

## MILTON IS GOOD INDUSTRIAL LOCATION

### J. E. WHITELOCK SPEAKS AT MEETING OF LOCAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

J. E. Whitelock, Agricultural Representative for Halton, addressed the Milton and District Horticultural Society at the High School last Thursday evening. He praised the work of the Society to date and hoped it would have every success in the future, saying that in his opinion it was one of the most badly needed organizations in this district.

In his address, Mr. Whitelock emphasized the importance of soil conservation and the absolute necessity of increasing the humus content of our soil in order to maintain productivity, to make the soil easy to work and to keep up its water-holding capacity.

He said that the lack of organic matter in our soils was "the greatest single limiting factor" in achieving success on our farms and in our gardens.

The speaker displayed a chart showing the results of soil samples taken from a number of above-average local farms. This chart disclosed a loss in organic matter in the fields as compared to the adjoining fence-rows of from 20 to 65 per cent.

This condition was considered to be very serious, leading to soil erosion, leaching, flooding and lowering of water-tables, and ultimately to a decline in our standard of living.

Mr. Whitelock quoted an authority on the subject who went so far as to state that "the continuation of democracy on this continent may well be determined by soil conservation."

Mr. Whitelock pointed out that it was not too difficult an undertaking

to build up the organic matter in a small garden compared to a farm and urged that we search out and utilize every scrap of waste material we can obtain.

Mr. Whitelock showed colored pictures taken on bus trips made to Ohio in 1950 and to Ottawa last year, also some local scenes. Some of these illustrated the points of his talk.

Miss Margaret Galbraith played several fine selections on her violin, which were very much enjoyed.

At this meeting, the Society formed into three groups, Milton, Hornby and Lowville, under group leaders Mr. Ed Byerman, Mrs. Delbert Downs and Mr. Marshall Campbell, respectively.

This is being done to make it easier to undertake community improvement work and to sponsor competitions. It is planned to form additional groups for other localities as the membership warrants.

### Hockey Club Minstrels Draw Crowd to Theatre

The gentleman with the dazzling white shirt, natty bow tie, white gloves and very black face had evidently ruined another gentleman's watch. But this first gentleman didn't want the second gentleman to go to a lawyer about it. No, suh. "It won't do you no good," said the first gentleman. "He'll get the case and I'll get the works."

That's the way it goes at a minstrel show! About 350 first nighters saw the first performance of the Milton Hockey Club's Minstrel Show in the Princess Theatre on Wednesday evening, and enjoyed an evening of jokes and songs in the famous southern manner.

The cast of singers and musicians was under the direction of H. Marshall, the producer, and Tiny Hopkins, the director. Proceeds are for the hockey club.

A sing song lead by Dave Pelletier of Ash, acted as a curtain raiser and then Tiny Hopkins as master of ceremonies introduced black-faced Bill Lawson and Bob Wheelband, who gave a southern slant to Milton personalities.

Under the direction of William Santor, the United Church Sunday School orchestra gave several selections.

Diane Abbot of Burlington accompanied by Marjory Segsworth of Palermo, sang several numbers, the most outstanding of which was, "You Can't Get a Man with a Gun," complete with gun.

"Because" was beautifully sung by Mrs. Harold McGeer, accompanied by the show's pianist, Miss Janet Elliott.

Potluck and Ashes recalled the show to its minstrel theme with their blackface corporation troubles and they were followed on stage by young Jimmy Shepherd, who sang very popular ballads, accompanying himself on his guitar.

Another young performer was Bobby Crozier who sang "Mockingbird Hill" and "Four Leaf Clover."

In a rose and blue evening gown, Miss Faye Clements was applauded for her vocal numbers.

Very popular were Bob Coates and Johnny Stover, who joined mouth organ and guitar forces to set feet tapping.

Two Black Clouds floated on stage and turned to storm clouds as Betty and Helen Anne Tufford met as a "lady of class" and an impudent washerwoman.

Tiny Hopkins sang and whistled "Because of You" while one of the performers mended a string broken just at cue-time.

After a short intermission, the stage was set for minstrelsy with the United Church Sunday School orchestra seated behind Mistah Interlocutah (Tiny Hopkins) and the eight traditional end-men, Bill Lawson, Carl Parr, Dave Pelletier, George Clements, Fred Cross, Bob Wheelband, Charlie Wilson and Bob McGinnis. "Mr. and Mrs. Mississippi" in chorus opened the lively session of jokes and songs.

Bob Wheelband and Bill Lawson each gave fine solos with Dave Pelletier sparking his dark faced colleagues with "Shoe Shine Boy." Jim Devlin, Bob Coates and Don Pickett all "got into the act" with their instruments and songs.

