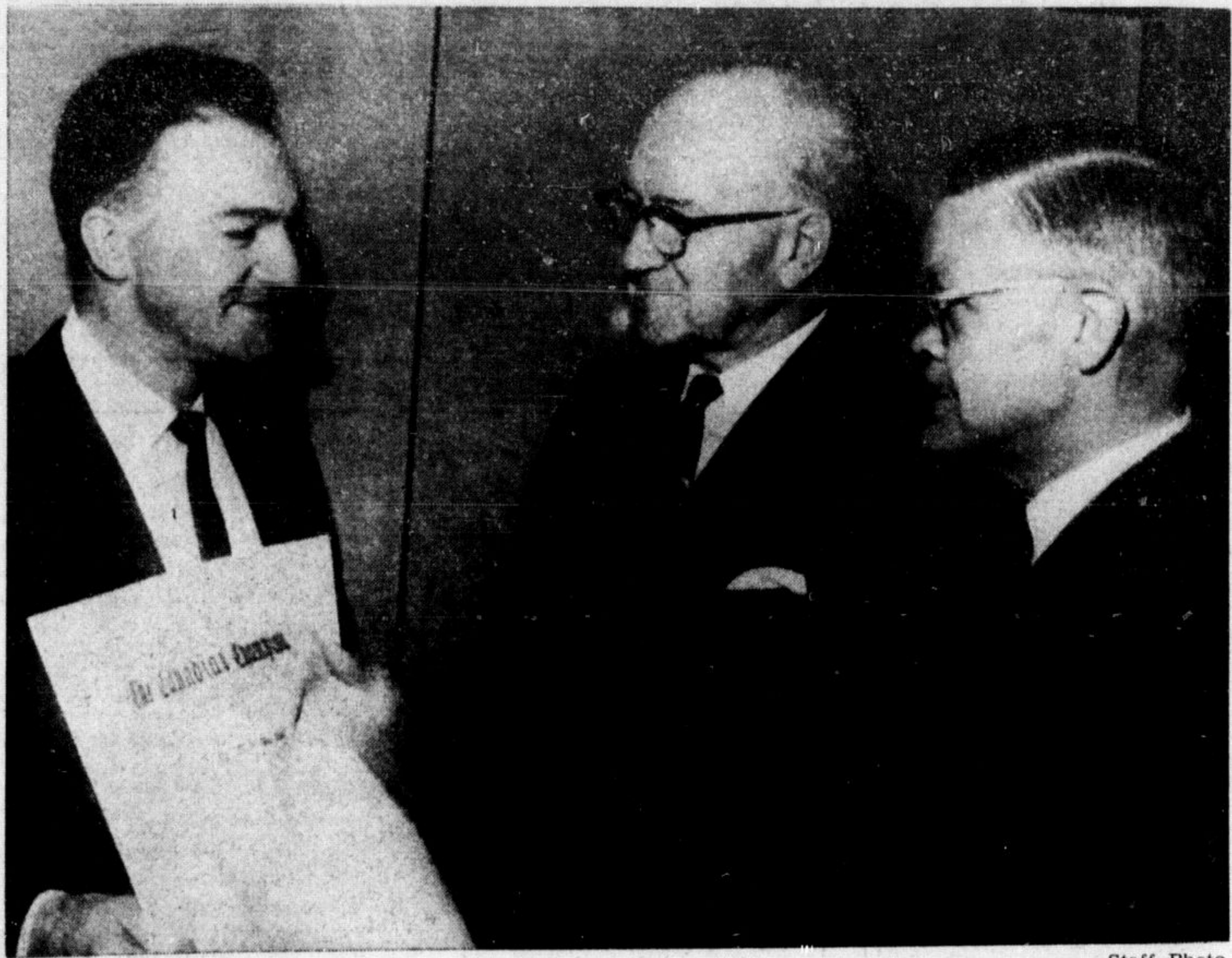


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A SPECIAL ISSUE of The Canadian Champion, outlining in detail the history of hydro in Milton, drew extensive praise from W. Ross Strike, chairman of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, when he attended Milton Hydro's 50th anniversary dinner last week. Above he is shown glancing over the issue with Milton Hydro chairman Bill Rowney and Hydro manager O. Hadley.



