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## Dief Whizzes By

North Halton O.P.P. ushered Canada's top dignitary through Halton County Wednesday evening.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker had attended the Stratford Festival on Tuesday and went on a hand-shaking tour around Kitchener all day Wednesday. O.P.P. from various detachments had the chore of escorting the P.M.'s car back to Ottawa last night and a local cruiser escort guided the official party across Halton on Highway 401.

## Glass Truck Flips Three Hospitalized

Three employees of a Toronto glass firm are in Milton District Hospital with injuries suffered Monday when their glass truck flipped over on Highway 401.

John Frasca, aged 22, was pinned under the truck and received a severely lacerated foot, possible concussion and head abrasions. Passing truck drivers lifted the truck to free him.

The driver Osear Vankeersbilck, 27, and Bruno Marziana, 31, received abrasions and lacerations. According to Constable Joseph Feldcamp of North Halton O.P.P., the truck was about a mile west of Milton on Highway 401 when a rear tire blew and the truck swerved and toppled over. All three men were thrown out. The truck received \$1,500 damage.

## Town Council Briefs

In a brief meeting on Monday evening, Milton Council:

● Agreed the home builder was responsible for a "frog pond" lying at the rear of Robinwood Crescent and Meadowbrook Drive lots and asked some correcting action.

● Okayed an agreement with Alexander Ambulance Service to pay \$1,500 per year for ambulance service at the rate of \$125 per month. Trafalgar and Oakville reimburse the firm for the remainder of the yearly \$10,000 retaining fee for protection within their municipalities.

● Learned Bell Bros. Ltd. has purchased the service station business of Milton Nicholson and planned to move the business to other premises within the town.

● Notified the Ontario Steam and Antique Association—they would be welcome to stage a Main St. parade on September 1 or 2 in connection with an exhibit at the fair grounds.

● Heard from the 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authority that work on the new Kelso Dam was 20 per cent finished at the beginning of this month.

● Notified the Downsview Air Force drama club that accommodation for a November play had been found in the high school auditorium, and agreed to pay the \$5 caretaking charge.

● And delegated Frank McNiven to attend a meeting this week to lay plans for a September meeting on regional planning.



—Staff Photo

**TIME OUT!** calls secretary Lawrence Hie of the new Wyldewood Golf Club, for a little putting practice. Greens superintendent Jim Willey did not stay long however, he quickly pointed out that they had to get back to work to get the greens completed for the August 5 opening. Work started on the course just north of Drumquin, only five months ago.

## For C.N.R. By-Pass

### Planners Okay Mass Transfer

Milton Planning Board approved in principle the transfer of six properties to Canadian National Railways on Tuesday evening. The lands are those in town that the C.N.R. needs to erect its Milton by-pass line.

The firm asked for approval in principle of a plan showing the land severances, without filing an application form for each of the six separations. It was noted other municipalities were approving similar applications.

#### Refer to Committee

Red-D-Mix Concrete Ltd., a firm wishing to erect a new concrete plant on Bronte St., south of the C.N.R. tracks, asked the board to permit an M2 use on board to permit an M2 use on their property, which is zoned M1 (light industry). Planners referred the firm to the Committee of Adjustment.

A plan of Charles Porter to sell a 100 foot lot in the Forest Grove area was refused and Mr. Porter was asked to submit a plan of subdivision showing the whole

plan for Block "A" in which the lot lies. Planners agreed the block would be better subdivided as one parcel rather than allowing lots to be sold one at a time.

A committee of Gord Gowland, Norm Pearce and Bud Nichols was asked to view lots owned by Wilford Williams on the east side of Commercial St. Mr. Williams asked the board's advice on selling the lots for homes but the land is zoned for park.

About a year ago the board approved a land separation from the Milton Parking Authority to Ken Jensen to erect a Mill St. laundromat. This week an amended application was approved, increasing the width of the lot from 30 feet to 40 feet.

Permission was given for the purchase of a drawing easel for the planning department.

A meeting had been called for Thursday evening of last week but not enough members turned out to make a quorum. Tuesday evening there were just enough

to make the quorum.

Magistrate K. M. Langdon acquitted Van Gugten, 23, on what he termed as the facts of the case, not any flaw in the new law.

At an inquest, the coroner's jury found both hunters were menaces to themselves and the general public because of their lack of knowledge of hunting laws. The charge was laid under the new law which became effective in March.

## Controversial "Gaza Strip"

### Sell Lots to Wakefield Owner

Milton's controversial "Gaza Strip"—a block of town owned land 12 feet wide across the rear of seven Wakefield Road lots—has once again been sold. Town councillors, wiping the perspiration from their brows, uttered the hope that once and for all

this thorny problem would be resolved Monday night as they approved the sale to Robert J. Hamilton of Milton for \$100.

The innocent little piece of land, which measures nearly 450 feet long by 12 feet wide, has caused more stormy arguments

and upset tempers than a big hike in town taxes would have done.