Wise cracks flew; seven of the end men were hypnotized at one

### Mrs. W. McFadden Mt. Union Speaker

The February meeting of the Mountain Union Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. R. Coulter with 21 members and 18 visitors present.

The president, Mrs. M. Readhead, opened the meeting with God Save the Queen, after which two minutes' silence was observed in memory of our late King George. The Lord's Prayer was then repeated.

The treasurer's report on the annual party was given which was a splendid success. It was decided to donate \$10.00 to the Halton Music Festival, also \$2.00 to the Reserve fund for the Triennial.

The reports of the standing committees were called for and responded to. Mrs. R. Coulter responded on Welfare with a splendid poem, "The rights of children". Mrs. William Lake favoured the ladies with a solo. A folk song entitled "The Ashgrove" was followed by an encore.

Mrs. E. B. Coulson gave a reading "The inventor's wife" followed by an encore, "I'm a broken hearted dutchman". The ladies enjoyed it and all had a hearty laugh.

Mrs. E. M. Readhead, courtesy convener, introduced the guest speaker for the afternoon Mrs. Wm. McFadden of Milton who spoke to the ladies on her trip to Florida and down the Mississippi to New Orleans. Her address was indeed interesting and everyone enjoyed it.

The president thanked the speaker and Mrs. Wm. Hume presented her with a small token of appreciation.

Mrs. E. M. Readhead, courtesy convener, moved a vote of thanks to the guest speaker, the hostess, soloist, Elocutionist and to all who helped make the afternoon a splendid success.

The meeting closed with the National anthem. The hostess and the lunch committee took charge and everyone enjoyed a social hour together.

### Appoint Officials Halton Company

At the annual meeting recently of Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Mr. Daniel Gray of Hillsburgh was re-elected president for the year and T. J. Brownridge was chosen vice-president.

Mr. Leslie resigned from the Board and directors for the year are Messrs. Daniel Gray, Malcolm T. McNabb, Leslie Kerns, E. F. Ford, J. E. Pearen, Victor Hall, Chas. Readhead, Cameron Kitching and T. J. Brownridge; Secretary-Treasurer is Mr. A. T. Moore.

The annual report presented to the meeting showed \$19,067.870 insurance in force at the year end which is quite an increase over that carried a year ago. Direct losses during the past year amounted to \$19,397 and re-insurance losses were \$23,201. Total losses were \$23,653.

Half of all Canada's dentists graduate from the University of Toronto.

### MILTON DISTRICT CO-OP HOLDS ANNUAL; ELECTS C. FORD, PRESIDENT

The annual meeting and banquet of the Milton District Co-operative was held in the Town Hall last Thursday, February 21. An excellent banquet was catered for by the ladies of the Hornby W.I. with over 100 in attendance.

Mr. Dave Lawson, president, presided. The Director's report was presented by Victor Lawrence, secretary-treasurer. The auditor's statement and financial report was given by the auditor, Mr. Howard Harris. This report showed the most successful year of operations to date. Mr. Harris congratulated the management and directors for the sound progress of the company.

On the basis of this report and the recommendation of the board of directors, the members voted a patronage rebate of 3 per cent. on purchases.

The manager's report was given by Carl Parr and recommended a program of consolidation for the present year.

Guests at the meeting were introduced by Gordon Gray, Fieldman for United Co-operatives of Ontario and included Howard Harris, auditor, who gave the financial

reports; R. S. Heatherington, who brought greetings from the Federation of Agriculture and Co-operative Insurance; Mr. Whitelock, Agricultural Representative, who conducted the election of directors; Mr. Lawrence from the Co-op Proximal Plant in Guelph and Mr. C. Dobie, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who congratulated the organization on the sound financial progress of the company.

The guest speaker, Mr. Ken Marshall, general manager of the North-West District Co-operative with over 25 years of successful managers' experience, gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Co-operative Financing and Public Relations".

Directors elected for a three year period were Mr. Jack McDonald of Terra Cotta, Wm. Hume of Milton, Wm. Mahon of Campbellville.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors following the general meeting, the officers elected for the coming year were: president, Clarence Ford, Omagh; vice-president, Wm. Hume, Milton; secretary-treasurer, Victor Lawrence, Oakville.

### Appoint Directors For Cemetery Bd.

George Morley and Bradford Clements were appointed Directors of the Milton Cemetery Co. at an executive meeting in the town hall on Monday evening. The two new appointments were to replace the late Wm. Little and George Hemstreet.

All directors and the executive were present for the meeting presided over by president Ted Harrop. Rates on plots were raised.

### BURDIZZO? NOT FANCY GEWGAW BUT FARMER'S IMPLEMENT

LOST—A burdizzo.