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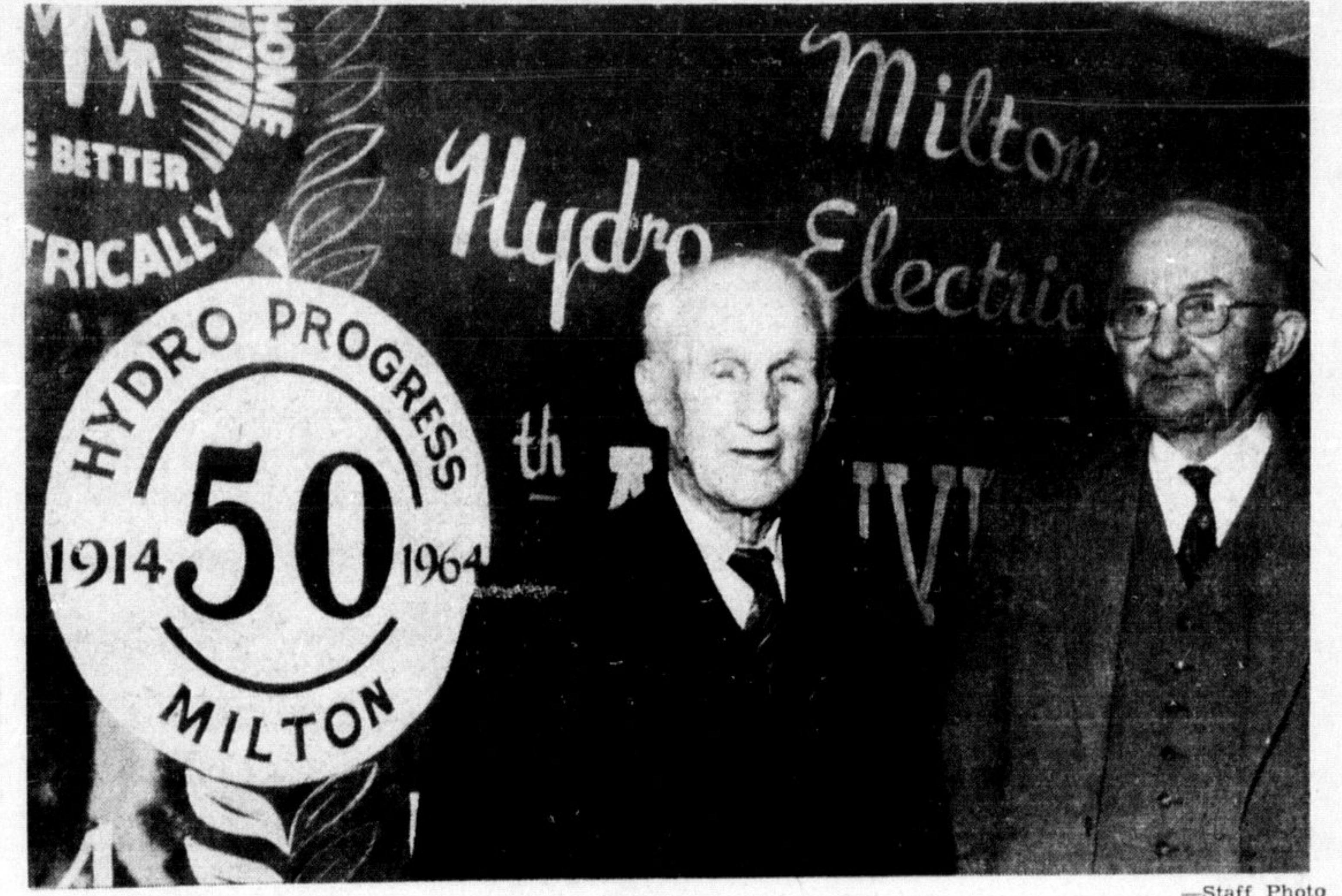
MILTON GIRLS' PIPE BAND piped the head table guests from the Milton Hydro office to the Legion Hall for the golden anniversary dinner held Wednesday evening of last week. W. Ross Strike, chairman of Ontario Hydro and guest speaker at the dinner, enjoyed their lively tunes and is shown here with Wendy Murphy, Bert Powell, Pat Marshall, Helen Stroud and Susan Shields of the band.

Anniversary Dinner, New Lights Ceremony Hydro Marks 50 Years of Growth in Milton



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AN ANNIVERSARY CAKE was cut during the Milton Hydro's 50th anniversary dinner last week, and flanking the cake were Hydro manager O. Hadley's two girls — his daughter Mary, left, dressed in 1964 style, and his daughter-in-law Beverly Hadley, right, garbed in the dress of 1914. Mr. Hadley lights the match to the cake while W. Ross Strike, Ontario Hydro chairman; W. C. Rowney, Milton Hydro Chairman; Mayor S. G. Childs, Milton Hydro commissioner; and Colin Smillie, Milton Hydro vice-chairman look on.



