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A VIEW OF THE CROWD which attended the 103rd annual Halton Agricultural Society's Fair this year. Although the attendance was down a bit, officials felt that the fair was a big success. The weather turned better at the last minute, although rain threatened.

Town to Operate Arena Until Fall Vote Citizens Decide on \$85,000 Purchase

The Milton arena will be operated by the town until a vote of ratepayers can be held on the question of purchasing it and following that until Municipal Board approval can be sought to authorize its purchase if the ratepayers approve, when an agreement being prepared is signed at a special meeting of council tonight (Thursday). Council took this action at its regular meeting Monday following discussions with C. W. Leask, executor of the estate of the late Fred Armstrong. Purchase price for the arena and refrigeration equipment was set at \$85,000.

Under the agreement being prepared, the town agrees to hold a plebiscite at the December elections and seek the Municipal Board approval. The town may take possession immediately. An engineer with fourth class papers is to operate the equipment and no one else is to be allowed in the compressor room. If purchase of the arena is rejected by the ratepayers, the town is to give up possession immediately and the estate is to have the benefit of repairs made to the building in lieu of rent and "the town rights under the old agreement that provides a \$25,000 penalty clause if it is not operated" shall be deemed to not be prejudiced by these negotiations. The town shall make whatever repairs it sees fit. The town may open and operate the arena, retaining the revenue.

The estate is to continue the present insurance and invoice the town for the period of occupation at the sales figure. A protection for repairs made by the town is also to be included in the insurance clause. The abatement of 1955 taxes is to be assured as in previous years. Payment of existing tax arrears is to be deferred until the sale is completed. The town is to be responsible for any damage to equipment or buildings during the occupancy. The estate is to retain equipment in the ice manufacturing room and storage room which are to be removed at the expense of the estate.

Price \$85,000
Council decided the price it agreed on was \$85,000 while the estate sought \$95,000. Mr. Leask pointed out it was assessed for \$55,000 which would indicate a value of \$190,000. Agreement was finally reached on the \$85,000 figure. Questioned by council, Mr. Leask said he had no report the building was condemned for an arena. It was also pointed out that with an increasing population the revenue should keep up although a deficit might be encountered in the first year of operation.

The need for a good sports promoter was stressed in operation of the arena. Discussing repairs it was suggested that it would require \$12,000 to completely repair the building although it would not be necessary to replace the 350 seats destroyed in the fire at the conclusion of last season until crowds warranted.

Mr. Leask emphasized he wanted something definite in the form of an agreement so the matter would not have to be gone over by the 1956 council following the vote. The price was set at \$85,000 which Mr. Leask described as "dreadfully low" and the solicitor was instructed to prepare the agreement for a special meeting of council on Thursday evening.

Disposal Plant Report
Council accepted the preliminary report of Armstrong, Kingston and Hansen on the renovation and extension of the disposal plant and a by-law is to be prepared authorizing work on the preparation of detailed plans.

The action followed study of the report several weeks ago that would provide sewage treatment facilities for an estimated population of 10,400 by the biosorption method.

It was pointed out the town engineer would not be able to prepare the plans and carry on with the other work, which was urgent.

OPP Cost Up
A letter from the Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner reported the cost of Provincial Police in Milton would be increased based on a new schedule of rates which would allow constables payment at \$4,000 a year and the mileage on the cruiser would be increased from six cents a mile to seven cents. The letter explained the prices were based on actual costs. Estimated cost of policing to the town was \$12,600 a year.

Mayor Heslop complained only two men were on duty due to holidays and the contract provided for three men. The Commissioner was to be contacted regarding this shortage. After discussions on the possibilities of a municipal force, council agreed a new agreement should be prepared with the Provincial Police for 1956.

The Public School Board is to be requested to deed their portion of Thomas St. extended to the town and the town will endeavor to put the road in good condition, according to a resolution approved following lengthy discussion on the ownership of the road.

