

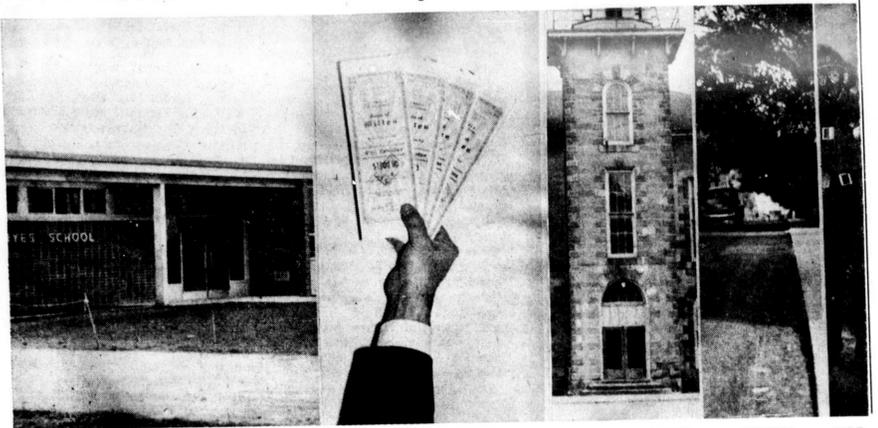
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## Where the Money Goes . . .



**EDUCATION 30.1%**      **DEBENTURES 22.7%**      **ADMINISTRATION 15.3%**      **STREETS 12.4%**      **FIRE LIGHT POLICE 7%**

**COUNTY RATE 5.7%**  
**SEWERS, GARBAGE 5.3%**  
**PLANNING, RECREATION, LIBRARY 1%**

## Where the Money Comes From . . .



**RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL TAXES 73.5%**      **DEBENTURES RECOVERABLE 13.7%**      **GRANTS 8.9%**

**LICENSES, FEES, MISCELLANEOUS 3.9%**

## '57 Tax Rate Up Nine Mills Spending Increases 22%

Milton taxpayers this year will be billed for 18 to 24 per cent. more money for municipal operations.

Up nine mills this year, the rate for residential and farm property was set at 59, and the rate on business and industrial at 62 mills.

The double rate this year follows introduction of a new system by the province requiring the benefit of the per capita grant to be applied only on residential and farm property.

Expenditures budgeted for total \$480,693 with revenue at \$129,870. Total assessment for the 1957 levy is \$5,758,637.

The nearly half-million-dollar-budget reflects a rise of 22 per cent. in estimated costs over the previous year in comparison with the Auditor's Report and the 1957 budget.

In reviewing the tabled budget Monday night Mayor Ledwith pointed out the only part controllable by council had increased about three-quarters of a mill.

Councillor Charlton, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported the committee had done its best. "We have received the co-operation of every member of council and good co-operation from the school board", the chairman outlined.

It was pointed out that with growing school enrolments about six mills of the nine mill increase was credited to public and high school cost.

Tax instalments will be due May 14, July 2, September 3 and November 5.

The assessment roll on which the 1957 taxes will be collected shows a population of 4,410.

### Council Critical Population Total For Grant Basis

Milton Council Monday night voiced criticism of the population figures used in establishing the town's per capita grant. It was pointed out the grant would be paid on a population of 4,200 while the assessment census for 1957 had showed a population of 4,410.

Council petitioned the Minister of Municipal Affairs to use the correct figures rather than those established by the quinquennial census of 1956. It was pointed out Georgetown was also objecting to their basis for the per capita grant.

The grant is \$3.10 per person and this year is used to lower the taxes on residential property without affecting business and industrial property. It is this factor that results in the two mill rates this year.

Routine business dealt with at the two hour meeting, besides the establishment of the budget, included approval of payment of \$1,500 to the Separate School Board, as well as \$42 for school crossing guard, approval of the usual \$100 grant for the Midget hockey team; notification of a short course on weed control; approval for the fire chief to attend the Municipal Fire Chiefs' training course at the University of Toronto on April 24, 25 and 26; authorization for the town foreman to work on the roads and ditches in the Kingsleigh Court subdivision and the annual banking resolution for the town.

