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County Council Approves Land for Home for Aged

Three Municipalities Voice Objection to Expenditure—Chairman Gives Complete Report On Estimates and Plans To Date — Architect's Advance On Fees Approved — Appointments Made — Road Expenditure for 1950 Estimates at $180,000

Written exclusively for The Acton Free Press and The Canadian Champion

Plans for the erection of a Halton Home for the Aged began to materialize when County Council officially approved of the purchase of a site at its regular meeting held at the Court House, Milton, last Wednesday. Members approved of a by-law to purchase 20 acres of land east of Milton for the sum of $6,000. Three northern municipalities did not vote in favour of the by-law.

The majority of council favoured payment of architect's fees following a lengthy discussion in which members of Esquesing council voiced strong opposition.

K. Y. Dick, reeve of Milton, and chairman of the special buiilding committee for the Home, gave a lengthy report on the progress since council voted in favour of the erection of such a home last July.

He told new members who were not familiar with what had transpired that council decided on the matter after it had learned it was estimated $103,000 would have to be spent on improving the existing jointly owned buildings at Brampton. He said these plans were not approved by the Department of Welfare and were scrapped. After a second set of plans had been drawn it was found that $168,000 would have to be spent to take care of those already living at the Brampton Home. Then if expansion was considered a new wing would be constructed at a cost of $65,000 to accommodate another twenty-eight persons. Furthermore, it was estimated an additional amount of $40,000 would be required to instal a new boiler and heating system, and a further amount of $25,000 to take care of sewerage.

Mr. Dick pointed out the commission would be faced with a $88,000 expenditure to remodel the old building. Halton representatives refused to assent to this expenditure before bringing it before Halton council. It was then decided if a major amount were to be spent by this council, it should be for a new Home of our own, he said.

The special committee explored the possibility of Halton and Peel building the new home jointly but officials of the Department of Welfare advised against it.

Stating there were 56 Halton persons at the Brampton Home, Mr. Dick added a survey had been made of municipal clerks as to who may desire admittance to the new home and it was found that the erection of a building to accommodate 100 persons would be most logical and would economically serve the municipality for another five to eight years. However, the committee felt, he said, indications were that additional room would be needed in the near future, and the architects drew a master plan of a building that would accommodate 200 persons.

In order that the architects could establish a rate for fees, Mr. Dick explained that Brownthwaite and Fairfield, architects, had two reputable contracting firms estimate the cost of construction of such a building. Two prices were obtained one for $368,100 and another for $399,200 for construction of a building which would accommodate 100 persons. It would cost an additional $36,000 for the construction of additions to bring the accommodation up to 250 persons.

The chairman urged members to approve payment of $7,069 as an advance on the architect's fees. Continuing, the speaker advised members that resolutions had been received from Ratepayers Associations in Nassagaweya and Esquesing Townships who were opposed to the erection of an Old People's Home. They asked that the present building plans be held up for the present time.

Taking the strongest opposition to the scheme, George Currie, the reeve of Esquesing said "I can't conceive of a time when the county will have 250 inmates in the home. There are about 100 over there now and when I was on the commission years ago there were 90. That means there has been an increase of ten in fourteen years. The government trend is to pay Old Age Pensions and most old persons will be kept at home in preference to placing them in an institution."

"I have been opposed to this scheme right from the start. I believe that both counties can still work together. The government are asking for a small acreage and we have a whole farm at Brampton. It will be more economical to raise their own food than having to buy it," Mr. Currie argued, declaring farm prices were tumbling all around.

"I am opposed to any increased debenture indebtedness. I was reeve during the depression years and I don't want to go through that again. I can tell you depression is right around some corner now," adding Esquesing does not have a debenture indebtedness at the present time. "As long as I am in there, Esquesing won't have one either."

H. L. Litchifeld, reeve of Oakville said Mr. Currie was mistaken in his statement that the county would build a home for 250. "It has been been definitely established it is one to accommodate 100 persons."

"Yes, we can look back on the years but we also have to look toward the future, and my council has instructed us to support the project," he said. "If we talk and look for depression we'll get it all the quicker. Besides I don't believe it to be sound business to spend money on the older building," he concluded.

Reeve John McNiven, Nelson, told council the matter was entirely new to him, but said he thought a new home was needed. He also emphasized that with the new assessment scheme, assessments in the county would be increased thirty per cent. and this new debt would not burden the county noticeably.

