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CAN-CAN DANCERS stole the show at the high school open house with their version of the lively high-stepping dance. From left, the grade 12 girls taking part under the direction of Miss Diane Purvis were Sharon Presse, Carolyn Gardhouse, Gloria Purdy, Anne Jervis, Sharon Reichert, Marlene White, Rose

Anderson, Marion Clement and Carolyn Mowat. A large crowd enjoyed the fashion parades, singing and fumbling numbers on the program, and viewed pupils' displays in the various classrooms.

Fashions, Dancing, Tumbling

School's Annual Open House Draws Crowd

The annual open house at Milton high school drew a large attendance of parents and friends on Friday evening to the school auditorium. Following tours through the classrooms decorated with the students' handiwork, the guests were entertained to a short program of fashions, tumbling, singing and dancing.

Principal A. L. Meddings was in charge of the program, and in welcoming the parents, noted the progress on the new high school being erected in the south of Milton. He said that although the school was to have been partly occupied by October, he thought it would be closer to Christmas time before the school could be ready enough to put into use.

Grades nine and 10, he added, would attend classes at the Martin St. school while the three senior grades would go to the new school as soon as possible.

Mr. Meddings predicted an enrollment of 500 to 600 within five years, emphasizing that the biggest growth in students would begin in 1960.

Open Program

The 15-voice glee club under Miss Lois Walsh's direction opened the program with three numbers, Early One Morning, Oh What a Beautiful Morning and Oklahoma. The choristers were Brenda Hardy, Jean Cole, Dorothy Dredge, Glenys Evans, Lynn McKerr, Susan Brush, Jo-Anne Downs, Ann Backhouse, Marlene Mason, Angela Johnson, Linda Hinchcliffe, Leslie Brigstocke, Vicki Googe, Margaret Harry, Lorna Giasson.

Margaret Lawson commented on a parade of blouse and skirt fashions modelled by the grade nine girls, who had made the articles in home economics classes under the supervision of Mrs. A. MacArthur. They were: Lorna Giasson, Vicki Googe,

Margaret Harry, Pauline Mathies, Susan Brush, Dorothy Dredge, Carol Makin, Marlene Mason, Lynn McKerr, Gwen Wilson, Marilyn Woodley, Leslie Brigstocke, Glenys Evans, Jean Cole, Brenda Hardy, Angela Johnson, Fernie Ramshaw, Carol Randell, Stefani Salewski.

Dance Highlight

Next highlight on the program was a racy Can-Can dance performed by Anne Jervis, Rose Anderson, Sharon Presse, Carolyn Mowat, Marlene White, Gloria Purdy, Marion Clement, Sharon Reichert and Carolyn Gardhouse directed the lively number, which drew shrieks of appreciation and amazement from the audience.

A fashion show of dresses modelled by grade 10B and 10C girls came next. Those taking part were: Karen Anderson, Marjorie Doby, Carol Morello, Avril Coates, Margaret Graham, Judy Dobbie, Shirley

Green, Kathleen Pewtress, Dona Senicar, Jackie Bristow, Mary Mowat, Irene Hills, Carol Hull, Margaret Pewtress, Isabella Gordon, Dianne Gullis and Ruth Ann Sherratt.

Precede Fashions

A duet by Lynn McKerr and Susan Brush, When You Walk Upon a Star, preceded the next fashion show which was another dress display by the girls of grade 10A. Modelling were:

Sandra Black, Jill Cannon, Mary Helen Coulson, Susan Corless, Carol-Rene Galloway, Judy Hills, Carol Kirton, Margaret McPhail, Lynne Merritt, Carol Mills, Bernice Moore, Cindy Presse, Joyce Robertson, Valentina Salewski and Margaret Whewell.

Mrs. MacArthur was supervisor of all three shows, and Miss Lawson acted as commentator for each one.

Tumbling Conclusion

A tumbling display directed by physical education instructor Ross Gosling concluded the program. Boys taking part were Richard Jacobs, Jackson Rowan, Aldo Durante, Brian Harry, Chris Ramshaw, Jim Allan, Richard Backhouse, Mike Crucifix, Larry Cryderman, Brian McDuife, Mike Devlin and Frank Devlin.

