

# PREPARATIONS HIT PEAK, CHAMPION HERE TONIGHT, FRI., SAT.



Special scenery, lighting and ice designs create a carnival setting as final preparations are made for Milton Figure Skating Club's show featuring local youngsters and headlining World Champion Donald McPherson

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### May Insist on Space for Garages Council Will Seek Legal Advice

A request from the Milton Planning Board to Milton Council that applicants for residential building permits include a sitting plan for a garage or acknowledge that one cannot be constructed ran into strong opposition Monday.

The Planning Board asked that, effective next year, "an ap-

plication for a residential building permit include a sitting plan showing garage location and that in the event it is not possible to locate a garage to conform with the zoning by-law, the applicant be asked to sign a certificate on the application form to the effect that he is aware of this fact."

Councillor C. Menefy attacked the Board's recommendation. "What will be done for those houses already built?" he demanded.

"We haven't been able to amend the by-law in the past week," Councillor G. Purdy reported.

Effective Jan. '64

Councillor Purdy pointed out the Board's suggestion was that the provision of the sitting plan take effect in January when it was hoped the by-law would have been amended.

"Aren't we putting the cart before the horse as usual?" Councillor Menefy wondered as he suggested an amendment to the zoning by-law to look after the people already in town without looking forward to the new lots that may be developed.

Councillor Purdy continued, suggesting perhaps legal advice

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### Oakville Taxes Up

#### North Loses Out — Willmott

Taxes in Oakville are going up this year — and at the expense of the northern Oakville rate-payers, according to Ward One councillor Joseph Willmott.

The budget struck Monday will raise \$5,970,123 from the rate-payers, up \$17,000 over the 1962 budget. Mill rate above the Dundas Highway for residential homeowners will be 52.9 mills, an increase of 5.5 mills; with the industrial-commercial rate at 65.2 mills and the residential rate in the serviced area below Dundas Highway 59.5 mills.

The Board of Education budget was up \$500,000 and the county rate up \$25,000.

Councillor Willmott objected that savings were made in the

budget, at the expense of the northern section of the town. He noted that when the mill rate was first studied and councillors were warned to cut out anything unnecessary, he had allowed a reduction of two budget items — \$28,000 for new road construction and a \$10,000 addition to Boyne Community Centre.

Yet the councillors in the southern section of the town gave up little in their own budgets. "I thought they meant it when they said 'hold the line,'" he told The Champion. He was especially upset about a recreation committee budget of \$47,135, and charged the south is being "spoonfed" with recreation.

### Chalk Up Another Bad Accident On Notorious Stewarttown Hill

Two Georgetown district youths escaped serious injury on the notorious Stewarttown hill early last Thursday when their car climbed a telephone pole sideways, flipped over twice and slid 150 feet on its roof.

Crawling through the rear window, the driver, Roland Vollert, 24, of R. R. 4, Georgetown, and a passenger, suffered only minor cuts and bruises.

The car went out of control on wet pavement on the South hill of the Seventh Line at Stewarttown, scene of three fatalities within the past month. Damage was \$2,100 to Vollert's 1962 Plymouth. Provincial Police Constable R. G. Burke investigated.

Same Place

Travelling north at the curve, the car struck a telephone pole directly across from the Hydro pole which was struck by a car driven by Wayne Cotton, Streetsville, March 22. Wayne was dead on admission to hospital. His companion, Sharon Hamilton, 16, was killed instantly.

### Vote on Liquor For Burlington

Next Monday, April 29, voters in Burlington will be asked to vote on six liquor questions.

The whole municipality will be asked if it favors liquor with meals on licenced premises, and the sale of liquor under a lounge licence. At the same time, voters in the part of East Flamborough Township which was recently annexed into Burlington, will be asked to vote on liquor stores, beer consumption on licenced premises for women, beer on licenced premises for men only, and the sale of beer and wine under a dining room licence.

Voting will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Daylight Saving Time. All residents over 21 years of age, British subjects, who have lived in Burlington two months are eligible to vote. Both "yes" and "no" committees have been formed and have actively campaigned for several months.

"It was a miracle the boys escaped," said Mrs. J. R. Williams, who saw the accident from an upstairs window of her home on the west side of the road.

Saved by Roof

"It was only the sturdy roof that saved them," added Mr. Williams. "That makes 10 poles hit in the five years we've lived here — eight Hydro poles and two telephone poles. Two Hydro and two phone poles have been hit in this village since Christmas."

Mr. Williams had two suggestions to cut the accident rate on the hill — either erect a check-board sign at the top of the South hill or remove the road to the east where the road allowance actually runs. The road through Stewarttown is a "given" road, Mr. Williams said, while the road allowance follows the Hydro line east of the village and in a straight line, cutting out the curves through the hamlet.