#### Sell to Neighbors

Mr. Hamilton told council he was purchasing one of the seven lots on Wakefield Road from Robert McKim and offered \$100 to buy the chunk of land that sits at the rear of his six neighbors, as well as his own 12 foot piece. He explained he would take the property off the town's hands and would offer to sell the property adjoining his six neighbors' lots to them if they all shared the actual cost of purchase and registration.

Councillor Charles Johnson said he figured Mr. Hamilton only wanted to obtain title to his own 12 foot strip, and was doing the town a favor by offering to dispose of the remaining unwanted sections to the other Wakefield residents. Councillor Norm Pearce concurred, noting the town and the solicitor had spent a lot of time and money on the previous transactions over the piece of land.

Reeve Mrs. Mary Pettit was the only objector. She felt the town

could do the same as Mr. Hamilton and still get rid of the strip amicably, but other councillors saw the advantage to having Mr. Hamilton doing the legwork and approved the sale.

#### Landlocked Parcel

The property, which town solicitor K. Y. Dick once termed "more trouble than the Gaza Strip", is virtually landlocked and useless to anyone but the owners. It was originally part of the Doxy subdivision and when Wakefield Road was subdivided and homes were erected, the subdividers decided the strip to the town in case the neighboring Evergreen Cemetery's board of managers wanted the property for cemetery expansion.

However, the cemetery refused it and council then offered to sell to the seven Wakefield owners. They protested that the price was too high and refused to buy, so Glyn Roberts stepped in and offered to purchase the land for \$100. He later took back his offer and council was still saddled with the infamous 12 foot strip. Mr. Hamilton's was the next offer and was accepted.

## 21 Sign Up

### Trade Fair Space Available

Plan for Milton's 1961 version of the "Trade Fair" at Milton Arena are now in full swing and contracts for space were being mailed out this week.

Merchants who asked for space in the 1961 fair at the closing of last year's event have until next Monday to officially sign a con-

tract with the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce. After that, space is wide open to the entire retail membership of the Chamber, and they have until mid-August to speak for their booth space.

#### 21 Are Signed

Chamber trade fair manager Ross Pearce said 21 of last year's 36 exhibitors have signed for display booths for this year. This represents 29 of the 45 booths available at the September 21, 22, and 23 event.

Lucky draws and free gifts will from a part of the show again this year, as thousands of dollars worth of locally manufactured or locally sold goods go on display.

Bumper banners advertising the trade fair are available, and can be obtained at Mr. Pearce's town hall office, The Champion office, or at garages and service stations.

## No Entry

Milton almost had a contestant in the Ontario firemen's convention "Miss Firefighter Queen" contest coming up at Oakville on the August holiday weekend.

Mary Van Grunsven, R. R. 6, had offered her name as a contestant but when it came time for officials to interview the girls, she said she "chickened out." Many Milton firemen will be attending the annual convention at Oakville over the August 4-7 weekend.

## Acquit Man

### Charged as Careless Hunter

Crown Attorney Peter McWilliams recently made the first test on the new careless hunting section of the Fish and Game act. He laid a charge against Peter Van Gugten of Toronto who had accidentally shot David Walter, his hunting companion while hunting near Milton in May.

Magistrate K. M. Langdon acquitted Van Gugten, 23, on what he termed as the facts of the case, not any flaw in the new law.

At an inquest, the coroner's jury found both hunters were menaces to themselves and the general public because of their lack of knowledge of hunting laws. The charge was laid under the new law which became effective in March.

#### Lack Of Knowledge

Both men were waiting for a groundhog to come out of a hole. They were 60 yards apart. The Crown Attorney claimed Van Gugten should have known his bullet had a range of one mile and should not have fired when he did not know Walter's position.

The magistrate ruled Walter had walked ahead of Van Gugten when they parted, then was hidden from Van Gugten's view by brush. Walter knew where Van Gugten was but Van Gugten could not be expected to know Walter was in his line of fire, said the magistrate. Therefore Walter was responsible for getting out of the way.

## Six New Staff Members For Milton High School

The staff for Milton District High Schools has been completed for the fall term, it was reported this week.

Six new members are joining the staff, four have resigned and 14 will be returning. New staff members will be Mrs. Jean Briggstock from Port Credit Junior High School, Lawrence Darby who returns after a year in Toronto, Robert L. Huggett from

ronto.

#### Leaving Staff

Leaving the staff this year are Philip E. Caddick, E. M. Neil, Edward Udall and Miss Wynne Thompson.

Returning members of the staff will be Philip Allmen, Miss Jean Barr, Lars Carlson, Mrs. Margaret Gray, Lionel Magnan, Mrs. Barbara Matheson, Mrs. Anne MacArthur, Alexander McNeil, George C. Pate, Edward Price, John Sullivan, William Tom Omer K. VanSickle and principal R. C. Hunter.

## Town May Participate in E.M.O. But Wants to Hear Co-Ordinator

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