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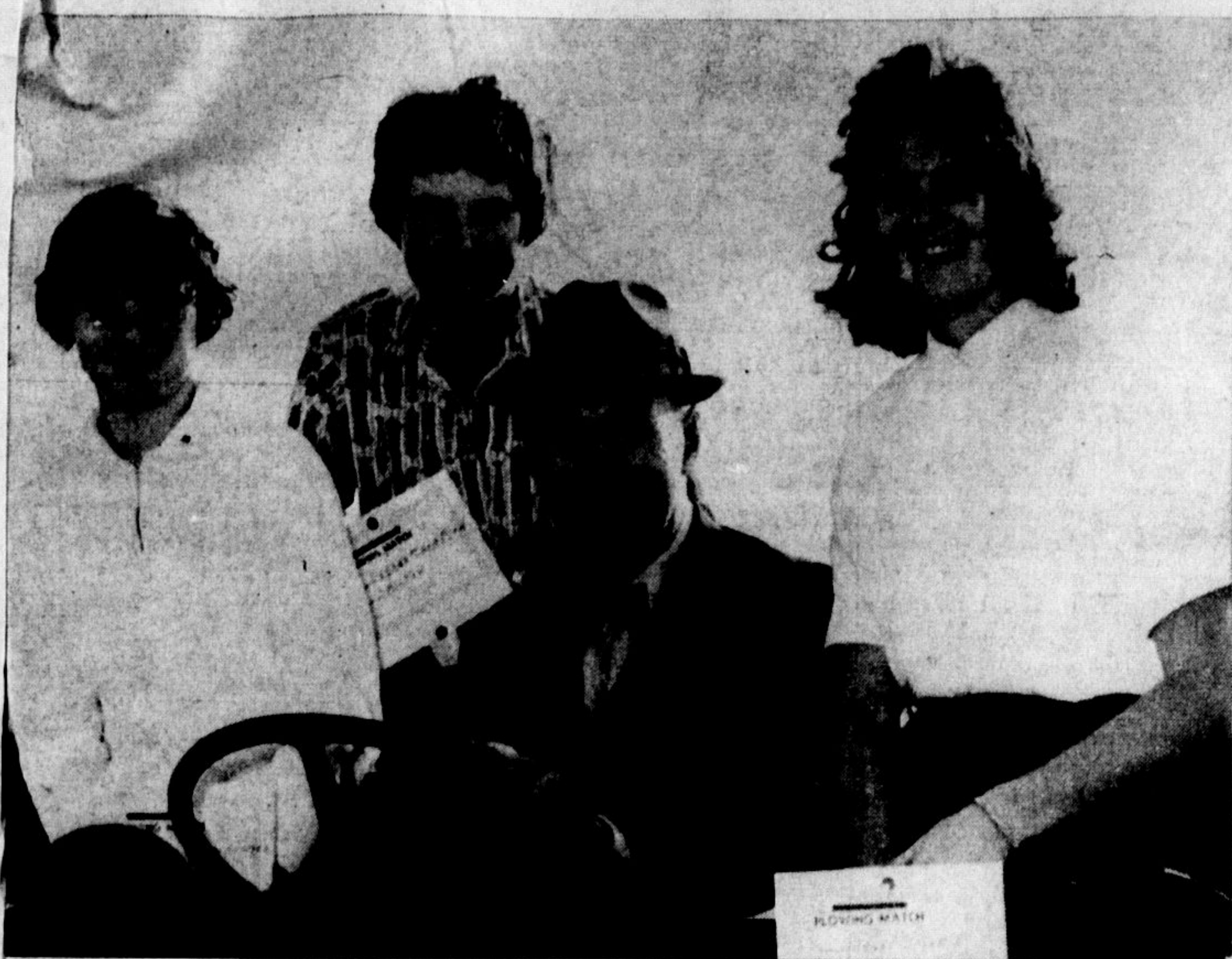
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MISS JANETTE FINNIE of R.R. 1, Hornby was named as Halton's Queen of the Furrow for 1964, at the Halton County Plowing Match near Milton on Saturday, for the second consecutive year. Miss Finnian was one of three vying for the title. Bright sunny skies throughout the day were a welcome change from the customary cool, snowy weather which usually accompanies Halton's annual match. The three contestants for the Queen of the Furrow title are shown from left to right, with Judge George E. Elliott, Carol Swackhamer of R.R. 2, Acton, Verne Thompson of R.R. 2, Milton and Miss Finnian. Judge Elliott marked the girls on their public speaking ability and appearance and deportment. —Staff Photo

Brought Continues

Battle 10 More Fires, One 13 Hours

Continued drought and carelessness with fire combined to make Milton area Fire Department another 10 fires over the week—bringing the total for last 27 days to 31 fires. The majority have been grass fires, but this week saw a truck and cars on fire. Firefighters repeat their urgent plea for caution with all types of fires, especially during these dry days when the fire hazard is high. Grass, leaves, and brush tinder-dry, they warn, and a less-than-tossed cigarette butt or a fire can soon cause a fire which covers several acres in minutes.