Cement Too Heavy Overpass Collapses

Construction of an overpass for 401 Highway at the Halton-Peel county line east of Hornby was slowed down considerably on Tuesday when a partially completed overpass crumpled to the ground, injuring nine workers.

About 175 yards (40 truckloads) of newly-poured concrete were too heavy for the wooden framework, it was reported, and the forms collapsed. The wet cement had hardened before the mess was cleaned up.

12 Homes

Building permits for construction worth \$126,000 have been issued in Nassagaweya township to date this year, clerk Don McMillan reported this week.

In April and May, 12 permits were issued for homes, totalling \$115,000. In March \$11,000 worth of building received permits.

Board Dissolution Appears Imminent After Talks on High School District

Nassagaweya Tax Rate Held to .6 Mill Raise

Despite an increase in the high school levy of 1.6 mills, Nassagaweya township council trimmed other expenditures to come up with an overall increase in the 1959 mill rate of .6 mills.

Monday evening council approved the 1959 levy at 44.6 mills for farm and residential, an increase of .6 mills from 1958; and 48.4 mills for commercial, a .2 mill increase from last year.

Residents in the Milton fire area will pay an additional 1.7 mills for fire protection while those in the Acton fire area have an additional 3.5 mills levy for the service. In the S.S. No. 6 school area, the total levy is reduced to 36.8 mills.

Clerk Don McMillan reported the county and township portions of the levy were down .3 mills and the public school rate dropped .4 mills this year.

Total township expenditures for the year are estimated at \$54,000 while the township levy will raise \$23,500 of this.

By resolution at Monday's meeting, council agreed to the breakup by County Council of the North Halton high school district board. Accounts totalling \$849.75 were approved, and the road superintendent's voucher for \$2,368.06 was also passed.

Milton Fair Highest in Class Whitelock Gets Service Award

Halton Agricultural Society's annual Milton fair "is rated the highest Class B fair in the province" in the one day charged admission class, the directors were told at their annual banquet in Milton last week.

The speaker was W. J. Hunter, first vice-president of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, parent body of all Ontario fairs. He complimented the directors on their achievements over the past 106 years the county show has been operating. The guest speaker noted Milton's fair was one of 72 of the province's 262 fairs which could now claim a yearly \$1,500 grant.

"Earned" Award

Two highlights of the social evening carried the familiar name of J. Earl Whitelock with them. First, Mr. Whitelock was awarded the board's annual agriculture service diploma, for his untiring work with the fair during his 24½ years as county agricultural representative for the Department of Agriculture. In presenting the diploma, director Edwin Harrop said the honor was "justly earned" for the "foresight, energy and enthusiasm"

shown by Mr. Whitelock.

Mr. Harrop recalled how Mr. Whitelock had induced the breed associations to hold their annual cattle shows in conjunction with the fair, and praised him for much progress in the fair during the last 25 years.

Shows Trip Slides

Mr. Whitelock closed the evening by showing colored slides of his recent holiday trip through United States. Frank Chisholm, board president, conducted the banquet program.

Advance Poll This Weekend

Going to be away from home on Provincial election day, June 11? You still have a chance to mark your ballot at the advance poll being held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 4, 5 and 6.

The poll for this district will be held at the Court House, Milton between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. D.S.T. Ballot boxes will be opened on election night.

Urban agreement to the dissolution of the North Halton High School District Board appeared imminent following a meeting of the North Halton Urban Board in Milton on Wednesday.

High School Board secretary-treasurer G. O. Brown answered queries from the Urban Board's largest meeting in many months, as council members from Acton, Milton and Georgetown sought information on present operations and the possible three district organizations.

Explains By-Law

County Clerk Garfield Brown also attended offering explanations of the by-law of dissolution prepared for county council consideration.

Members of Nassagaweya and Esquering councils invited to the meeting were not present but it was noted they had indicated their approval to the dissolution of the district at earlier meetings.

Although the Urban Board has no powers other than that of seeking information, Georgetown, originators of the dissolution move, are in favor of Acton and Milton as yet uncommitted. Milton Mayor S. G. Childs suggested Milton members appear in favor of the dissolution following the explanations received. Acton Mayor Walter Cook noted seven members of Acton Council were present and didn't appear to have any strong opposition to the move.

"Outlived Usefulness"

Col. G. O. Brown, at the outset of the meeting noted the district—embracing Acton, Nassagaweya, Milton, Esquering and Georgetown—had been an excellent idea in 1948 and for a number of years. "I think the present high school board has outlived its usefulness... a change has many advantages and I can't find any disadvantages."