Last week the School Board requested the council take over the road and pay \$379.80 to the board, the balance of account with Wendover, build a road into satisfactory condition, install sidewalks to the J. M. Denyes school.

74th Wedding Anniversary For Mr., Mrs. G. Hemstreet

Mr. and Mrs. George Hemstreet, on Wednesday of this week marked their 74th wedding anniversary quietly at their Mill St. residence where they have lived during all their married life.

Mrs. Hemstreet was up and around most of the summer and although she is confined to her bed now, her condition is improving. Mrs. Bartelman, their daughter reports. Mr. Hemstreet is still up and around enjoying fairly good health.

Mrs. Hemstreet was the former Eliza Adelaide before the wedding ceremony 74 years ago in Oakville. Mr. Hemstreet is 102 this

year and Mrs. Hemstreet marked her 100th birthday.

For 45 years Mr. Hemstreet played a prominent part in municipal affairs with 15 years as councillor, four as assessor and tax collector and finally 26 years as clerk-treasurer.

Due to ill health, Mr. Hemstreet retired from municipal politics in 1936 remaining as secretary-treasurer of the Milton Cemetery Co. until a few years ago when he retired after having completed more than 45 years service.

Milton citizens certainly will extend good wishes to the couple as they reach the occasion of their 74th wedding anniversary.

Milton Clan Captures Laurels At North Halton Field Meet

A large crowd of students from the four schools in the north of Halton County turned out yesterday (Wednesday) to witness the annual district field day, held this year at Milton. The students from Acton, Erin and Georgetown high schools saw Milton walk off with top honors for the day, with 147 points. Acton was next with 115, then Erin with 100, and Georgetown scored an 83.

Although the ground was wet and muddy after Tuesday's rain, all the events were held as scheduled, although the side of the race track opposite the grandstand had to be used.

But the meet is not over yet! On Friday of this week the boys' 880-yard dash is to be run off again, owing to a default at the finish of the spectacular race. The foul was called on Acton, when B. Skilling, one of their runners, fell to the ground only a few feet from the finish line and allegedly kicked one of the other runners down with him. The two runners lay there stunned for 10 seconds before Skilling jumped to his feet and staggered over the finish line. After a careful and lengthy discussion of the matter, the officials felt it only fair to run the race over again. The race on Friday will be run in Acton, with all the original entrants taking part.

On completion of the races Principal C. A. Wood of Milton presented the trophies to the champions. They were: senior girls, L. Darou of Georgetown; intermediate girls, Betty Anderson of Milton; junior girls, R. Landsborough of Acton; bantam girls, L. Nodwell of Erin. Senior boys, B. Skilling, Acton, and D. Phoenix, Erin, tied for championship; intermediate boys, F. Cooper of Acton; junior boys, N. Lockhurst of Georgetown; and bantam boys, Jim Kerr of Milton.

A complete list of the winners of each event will appear in next week's issue, with pictures of the champions.

John Cabot received a royal grant of 10 pounds for discovering Canada.

Principals Report to Board:

H.S. Attendance Up in All Area Schools

Attendance is up in all three high schools under the jurisdiction of the North Halton High School District Board, it was reported to the meeting in Milton on Monday night.