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AMONG MANY FORMER COMMISSIONERS who attended Milton Hydro's Wednesday evening dinner were A. L. Chambers, left, and J. A. Rush. Mr. Chambers, a former Mayor, was a member of the Hydro Commission from 1939 to 1943 and was chairman two years. Mr. Rush served 14 years, from 1948 to 1961 (more years than any other Commissioner) and was chairman for 10 of those years. Other former Commissioners attending included Judge G. E. Elliott, G. C. Gowland, T. A. Hutchinson, G. Frank Thompson and Dr. C. A. Martin.



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"LET THERE BE LIGHT . . ." Ontario Hydro chairman W. Ross Strike pressed the button at the climax of last week's Hydro dinner, and thousands of watts immediately lit up the stone face of Milton's town hall. The town hall lighting was a gift to the town from Hydro on Milton Hydro's golden anniversary.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

During his speech to the Hydro dinner Wednesday, Mr. Strike stands behind the 50th anniversary three-tiered cake, that adorned the head table.



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ELECTRIC BOILER RESTORED: These two Ontario Hydro officials are examining an immersion type heater with O. L. Hadley, Manager of Milton Hydro. The electric boiler (right) was restored when the Milton Hydro office was renovated. It provides part of the heat for the new office. In this picture with Mr. Hadley are C. E. Crease (left) Hydro's Central Region Consumer Service and Sales Engineer, and Adam S. Smith, Hydro's Central Region Manager (centre).

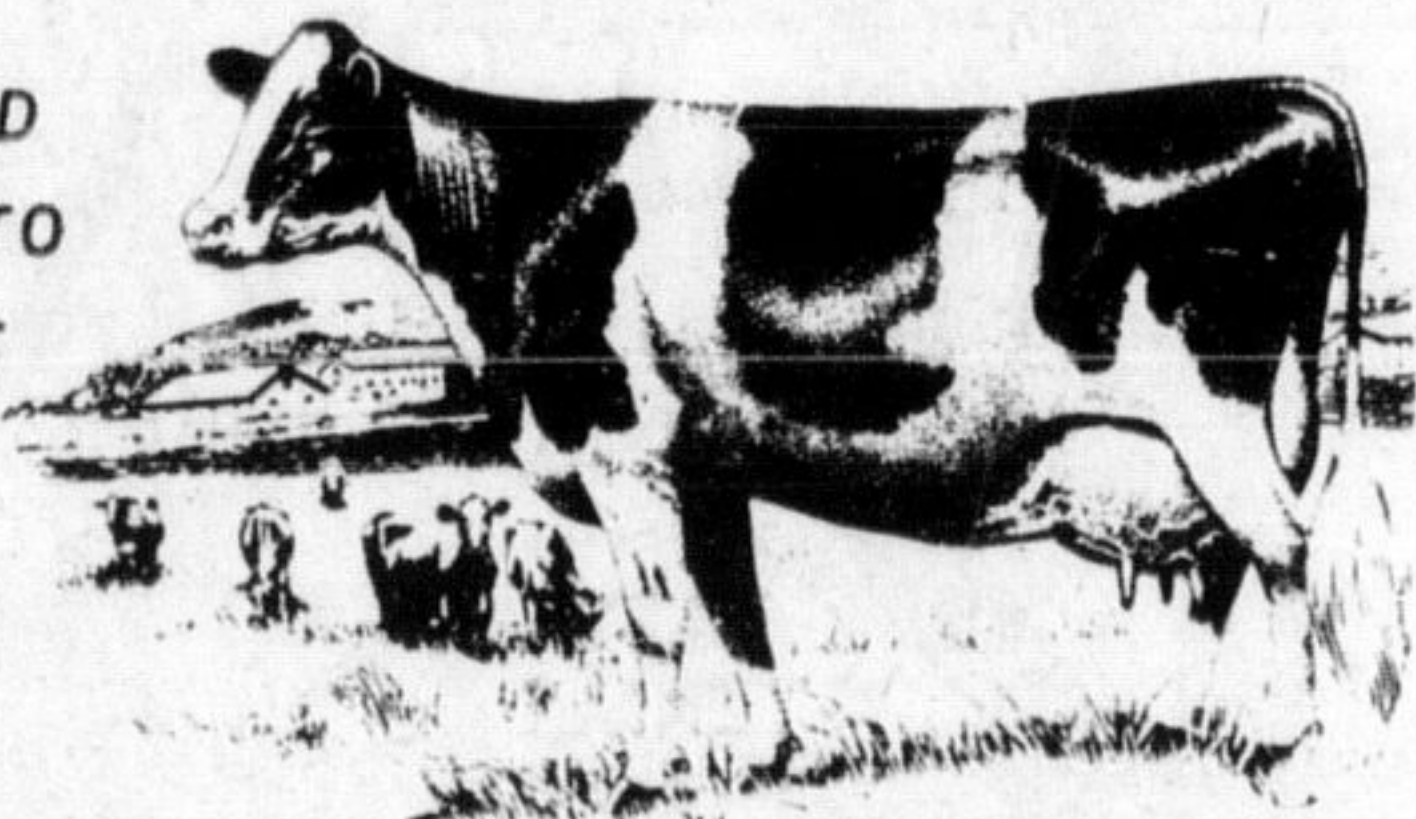
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A Letter from Bill: Part 4