"No person wants to shirk their responsibility to the old people in the county," declared Deputy Reeve H. D. Allen, Burlington. Estimating this building would cost $400,000 the province would pay half and with the balance split between the other nine municipalities, would not even create a hardship.

Deputy Reeve Joe Wickson, of Trafalgar, stated that after his first visit to the county home, "I was disgusted and disapopinted that our older people had to live in those conditions. It is a shame to spend so much on improvements and still have an old home for them."

After discussion and approval by members the advance on architect's fees and by-law to purchase the site were ordered to be paid.

Council approved a by-law to provide for expenditures on county roads and bridges up to $180,000 for 1950. The warden and clerk were also empowered to seek government grants on road expenditures for 1949, amounting to $153,010. Warden VanSickle said the increased expenditure for the coming year was due to additional road repairs and erection of new bridges.

Tenders were awarded to M. T. White for the printing of magistrate's blanks for 1950 and also to the Gazette Printing Company at Burlington for 100 auditor's reports at $1.85 per page and 125 minutes and by-laws of the county for $1.75 per page. Council rescinded a new liability insurance policy taken out in December and approved continuing with the older policy.

Several appointments were made. They included: W. J. Thompson, H. Hunt, L. Patterson and R. J. Anderson as Corn Borer Inspectors for 1950. John McNiven and W. J. McLeod were appointed to the Good Roads Committee, Warden W. Van Sickle as member of the Halton Health Unit and Leslie Kerns, Nelson, as member of the Tree Conservation Committee.

Council ordered $15 fees for membership in the Good Roads Association be paid and that the committee, along with the County engineer be delegates to attend the convention. A number of requests from institutions and organizations seeking grants were turned over to the finance committee for consideration. Members thought all donations should come from one source instead of the duplication of grants by local and county councils.

Members were invited to attend the opening of the new Township Hall at Trafalgar on February 10. The resignation of A. C. Patterson as county weed inspector was accepted.

Council postponed the adoption of a resolution from Kent county who were seeking to have educational grants made by the department on local assessment, equalized assessment, population and attendance instead of equalized assessment only.

Other resolutions approved and endorsed included one from Middlesex county asking the provincial

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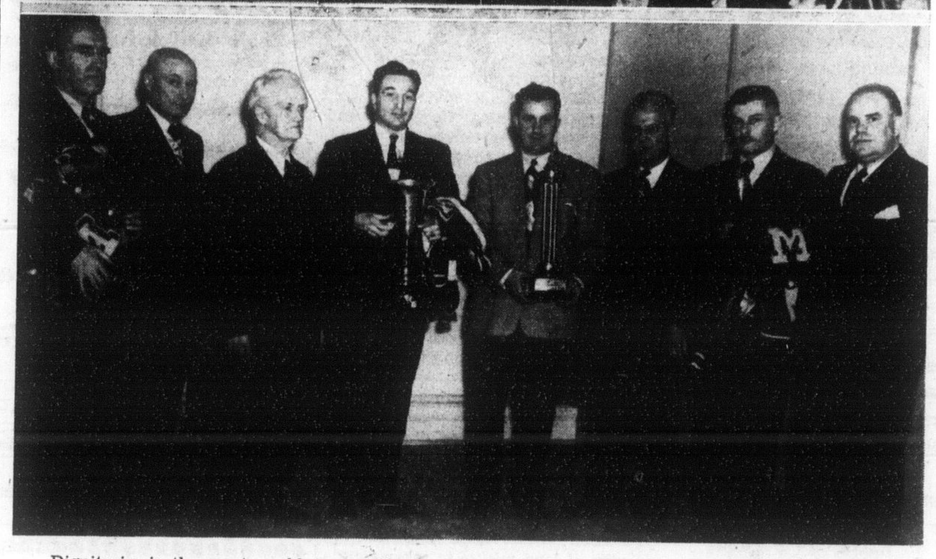
ONTARIO BALL CHAMPIONS HONOURED