Answering questions on accommodation in the three towns, the secretary reported Georgetown, in September would have accommodation for 720 with an anticipated enrollment of 460 for a 66 per cent. occupancy; Milton accommodation for 700 with 360 enrollment for 51 per cent. occupancy; and Acton 410 accommodation, 280 enrollment for 68 per cent. occupancy.

Debentures Outstanding

In reviewing debentures of the area still outstanding it was noted the Acton area would be responsible for 24 per cent., Milton 32 per

cent. and Georgetown 44 per cent. Grants were reviewed along with rural and urban enrolments in the three schools.

Col. Brown reported that the Milton district would receive grants—announced at the first of the year—on their gymnasium to the extent of \$25,000 and \$25,000 per classroom while Acton and Georgetown would not, since their approvals had been obtained prior to the end of 1958 with the grants effective January, 1959.

Grants Lower

It was reviewed that the \$480,000 addition at Georgetown would be eligible for grants on only \$265,000 while Acton would receive grants on \$80,000 of its \$240,000 addition. It was explained this was partly due to the addition of gymnasiums and partly due to the addition of second floors at the schools and enlargement of service facilities.

Secretary Col. Brown noted that while 24 per cent. of the outstanding debentures would be paid by the Acton area this area was actually responsible for 25 per cent. of the expenditure. He suggested the figures all along were so even that he doubted if there would ever be a more equitable time for dissolution.

Study By-Law

Details of the county-by-law were studied with one clause—providing for a county council review in five years or when one school reached capacity—receiving detailed debate. Clerk Garfield Brown noted the wording was that approved by the Department of Education and provision appeared to be available for arbitration in case of dispute.

Clerk McGeachie reported there appeared an equality in accommodation with Acton at 68 per cent. and Milton at 51 per cent. "Acton would have to add sooner, bearing the entire cost of any additions," he pointed out.

Could Equalize

It was noted the rate of growth might be faster or slower between municipalities and that could equalize the capacities.

Col. Brown emphasized the need for municipalities to make up their mind for or against the dissolution before the next County Council meeting—tentatively set for next Wednesday night—or be prepared to forget the issue for a year.

In the event one municipality is

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Sell Denyes' Addition 6% Debentures 97.5

Milton Council Monday night in a routine meeting accepted the sale of \$125,000 debentures for the J. M. Denyes six room addition at 97.5 with six per cent. interest. The sale was made to Dawson and Hannaford Ltd.

Solicitor K. Y. Dick reported the Ontario Municipal Board approval had been obtained on the \$125,000 amount—increased from the original \$120,000. Two readings were given the by-law and forwarded to the O.M.B. for approval of the form of the by-law.

No Dissolution Decision

Discussion on the dissolution of the North Halton High School District Board reached no conclusion as members reviewed the possibility of the three board system, a Board of Education, the size of a district board and a draft by-law submitted by the county for town consideration. Conclusions were left until after a meeting scheduled for Wednesday of the North Halton Urban Board.

Solicitor K. Y. Dick reviewed that an additional expenditure of \$1,300 was required on Mill St. to provide an adequate base for the paving. He reviewed the difficulties of getting the Ontario Municipal Board approval on this addi-

tion to the debenture issue, including a public hearing in Milton to dispense with a vote on the work. Members agreed that the town's share—half the \$1,300—could be met from current expenditures to cut any further red tape on the project.

Team Donations

Art Snarr reviewed an earlier request for the town's grant of \$100 a team for three teams entered in the Ontario competition. He noted donations were also being sought from service clubs and local citizens to back the Pee Wee, Midget

and Juvenile entries in the Ontario competition. He noted officials presently had 16 teams playing in Milton but not in Ontario competition.

Council agreed to the \$300. grant.

Council endorsed Councillor Roberts' suggestion that letters of appreciation be directed to officials in Exeter and Strathroy for their reception when local members of the arena board visited there studying possibilities of a recreation commission.

Council also:

- Learned that street oiling would begin either late this week or early next week.
- Approved an expenditure of \$50 to put a tank on an existing truck for moving sludge from the sewage disposal plant.
- Approved \$2,000. to the arena board to meet current expenses.