Kelly Visits Crookedest Street in the World



(Bill Kelly of R. R. 4, Milton, is off on a winter holiday trip to Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco, Las Vegas and other points south, and has agreed to write some impressions of his trip for The Champion. Bill's a well known figure here and we hope you'll enjoy sharing his holiday experiences with him. The following is the fourth of his weekly letters.)

Santa Monica,
California, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Before coming to this endless city, by way of Sacramento and Tijuana, Mexico, I took one last brief tour of San Francisco in a small group. This is advisable, as the narrator gives much more detailed descriptions to the points of interest. Among other

things, this tour took us to, or near to, the office of prominent lawyer Melvin Belli, who was just recently in the news. There was a sign in his window saying he was available!

The crookedest street in the world is unbelievably true to its name. It's on a very steep hill, as are many of the streets here. Each turn is semi-circular and on about a 20 foot radius. You could proceed at no more than about 5 m.p.h. on this unusual brick street. An Italian immigrant built it many years ago with the idea of simulating an aspect of his native land, hence the beautifully well-kept greenery along its frilly edge. This one-way "crookedest street in the world" has had only one mishap on its attractive, irregularity. "Some lady driver," the narrator said. "Wouldn't you just know it?"

Memorial Tower

The "coit" tower is a memorial to the firemen who died fighting the earthquake-ignited fire

of 1906, which burned an unbelievable three-quarters of San Francisco.

Portsmouth Park, where this city was founded, the "cliff" house where you can dine and observe sealions on the ocean shore-line rocks, Chinatown, an interesting historic spot where the "vigilantes" held their meetings to punish law breakers and many other scenic and historically significant places, not to exclude the exotic "Golden Gate Park" could keep the tourist going many days. The world-famed "Golden Gate bridge" is a must for anyone who appreciates engineering achievement, with its 4,200 foot main span and 60 foot roadway. A man in the back who challenged the 4,200 foot span, was invited to walk it, but declined and said he would check it out in the records.

\$97 Million

The route from San Francisco to Sacramento, the capital of the state of California, is worthwhile to travel by bus as it crosses the 8 1/2 mile Oakland Bay Bridge. Though not unique in the same sense as the Golden Gate bridge, it is outstanding in its cost — \$97,000,000 in 1937; and the amount of various materials used to build it, i.e., enough steel and concrete to build all the large office buildings in downtown San Francisco, and enough cable to surround the earth almost three times!

This two hour ride that goes through rolling greenery is interrupted only by organized treed areas. I discovered the hills were not quite as verdant as they

seemed, as I found that the bus had tinted windows, nonetheless, the countryside did look very fresh and garden-like. It was odd that there appeared to be no washouts on this hilly terrain — all well managed pasture no doubt, to which the well rounded Hereford cattle attested. This short pastoral journey was viewed by all, to the background accompaniment of a loose sun visor at the front of the bus, and a bearded red-headed youth whose conversation with his lady friend equalled the sun visor, both in intensity and quality.

Lost His Film

The capital buildings in Sacramento are large but architecturally not unlike any other capital headquarters, Queen's Park for instance. The grounds around these buildings are well treed and flowered, an excellent place to shoot a roll of film which I did and subsequently lost.

"Sutter's Fort" as I think it's called, also is much like any other historic site of its type, with its stockade, cook houses, barracks, and tools peculiar to the era. Sutter was a Scandinavian early bird around there, who, besides his fort, had a very large tract of land which he farmed. He was said to be the doctor, lawyer, keeper of the peace, and E. P. Taylor of his time.

Tijuana, Mexico, is a rough, tough, seedy border town, like many border towns. My companions, at whose invitation I detoured my original itinerary, assured the chicken undersigned that all is placid there.

I lost faith in my friends' assessment, slightly, when we had just walked inside the border and a great altercation occurred among the many shabby cabbies, as to which one would get our business. This dispute was soon resolved by a short little man who came running to the scene. He seemed to be taxi cab commissioner, for his dictum, which took the form of a well aimed kick at the offending cabby's door, seemed to settle the whole thing and we continued on this side trip after this un auspicious beginning.

The best thing I can say for this town and its inhabitants is that it's a good place to buy a hand-tooled leather wallet, or to lose one.

German beehives are painted bright colors to guide the bees to their own hives.

Next time you're talking "from the shoulder" — try a bit higher up.

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