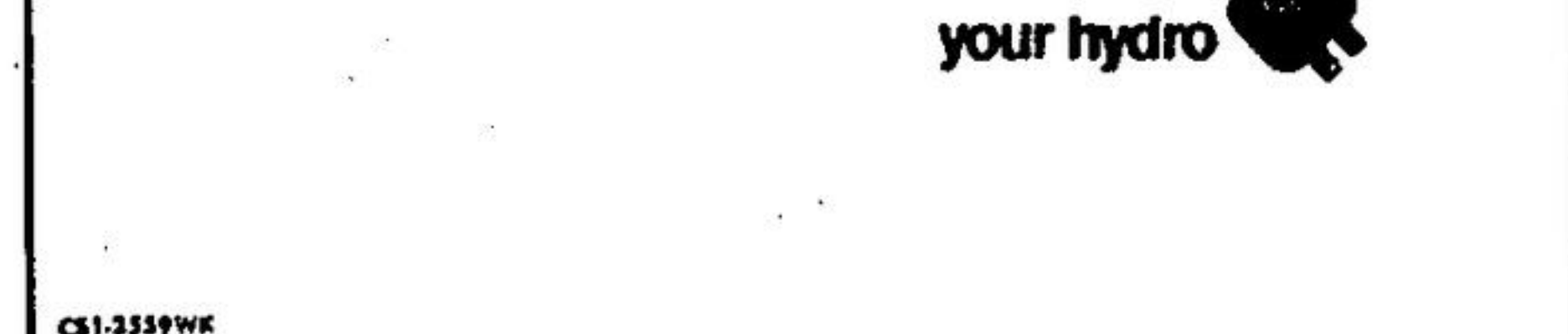
The word for 1971-72 is ACTION on both the local and federal levels. This club is not only working on pollution but is also pressing for action on the Status of Women Report.

At the December meeting, Jim Dills, publisher of the Milton Champion will speak on the Near East and will show his slides taken on a trip there.



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UAW Official Addresses St. John's A.O.T.S. Club

Thirty-five members of the St. John's A.O.T.S. Men's Club enjoyed their usual dinner and fellowship, November 2nd, in the church hall. Following dinner and a short business session, George Armitage introduced Frank Fairchild, International Business Representative of the United Auto Workers of America, who addressed the club on "Unions in the 70's."

Mr. Fairchild presented labour's views in various different areas of management-labour relations. His speech was well received by the members and will be the subject of conversations for some time. Alex Berzish thanked Mr. Fairchild on behalf of the A.O.T.S. Mr. Fairchild had agreed to a question and answer period following his address, and the interest in his speech was reflected in the two hour question period.

2,000 TREES

On Saturday morning, November 6th, the men travelled to Hockley Valley to haul out Christmas trees for their Christmas Tree sale. The trees will again sell for \$3.50 each and sales will run from December 13 to 17 and all day December 18th at the church. The beautiful weather gave the 26 men and six boys who made the trip the go needed to haul over 2,000 trees out of the bush. The fun day ended with the last picnic of the 1971 season.

Set Dates for Works Staff Holidays

The town works staff will be given Friday December 24 and Monday January 3rd as holidays. Since Monday December 27 is to be declared Boxing Day, this means the works staff will be off from Thursday night till Tuesday morning.

Monday January 3 will take the place of the statutory holiday New Year's Day.

The changes have been made because Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Saturday this year, a day when the works staff are off anyway. There will be a stand by crew as usual on call.

Duplicate Bridge

There were fifteen tables of duplicate bridge playing in the Legion Auditorium on Tuesday, November 2. North-south, first, Sue Sullivan and Ian Thompson, tied for second and third, K. Harmer, Barbara Wood, J. Kall and W. Waddell; fourth, John Coats, Art Kwei; fifth, Art Norris and Sid Heller.

East-West, Jane Reynolds, Fran Leonardi; second, Mary Rose Peters, Alice Walker; third, Bob Graham and Bob Fedosa; fourth, Ron Reynolds, Ivan Harris with Ron Whitley and Ron Glide, fifth.

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