

Choose Miss Milton C. of C. at Carnival Opening Monday Night



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Rides, Bands, Parade, Contest Set Stage for Carnival Days

Rides, candy floss, bands, a parade and the Miss Milton C. of C. contest will set the stage for Carnival Days in Milton beginning next Monday.

A parade, including music by the Lorne Scots Pipe Band and the Milton Girls Pipe Band, the strutting of the Paula Jacobs majorettes, the marching of local organizations and the eight contestants of the Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce title riding in new cars, will kick off proceedings at 7:30 Monday night.

Parade Monday

The parade will form at the Milton Plaza under the direction of parade marshal Frank Shannon. It will move off down Main

St. to James St. then to Mill St. and on to Martin St. From there the parade will approach the carnival site off Millside Drive.

Seven local new car dealers have agreed to provide cars for the Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce contestants. They will ride in cars from Trafalgar Motors, Milton Motor Sales, Bell Bros., Johnson Bros., Reed-Redfern, Plaza Motors and Viewmont.

15 Rides

At the carnival site March Midway Shows Ltd. have promised 10 to 15 different rides as well as an estimated 20 booths to provide an array of entertainment. Many local merchants are offer-

ing free carnival ride tickets with purchase and Chamber Retail section chairman Ron Harris reported this week that several thousand ride tickets had already been purchased by merchants for distribution.

Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce will be selected by three judges and Mayor S. G. Childs will present the winner with the \$100 Canada Savings Bond when the decision is announced Monday evening. Entrants were being contacted this week with full details of the plans for the staging of the contest.

In case of rain the Monday night parade will be postponed until Tuesday evening.

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50th Anniversary

Town Hall Illumination Highlights Hydro Dinner

Illumination of the stone exterior of the Milton Town Hall by Ross Strike O.C., chairman of the Ontario Hydro, climaxed the celebration Wednesday evening of the 50th anniversary of the Milton Hydro Commission.

The illumination concluded a dinner attended by local officials as well as guests from Ontario Hydro, a speech by Mr. Strike and entertainment at the Milton Legion.

Head table guests were Judge and Mrs. G. Elliot, Colin Smillie, commission vice-chairman, chairman William and Mrs. Rowney; Mayor and Mrs. S. G. Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Strike and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hadley.

Pipe Band

Head table guests were piped from the Commission offices to the Legion by five members of the Milton Girls' Pipe Band.

The anniversary cake was cut by Commissioners W. Rowney and C. Smillie amid the singing of "Happy Birthday to Hydro."

Mayor S. G. Childs extended a civic welcome to the celebration, and praised the Commission plan to illuminate the town hall exterior.

Among the guests present were second vice-chairman Robert Boyer; commissioner D. P. Cliff; Deputy general manager I. K. Sitzer (a former electrician with Milton Hydro) and several other officials.

Philosophy, History

In his speech Chairman Ross Strike mixed philosophy and hydro history, stirring his audience with a plea for efforts toward better human relations in line with the material progress of the age. "We are not going to make any progress that is worthwhile until we can also say we have improved human relations." Continuing, he suggested "Much of the problem is not having deep enough spiritual values".

Turning to the history of the development of Ontario Hydro, he suggested Milton was a perfect sample of what happened in electricity to hundreds of municipalities across the province. The pattern was for small generating plants unable to meet the demand and the provincial steps to harness Niagara.

Lower Costs

Looking at the costs, the speaker traced the reduction in the

7.65 cents charged per kilowatt hour in 1914 to today's rate of 20 cents and the increased demand from 1914 of 19 Kilowatt hours per month to today's 149. Visualizing a great future for Milton because of central location, Mr. Strike foresaw no difficulties if the problems are given the same integrity in management they had received in the past.

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Roses Presented

The speaker was introduced by O. L. Hadley and thanked by Colin Smillie. Mr. Smillie also presented a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Strike.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Tom Renzetti and the Miltones. The Legion Auxiliary served the roast beef dinner.

