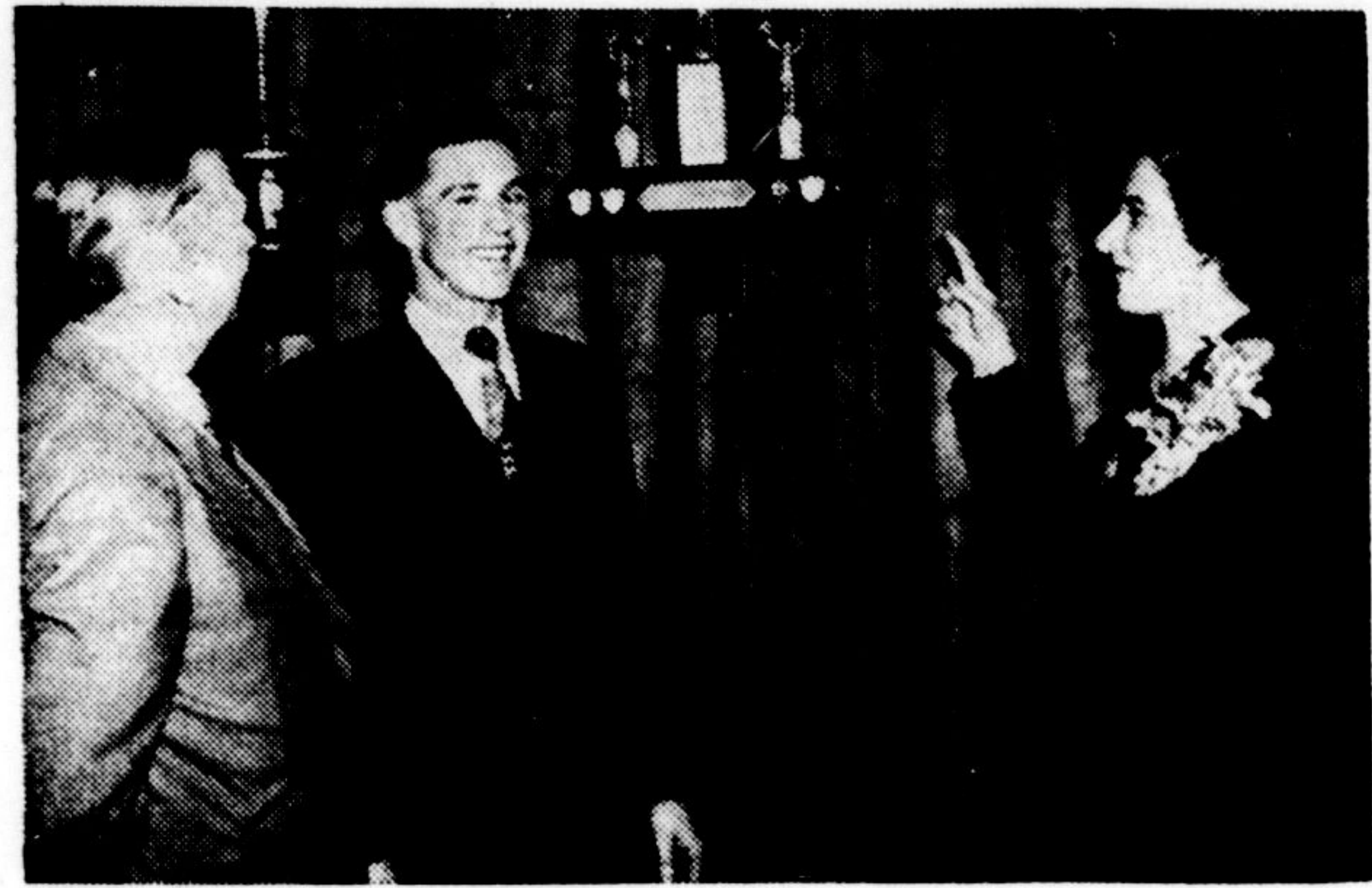


## MILL RATE HITS ALL TIME HIGH OF 56



**HALTON JUNIOR FARMERS** at their annual banquet in Trafalgar hall last Friday welcomed Ontario president, Eleanor Saracuse as guest speaker. Here Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock, newly elected Halton president Mac Sprowl and Miss Saracuse discuss one of the trophies competed for annually by some 250 Junior Farmers representing five organizations in Halton County. Miss Saracuse is wearing an orchid, the gift of Halton Juniors. —Staff Photo