Dignitaries in the sport world, town officials and a large crowd of fans attended the presentation and dance to honor the Milton Baseball Club, which was Ontario Intermediate "C" Champions of 1949, held at the town hall last Thursday night. George Whiteman, representing the Ontario Baseball Association is shown in the upper photo making the presentation of the Kent Trophy to Ken Clement, manager of the Milton team. Members of the club and other officials are grouped on the stage. Lower photo shows those who took part during the presentation. From the left are Dr. C. K. Stevenson, club physician; Mayor Dr. C. H. Heslop, on behalf of the town, presented each member of the club with a signet ring; His Honor Judge W. N. Munro presented each with a windbreaker on behalf of the Milton Baseball Club; William "Boyne" Clement, team captain, who received the Halton County Cup for winning the County Championship; Ken "Dick" Clement, manager, received the Ontario Baseball Association trophy; George Whiteman, Hamilton, presented the O.B.A. trophy; Clarence Riddell, president of the Milton club; and Pete McMullen, president of the Halton County League, presented the Halton trophy to the Milton Club. *Photo by Ross Pearen*

Mrs. E. Ford Guest Speaker At Jno. Milton Chapter

Mrs. L. L. Skuce was hostess to the I.O.D.E. for their January meeting when 26 members and 5 guests were present. Mrs. G. F. Thompson, regent, presided.

Mrs. Emmerson Ford was the guest speaker, taking as her subject, "The North Atlantic Security Pact". The address was replete with information and interest. On behalf of the listeners, Mrs. J. P. Book voiced appreciation and thanks for the excellent address

It was learned through correspondence that both the Georgetown and Acton I.O.D.E. chapters are interested in the Commemoration of Founders' Day Service to be observed, February 12th, in Grace Anglican Church.

A letter from Miss Gillespie of the Halton County Health Unit expressed appreciation for the help of Chapter members in the Clinic every month. Mrs. M. Gowland, Welfare Convenor, reported on the activities of her committee in dispensing cheer and aid in times of emergency for local folk. Also Miss Moffatt reported the last box of clothing sent to Headquarters in November, with wool still available for knitting.

Interesting too, was the report of the presentation of scrolls to 32 Chapters in the Province who in wartime had "adopted" ships, in other words had contributed generously to the needs and comfort of the men serving on those ships. Mrs. Thompson and Miss Moffat represented the John Milton Chapter on this presentation occasion and received the scroll. Two pleasing musical numbers by Miss Janette Foster on the piano rounded out a most interesting meeting.

TEACHERS OF NELSON TOWNSHIP HELD MEETING IN BURLINGTON

The regular meeting of the Township of Nelson Teachers was held Thursday evening, January 19, at the home of Mrs. Emerson, Burlington. The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada. The roll call was answered with suggested books for supplementary reading. A committee, consisting of Miss Tufford, Mrs. Ramshaw and Mr. Whyte, was chosen to compile a list of books to be submitted to the School Board so that sets can be purchased.

Mr. Davis, Kilbride, entertained the group with a mouth-organ medley of old and new songs. After a few comic records, Mrs. Emerson gave the Seashore Musical Aptitude Test. A lively discussion of the merits of such tests followed.

The meeting closed with a delicious lunch served by the hostess.

Ball Champions Honoured at Event Thursday Night

Windbreakers and Gold Rings Presented Players Who Brought Honors Here

Visitors and sporting enthusiasts from near and far crowded into the Town Hall last Thursday evening to attend the presentation and dance, in honor of the Milton Baseball Club, which won the Ontario Intermediate 'C' Championship, and Halton County Championship for 1949.

Following dancing to Tiny Hopkin's orchestra, the club president Clarence Riddell called all members of the club as well as certain officials to the stage. On behalf of the Ontario Baseball Association, George Whiteman, of Hamilton, made the presentation of the Kent trophy to Ken Clement, manager of the Milton team, in honor of Milton winning the Intermediate championship.

Stating that Milton Ball Club had won the Halton County Championship seven times while Oakville snatched it half a dozen, Pete McMullen, president of the Halton League said it had never rested at any other club since it was donated in honor of the late Dr. Buck of Palermo. Mr. McMullen then presented the Buck trophy to Boyne Clement, captain of the Milton team who won it for the seventh time.

Judge W. N. Munro, an ardent ball fan praised the Milton team for bringing the highest honors in the sport to Milton. He said Milton was well known for its brick and screw nails as well as one of the finest ball towns in the country. Following his remarks he presented each member with an attractive windbreaker, on behalf of the Ball Club.

For the honor the team brought to the county town, His Worship Mayor Dr. C. H. Heslop presented each member with an engraved gold signet ring, on behalf of the town.

