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1,800 Plates Sold Still 1,200 to Go

Get your 1964 licence plates and driving permits now, there are less than three weeks left before the deadline. Peter Blenco, clerk at the Ontario Department of Transport's license issuing office in Milton, reports that 1,800 license plates for 1964 have been sold. This leaves approximately 1,200 to be sold within the next two and a half weeks.

"We've been pretty busy this week and we hope it will take some pressure off the final two weeks," Mr. Blenco reported.

All applications for driving permits have been issued from the Ontario Department of Transport's main office in Toronto. Anyone who has yet to receive a permit through the mail should fill out a form at the local office, he said.

Kick Off '67 Centennial Planning Discuss Projects, Big Celebration

Seeking Cause Wednesday Fire

A fire at 10 p.m. last night (Wednesday) gutted the interior of a former motor sales office on the property of Milton Auto Body, Highway 25 south of town.

The blaze had a good head start when a passing motorist saw the flames and alerted Milton Fire Department. The firefighters spent half an hour bringing the fire under control.

The building was used as an

office for Ontario Motor Sales, but the firm closed last year and the building has been vacant for several months. The damage has not been estimated, and firefighters were still seeking the cause of the fire after midnight.

THURSDAY'S SMILE

Middle age is that age when your friends get so stout and bald they can't recognize you.

Norm Pearce Heads Committee To Prepare for Canada's Birthday

A Milton committee to plan a local celebration of Canada's centennial in 1967 met in Milton Town Hall last night (Wednesday) and named Councillor Norm Pearce as chairman of the project.

During the two-hour session, 11 representatives of council, service clubs, lodges and women's organizations proposed several excellent ideas for a permanent local project to mark the 100th birthday of the nation (on which Federal-Provincial grants are available) and made tentative plans to mark the centennial with a gala celebration around July 1, 1967.

Opinion Poll

Another meeting will be held in two months, with more representatives to be invited from other organizations in the town. In the meantime, delegates at the founding meeting will poll their organizations and a public opinion poll was authorized in The Champion, to gather citizens' ideas on how the occasion can best be celebrated.

Mrs. E. David Thompson, a delegate of the University Women's Club, was named secretary at the Wednesday meeting. Others attending included Orv McDowell of the Lions Club, president Bill Ferguson of the Royal Canadian Legion, Bob Carlaw representing the Scouting groups, Mrs. Doug Hill of Sarah Martin I.O.D.E. and Mrs. E. Yates of John Milton I.O.D.E., Roy Downs of the Kinsmen Club, Jim Gilbert of the Oddfellows, Mrs. Reg. Thomas of Evening Star Rebekah Lodge and John Purdy of the Order of Eastern Star lodges.

List Projects

A centennial grant is available for such projects as a public buildings, library, parks, restoration of historic buildings, writing a history, commissioned paintings and other projects. The grant will cover up to two-thirds of the approved cost (after other grants have been deducted) or \$2 per resident based on the town's population; whichever is the smaller.

Projects must be complete and officially opened or dedicated during the Centennial Year.

One project discussed by the meeting was a public library, which the ratepayers turned down in a plebiscite last summer. However it was pointed out the \$2 per person grant would probably apply in this case — meaning approximately \$12,000 — as the Library is a \$77,000 proposal and the grant would not cover two-thirds of such a large expenditure.

Many Proposals

Other projects considered included development of the mill pond area into a park, erection of tennis courts, a campsite, financial aid to a curling club, development of subdivision parkland, establishment of a Y.M.C.A., a public gymnasium or auditorium, a statue or gateway entrance to the town, a ward in the hospital, the roofing of the swimming pool to make it usable all year long, and a new floor in Milton Arena that would provide summer activity such as roller skating.

Each of the proposals mentioned has its own disadvantages, but representatives at the meeting felt they were worthy of consideration. When more opinions and ideas are gathered, the committee will study proposed projects further.

Benefit to All

It was generally agreed the project should be something that would benefit most of the residents of town, not just one age group.

The group also discussed the staging of a centennial celebration in 1967, with bands, parades, church services, naming of a centennial queen, sports events, a street dance, and other entertainments proposed as part of a weekend or week-long celebration.

Several committee members were delegated to investigate certain projects or arrangements before the next meeting in mid-April, so the groundwork can be laid as early as possible.

The secretary was instructed to send letters to about 15 other organizations not represented at the meeting, inviting them to send a delegate to the April 15 meeting. The chairman stressed the invitation was open to any local organization that wished to be represented on the committee.

Plan \$10,000 Campaign Retarded Operating Fund

North Halton residents will be asked to raise \$10,000 of the \$17,000 1964 budget of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children, it was announced this week. A special fund-raising campaign will be held during the week beginning May 6 — Retarded Children's Week in Canada.

Despite the fact Halton County Council is looking into the possibility of having all the operating costs of the three retarded children's schools in Halton paid by county levy, discussions are only in the preliminary stage and no promises have yet been made. On these grounds, the Association felt their only alternative was to go ahead with a fund-raising campaign in Milton, Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing and Nassagaweya Townships.