Proof of the wide reading range of the classified advertising columns of the Champion arrived at the office with phone calls which flooded the Main St. office last week asking "What's a burdizzo?"

For readers who noticed the small ad and wondered whether they'd seen a burdizzo or two around the streets—here's what it is—an instrument for docking lamb's tails!

Many of those misled thought it was some kind of an ornament, since it was taken from a fence post.

Newspapers consistently fight corruption and incompetence in government.

### Industrial Commissioner Discusses Town Location

"Milton is stuck right in the heart of the most heavily populated area in the Dominion of Canada. The town has more to offer than almost any other town I know," declared Jack Moore, Commissioner of the Hamilton District Industrial Commission, when he addressed members of the Milton Rotary Club, town officials, Milton-North Trafalgar Planning Board members and guests, at the weekly supper meeting in the Milton Inn, Tuesday evening.

Tracing the development of the Industrial Commission, Mr. Moore said the organization was formed in 1950 as an independent group to attract industry to any place within a 25 mile radius of Hamilton, realizing that the settlement of industry within this belt would benefit Hamilton as well as the surrounding centres.

"Modern factory space is in short supply. There is no shortage of land but there is a shortage of serviced land," Mr. Moore pointed out in dealing with the things that govern the choice of an industrial location.

Dealing with the preference of heavy industry for railway sidings, Mr. Moore said that since Milton was serviced by two railways it was ideally located. "The highway situation is not as good but if the Toronto-Windsor highway comes through north of Milton, that will put your town on the map," Mr. Moore declared.

Considering Milton's employment condition, he also said the availability of labor was a valuable asset. He said about 125 leave Milton each morning for work elsewhere so labor must be available in town.

Quoting figures from a survey in Atlanta on the benefits of a 150-man industry, Mr. Moore pointed out that the location of such an industry would mean 393 homes, 33 stores, 24 new professional men, 22 new school rooms, 18 new teachers, \$500,000 in retail sales, consumption of 6,600 acres of farm produce, 320 cars and services and \$2,500,000 more revenue in municipal taxation.

In closing, the Industrial Commissioner paid tribute to the efforts of Councillor R. Pearen for the co-operation he had given in showing industrialists potential factory sites.

In a question period that followed, Ken Dick asked if municipalities should offer industry inducements. Mr. Moore answered no, that the main interest of industrialists is for good co-operation with the council and officials.

A fine turkey dinner complete from cranberries to strawberry shortcake preceded the evening's speaker.

Group committee members were returned to office with the power to add to replace Mr. Foster, who resigned. J. Bell, on behalf of the committee, presented all the Pack leaders with a box of chocolates.

Featured on the program was a Barnyard Choir that presented "Three Little Pigs" and "Old MacDonald". A skit was also on the program featuring "a man who stayed home from the office for a rest".

During the camp fire complete with glowing logs, Miss Hodgson led in singing and K. Dick Jr. told the "tallest story". G. Elliott contributed a story for the boys. The investiture of a new member into the pack climaxed the camp fire. Harvey Clare, a two star cub who retired from the Pack, read the "Chief's Last Message". Harvey was sixer of the blue six and he was the only two star cub in the Pack. He holds the House Orderly, Team Play, Gardener and Collector's badges. Harvey leaves the Pack now because he is 12 years old and is looking forward to the formation of an active Scout Troop.

The Parents' Night followed a Church Service that was held the previous evening in St. Paul's United Church when more than 100 Cubs, Guides and Brownies attended. Rev. Blair delivered a sermon entitled "Be Prepared". A film was shown after the service, "The Liquid Lore", dealing with intoxicating beverages.

Brownies under the leadership of Mrs. Wood and Guides under the leadership of Mrs. Smith attended the Cub Parents' Night. Cub leaders present were Miss A. Blain, Miss E. Hodgson, O. Hadley, R. Howard, M. Raspberry and H. Coulson.

After the meeting closed the hostess served a salad lunch.



TWO STAR CUB Harvey Clare retires at the annual Parents' Night on Monday after three years with the Milton Cub Pack. Here Harvey reads the Chief's Last Message flanked by the Pack tottem pole on the left and the Union Jack on the right.

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### Pot-Luck Supper At I.O.D.E. Annual

The Annual Meeting of the John Milton Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, was held Friday evening, February 22 and took the form of a pot luck supper with the business session following.

Mrs. Gordon MacNab very graciously opened her home for this occasion and 30 members gathered for the excellent supper of their own providing and the review of the business of the past year.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports both reflected a busy and satisfactory year, also the reports of the Educational, Post War, Echoes, Empire Study, Welfare, Ex-Services Personnel and Ways and Means Convenors.