Truck Burns

The first fire this week was on Thursday morning when two trucks collided on Highway 401 near the Halton-Peel line. A dump truck driven by Howard Brown, 22, of Toronto, collided with the rear of a ble-trailer loaded with logs. A fire broke out on the dump-truck, which burst into flames. Both Milton and Streetsville fire departments attended. Following a two-day respite, there were two more fires on Friday. In the morning the fire was called to a field near W. I. Dick school, where children playing with matches were needed for a grass fire. The fire was fought another grass fire—believed started in the same manner at the same place last night. Shortly thereafter a grass fire broke out at the R.R. 1, Hornby farm of Dr. McArthur.

Hot Muffler

Monday morning a Johnson bus, truck driven by Murray Owsen, began to burn, when hot oil spilled on the hot muffler. However, the driver and a helper managed to pour sand and water on the fire, and it was out on the fire truck arrived. A fire at Lee Chong Farms, near Milton, recurred from an earlier fire Monday morning. The fire was called out again. This time it burned two to three acres of dead grass and brush.



THE MANOR AUXILIARY arranged the annual Halloween party at the Manor Friday, and Merne Childs of the W.A. was one of several ladies who helped residents get in costume for the fun-filled affair. Above, she straightens a mask for a disguised "cowgirl" Agnes Voss, who arrived complete with her guitar. —Staff Photo

\$171,000 Dam Would Provide New Water Supply for 30,000

Enough water to supply a town of 30,000 people is available in the Rattlesnake Valley west of Milton, provided a \$171,000 dam is constructed, the 12 Mile Creek Conservation Authority was told Thursday.

A dam costing \$71,000 would store up 91 million gallons of surface water, just 200 yards north of Milton's present groundwater well supply, according to representatives of Phillips and Roberts, consulting engineers. If purified, the water could make an ideal municipal water supply, the engineers said.

Authority members accepted the report with little discussion. No immediate action is planned as the water will not be needed for quite some years to come, and because of the high capital cost involved for the amount of water the dam would store.

(By comparison, the Kelso Dam recently constructed by the 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authority cost about twice that amount—\$332,000—but can store 300 million gallons of water, over three times the storage of the Rattlesnake Valley dam.)

Officials were elated on hearing the report, for if a dam is constructed it would help control the flow of water in the 12 Mile Creek by storing water up in the spring and raising the flow all summer.

On Walker's Line

The proposed dam would be located on Walker's Line north of 10 Sideroad, Burlington, just a few hundred yards north of Milton's present million-gallon-a-day underground well supply. The town's supply has been in use for 10 years.

Officials said if the dam is constructed, it would not hamper Milton's source, but would increase the water table from which Milton's water is being drawn. Tests on private wells in the Kelso area proved this, for when the dam gates closed and the lake filled, the water level in private wells rose, but they dropped when the lake was emptied.



—Staff Photo

HALTON CONSERVATIVES held their annual dinner meeting and dance at Oakville Friday, and returned Gord Beatty of Acton to the president's chair for his second term. The executive includes Mrs. Bea Clark, lady vice-president, and Mr. Beatty, front; treasurer Bill Hourigan of Burlington, secretary Bud Nichols of Milton, and first vice-president John Depew of Oakville, rear. About 200 attended.

Claim Wall Devalues Homes Seven Protest '63 Assessment

Claiming the large C.N.R. embankment near their homes was devaluing their property, seven Bronte and Main St. residents protested their 1963 assessment at the Milton Court of Revision hearing being held in the town hall this week.

Mrs. Jean White, Elmer Blacklock, Ivan Armstrong, J. C. Arnold and R. J. Arnold, who all live on the east side of Bronte St. 100 yards from the embankment; and Stanley Love and Harvey Agnew, who own

homes west of the overpass on Main St. E., all protested the devaluation to the court. Mrs. White had a further complaint about a ditch next to her property that was lowering the resale value of the home.

Two other appeals to be heard by the court today (Thursday) involved a change of school support from public to separate school. Four others appealed high assessments on their properties.

Will Build Footbridge Over Creek at Parkway

Construction of a footbridge over the Sixteen at Parkway Dr., costing less than \$500, is imminent following Milton Council's discussion on Monday night.

The clerk told council the town engineer had estimated the cost of constructing a traffic bridge 50 feet long and 28 feet wide with a four-foot sidewalk on one side, at \$65,000.

With the cost reduced by payment of an 80 per cent grant from the Department of Highways, the town's share would be \$13,000.

In contrast, it was reported the county had built a footbridge at \$227 for a 32-foot span. The span required over Parkway Dr. would be 42 feet and it was estimated the cost would not exceed \$500.

Councillor Pearce suggested the traffic bridge should be planned for consideration in the capital budget at some future date, but the footbridge would serve an immediate need and could be moved to another location when necessary.

Members agreed to meet at the site on Thursday at 5 p.m.

In Kingsleigh Park

Council Order: Backstop Stays

Milton Council Monday agreed to leave the baseball backstop in its present location in the Kingsleigh Court park.