Finalize Town's '64 Mill Rates Despite School Board Protest

Despite a protest from Milton Public School Board over the \$38,000 council chopped from their 1964 budget, and a charge the town's mill rate would be "illegal" if it was set before discussions with the school board were concluded, Milton Council on Monday finalized the 1964 mill rate at 67 mills residential and 75 mills commercial-industrial.

Council two weeks ago chopped \$24,500 for the construction of a general purpose room, \$8,000 for capital outlays and \$5,500 for purchase of a site from the Board budget. All items were for the Board's planned program at the Martin St. High School in its conversion to a senior public school. Council wanted to de-benture the items as capital costs, instead of allowing them in the current expenditures section of the budget, it was suggested.

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Monday night the by-law to set the mill rates came before council, and finance chairman Charles Menefy urged council to go ahead and set the rate. During the same meeting council received a letter from town auditor H. A. Lever, suggesting ways the school budget could be changed.

He felt the school board should be asked to delete the general purpose room, or pare the cost to \$20,000 which is the limit on debentures. The G.P. room had been estimated at \$52,000 and only a \$20,000 subsidy was available.

Cut "Illegal"

Sharpe and Nichols, board solicitors, sent a letter suggesting council hold the setting of the mill rate until the problem is solved. They called the \$38,000 reduction in school expenditures "illegal".

Councillor Brian Best wondered if it was legal to build the G.P. room without a public plebiscite. He reviewed that two years ago a plebiscite had turned down the project. Clerk E. J. Costigan informed council there was only a two year limit on such constructions following a plebiscite.

"Are we being business people or are we going willy-nilly?" Councillor Menefy then asked. "This has been to the people once and it must go to them again. We are perfectly right in holding back the \$24,000. I don't think when the board puts in a budget and it is cut down, they should be allowed to put in a second budget."

Miscellaneous

He also questioned a \$3,487 "miscellaneous" figure in the budget, noting that was pretty high for miscellaneous expenditures.

Reeve C. A. Martin upheld the board, noting the senior public school located in the Martin St.

building was a good thing for the town. "Remember, this project has already been delayed a year," he reminded members.

Tenders in June

Noting the high school board was not calling tenders until June for the Williams Ave. addition, Councillor Best wondered why the public school board needed the money this year. The school would not be available to them until September 1965, he felt.

Councillor Gerry Addison said the school board ended 1963 with a \$40,000 surplus and wondered if this \$38,000 figure wasn't the

board's way of keeping the surplus solvent for next year. Councillor Pearce injected that the council seemed to be "engaging in the popular sport of school board baiting" and said he felt badly about talking about the school board behind their backs this way. "We should hear two sides of the story," he continued, explaining there must be a misunderstanding on both sides.

Councillor Best closed the discussion with a suggestion that the council inform the board they were taking the money out of current expenditures and waiting to debenture it if the Department of Education approval is received on the high school plan. And councillor Menefy made a final protest about allowing the general purpose room without another plebiscite.

Third reading was given the by-law establishing the mill rate. Councillors agreed to hold a special meeting with the school representatives next Monday evening, if it can be arranged.

Slight Majority Favors Change in Store Hours

A slight majority of Milton's retail merchants favor closing their stores all day Monday, and remaining open Thursday and Friday evenings until 9 p.m., a Chamber of Commerce survey revealed this week.

Ron Harris, chairman of the Chamber's retail section committee, announced the results of the survey. He said 18 favored closing all day Monday, 15 were against, and six of those 15 said they would abide by the decision of a two-thirds majority.

On the question of remaining open both Thursday and Friday, it was an even 16-16 split when the answers were counted. However, six of the 16 who voted to remain open Friday only, said they would go

with the two-thirds majority. "I have reported the findings of the survey to the president, and suggested an open meeting of all retailers should be called in the near future," Mr. Harris explained. "I think such a meeting should draw a big crowd."

He added there was no immediate plan to change the present store hours by-law, however he felt the survey would create sufficient interest to get the merchants to work together toward uniform store hours.

Professional people, hair stylists, gas stations, restaurants and other Chamber members not operating regular retail outlets were not polled in the survey.

