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## MILTON BOARD PLANS PUBLIC SCHOOL



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**HALTON JUNIORS** staged their annual field day at the Community Park, Lowville, on Saturday of last week with juniors from all over the county participating in the softball tournaments and other events. Members of the Milton girls' team shown here are Wilma Sinclair, president of the Milton Junior Institute and county treasurer; Dorothy Ingram, vice-president of the Junior Institutes; and Jean Peterson, secretary of the Milton Juniors and county press reporter.

### Hold LOL Service Sunday at Hornby

Members from all lodges in the county assembled at Hornby Hall at two p.m. Sunday, June 14 and with the Milton Junior Band in attendance, marched to Hornby United church for the Loyal Orange Lodge church service.

On behalf of the congregation and himself, Rev. Leck welcomed the lodge and band members to worship with the Hornby congregation. The band played several fine selections, as well as the hymns for the service, "Abide with Me," and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Rev. Leck spoke on the religious duties of every citizen toward their God and Maker. After the service at the church, the lodges marched back to the hall, led by the band.

### Institute Ladies Plan Activities

Mrs. Leonard Andrews was hostess to the June meeting of the Campbellville Women's Institute when Mrs. George Inglis presided. The meeting opened with all singing the Institute Ode in unison and repeating the Mary Stewart Collect. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Robert Inglis.

The roll call was answered by 30 members, "Sing, Say or Pay." Mrs. Roy Parker gave the secretary's report. Mrs. A. T. Moore gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Garnet Whaley the cheer report and Mrs. Murray McPhail the lunch report. The A.C.W.W. pins were handed out and 11 tickets purchased for the convention in August.

A donation was made to the Halton Federation of Agriculture Field Day at Lowville park. A home furnishings and home crafts were chosen for an extension service. Plans were made for a bus trip to Niagara Falls and a garden party in July.

Mrs. Gordon McPhail, Mrs. Frank Quinlan, Mrs. Lloyd Crawford and Mrs. George Inglis attended the District Annual Convention at Trinity United church, Burlington, last Friday.

The ladies were warned to beware of the Hobo Tea in the latter part of June. A card table, checker and crokinole boards and cards were donated to Halton Centennial Manor.

Mrs. Harry Phillips then took the chair and gave the motto, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," using Queen Elizabeth as her theme. Lois Inglis favored with an accordion selection. Mrs. Garnet Whaley gave a paper on "Bread is Life" by Anna P. Lewis, using the sheaf of wheat as her theme. After the W.I. Grace a social half hour followed.

Canada has the most extensive fishing grounds of any country in the world.

### Appoint W. Randell Milton Postmaster

The appointment of William T. Randell as Postmaster at Milton was announced yesterday in a letter from the Postmaster General's Department. He will take over his new duties on June 27.

A veteran of the First War, Mr. Randell has been caretaker at the post office for 28 years and on the permanent staff of the office for 18 years. He will replace R. M. Clements who is retiring this month after 18 years of service.

### Sell Flowers, Bulbs At W.I. Meeting

The June meeting of the Omagh Women's Institute was held at the home of the president, Miss Cynthia Joyce. The minutes of the last meeting and the financial report for 1952 were read and adopted and the correspondence was read. Any ladies interested in attending the Ontario Women's Institute holiday at Guelph Agricultural College were requested to register with Mrs. Loren Guild, Rockwood and anyone wishing to obtain bus tickets for the Association Country Women of the World meeting in Maple Leaf Gardens are to contact Mrs. Service.

Seven ladies from Omagh W. I. attended the district annual meeting at Burlington. Mrs. Bayley very ably conducted the installation of officers for the year 1953-54. Ms. Ken McDougall favored with an interesting reading.

A sale of flowers and bulbs and refreshments concluded the meeting.

### Home and School Plans Fall Term

The executive and committee conveners of the Milton Home and School Association met recently to discuss plans and program activities for the fall term. Plans were completed to entertain the pupils of Grade Eight prior to school closing. The work of each convener was outlined and by the interest shown throughout the meeting, officials feel the monthly meetings for the year 1953-54 should be of keen interest to each home and school member.

The September meeting will take the form of a social evening with a special welcome to all grade one parents.

It was moved by the meeting that the date of each monthly get-together will be the third Monday of each month.

### Kilbride School Second in Forestry

Kilbride Public school, winner of the Forestry Conservation Contest held this spring by the Ontario Conservation Association, moved on from the county competition to place second in the district competition against schools in the Huron area.

Eight schools from Halton took part in the county competition. Those entering were judged on their planting of more than 100 trees and on their answers to a quiz conducted by a representative of the Forestry department.

Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 were offered by the county to the contest winners and each school participating will receive a small cash prize. Schools taking part were Kilbride, Coyne, Limestone, Patricia, Zimmerman, Campbellville, Merton and Blue Mountain.