Grants to Rise

Next year, it is expected increased provincial grants will cover the major costs (like salaries and transportation) of retarded children's schools. Official announcement of increased grants was received by the N.H.A.R.C. at the last executive meeting.

However at the moment, expected grants for 1964 will only take away \$7,000 of the \$17,000 operating budget, leaving \$10,000 to be raised in the campaign.

Ray Banner of Milton, finance chairman of the Association, pointed out to the executive that the \$17,000 budget was an increase of \$5,000 over last year. Additional costs were incurred in hiring extra staff to cope with the rapidly increasing school population—presently 21. The school was designed to handle a maximum of 25 pupils.

Chair Campaign

Paul Armstrong of Georgetown, chairman of the special fund-raising committee, will chair the March campaign.

The executive meeting was opened by president Dr. K. Cauley of Georgetown, with a special prayer for the speedy recovery of past president Gerry Addison, Milton, who was severely injured in a car accident a month ago.

The Association decided to sell draw tickets in co-operation with the Ontario Moose Lodge. This draw has helped the financial situation in past years, and last year netted the Association \$694.

A cheque was received from the Milton Ladies' Auxiliary, for \$200. Acton I.A. donated several items for the use of the pupils, including a two wheel bicycle with stabilizers and two tricycles. The Georgetown Auxiliary announced their third annual dance would be held March 13.

Bishop Will Visit Here To Open Holy Rosary

His Excellency Bishop J. F. Ryan, Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, will visit Milton next Sunday afternoon to officially open and dedicate the new \$80,000 addition to Holy Rosary separate school, Martin St.

Members of the school board, staff, special guests and parents will be present for the 2.30 p.m. ceremony.

The four-room addition was occupied shortly after Christmas by

140 students from the school. It is the fourth addition to the nine-year-old school.

The addition makes the school into an L-shape building. The first 10 rooms were arranged on each side of a long central hall, however the new addition branches out on the north rear corner, with a central hall and two rooms on the ground level and two upstairs. There is also a new boiler room in the new section.

The board feels there is room on the same site for another four-room addition to serve the expanding population, before an entirely new site will be needed.

Holy Rosary first opened in 1954 with two rooms, and three more rooms plus principal's office and kitchen were added in 1955. In 1958 three more rooms, a library and a nurse's room were added.



THE NEW \$80,000 ADDITION at Holy Rosary Separate school will be officially opened and dedicated by Bishop J. F. Ryan on Sunday afternoon, in a 2.30 p.m. ceremony at the Martin St. school. The four-room addition brings the school up to 14 rooms. The addition is the two-storey section shown at the right of this picture, with two classrooms on the ground level, and two classrooms upstairs. It branches out from the north rear corner of the school.

Bob Martin Wins Again

23 in Legion Speaking Competition

Bob Martin, speaking on the life and work of that famous scientist Sir Richard Banting, won his second public speaking competition within a week, Friday. He was chosen the best of 23 speakers at the annual speak-off sponsored by Branch 136 of the Royal Canadian Legion — just three days after he topped 10 other competitors at the Milton Public Schools' contest.

The young orator, a Grade 8 student at Bruce St. school, will represent the Milton branch at a Zone Legion competition February 28 . . . if any other clubs in

the 14-club zone sponsor a similar competition. In the past few years other clubs have not participated and Milton's winner had advanced to the Area contest. This year's Area contest will be held April 14. After that, winners go on for the Provincial title.

Bob Reed chaired the program, as chairman of the Legion's public speaking committee. Legion president Bill Ferguson handed out the major awards to the first and second prize winners in the two divisions (grades 1 to 6, and 7 to 8). Judges were lawyer K. Y. Dick, high school teacher Larry

Darby, and councillor Brian Best.

Peter Svilians of Bruce St. school came second in the senior class, and Ken Brown was given an honorable mention for his speech. Other competitors in the class were May Goodwins, Lynn Murray, Pamela Callard, Sharon Watson, Jackie Stewart, Margaret Bell, Catherine Cox and Mike Akenhead.

Mary Wills of W. I. Dick school and Janet Tom of J. M. Denyes school topped the 12 entries in the junior class, while John Wheelahan and Marilyn Hamilton won honorable mentions. Other speakers were Sonia Agnew, Mary Jensen, Martin Riddell, Merete Jensen, Barbara Brown, Anne Arbie, Celeste Scholfield and Pamela Hamblly.

In announcing the judges' decisions, Mr. Dick noted it was not the easiest job to pick the winners from so many excellent contenders. He thanked the Legion and the parents for the interest that made such a contest possible, and praised the idea as a "magnificent opportunity for our young people."

The "Miltones" quartet entertained with several musical selections — including a sing-along session — during the program. Members of the group are Bernie Sims, John Bradley, Charlie Cairns and Jim Harkin Jr.

The speakers represented most of the town and district schools.

Kelso Area Lures Crowd

"The busiest afternoon in Kelso Conservation Area History," was experienced Sunday, as thousands of Milton and district residents thronged to the area to ski, skate and toboggan in the snow-covered winter playground. Conservation Authority field officer Dave Murray remarked, "I've never seen it so busy. There was somebody on every hill."