Over-Counter Bonds On Library \$10,000

Council Monday approved a by-law allowing the \$10,000 expenditure for renovations to Milton Public Library's new home in the former R. S. Adams store, Main St. Clerk E. J. Costigan was given permission to sell the debentures over the counter on a ten year term, at five and three-quarters per cent interest.

"I was in there today," reported Deputy Reeve A. Ledwith. "That's a wonderful building, the Library Board has done a terrific job."

Rec. Committee Hires Director

Robert Browning has been engaged as a summer recreation director, Ted Jennings, chairman of the Milton Recreation Committee announced this week.

Mr. Browning will be moving to Milton with his wife and daughter for the summer months, returning to Guelph for a continuation of his studies in September. He will administer the pool operation as well as the summer playground program, Mr. Jennings reported.

The new director has had four years experience in recreation in Toronto and one year on a course in Guelph.

It is expected Mr. Browning will be on the job by mid-May and continue to early September.

No New Floor This Year Arena Bd. Looks to 1965

Milton Arena won't be getting a new floor this year, but Arena Board officials expect to install one next Spring, board secretary Bruce McKerr reported this week.

The Board was afraid the necessary approvals could not be obtained in time to complete the three-week job this summer, Mr. McKerr explained. So the board hopes to gather all information and seek approvals from the council and municipal board this year and be ready to implement the work as soon as hockey ends next Spring.

Cost of the project has not been finalized but a \$40,000 figure was hinted at, in recent Arena Board discussions.

Mr. McKerr explained the present concrete floor would have to be dug up, brine pipes removed, and the drainage area below the pipes might have to be dug out to a depth of four feet. New coarse stone and a top layer of sand will then be installed, followed by new pipes and a new floor. At the same time, the brine-making system in the arena power house is expected to be modernized so a 45 gallon brine storage tank can replace the present 500 gallon tank. "It's a big job," he summed up.

The winter's accumulation of ice is now being melted away and as soon as it's gone, arena manager Larry Arbie will repair any leaks in the brine system.