## County Seeks Settlement From Peel-Halton Home

With the opening of Halton County's new Home for the Aged planned for next month, Halton County Council at its regular session on Tuesday selected a negotiating committee to meet with Peel Council for the purpose of establishing the county equity in the jointly owned home at Brampton. Warden J. M. Wickson informed members Peel council had already appointed a committee for this purpose and were anxious to meet with Halton's committee to see if some satisfactory agreement could be reached. The committee is to consist of Warden Wickson, former Warden K. Y. Dick, Reeve R. J. Hargrave, Deputy Reeve K. R. MacDonald and George Currie, former reeve of Esquing Township.

Several names were suggested for the new home, but council felt more time should be spent to consider it further. Some of the names suggested included Centennial Home, Mountain View Home and Elizabeth House. However, it was left to the Home committee, headed by Reeve Hargrave, to consider it further.

Mr. Clark, recently appointed superintendent of the home, was present and was introduced to each member of council by the Warden. In a few words Mr. Clark expressed his appreciation of the appointment, adding he would co-operate with members to the fullest.

Tuesday's session proved to be one of the longest for several months as a number of delegations were present to discuss various county matters. M. J. Carton expressed hope that council would again consider celebrating its centennial year in co-operation with the Halton Agricultural Society which is also planning a celebration for its 100th year this summer.

Mr. Carton hoped the county would approve of issuing a historical year book, which he would be willing to assist with. While some members were lukewarm to the idea, it was agreed the following committee would consider the matter of celebration and make a report to council. They are Reeves Norrish, Leslie, Hargrave, Lauder and Allen.

Reeve Stan Fay in his report in connection with the county buildings wished council to consider re-allocation of offices in the Court House. He said it was planned to have the Governor take the residence to be vacated by the caretaker, and the apartment now used by him could be planned for additional office space.

The Halton Law Society has asked for a room in which to establish a Law Library and it is felt the office now used by the Sheriff would be suitable for this purpose. A new office with proper vault space could be provided in the proposed planning of offices on the main floor.

However as time was getting late members felt it could be left over until the April meeting for consideration. Reeve Fay and County Engineer Roy F. Smith visited the County Buildings at Brantford to view the remodelled building there.

The application of the Village of Bronte to have a portion of Trafalgar Street closed, was held over on recommendation of the county engineer who explained the present description was altered in the by-law. It then would be up to the village council to do what they wished with this street, he said.

Council endorsed a resolution sponsored by Deputy Reeve E. Ford seeking to have the Ontario Department of Highways institute a weed control program along the highways in the county. Council for some years has felt that municipal bodies, governmental departments and railways should be made to control weeds along their road-



**HEADING 250 Junior Farmers** in Halton County is Mac Sprowl, recently elected president of the county-wide organization. Mac is a native of the Acton district and has been active in Junior Farmer work since 1947. —Staff Photo

## Board Discusses Building Sites

The Milton Public School Board met on Monday evening with the following members present: R. T. Wilson, chairman, Mrs. King, C. N. Kerr, T. R. McKim, J. M. Ledwith and J. G. Purdy. Mr. Purdy was welcomed as a new member of the Board.

The accounts approved for payment were: N. L. Pickett, \$134.16; Ramshaw Insurance Agencies, \$35; E. Middleton, \$40.65; J. M. Ledwith, \$4.28; McKim Bros., \$3.12; John C. Winston, \$20.64; Random House of Can., \$2.20; Vocational Guidance, \$28.82; Neil McPhail, \$18.07; McClelland and Stewart, \$2.50; Longman's, Green and Co., \$1.87; W. J. Gage and Co., \$16; Musson Book Co., \$2.25; Dawson's Hardware, \$1.80; National Stationers, \$246.25; S. A. Fay, \$1.96; Milton Lumber Co., \$35.99; R. S. Adams, \$568.12; MacMillan Co. of Can., \$2.08.

On motion, a donation of \$15.00 was made to the Halton Music Festival.

The appointment of Mr. F. McNiven as school attendance officer was confirmed at a salary of \$10.00 per month beginning February 1st.

The Board agreed to pay the supply teacher required while the regular teacher was absent at the funeral of a relative.

The present enrolment of pupils is 376 and a discussion arose concerning the purchase of a proposed building site.