Deputy Reeve J. Bell recalled a letter from the Ratepayers' group asking permission to build the backstop, and noted that in a letter dated May 15 council granted this permission. "The ratepayers were told where to put the backstop," he claimed.

The problem developed when residents close to the backstop had objected to council that it was creating a nuisance.

Not Easy to Move

Councillor N. Pearce reported a meeting between the ratepayers group and those objecting had been planned for last Sunday, but some confusion in time had developed and the meeting had not been successful. He noted too, the backstop was in three feet of cement and was not easily movable.

Councillor Pearce admitted the children do tend to congregate in

the area of the backstop, but the original feeling was that the backstop would prevent balls entering private property. "The problem can never be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned." He suggested nurturing trees in the area might provide an eventual shield.

The councillor suggested, in connection with the outdoor rink, that the council consider buying a timing switch that would automatically shut off the lights so they would not be burning all night to the distraction of neighbors.

"It's all very well to say there has to be give and take, but all the noise is at one door and all the inconvenience," Councillor C. Johnson charged. He noted the

ratepayers' group can't just take over and insist the minority agree to their plans. He noted all the people pay their taxes to the town.

Councillor C. Menefy recalled he had suggested where the backstop should be. "I think the ratepayers have made a terrific endeavour to keep their children off the street. No matter where you put the rink or backstop, you can't please everyone. The backstop is in the only part of the park that is suitable . . . in the world today the majority is the ruler and the majority want it," the councillor concluded.

Members agreed they had given permission for the construction of the backstop and it would remain as it is.

Obtain Right to Pump Water From Newest Source at Kelso

Milton Council Monday approved, with little discussion, a water agreement with the Sixteen Mile Creek Conservation Authority.

The agreement granted the town permission to extract ground water from the Kelso area for municipal purposes. Reeve C. A. Martin explained a clause had been inserted in the agreement that the Authority could also grant rights to any other member municipality, to extract water from the same area if adverse conditions prevailed.

Councillor G. Purdy noted the (Continued on Page Two)

Use E.M.O. Radio Network Battling Fires in Parks

Halton's Emergency Measures organization came to the rescue over the weekend, as fires threatened Conservation Authority properties throughout Halton county. Bruce McGregor, Halton E.M.O. co-ordinator, provided two radios, three vehicle radios and two portables for the Authority workmen, who kept up a constant vigil at all Authority properties.

"Our men are available 24 hours a day if needed, too," said Mr. McGregor.

The fire situation got worse over the weekend, and the radio network helped a lot when a fire raged at the Mount Nemo conservation parksite from Thursday afternoon to Sunday night. And a radio — which was just installed Wednesday afternoon of last week — were first used within minutes after their installation.

Authority foreman Maurice

Readhead just got a radio installed in his vehicle and was heading out to check the Esquesing Conservation area, when the Esquesing Fire Department called to request help at a fire in the Merion valley. The foreman immediately dispatched several men to assist firefighters.

About 25 acres of bush burned in the Mount Nemo weekend fire, that started from a grass fire in a field near a barn. Working in shifts, Conservation Authority men kept a 24-hour-a-day vigil on the property, for after the fire appeared out, it kept breaking out in spots where it burned in the tree roots and underbrush.

Supply Water
The County Roads Department supplied trucks and 5,000 gallons of water to help fight the Mount Nemo brush fire.

Other smaller fires were also located in the 16 Valley and Esquesing bush properties.

Have You Checked Voters' Lists? Make Sure Your Name is There

Milton residents have until November 8 to make sure their names appear correctly on the voters' list for Milton's municipal election in early December. This year 3,179 voters will be eligible to cast a ballot, 97 more than last year's total of 3,082.

In the election there will be

Oddities

The unusually warm weather this October has produced dozens of oddities.

Last week Ed Ramsbottom Kingsleigh Court, picked ripe strawberries in his garden, while C. Blades, R.R. 6, was picking some raspberries. At the home of Mrs. M. Cullion, Pine St., an Easter Lily was blooming furiously, in spite of the time of year.

Burlington Lists

In Burlington, voters have until November 4 to appeal. At present 27,041 voters are eligible to vote in that town, an increase of nearly 1,500 since the last municipal election in 1961.

The lists can be found at all schools, supermarkets, public buildings and Waterdown, Milton and Campbellville post offices.

The appeal date in Oakville is November 9. The lists are to be found within or outside post offices, public buildings, shopping plazas and certain stores.



—Staff Photo

THE CONGREGATION OF GRACE Anglican Church and friends from outside the parish gathered at the church Sunday evening for a farewell presentation to their rector D. A. Powell and his family, who are leaving for a new church post in Kansas. Shown following the presentation are deputy Warden Al Waters, Rector's Warden Kenneth Watson, Mrs. Powell, Mr. Powell, Rural Dean Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares, Sunday school superintendent Art Hampson, and people's shopping Harry Smith. In front are three of the five Powell children, Derwyn, Barbara and Trevor.