### Reveal Deficit Cuts Surplus In Audit Report

"I'm satisfied everything is in good order," H. A. Leaver, town auditor, declared when he presented the annual auditor's report covering 1956 operations to Milton Council Monday evening.

He noted the finance committee of council had reviewed the 1957 estimates with him and slashed every one.

In his formal statement on the 1956 operations, the auditor pointed out a deficit on the year's operations of \$11,383.55. "However, the town commenced the year with an accumulated surplus of \$29,504.55, so after deducting current year's deficit, there remains a surplus of \$18,121.00 to be carried forward into 1957," the report notes.

Taxes receivable were \$31,117.45 and it is pointed out this is a reduction of \$8,775 from the last year.

According to the report, debentures outstanding totalled \$1,103,609.41, an increase of \$282,181.00 over the previous year.

Total expenditures in 1956 were \$392,553.68 on the basis of an assessment of \$5,276,636.00 at a 50 mill rate.

The municipal waterworks system was operated at a deficit of \$566.34 with \$41,260.65 being collected for the sale of water. Maintenance of the town's 16.8 miles of mains and 70 hydrants cost \$16,597.23 with debenture debt charges totalling \$22,190.17. The deficit still leaves a balance of \$2,441.87 from the balance of previous years of \$3,008.21.

The \$125,390.08 public school expenditures showed a deficit of \$5,323.37 despite a surplus at the end of the prior year of \$15,391.17. Biggest expenditure indicated in the report was \$78,189.82 for instruction, salaries. Plant operations cost \$12,430.22 with instalments on debentures totalling \$11,524.00.

A deficit of \$2,583.23 was recorded in the operation of the Separate School with a total budget of \$18,348.48. Largest item was for instruction at \$8,160.00, followed by instalments on the board's provincial borrowings of \$4,967.54. Provincial grants on the revenue side totalled \$7,993.53 with \$5,457.58 from taxation.

Two readings were given a by-law to cover the issuance of by-laws for local improvement work on Bronte St. The debenture of \$2,564.95 was for a ten year period and is subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.

The solicitor was instructed to prepare a by-law of \$10,697, plus the necessary board and legal fees, to capitalize some of the costs for providing services and access to the new W. I. Dick school. Approval of Trafalgar township was also to be sought.

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## 100-Man Guard of Honor Promised by Lorne Scots

Centennial manager Ross Pearen announced yesterday that Col. Charters, head of the Lorne Scots regiment for Halton and Peel, has given his approval to a 100-man guard of honor for the Centennial opening ceremonies to be held Wednesday evening, June 26. Hon. Lester B. Pearson is expected to open the event.

Mr. Pearen also said that within the next few days, letters of invitation to attend a special children's day program will be sent to 30 Milton and district schools comprising close to 2,500 children. A huge parade of all the school children and an afternoon of sports is planned for June 27.

As the school children will be marching in their groups, each school will be asked to make a banner with their school name on it and a prize will be offered for the best sign.

A total of 18 bands plus the Milton Band have already been engaged for the performances, and bands to carry the parades for the first three days of the events have already been lined up.

The parades committee has named the following sub-committees: floats, George Bundy and Frank Shannon; antique cars and trucks, Stan Wilson and Aurelio Mattiussi; bands, Bruce McKerr and A. E. Clement. Anyone anxious to make an entry in the parades should contact any of the above.

The horticultural committee has finalized details for the contest they are sponsoring and details will soon be available.

Mrs. Eleanor McKerr has been engaged as part-time office help.

The souvenir money — 25 cent shipplasters — should be ready for distribution next week. The compiling of the history of the town by Mrs. L. F. Clarke has been almost completed, and the history book, to include pictures of Milton's earlier days and local advertising, should be on the presses soon.

Two church groups have approached Manager Pearen regarding serving meals during the celebrations in their own churches. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Babcock are to contact other church groups which might also be interested.

Robert Lawson has been named decorating committee chairman, and Mrs. C. Anderson was named to head the baby sitting committee. Several teen-age girls have already offered their names to serve on the baby sitting corps.

It is understood the CBC is arranging to have their Audio and Small Types programs broadcast from Milton during the centennial. The stage coach plans have been nearly finalized, and Stan May of Hornby has been hired to drive the coach and supply the four-horse team.