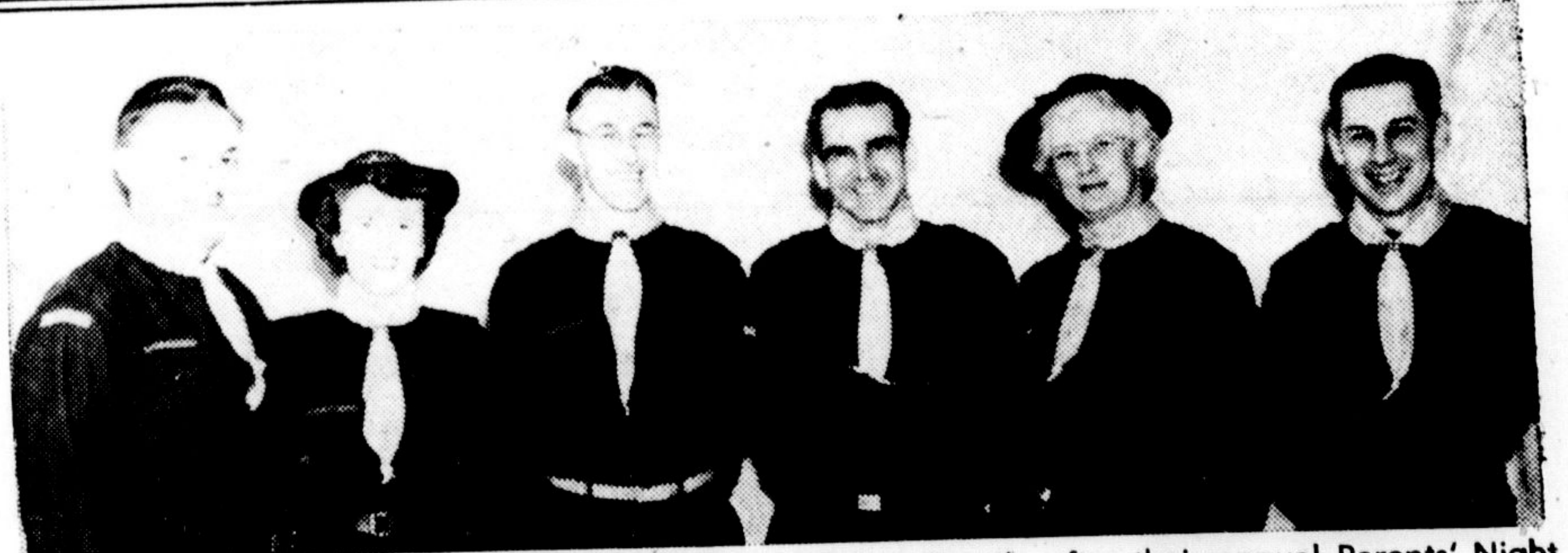
Miss Noreen Anderson delighted the members with two piano solos. Mrs. G. F. Thompson presided in the absence of the Regent, Mrs. G. E. Goodchild. She extended a vote of thanks to all helpers and everyone who had helped to make the year a success; also a vote of thanks to Mrs. A. G. MacNab for her hospitality and the refreshment committee for their efforts.

The slate of officers for the coming year is as follows: Regent, Mrs. F. McNiven; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. G. E. Goodchild; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. G. F. Thompson; Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Dales; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Stewart; Standard Bearer, Mrs. G. Bolinbroke; Echoes Secretary, Mrs. W. Scott; Educational Secretary, Mrs. F. Bell; Councillors, Mesdames G. Dawson, J. P. Book, L. L. Skuce, E. E. Yates, P. W. Cooke, C. R. Turner, C. Laundon, M. E. Gowland, E. E. Harrop, M. E. Nixon.

### LAMP GIVEN SUPERINTENDENTS OF HALTON HOME FOR AGED

Major and Mrs. E. W. Clark recently engaged as superintendents of the Halton County Home for the Aged at Milton, were guests of honor at a surprise dinner party at the Eventide Home in Guelph on Thursday evening, February 21. Major and Mrs. Clark are leaving the home there to become the first superintendents of Halton's modern Home for the Aged.

A beautiful table lamp accompanied sincere words of appreciation which indicated the high esteem in which the couple were held in their last position.



WOLF CUB LEADERS of the 1st Milton Cub Pack relax and smile after their annual Parents' Night that was presented in the Town Hall on Monday evening. Members of the Milton Brownies and Girl Guides as well as parents and friends attended the program presented by the Cubs and their leaders. Shown left to right are C. Hadley, Miss E. Hodgson, R. Howard, M. Raspberry, Miss A. Blain, and H. Coulson. More than 100 watched as the boys received badges, participated in a camp fire and contributed skits to the evening's program. It was announced that a Scout Troop would be formed shortly to continue the work begun by Cub Leaders.

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