"A checkerboard sign, five feet square, at the top, that's what I've been preaching for," Mr. Williams said. "This is pretty near a dead-end road, anyway."

Ten new speed limit signs have been erected on the hill in the past week, with the last one installed Thursday morning after the latest accident. Four on the South hill and six from the bottom of the North hill to the corner, they set the maximum speed at 35 miles an hour.

New Signs

The 35-mile-an-hour limit was legalized by County Council this year, and the new signs replace earlier 30 mile signs that had never been legalized.

Street lights were once considered through the village to warn motorists of the two long hills and several bad curves, but they were never approved. Recently inquest juries have urged checkered signs and removal of the hydro poles, but to date no action has been taken.

North Halton O.P.P. officers report it would be impossible to man a radar timing device there 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But they are beginning to wonder if this is what's needed, after such a bad rash of fatal and near-fatal accidents on the treacherous hill this year.

### Clocks Ahead

This Sunday morning, Milton and district begin marking time under the Daylight Saving Time system, so before you go to bed Saturday evening, remember to turn your clocks one hour FORWARD.

The D.S.T. actually begins at 2 a.m. Sunday in Milton (In other centres it sometimes begins at 12.01 a.m.), causing slight confusion for about two hours. No matter when it starts, the homeowners and gardeners, the youngsters, yes just about everybody is looking forward to longer daylight hours in the evenings. It will last until October 27, when you'll get back the hour of sleep you lost this weekend.

And if you can't remember which way to turn the clocks in spring and fall, remember the little ditty: "Spring Forward, Fall Backward."

### Recreation Group Resigns Protests '63 Budget Cuts

Hard on the heels of last week's \$5,000 cut in the budget of the Milton Recreation Committee came the mass resignation of all its members. The resignation was submitted to Milton Council Monday night, effective immediately. Those affected in the resignation were Chairman, Ted Jennings and members Bob Watkins, Charles Gervais, Lorne Evans and Art McLancon.

In their letter to council it was noted it was the feeling of all the members they could not operate a sound playground program with the addition of the swimming

pool operation, on the drastically reduced budget.

In paring the budget of the group last week a \$3,500 allowance to hire a full time recreation director was wiped out and the \$2,000 provision for swimming pool operation was cut to \$500.

Council accepted the resignations with regret but asked members to meet with council next Monday night at 8 p.m. to resolve some of the recreational problems.

Councillor George Purdy, a council representative on the committee, suggested the whole

problem could have been resolved in discussions if the committee had had an opportunity to explain its budget before it was cut.

"Not Careful Enough"

Councillor Norm Pearce expressed regrets at the tendered resignations. Noting the Acton and Georgetown groups seemed to be operating well, he suggested it "all leads me to suppose we haven't looked into the whole recreation operation carefully enough."

Councillor Charles Menefy, a member of the finance committee that proposed the budget reductions, suggested when the finance committee went over the budget, the other committees were able to listen to the reasons for the cuts. "When the Recreation Committee budget, pared as it was, went back to them they should have come and asked for the reasons rather than resigning. I don't think the onus was on the finance committee to go to the Recreation Committee."

Ask Acton

Deputy-Reeve James Bell suggested the group should contact former Acton Mayor J. Goy and Acton recreation director Jim Casburn for a meeting to discuss the operation of a Recreation Committee in that town.

Councillor Austin Ledwith, a council representative on the Recreation Committee, told council the group felt until they had a full-time recreation director little could be done. "There's too much

to cope with, without a director," he concluded.

Consolidate Activities

Reeve C. A. Martin, chairman of the finance committee, pointed out "the only thing the finance committee can do is budget." He suggested there should be some consolidation of recreational activities like the swimming pool, arena, recreation committee and library. "With all these groups segregated the town is paying more for recreation than any comparable size town. Councillor Purdy suggested it was unfortunate the finance committee had not met with the recreation committee to learn what they are trying to do. He said they were trying to divide the funds among the various activities but they had no chance before the budget was struck to express their opinions.

The meeting with the former recreation committee members was set up for next Monday. Further meetings are then anticipated between the council, arena board, swimming pool board, and library board.

M.P. FROM OAKVILLE

When the new Canadian Prime Minister Liberal Lester B. Pearson announced his new cabinet ministers Monday, the position of Minister of Agriculture went to an Oakville native now living in Calgary. Harry Hays, Mayor of Calgary, is a brother of Tom Hays of Hays Sales Arena, Highway 5 Oakville.

### Gym Must in Senior Public School Trustees Insist to Milton Councillors

The operation of a senior public school hinges on the availability of a gymnasium for the program, Milton Councillors were told Monday by members of the Milton Public School Board.