Other out of town guests who had supported the Ball club present were: Jack Holt representing the West Toronto Tire Company; Paul Nagie, Dominion Truck Equipment Company; Fred Turner, Tidewater Oil Company. The evening concluded with dancing.

GOOD RATING

Gerry. "Don't you think it a good idea to rate all cars according to their horsepower?"

Bill: "Not as good as rating drivers according to their horse sense."

Dr. J. A. Crozier Speaker at Meeting Canadian Club

The Milton Canadian Club meeting was held at the Milton Inn last Friday night.

President Desmond Fitzgerald introduced the speaker, Dr. J. A. Crozier, who gave a very interesting talk on his favourite authors. He picked out Mark Twain, R. L. Stevenson and Robbie Burns, and told several interesting anecdotes about their lives and experiences not to be found in any biography.

Dr. Crozier who is a retired M.D. is widely read and travelled and speaks in an easy and humorous way. His talk was much appreciated and C. A. Wood expressed to him the thanks of the club.

MILTON HOME AND SCHOOL JANUARY MEETING WAS FATHERS' NIGHT

The January meeting of the Milton Home and School Association was held at the Public School on Wednesday evening, January 25th.

Mrs. P. Galloway reported on the progress of the kindergarten held in the town hall. This being "Father's Night", Mr. K. O. Foster gave a paper on fatherhood. Mrs. Foster reported on the Boys' Band.

Community singing was enjoyed by all after which two quiz games were conducted by Miss Hodgson. Mrs. Whewell's room won both the Whewell Banner and the Home and School pennant.

The singing of God Save the King brought the meeting to a close after which refreshments were served by the fathers. Square dancing followed.

COMPLETE 60 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL WORK IN RURAL INSURANCE

Another year of successful operation was reported on Monday at the annual meeting of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. held in Acton. Losses of $22,627.81 were lower the past year and fewer in number.

Insurance in force at the year end was $260,230.20 carried in 2,648 policies. Total assets of the company were given as $163,808.03 and the year end surplus was $119,986.48.

The Halton Company this year completed sixty years and has grown in service to the farmers of this district in carrying insurance at a minimum of cost.

The character of Winnipeg, now 75 years old, reflects culture, industry and good natured independence.

Accidental Discharge Of Rifle Injured Milton Youth

A Milton Youth escaped serious injury last week when a loaded 22-calibre rifle accidently discharged wounding him in the left shoulder. Maxie Norris, said he had picked the rifle from its case to clean it and when the stock of the gun struck a piece of furniture the gun discharged. The bullet entered near the collar-bone, coming out at the tip of the shoulder. He was removed to Milton Hospital where fragments of the slug were removed. He was later released.

Allan Dixon President Milton Fair for 1950

Reports Show Success of Last Year's Event—Tribute Paid Late Ernest Readhead

Allan Dixon of Milton was chosen to head the Halton Agricultural Society for 1950 at the annual meeting held last Thursday at the County Buildings. He succeeds Lorne Walker who was president during 1949.

A large attendance of members and directors of the fair heard official's report that the last year's fair topped all previous records. The secretary-treasurer reported that 2,536 entries had been received with an unusually large number of exhibits shown in many different classes, and that $3,767.15 in prize money had been paid. She said that after all disbursements had been made a balance of $564.77 was on hand.

The directors again decided to enter the Field and Crop Competitions and also send delegates to the Fall Fairs Convention, being held in Toronto on February 9-10. J. A. Dixon, Charles Laundon, Mrs. Percy Merry and Miss Marjorie McCready were named as delegates to attend this convention.

Reports from all departments were most gratifying, some advancing new ideas, while others were planning different features. Among them was the possibility of erecting a new hall at the fair park. The old hall was demolished a year ago, and members felt that plans for the new hall should be delayed for the present, owing to the high cost of construction and materials.

All members regretted the loss of their valued secretary-treasurer in the passing of Ernest M. Readhead, and expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Readhead for carrying on its duties during the past year.

The president praised the work of all members and directors during the successful year, indicating the Society also felt the loss of the services of Mrs. Readhead who found it necessary to retire from the office of secretary-treasurer.

Officers elected to head the Society for 1950 include Allen Dixon, president; Walter Reid, first vice-president; W. K. Shields, second vice-prsident; Charles Laundon, secretary-treasurer; W. J. Robertson and William T. Dales, auditors.