The advertising committee has ordered 40 dozen novelty hats, to be sold through local stores at \$1 each. Merchants can order novelties with centennial crests on them for souvenirs.

## Board Approves Plan for New School Safety Patrol

Inauguration of a school safety patrol—trained students conducting children across busy intersections — was approved at Monday's meeting of the Milton public school board after Constable Ron Rupert of the town O.P.P. detachment explained the unit and its operations. The move would not cost the board a cent, he explained, and would go into effect next term.

Const. Rupert said a class of instruction by the Ontario Safety League would be held for three or four weeks. The boys taking the patrol duties would probably be chosen from the senior grades, and there would be six patrolmen in each school.

Supervising principal E. W. Foster spoke heartily in favor of the new scheme, noting that he favored anything that will give the children responsibility and said it was a fine thing for the children to accept responsibility for other children.

A suggestion by architect John Layng that a temporary culvert be erected over the creek at the proposed entrance to the new W. I. Dick school, to be used to facilitate construction until the permanent structure is erected, was promptly refused by board members. Chairman Bell said there was no immediate need for the bridge and trucks entering the site could do so by the other entranceway.

Finance chairman Gowland warned that the board couldn't stand any such expenditures which weren't budgeted for, as the budget, although higher than last year, stands at a bare minimum.

Supervising Principal Foster reported one male teacher had been hired Monday at the Toronto Teachers' College and another was thinking over the possibility of a position here. If the second man accepts, said trustee Church, one more teacher will yet be needed to fill the 1957-58 teaching staff.

**Hole to be Filled**

It was decided to use the school tractor and blade to fill in a hole near the portable classroom at the Bruce Street school, after a letter from the Health Unit scored the danger of the place. The letter also suggested improved washing facilities at the Bruce Street school washrooms.

Town engineer Pallesen submitted 10 copies of his sketches of the bridge for the Dick school entrance. Call for tenders was approved, with the closing date set at April 22. Architect Layng asked that the bridge be ready for June 15.

H. MacKechnie was granted permission to take class pictures at the school.

Both caretakers were given \$200 raises effective next year.

Accounts totalling \$1,614.14 were approved for payment.

## Driverless Cars In \$250 Tangle

Three driverless vehicles — two cars and a truck — got tangled up on Main Street Friday afternoon and about \$250 damage was caused before the mess was untangled.

A stake truck used for carrying bricks, driven by Grant Stark of R.R. 5, Milton, was parked in front of Marg's Restaurant, facing west on Main St. According to investigating officer Constable Jim Bradley of the Milton O.P.P. force, the brake on the truck slipped and the truck rolled backwards into a 1957 Buick owned by Mario Casarin of R.R. 3, Milton, causing an estimated \$200 damage to the car.

The Buick was pushed back into the third vehicle, a 1955 Plymouth station wagon owned by Norman Dale of Hamilton, which ended up with \$50 damage to the front end.

—Don't put away the snow shovels yet.

—Political groups are planning their activities prior to the election in June. Meetings are being held locally.

## Halton Population 68,297 In Canada Census Figure

According to the final report of the 1956 census of Canada, the population of Halton County has increased 24,294 in the past five years. In 1951, the total population of Halton County was 44,003. The population now totals as of June 1, 1956, 68,297, with the male population totalling 34,632 and the females totalling 33,665.

Breaking the figures down into towns and townships, with the present population (and the 1951 total in brackets) shows, Trafalgar 13,139 (8,118), Nelson 12,929 (8,193), Esquesing 5,020 (4,012), Nassagaweya 2,261 (1,970), Oakville 9,983 (6,910), Burlington 9,127 (6,917), Georgetown 5,942 (3,452), Milton 4,294 (2,451), Acton 3,578 (2,880) and Bronte 2,024.

	Males	Females
Trafalgar	6,810	6,329
Nelson	6,580	6,349
Esquesing	2,685	2,335
Nassagaweya	1,158	1,103
Oakville	4,997	4,986
Burlington	4,421	4,706
Georgetown	2,954	2,988
Milton	2,150	2,144
Acton	1,824	1,754
Bronte	1,053	971

—Spring is where you find it. This week the Champion used this theme for a picture-feature on spring's arrival. The feature, on page nine, was put on the press Wednesday night when the weather WAS spring-like.