Permits Total \$141,500 Construction Pace Fast

Construction in Milton continued at a fast pace during May, according to permit issuer Frank McNiven who sold permits for construction valued at \$141,500 during the month.

Largest item was the \$100,000 permit for the J. M. Denyes public school addition. Three homes total-

led \$30,000, a new apartment cost \$6,500, and an addition to a home cost \$1,500. Other permits for garages, porches, additions and renovations totalled \$3,500.

This brings the year's total to \$774,100. May's total was almost \$40,000 above the May, 1958 total of \$101,050.



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FOUR NEW TEACHERS who have just graduated from normal schools and will be teaching at Milton public schools next term visited the school this week to become acquainted with the local system. Supervising principal E. W. Foster, left, and board chairman G. C. Gowland, right, welcomed the teachers. From left to right they are Raymond Morrison of Durham, Jo Ann Waller of Dundas, June Lindsay of Acton and Ilga Vitols of Dundas.

December Jingle Bells May Fail to Jangle

Santa Claus may NOT come to Milton next December!

"I'm beginning to wonder if people really think there IS a Santa Claus," said one official of the Milton Santa Claus committee which arrange Santa Claus annual visit with clowns, bands, floats, music, gifts for the kiddies. The reason is simply that bringing Santa Claus to Milton costs money—lots of it—and the committee just won't be able to afford the once-a-year spree unless the coming fun fair is a huge financial success.

It will have to be a \$1,600 success, according to committee chairman George Bundy—for that's how much it cost the committee for last year's parade. Santa Claus may be renowned for his yuletide generosity, but he hasn't \$1,600 to give Milton!

"The crowds just aren't turning out to our annual street fair," said Mr. Bundy. "It's the only way we have of raising money from the people who get the most benefit out of the parade." He praised merchants and groups in town who donate dollars and prizes for the fun fair and parade. "The businessmen are 100 per cent. with us," he said.

"People are taking the attitude that 'it will happen tomorrow—why worry about it' when they should be out supporting the fair," said the chairman. It costs a lot of money and takes a lot of work to put on the annual parade and arena show, he added.

Right now the committee has about \$500 in the treasury—which will just cover the prizes for the lucky draw being held in conjunc-

tion with the street fair. Where they're going to raise \$1,600 for next December's parade is the big problem, because with the small crowds attending the fun fair this past few years, it looks like a lost cause.

Santa's annual parade was started on a \$50 budget by the fire brigade in 1945 when 100 bags of candy were handed out to the children at the town hall, and Santa rode on the back of the fire truck. Two years later the Legion decided to help out the firemen and both groups donated \$100 to put the show on the road.

Crowd Dwindles

Since then, the street fair and donations have been the mainstay of the jolly old gent's visit, but each year the crowd at the fun fair dwindles and the December pro-

gram is expanded to keep pace with the changing times and influx of crowds.

In 1950 the arena was used for the first time and a group of out-of-town figures skaters (including popular comedian Muri Burbidge who has thrilled crowds of local adults and kiddies on numerous occasions) performed for the program.

Because the parade's popularity gained each year, the parade got longer and more bands had to be hired. The children's gift bags increased in size and quantity until now they each receive an apple, an orange, jelly beans, three other types of candies, a coloring book, balloon and the nylon net bag (worth eight cents alone).

2,600 Bags of Candy

Last year the arena was packed

for the show and 2,600 bags of candy were given out. On top of this the committee presented 150 boxes of fruit and candy to shut-ins at the hospital and Halton Manor. Cost of each box was \$1.30. Other expenses include \$65 arena rental, skaters' expenses, \$50 per band, and \$300 worth of costumes to dress up the parade.

There's more than just money involved, say the committee members. They hold at least one meeting a month for a yearly average total of 15 to plan the street fair and parade.

So \$1,600 is needed to bring back Santa Claus and his parade and program in December. The success of the Legion and Firemen street fair on June 19 will tell the tale.



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PAUL WAGSTAFFE was honored by the Rotary Club of Milton as leading man in the D.H.I.A. at the club meeting on Tuesday evening. Shown are Stan Allan, chairman of rural-urban night, Earl Whitelock who made the presentation, Paul Wagstaffe and Ken Marshall, director of community service. About 80 Rotarians and farm guests attended the meeting in the Legion Hall.