The large skating area on Kelso Lake was one of the most popular spots, as visitors enjoyed themselves during the brisk, sunny afternoon. The slopes were alive with the shouts of tobogganists and skiers, and many others were content just to walk and witness the beauty of the area.

Parking lots and roadways were "jammed solid" with cars and officials noted there was never a bigger crowd in the area all summer.

Firemen Save Peru House Monday Fire Starts From Overheated Pipes

There were four fire calls in Milton and district over the past week, with two of them causing severe damage.

Monday at supertime overheated stovepipes that passed through a partition at a Peru home caused extensive damage, when flames spread through the partition, bedrooms and the attic. Furniture was removed from the house as flames shot out second floor windows. The home was owned by J. Zoppas and occupied by A. Landry, and is located on the First Line Esquesing, north of the Base Line.

Fire Chief A. E. Clement said damage has not yet been estimated, but it was "fairly extensive."

Car Damaged

Wednesday morning a car owned by Dave Lockie, R.R. 5, Milton, was completely gutted at his residence on the Fourth Line Esquesing. The fire in the car was apparently noticed by Lockie and other tenants in the farmhouse early in the morning, and was extinguished with pails of water and snow. However after Mr. Lockie left for work, the fire broke out again and the fire de-

partment had to be called. All the upholstery was burned and the windows of the car were charred and broken.

Two other calls required no attention by the firefighters. Thursday morning they were called to an apartment above Adams Furniture, Main St., where a plumber's blowtorch had started a fire in a partition. Wednesday last week they were called to R. Anderson's general store, Lowville, where an electric stove fire was reported. Both fires were extinguished when the brigade arrived.

Murder Charge Faces Area Man

A Drumquin district man faces a charge of murder in Magistrate's Court today, following the death of his brother-in-law last Thursday morning.

Kenneth Shirley, 21, of R.R. 1, Hornby, will appear before Magistrate K. M. Langdon today. It is expected the case will be remanded for a few weeks. He is charged in connection with the death of his sister's husband, 23-year-old Raymond Nichol, who lived in the same house on the Seventh Line, south of Hornby. Nichol was the father of a month-old baby girl, and worked with a broker's firm in Oakville.

Nichol was found dead in Shirley's car after the two men had spent the evening in an Oakville tavern, celebrating Shirley's birthday. It is believed Nichol died of strangulation following a struggle.

Board Studies Oral French

Shortage of Teachers, Time Delay Program

In answers to a series of questions on oral French, submitted to the Department of Education representatives at the Business Officials convention in Niagara Falls recently by Milton Public School Board, the shortage of capable teachers was pointed up.

It was noted the Department will allow up to 100 minutes a week for oral French, provided the teacher is fluent. Some boards introduce the program at grade five, some at grade one and Toronto at grade eight. Integration of oral French into the curriculum is presently being studied by the Department. There has been no decision as to what might be dropped from the curriculum to accommodate the addition of oral French.

Need Teachers

It was emphasized there was not an adequate number of teachers to provide the program across the province. Summer courses were being held to provide training. An estimated 160 boards in Ontario presently offer oral French.

Mrs. Eileen Martin, the board's representative to the convention,

reported the answers of the panel to the Board at its regular meeting on Monday evening.

Trustee Ron Harris reported on his attendance at a recent meeting in Oakville where the subject of Drama in the Classroom was the topic. He reported on the topic and his conclusions.

100% Attendance
Supervising Principal E. W. Foster reported every teacher in the local public schools attended an in-service meeting in Waterdown the previous week when the topic was also Drama in the Classroom. He reported the 100 per cent attendance of local teachers indicated their keen interest.

Trustee Don Stinson reported

Beatlemania

It's here — Beatlemania '64. Teen columnist Jim Gilda's usual "Spotlight on Teens" report takes on a new shape this week, as he presents a special report on the current craze—The Beatles. You'll find it on page B1, first page of the second section.

on a trip to Summit Heights School in North York and a study of library facilities in the school and in the central library headquarters. The possibility of plasticizing book jackets for longer life was reviewed and efforts were to be made to have the library, high school and public school co-operate on purchase of the necessary equipment valued at \$500.

It was pointed out by Mr. Foster a new provincial grant of \$1 a pupil was to be made available this year for library purposes. Plans to establish library facilities in the W. I. Dick school were to be reviewed with the inspector to assure the availability of grants on materials requisitioned.

Set Schedule

The Board went into committee to consider the recommendations of the teachers' salary committee, prior to establishment of a formal teachers' salary schedule.

During the regular meeting Chairman G. C. Gowland urged the various committees to begin work on preparation of the annual budget. Members also agreed to have the Board's finance com-



WINNING ORATORICAL AWARDS is becoming second nature for Bob Martin of Bell St. Friday he won top honors in the Legion's public speaking contest, three days after topping the local public school competition. Above are the four winners of Friday's Legion contest, Peter Svilians and Bob Martin, second and first in the Grade 7 and 8 section; and Janet Tom and Mary Wills, second and first in the Grades 1 to 6 class. With them are Legion president Bill Ferguson and public speaking chairman Bob Reed.

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