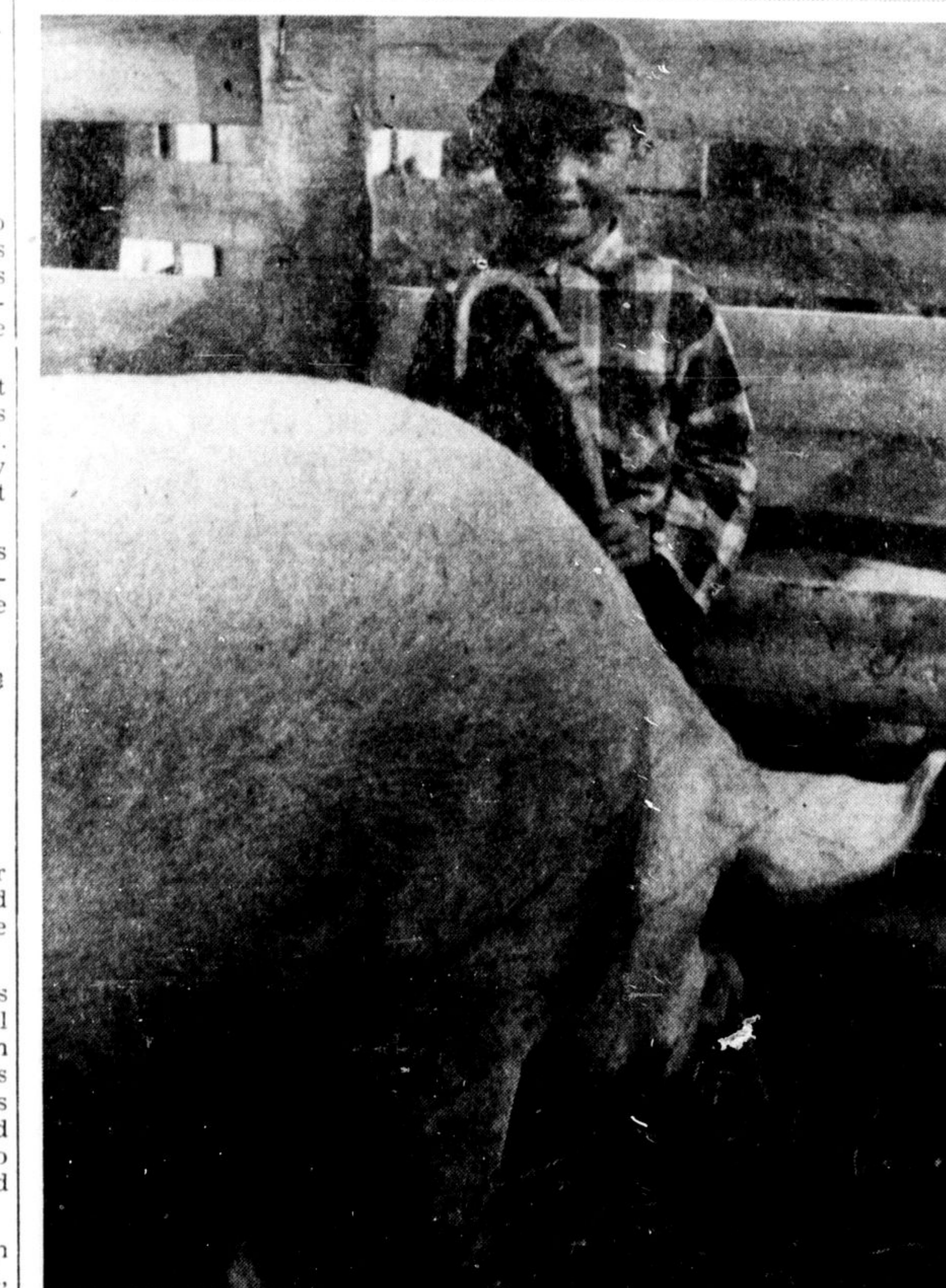
Georgetown school has an enrolment of 249, an increase of 35 this year, reported Principal Lambert. In Milton the attendance is 245, an increase of five reported, Principal Wood said. In Acton Principal Hansen reported an attendance of 192, an increase of 20.

Four new classrooms will be required in Georgetown before next term. In Milton two rooms are in course of construction and in Acton the three rooms are still incomplete but partially in use.

Each school was given an allowance of \$125 to bring rugby or sports equipment up to requirements.

A thorough review of the correspondence regarding the sale of Milton high school to the Milton public school board was made. A motion that all motions concerning this matter be rescinded failed to secure a majority.