Councillors were reviewing the Board's request for approval on the purchase, renovation, and addition of a gymnasium-general purpose room to the Martin St. High School.

Board chairman G. C. Gowland emphasized the Department of Education insists a senior public school must have this general purpose room. Councillors had questioned this need estimated, with additional staff accommodation, to cost \$51,694. Mr.

Gowland noted without the general purpose room the Board couldn't operate the senior public school and without the senior public school the Martin St. high school would not meet their needs. Additions would have to be planned at the Dick and Denyes school or a new site picked for a new school.

Compared to New

Trustee Don Stinson stressed the purchase of the high school building gives, in effect, five classrooms and the site for \$1,000 in comparison with construction of new facilities.

"Why must you have the gym?" Councillor Menefy queried.

"It is a necessary part of the program. The senior public school permits streaming and intensifying the levels of education," the chairman replied.

"I feel it's time the public school had an auditorium. Why should Milton children have to go to Acton to sing," Councillor A. Ledwith demanded.

Councillor Menefy recalled it was not too long ago Milton residents turned down construction of an auditorium when it was voted on.

Emphasizing the value of a senior public school Trustee Stinson outlined the easing of the transition between public and high schools that would be possible. Increased pupil guidance will also be necessary with the new Roberts system in High School.

"The introduction of the senior public school is very similar to the step taken several years ago when kindergartens were introduced locally," the board chairman suggested.

Not in Writing

"Is it in writing from the Department of Education that we can't have a senior public school without a gymnasium?" Councillor C. Johnson wondered.

"No. We can't get that from the Department," chairman Gowland replied.

"It's a sorry state if they can't

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—Staff Photo

"ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET" for Friday's opening night guests at the new Mohawk Raceway, officials of the Jockey Club Ltd. ordered workmen on the job. And that's just what they are doing, with the help of pretty "Miss Mohawk Raceway". Actually, they're just laying down the plush carpet in the terrace dining room that will overlook the five furlong track. First nine races of the 26-night race meeting will be held at the Campbellville track Friday. For more details see the story and photos of Miss Mohawk in the colored third section of this week's Champion.

### Ask Town Provide \$70,000 Meters, Off Street Parking

The proposal from Milton Parking Authority for the installation of parking meters downtown and the development of off street parking will be presented to Milton Council Monday, Authority chairman C. W. Clark reports. Total cost of the project is expected to exceed \$70,000.

Originally expected to be presented this week, the complete report could not be detailed prior to the Monday Council meeting.

Included in the report is expected to be a complete breakdown of the lands held by the members together with the purchase prices and costs incurred on the properties since their purchase.

The report will be included as part of the proposal for off street parking that Authority members have been working on for three years. Various proposals presented have been rejected by merchants or council over the period.

### Organizers Claim Unfair Practices In Efforts to Unionize Local Plant

A charge of "unfair labor practices" towards employees was leveled today at the James H. Matthews and Co. Ltd., manufacturers of bronze memorial plaques near Milton, by two spokesmen for a United Auto Workers union in Milton, and the U.A.W. organizer for Halton County.

Jack Taylor, U.A.W. International Representative; and Martin Caputo, chairman and James Smith, vice-chairman of Local 1067 U.A.W. at Ontario Steel Products announced today they were investigating the possibility of a violation of the Ontario Labor Relations Act. "If there is a violation, there will be, in all probability, charges laid," their joint statement said.

They explain the U.A.W. along with Local 1067 attempted to organize the plant's 27 employees during February and March, and 20 employees signed up for the union with no coercion or high pressure. The Union applied for

certification to the O.L.R. Board February 26 and they charge, "certain employees with the aid of legal counsel and other methods were able to change the minds of some of the signed applicants" by distributing a petition against the Union.

Board Ordered Vote

Due to the petition submitted to the Board by an employee, the Board ordered a vote. "Prior to the vote we were aware of the pressure put on the employees by certain employees during Company hours in the plant. The employees were also all interviewed by management and were also told that there would be no repercussion towards them either way," the Union statement said.

The vote was held March 28, and a majority of employees turned down the union.

Since that time, the Company has hired a new employee who is still on staff, yet the firm

"laid off indefinitely" four of its senior employees, one of whom was a Union scrutineer at the election and a strong advocate for the union, the trio charged. The other three employees, say the organizers, were also known to be strong advocates for the Union — one of which has almost three years' seniority. Two were original employees of the company about four years ago, and one has one year seniority.

Work OK

The Union representatives noted the four employees had been told there was nothing wrong with their work record. "Why were these four employees laid off if not discriminately?" they ask.

Three of the four laid off men have since been hired by another local company whose management, though unionized, "have a good relationship with its union, especially in matters of a discriminatory nature," they added.