Honorary Directors: Hughes Cleaver, M.P.; Stanley Hall, M.L.A. J. Y. Murdock, K.C.; Judge W. N. Robinson; Judge W. N. Munro; Dr. R. K. Anderson; Mrs. A. M. Hume; Mrs. D. Hartley; Mrs. D. Reid; Mrs. Lloyd Crawford; Mrs. H. A. Cartwright.

Directors: J. A. Elliott; E. Harrop; Dr. C. H. Heslop, H. Armstrong, L. Crawford, W. K. Shields, Lorne Walker, R. Currie, J. A. Dixon, Eric McArthur, William Milton, James Brownridge, Gordon Cartwright, Grant Campbell, P. W. Merry, Walter Reid, W. Booth, Lloyd Chisholm.

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Advisory Committee. J. E. Whitelock, A. L. Chambers, A E. Waldie, N. A. Sinclair, Harvey Blacklock, Harvey Agnew, W. E. Breckon, Wm. Reid, Allen Clements, C. McDowell, W. M. Scott, Cyril Elliott, W. Crozier, C. G. Riddell, Gen Campbell, H. A. Cartwright, M. J. Carton, D. Reid, A. McKinnon, C. Hadfield.

The meeting set the dates for the 1950 fair as being September 29th and 30th, the last Friday and Saturday of the month.

Halton County Ball Association Formed Saturday

Contribution of $100 Added To Rod Ryder Benefit Fund At Annual Meeting

A strong delegation representing each ball club in the County, unanimously endorsed a resolution to form the Halton Baseball Association instead of the former Halton Baseball League at their annual meeting held at Hawthorne Lodge last Saturday.

Members emphasized the Halton League had become one of the finest baseball groups in the province and that a number of outside teams had expressed their desire to join the league. They also felt that an association would be in the best interests of all clubs especially if others were permitted to enter.

Fred Dawkins, vice president, praised the work of the president and secretary during the last year, adding it was through their efforts baseball was made one of the finest features in the county. The president Hugh A. "Pete" McMullen thanked all clubs in the league for their co-operation in the past, adding "no trouble at all was experienced during the year."

Members endorsed the president's suggestion that $100 be donated to the Ryder Fund at Acton. He expressed his sympathy to the family. Mr. Ryder, a well-known baseball player, lost his life last fall through a highway traffic accident. Members also instructed the secretary to send a letter to a young Georgetown player, Don Herrington, who is confined to hospital.

Ross Pearen was chosen to conduct the election and installation of officers for 1950. In his opening remarks he praised the co-operation and good sportsmanship shown by all clubs in the league, congratulating those who had brought four championships to Halton during the last three seasons.

All of last year's officers were re-elected: president, Hugh 'Pete' McMullen, Milton vice-president, Fred Dawkins, Acton; secretary-treasurer, A. Cooke, Milton. Two members from each club will comprise the executive committee. Approval was also given to the formation of a grievance committee, whose duties it will be to act as an arbitration board to settle any disputes which might arise between clubs. It is to comprise of one representative from each town having an intermediate team entered in the Association.

Among the many items of business approved was increasing the default and franchise fee to the sum of $50 and entry fee to $30 per year. Clubs failing to attend league meetings are to be henceforth fined $10 which will be taken from the default deposit. This amount is to

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Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 30c.

The Annual Meeting of the Red Cross Society will be held in the Town Hall, Friday, Feb. 3rd, at 8.00 p.m.

The Hornby Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Ella, Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 2.00 p.m.

Do you like pie? Come to the social evening and pie eating contest, Knox Church school room, Feb. 6, 8.15 p.m. Admission 35c.

Kelso Farm Forum will hold a euchre and Box Social in the Schoolhouse, Friday, Feb. 10th at 8.30 p.m. Ladies please bring a box.

Euchre and dance will be held at Omagh School, Friday, Feb. 3. Euchre at 8.30 p.m. May's Orchestra in attendance. Admission 35c. Ladies provide.

Women's Canadian Club will meet in the Legion Hall, Thursday Feb. 9th at 3 o'clock. Guest speaker, Mrs. Helen McPherson on "As Others See Us."

Hornby Farm Forum will meet Monday, Feb. 6th at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Learmont. Subject for discussion "Are Canadians well fed?"

Plan to attend the social evening in Knox Church school room, Monday Feb. 6, at 8.15 p.m. Horticultural slides and musical programme. Pie and coffee. Auspices Ladies' Aid Society. Admission 35c.