The following motion was subsequently submitted and passed: "That Milton public school board be notified that as the majority of the municipal councils have rejected selling the Milton high school, we request that we be released from our offers to sell the Milton high school."



MAN AND BEAST? It's hard to say which is bigger, the boy or the pig. The sow, which is owned by Ross Mills of Strabane, was shown by his son, Kenny, at the Halton Agricultural Society's Fair on Saturday, and won the Senior Grand Championship for sows.

Wet Weather Vanishes, Crowds Appear For 103rd Annual Milton Fair Saturday

Although wet weather last Friday threatened the success of Milton's 103rd annual fall fair, a cloud-hooping sun appeared Saturday to brighten the day and anxious directors as an estimated 12,000 to 13,000 people — slightly less than last year — thronged the grounds to see new displays and meet old friends.

While there were fewer exhibitors second vice-president Frank Chisholm appraised that: "If the crowd's happy, and it's a sunny day, the fair is a success."

Every year, however, an increasing number of local organizations are setting up booths at the fair. This year, on the midway, there were booths from the Scotch Block W.I., Rebekah Lodge, Ballinacree W.A. and W.I., Ashgrove United Church W.A., the St. Paul's Mr. and Mrs. Club, and the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Enjoy Midway Rides
Children enjoyed the rides on the midway, where a ferris wheel, merry-go-round, and a car-ride in addition to games, booths and pop and candy floss stands beckoned the young entertainment seekers.

The Lorne Scots Pipe Band provided music throughout the Saturday afternoon program. This was unharmoniously added to by the piping sounds of the merry-go-round.

The fair was officially opened at 2 p.m. by John Carr, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. "If each family does something you'll continue to have a good fair," he declared, bringing attention to the fact that it is the duty of each family and each member to help the Agricultural Society put on a good show.

The junior farmer hall was filled to capacity with colorful exhibits. The champion display was done by the Milton Junior Institute, and was called an "Appropriate Junior Institute Wardrobe."

A sale of blindercraft products was also featured in this building.

Set Up 17 W.I. Displays
There were 17 Women's Institute displays. Campbellville W.I. won the award for the best placed display.

The oldest gentleman recorded at the office was E. B. Coulson, R.R. 2 Milton, who is 90 years old. He was the only man registered. No ladies registered for the two prizes offered.

In the square dance competition, the Puslinch set defeated the Milton Junior Squares by a close margin.

The P. L. Robertson building was filled with many beautiful exhibits. A large display of flowers this year covered one side of the building. The displays were fashioned as provincial crests, candy, baking, canning, sewing, quilting, needlework, art work, oil painting, woodwork, photography, and W.I. crafts.

A dance in the town hall Saturday night concluded the 103rd annual Milton Fair.

Two men from the Ontario Hydro were in town on Tuesday of this week taking colored motion pictures for a film to be used in the celebration of the Ontario Hydro Jubilee next year.

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Board of Directors Accept Site For Milton General Hospital

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Milton General Hospital on Wednesday, J. Willmott reported, for the Property Committee, on the site offered by the Milton (Canada) Industrial Development Ltd. and stated that it was the unanimous opinion of that committee that this property should be acquired for the new hospital. The site is between four and five acres of well drained raised land on the southern outskirts of Milton south-west of Sixteen Mile Creek, well away from railroads and main highways, yet easily accessible, and facing a proposed park.

fine the limits of the property for transfer to the hospital, provided that the property as defined in the survey is satisfactory.

It was explained office premises for the hospital campaign will shortly be functioning in Milton and will be the focus of energies devoted to organizing the activities of the various committees needed to bring to reality the hospital to serve the district of Milton and the surrounding townships.

Attending the meeting were John S. Wright, president of the Board, B. C. MacNab, vice-president, R. Harris, secretary, H. R. Willis, treasurer, J. H. Willmott, Mrs. V. Norris, Mrs. M. Brown, Robert Marshall, reeve of Trafalgar, and Wilfred Bird, reeve of Esquesing.

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