## Nine Study Recreation

### Form Exploratory Committee

At a second meeting of several people interested in the formation of a town recreation commission held Tuesday evening at Art Desjardine's house, an exploratory committee of nine men was set up to further investigate formation of such a commission with representatives of every organization in town. Committee members and their groups to contact are:

Ron Harris, music, art, chess and checkers; Roy Stuart, bowling and adult recreation; Abe Parton, baseball and hockey; Dean Gray, girls' baseball; Harold Brown, cricket; Jim McKellar, soccer and darts; Art Desjardine, teen-age recreation; Charlie Wickens, minor sports; Frank Johnson, lawn bowling.

Anyone with ideas of any type of recreation which does not appear here is asked to contact any one of the above-mentioned committee members. In the meantime, the committee is contacting all town organizations on their lists to get representatives out to a meeting this Sunday at two o'clock in the town hall.

It is hoped that resolutions asking the endorsement of a recreation commission can be obtained from all local recreational groups and, along with pledges of financial support from local service clubs, this will be presented to council for its approval.

### David Wilson Wins Award as Best Actor

Milton junior farmers presented their award-winning one-act play at a five county drama festival in Guelph Tuesday evening, and came home with the best actor award. Dave Wilson, who plays the leading man in "The Monkey's Paw" was named best actor, as he was at a recent festival in Aldershot.

The prize for the best play went to Clinton Juniors of Huron county for their presentation of "The First Dress Suit". Shirley Dyer of Erasmus Juniors, Wellington county, won the award as best actress. Waterloo and Peel counties also competed, without awards.

Adjudicator was Mrs. Marianne Johnston, of Stratford.

### Nearly All Children Have Safety Crests

Constable Ron Rupert reported this week that nearly every public and separate school child has received an Elmer the Safety Elephant jacket crest by now. Crests are given the children who learn their five safety rules by heart and when all the children in any classroom have received their crests, the room gets an Elmer pennant to hang up.

The safety-minded grade two and three class taught by Mrs. M. Glover at the J. M. Denyes school was the first group to receive their pennant. The pennant comes down if any of the children are caught disobeying any of the five rules.

Monday, Constable Rupert went to the Denyes school to remove the pennant in Mrs. Presse's classroom. One boy in the class had been caught Saturday evening riding his bicycle up and down the sidewalk on Main Street in an erratic manner and without lights.



Denyes School Classroom First To Get Elmer Pennant

The 37-pupil grades two and three class of Mrs. M. Glover at the J. M. Denyes school was the first Milton classroom to receive an Elmer the Safety Elephant pennant, given to rooms only when each child has learned his rules and received an Elmer jacket crest. Above, the happy pupils holding crests pose with Elmer, their teacher, and safety officer Constable Ron Rupert of the Milton O.P.P. force.

## Stolen Car, Articles Recovered at Mimico

A car stolen at Norval Sunday evening, March 31, and a flashlight and coat taken the same night from another car, were recovered by Metro police at Mimico this week, reported Constable Harold Youmans of the County O.P.P. detachment.

The car belonged to Mrs. Lois Fendley, and the articles were taken from a car belonging to Mr. Richardson, owner of the general store in Norval. The public school had also been broken into, and about \$4 taken.

## Red Cross Man Outlines Work

Two members of the national organization of the Red Cross, Harley Neff, campaign director of the division office at Toronto, and Ross Newhan, director of blood donor services at Toronto, attended the second meeting of the newly reorganized local Red Cross at the town hall last night.

Mr. Neff stated that the local Red Cross organization should make themselves known to the public in respect to what they can do in times of emergency, what they will do and what they are equipped to do at the present time. Helped by inquiring questions by the members, Mr. Neff discussed the different services that the local branch has, such as loan cupboard, disaster service, blood bank and campaigns and pointed out many facts that would help the group in their re-organization.

Mr. Neff doesn't do its share in helping, then their part must be taken by another community or the services of the Red Cross will be cut down, said Mr. Neff. "It's a pity you can't convey to your people how much they can do by doing so little."

Mr. Newhan also took an active part in the discussion. He pointed out that in blood donor services the important thing is for regular clinics to help support the blood that is used in hospitals here, plus contributing for local people going to larger hospitals in the city. The group must also contribute to the national supply.