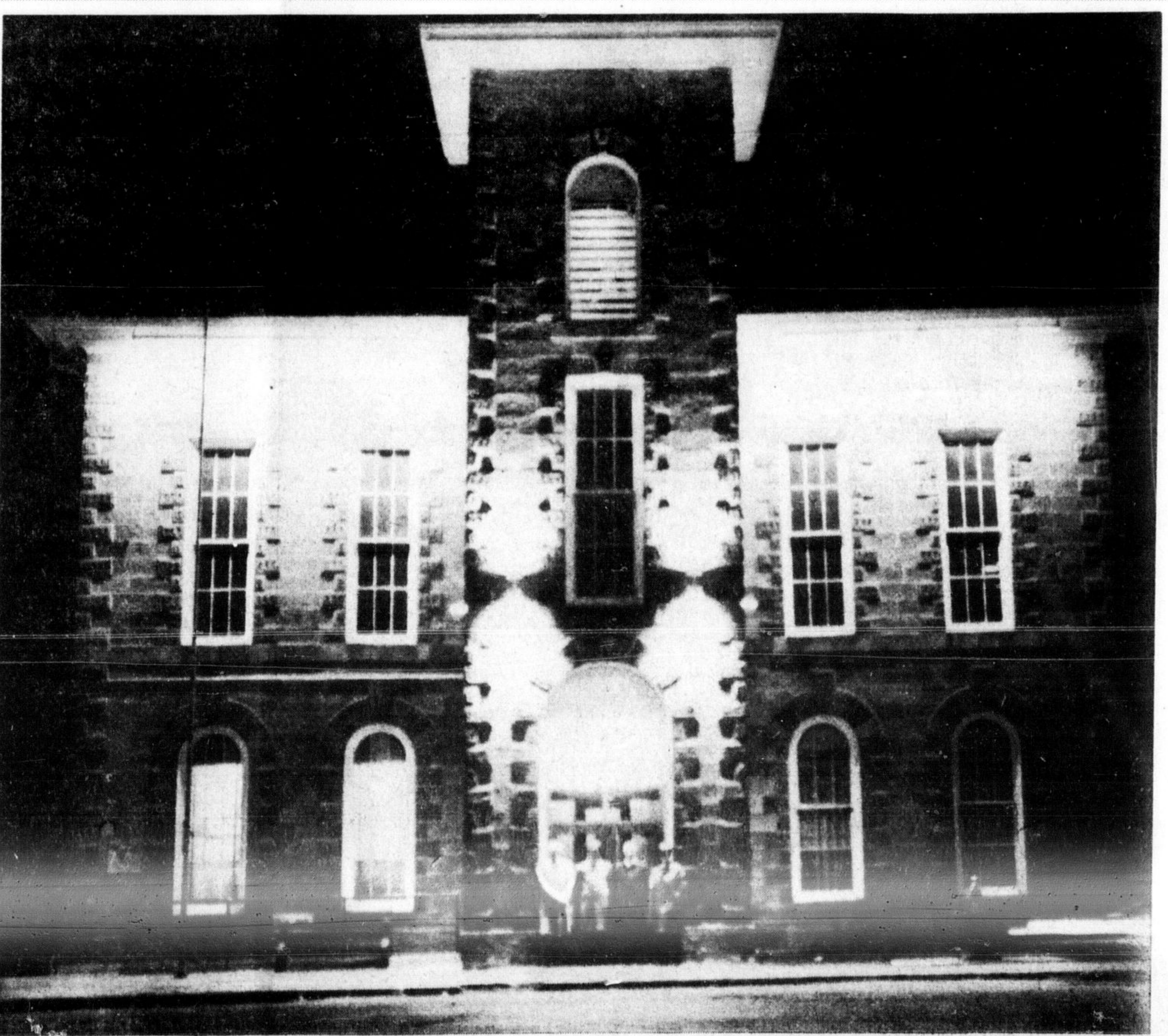
Receive \$560 For Pool Fund

Contributions to the current swimming pool campaign to Drown the Mortgage are coming in well, chairman J. M. Ledwith reports.

Donations received by mail to Tuesday noon totalled \$560 to get the campaign off to a good start. Officials hope the \$10,000 objective will be met in time to open the pool debt-free.

Chairman Ledwith pointed out that payroll deductions are possible in most local plants and attached to a letter sent out was a form to provide the necessary authorization.

If you've lost or misplaced your letter and the accompanying return envelope, just drop into any of the local banks. They'll be pleased to accept your contribution. It was reported.



THE MILTON TOWN HALL has been artificially lit for the first time in its century-old history, thanks to the generosity of Milton Hydro-Electric Commission. As a 50th anniversary gift to the town, the Commission provided and installed the new lights. Lights on the front tower illuminate the stone face of the building, and under the top front eaves are long fluorescent tubes. In the top window on the front of the building, a yellow light shines out into the night. The lights were officially turned on last night (Wednesday) after the Hydro's 50th anniversary dinner.

Library in New Location Friday Move 14,000 Books with no Hitch

A bright airy location that offers space for 20,000 books, became the home this week for the Milton Public Library after years beneath the town hall. The new home of the Milton Public Library is the former Adams store on Main St., directly across the street from the town hall. The library opens for the first time in its new location on Friday and librarian Miss E. Braun reports that her staff will have everything in order by the time the doors open.

During the move that lasted from Monday to Tuesday, 14,000 volumes were taken from the old

library, transported across the street to the new location and put onto the shelves, without one single mistake, Miss Braun reported. "The men never misplaced a book. They did a marvellous job," Miss Braun said.

Shelf Space

In the new location, shelf space stretches the length of the building, with the front portion housing books for junior readers, junior adults, as well as the reference section which was recently described as being "very excellent". Prior to the move, approximately 1,000 books were "weeded out" — books that are in poor condition

and are out of date. In the back part of the library, all the adult books will be kept.

"New Life"

Milton Public Library Board chairman R. E. Reed commented, "the public makes the library, the new surroundings enhance it, but if the Public doesn't want to read or doesn't make use of it, it's a lot of money spent for nothing. I hope the new surroundings will induce people to attend the library. Many have refused to go to the old location."

The Library Board plans an official opening sometime in late May, Mr. Reed noted.