## School Board to Purchase Portable Unit; Plan School

A delegation of K. Y. Dick and C. N. Kerr, from the public school Board was present at Milton County, evening and outlined their proposal for providing more accommodation at the public school. They pointed out there will be 40 new pupils starting Milton school in September. At present 338 pupils are enrolled. By 1958 it is estimated there will be 503 pupils attending based on the present Milton population and not allowing for any in housing and factory development.

The School Board proposed to purchase from the Heaton Co. of Toronto a portable school room, 24x36 set on a concrete slab on the property known as the Jackson lot. The cost of this building is \$5,730 with a net cost to Milton of \$3,468 when the grants are paid. It is estimated that it will take \$1,500 to equip this room.

Mr. Dick stated that the architects, Barnett and Rieder, have been consulted regarding building a new public school. The architects had viewed three possible sites for the school, the Martin flats, Andy Graham's property and the property at the end of Commercial and Thomas streets. The last named property was recommended by the architects.

The cost of eight acres of land in this location is \$2,400 to the school board. It is proposed that the school be built with the necessary heating and toilet facilities to take care of a possible 18 rooms. It is not yet decided what size the initial structure will take, until it is definitely established how many rooms the school will need to take care of the children and to relieve the overcrowding in the old school building. It will possibly take six or eight classrooms.

Council expressed their willingness to co-operate with the school board in raising the necessary money to finance this expansion program.

A. E. Clements, fire chief, was present and demonstrated the use of the new resuscitator which has been purchased jointly by Milton and the fire area surrounding Milton. This machine can be used on two persons at the same time. It is kept in the town hall and is ready for emergencies at any time.

The fire chief also described the joint mutual aid drill held in Niagara Falls, N.Y., recently. The township pumper had been taken to this demonstration along with four men from Milton, one from Georgetown and one from Acton. He said 73 pumpers were in action at one time and Mr. Clements thanked those in authority for permitting the equipment and the men to attend as he felt a lot was learned from this demonstration.

The fire chief also reported on

the Halton Mutual Aid practice which was held in Milton last week. Within 35 minutes after the first alarm was turned in 4,500 feet of hose was laid and water was being pumped through all the pumps.

A letter of resignation was received from Frank McNiven, who was resigning from the Milton-North Trafalgar Planning Board owing to the pressure of his other work.

The following resolution was passed: "the council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton accepts with regret the resignation of F. McNiven as a member of the North Trafalgar Planning Board, dated June 8, 1953. The said council further expresses its appreciation for the work Mr. McNiven has done in this department during the past years."

David T. Green was appointed to the Milton and North Trafalgar Planning Board and Mr. Green was to be notified.

The following motion was passed after a report of the condition in which the contractors had left the grounds in the Bousfield survey: "that the clerk instruct Dumphy Construction to complete the necessary grading and improvements regarding levelling sewer excavations on Ontario, Broadway and Woodlawn streets and that the engineers be so advised also and that no further payments shall be made until the work is satisfactorily completed."

A letter of appreciation was to be sent Mr. Whitehouse for the picture of the Queen for hanging in the council chambers.

A copy of a letter was read from the County Health Unit, in which the sanitary inspector reported on a house owned by A. Restivo and occupied by Fred Jeffrey Jr. on

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## Equalization in Halton Provokes Hardest Battle

One of the hardest battles ever fought in Halton county council was experienced at the regular session last Tuesday when Burlington members sought to have the equalized assessment by-law amended to increase the taxes paid by municipalities in the south and to relieve the northern municipalities. It was so vigorously contested that recorded votes were taken on each question. The amendment was defeated and the equalized assessment by-law as recommended by the County Assessor, Ford Rogers, and J. P. Coombs, municipal consultant, was approved by a 15-3 vote. Burlington and Oakville representatives declined to vote on the by-law, but Georgetown and Bronte voted against it.

It was one of the hardest fought sessions in many years, with Burlington members calling for recording of the amendment and by-law. However, members after their final approval agreed that if an appeal is launched by any municipality, it is to be heard by a board set up by the minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Those opposing the by-law argued the new figures should be established from the ruling as set down by the County Judge following the equalized assessment appeal of last year. Hughes Cleaver appearing on behalf of the Town of Burlington, said all new assessment figures on property along the lakeshore, south of the Queen Elizabeth highway should be added to the judge's figures, while Mr. Coombs insisted that according to the Act, the last revised figures should be established from the 1952 assessment rolls. "The Court gave its ruling on the appealed 1951 figures," he stated.

Mr. Cleaver also pointed out the assessment figures of the northern municipalities were "very much in line" and it would not be necessary to consider them. He submitted amending figures for the by-law with percentages each municipality would be required to pay. The amendment called for Oakville to pay 17.662 per cent. against 18.1230 per cent. recommended in the by-law; Burlington 15.617 per cent. against 16.9065 per cent.; Trafalgar 22.537 per cent. against 21.2610 per cent.; Nelson 17.670 per cent. against 16.9065 per cent.; Milton 3.793 per cent. against 3.9605 per cent.; Georgetown 5.960 per cent. against 6.2240 per cent.; Acton 3.669 per cent. against 3.8635 per cent.; Bronte 1.526 per cent. against 1.5970 per cent.; Esquesing 8.262 per cent. against 8.6290 per cent.; Nassagaweya 3.203 per cent. against 3.3450 per cent.