## Teachers Hold An Open House Friday

Members of the Milton Public School held Open House for parents and friends last Friday evening and there was a splendid crowd. Parents, accompanied by their children, inspected the work displayed in each of the rooms.

Displays featured English and included Literature, Composition, Grammar, Spelling and Writing. Theme of the evening was "Education is everybody's business" and it was held in conjunction with the national Education Week.

Principal Foster reported the purpose of the evening was for parents to come in contact with their children's work, particularly in Grade 8 since there were no longer any final exams set by the province.

Parents and friends registered in their child's room and a fine attendance was reported.

## Township Debates On Ward System

The establishment of a ward system in Nelson Township has begun to take shape with the appointment of a special committee to study the possibilities and to make a report to Nelson Township Council.

At a special meeting of the Nelson Township Council, two men from the north and two men from the south of the township were appointed to act with Councillor John Atkinson, chairman, on this project. Chosen to represent the northern part were Edgar Eaton and Bruce MacNab and for the south, Eric Gudgeon and Harold Thorpe.

A careful investigation will be made of the ward system by which electors would choose representatives from various wards to form the municipal government. In the event the scheme is adopted, divisions and boundaries for wards would have to be determined.

The council rejected the proposal from the Town of Burlington for the supplying of sewer services in designated areas of Nelson.

It was decided to have P. A. Deacon, planning consultant, meet the council to explain the zoning by-law.

## BLITZ RESULTS

Although returns are not complete on the Monday evening Red Cross Blitz campaign for financial support, local officials report receipt of more than \$900.

## Look Ahead Given Milton Rotarians

A look to the future was given to members of the Milton Rotary Club at their regular meeting Tuesday evening, by the guest speaker, John McNally. Mr. McNally's view of the future is centred on one thing — sanitary landfill. He is employed by George W. Crothers Ltd., Leaside.

He explained that sanitary landfill has been proven successful in many towns in the United States and that it can be applied successfully in most communities. He stated that landfill was clean and healthy, lowered garbage collection cost and enabled communities to reclaim sub-marginal land for expansion.

A film was shown on the subject as well.

## HORNBY COOKERS PLAN MENU, TAKE NOTES, PREPARE VEGETABLE PLATE

On Saturday, March 8, the "Hornby Vegetable Cookers" held their third meeting at the home of Jean Ayres. All club girls and leaders were present.

Menus for breakfast, luncheon and dinner were made up by the club members.

Notes were given on "Vegetables for all occasions." "Salads are good for all courses" and the "Correct Choice of Vegetables."

This was followed by cooking and arranging an appetizing vegetable plate which was eaten by the girls for lunch.

The first turnpike—a toll road—was established in Canada in 1805.

## Board Seeks Approval of Two New Schools, Gym

After hearing a very comprehensive report on new high school buildings from J. D. Kyle, architect of Hamilton, and the Secretary, Col. G. O. Brown, the North Halton High School District Board passed the following resolutions:

"That the Board rescind all motions which are on the books regarding school building in the district." Carried by a 5-4 vote.

"That we build a school in each of the towns of Acton and Georgetown and a gymnasium in Milton." Passed unanimously.

"That the building committee prepare a brief to present to the five North Halton municipalities asking their approval for building new high schools at Acton and Georgetown and adding a gymnasium to the Milton school. The brief to state the debenture costs involved, a comparison of present costs with future and the reasons why the building program is necessary."

Thanks were extended to Mr. Kyle for his very thorough report and the information he had presented to the Board.

A visit to the Department of Education revealed that they were not in favor of building one school in the county to serve the Acton and Georgetown schools. It was pointed out that when both towns grew to need separate school buildings, the building in the country would be useless.

Here is a brief summary of the points on various building proposals:

Considerations in favor of two schools—children are closer home in case of illness or need of a doctor; school staff will live in town; children will have more pride in their own town school; the school will be more of a centre for activities; children will use the grounds more; town groups will use gymnasium more; less transportation costs; caretaking and maintenance will be easier; water and sewage disposal is available; use available for intermediate grades; better student-teacher relations in smaller school; more children will get home for lunch; pupils can stay after hours for school activities; local groups' interest; fire and police protection available.

Items against building two schools— heavier original cost and greater annual cost; greater administration cost; art and agricultural classrooms not included.

Items in favor of one school in the county—original and maintenance cost much lower; larger gymnasium and shoproom; fewer teachers.