Council agreed to accept the County Assessor's recommendations and figures as set out in the by-law considering the department was established to provide a set of equalized assessment figures most equitable to all municipalities. With the blanket obsolescence discarded all assessments were adjusted throughout the county to bring the figures to a parity, it was claimed.

Mr. Cleaver criticized council for employing a man as a consultant who had been engaged by the townships of Trafalgar and Nelson to give evidence before the Judge at the appeal hearing. "We do not consider the report to be fair, as it shows a distinct favoritism to the township of Trafalgar," Mr. Cleaver charged.

Mr. Shannon further stated he as chairman of the assessment com-

### Given Four Months, Fined For Assault

Jack Chance and Vincent Dimario were sentenced to four months at hard labor and a fine of \$100 and court costs or an additional two months on one assault charge, with an additional fine of \$100 and two months' consecutive on a second assault charge in the County Magistrate's Court held Wednesday afternoon in Milton in connection with the escape made May 30 from Milton jail.

The prisoners pleaded guilty to charges of assault occasioning bodily harm to George Cooper, a jail guard, and of assaulting a police officer. Counsel for the defence, Louis Herman of Toronto, asked for leniency since the two charges were for the same offence.

Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon committed Chance and Dimario to a higher court on further charges of jail-breaking and hijacking. Before the escape, the men were being held in Milton for the armed robbery of \$5,500 worth of furs and \$300 in cash on April 26 on the Queen Elizabeth highway.

## PLANS FOR 100 NEW MILTON HOMES REVEALED BY FIRM REPRESENTATIVE

Plans for the construction of 100 houses within the town of Milton and its immediate outskirts, have been disclosed by Davies and Davies Ltd. of Toronto and their Milton representative, T. R. Isbister.

The firm has secured 34 lots in the Bousfield survey and plans 60 additional houses on property north of the town limits recently purchased from M. Nixon.

Water and sewer mains will be installed by the firm on the property outside the town limits. This new survey would be included in the town if the annexation proceedings now underway are approved by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mr. Isbister reports that 10 houses have been sold and many others are under consideration.

The advertised houses boast a full basement, three bedrooms, brick construction, modern bath and sodding of the grounds and sidewalks. The houses will be financed under the National Housing Act.

Building permits have been issued for the construction of six houses on George St. Water and sewers have been arranged to at least 27 of the lots in the Bousfield survey. It is expected construction will start almost immediately.

## THIS GROUP WILL FEATURE IN HALTON FEDERAL ELECTION BATTLE



SYBIL BENNETT, Q.C.  
Progressive-Conservative Candidate



MURRAY McPHAIL  
Liberal Candidate



STANLEY ALLEN  
C.C.F. Candidate



HON. LOUIS ST. LAURENT  
Will Visit Halton



HUGHES CLEAVER  
Present Representative

## Halton Campaigns Begun 28,000 Eligible To Vote

More than 28,000 Halton citizens will be eligible to vote in the coming Federal election August 10, according to preliminary estimates made by the county's Returning Officer, P. W. Cooke. The total vote will be several thousand less than this figure, however, if the voting trends shown in the last two elections continue.

In the federal election held in June, 1949, Mr. Cooke reported a turnout of over 81 per cent with 19,626 of the 23,953 eligible Halton voters casting a ballot. The provincial election held in November, 1951, showed an increase in the number of qualified voters, 26,186, but a decrease in the total vote, 17,706.

County enumerators will start Monday to prepare their lists of the name, address and occupation of every qualified voter. House-to-house calls will be made in most cases. One enumerator has been appointed for each rural polling division and two for each urban division, a total of 106 for Halton.

The enumeration will be completed on Saturday and a preliminary list posted in each polling division by Monday.

Revised voters' lists will be posted later, so it is advisable for residents of the county to check the preliminary lists for their names. Nomination day is officially July 27, but the campaigns of the three Halton candidates will have begun some time before that date.

Stanley A. Allen of Georgetown, CCF candidate for Halton, began his campaign several days before the election date was set. He plans personal visits to the homes of as many voters as possible, rather than holding a number of meetings. Literature was distributed by CCF workers in Acton Wednesday night and Mr. Allen invited residents of the town to meet him later in the evening at a central meeting place.

The Progressive Conservative candidate, Miss Sybil Bennett of Georgetown, is also placing more emphasis on personal calls than on large meetings. She has already made house-to-house visits in many Halton districts.

The Liberal candidate, Murray McPhail of Campbellville, will begin his campaign this Friday at a meeting in Hornby. The county Liberal association announced this week that Halton has been included in the itinerary of the pre-election tour being made by the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent.

The prime minister will address a rally to be held in Wallace park, Oakville, late in June.