Items against one school— no police or fire protection; higher insurance; no local pride in school; inability for pupils to stay after hours; field and auditorium not

## M.P.S. Pupils Visit Parliament Bldgs.

Principal E. W. Foster from Milton Public School made his 18th annual trip to the Toronto Museum and Ontario Parliament Buildings, again taking with him the Grade 8 class, last February 26. There were 48 pupils on the bus that left at 9 a.m. to make the annual visit to Toronto.

At the museum, the pupils divided into two groups to study American Indians or Prehistoric Life. Everyone seemed quite interested in the museum and all the students went on a walking tour of the entire building.

After lunch at the museum, the class went by bus to the CBC Concert Hall to take in a session with the Happy Gang and have their presence announced to all of Canada.

From there it was off to the Parliament Buildings where the legislation that governs Ontario is made. Before the parliament began its session, the students studied the carpeted and impressive floor of the house. Some even got a chance to sit for a minute in the speaker's chair and pose for a picture.

The class occupied seats in the gallery of the house for the opening of the session with the impressive entry of the Speaker and the mace, symbol that parliament is in session.

Mr. Stanley Hall, M.L.A. met the students, who were grateful to him for making the arrangements and he talked to them briefly. The bus arrived home at about 5 p.m.

The trip by the Grade 8 pupils was under the direction of Miss M. S. Gemmill and Principal E. W. Foster.

## Council Sets Mill Rate O.K.'s Search For Water

Milton Council set the 1952 mill rate at 56 mills in a special session Wednesday evening. This year the debentures for the sewers must be met for the first time. The payment due on debentures for sewers is \$32,408.50; high school, \$10,481.24. Estimated expenditures of the various committees were: general administration, \$65,427.00; printing and contingencies, \$2,000; town hall and property, \$11,258.70; fire department, \$3,761.00; police, \$7,472; streets and walks, \$37,788.00; parks and recreation, \$100.56; kindergarten, \$19,950. This makes a total of \$179,867.00. The amount recoverable from grants, subsidies, permits and all sources is estimated at \$51,407.00. Council pared the estimates and expenditures and set a rate of 56 mills on the dollar, which will return to the town \$125,160.00 in taxes.

Of course there will also be a direct frontage charge for sewers of 16 1/2 per cent frontage for twenty annual installments and also a lateral installation charge of \$6.60 for ten years.

Roy Smith, engineer, was present at the meeting to discuss the water supply with council. He stated that the test drilling north of the C.P.R. tracks had proved a failure. It looks as if the only sizeable source of water is near the pump house, he explained. Mr. Smith felt council should bring in someone who is in the business of procuring water supplies for corporations. He felt that the International Water Supply Ltd. was one of the best in the field.

A letter from the International Water Supply gave the rates charged for drilling for water. For crews to operate machinery and

## Seven On Council If System Adopted

The division of Trafalgar Township into five wards for election purposes with a councillor to represent each ward was considered by the township council at their last meeting. After the resolution is passed, it must still receive the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.

If the proposed plan becomes effective, Trafalgar council will have seven members rather than the present five. Electors in each ward will only vote for one councillor and there will be a reeve and deputy-reeve as usual.

Council received two applications for the position of township assessor, from Walter C. Eves, R. R. 4, Milton and Alex Cook, Milton. It was decided to advertise again.

Reeve J. M. Wickson presided at the meeting.

## Changes In Town Hall Progressing

Workmen of the James Kemp Construction company are making steady progress on town hall renovations. The cement floor has been poured in the basement where the library will be located, the rough plastering is done and the acoustic tile is being placed on the ceiling.

Furnace ducts are covered in by the ceiling with pipes left to heat the area. Glass block has been placed in the windows with a small centre portion left for ventilation.

The outside entrance cement wall is in place and the steps remain to be installed. A door with a large glass section opens into the library at the basement level.

An inside staircase has been installed that leads from the main hall of the building.



**PAST PRESIDENT'S PINS** were presented to George S. Atkins, Cameron Wilson, Stanley Jay and David Pelletier at the Halton Junior Farmers second annual banquet held in Trafalgar Hall on Friday evening of last week. Presentation was made by George E. Elliott of Milton. Two other past presidents, Mrs. M. George and Mrs. J. Bird were not able to be present. Dave Pelletier is vice-president of the Ontario organization of Junior Farmers. —Staff Photo