

One-Night Blitz to Wind Up Pool Campaign; Seek \$8,600 Tuesday



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PRETTY GAIL THOMAS, 16-year-old Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce, is just one of the local residents helping to promote the Chamber's "May is Beautification Month" project. Above, Gail gets all set for a super-cleaning with her lawn and garden tools. The Chamber urges every resident to clean, paint, plant and light up, to make our town a more beautiful place to live and work. We're sure Gail is going to do her part!

Members of local service clubs and many other volunteers will carry out a "one-night blitz" next Tuesday evening, May 19, to attempt to wind up the Milton Community Swimming Pool campaign. The pool fund needs \$10,000 to "drown the mortgage" outstanding on the year-old \$57,000 structure in Rotary Park.

Pool fund chairman J. Mike Ledwith said the "blitz" is expected to be the final canvass to raise the \$10,000. To date a mail campaign has produced \$1,400 so there's only \$8,600 to go!

He reminded residents that a \$30 donation in this campaign entitles them to a family ticket good for this summer season. Donations may also be used as income tax deductions.

More volunteer canvassers are still needed, and if you would like to help out, call Austan Ledwith, Norm Pearce, Carl Hiltz, Gord Collinson, Murray Hood, Andy Keilty, Mike Ledwith, Chuck Gervais, Gord Strain, Len Smith, Jim Bell or Dave Brush.

Residents have already received a circular in the mail, outlining the cost of the pool and its equipment. Donations can be made in cash or cheque, post dated cheques or payroll deductions through your place of employment.

"We have been talking about building a pool in Milton for several years," Mr. Ledwith pointed out. "Now we've got the pool, and its need was proven by the crowds that flocked there

last summer. It would never have been a reality without the work of the committee that built the pool. Now we're so close to our goal and only a few thousand dollars is needed — please don't let us down when we are so near the end. Let's drown the mortgage — forever."

The pool actually cost \$57,048. Of this, construction of the pool took \$15,170; filtration plant and plumbing \$14,038; change house \$10,913; gravel fill and trucking \$4,280; electrical installations \$1,193; chain link fence \$1,445; engineering \$3,438; hold-backs \$2,776; paving and ladders \$2,500; and miscellaneous (paint, postage, sand, survey, soil tests and window shutters) \$1,335.

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Credit Hydro Crew In Saving Home

Firefighters praised the quick action of a passing Ontario Hydro crew, for helping contain a fire in the basement of a Bronte St. home Thursday afternoon of last week.

Chief A. E. Clement of Milton Fire Brigade said loss of contents and damage to the home of Mrs. Dorothy Delahunt, Bronte St. S., would be near \$1,500. The fire is believed to have started from a light bulb burning too near a pile of clothing.

When the fire was discovered the Hydro crew working nearby was alerted, and they used a garden hose to keep the fire under control until the fire truck arrived. "If we had been called five minutes later, the house might have been gone today," said the Chief.

The fire was contained in the basement and did not spread upstairs.

—Thursday's Smile: What comes out of blazing forests? Why, Crispy Critters, of course!

Two-Hour Council, Board Talk Fails to Resolve Differences

Soul-Searching Council Sees P.R. Falling Down

Before Milton Councillors met with members of the Milton Public School Board on Monday, they did some soul-searching about their liaison between the groups.

Councillor G. Addison wondered if quarterly meetings between the two groups, or council representatives attending Board meetings, would improve the liaison and establish some links.

Reeve C. A. Martin recalled similar efforts at the county level between the various county-supported groups. He emphasized the co-operation of the groups was necessary since it could be resented as an intrusion.

Open Meetings
Councillor C. Johnson noted Board meetings were open to the public and members of council could attend.

Deputy Reeve A. Ledwith pointed out members of the School Board were elected the same as councillors, and any councillor named to attend Board meetings

should not be there just to "spy" on them.

Councillor N. Pearce noted that "council can't have its finger in every pie". He supported the idea of better relations with the board but opposed the idea of sending a "group" just to "keep an eye on them."

Councillor Addison stressed his intentions were honorable in presenting the idea, and he merely sought a way to improve understanding between the groups. "When the time has come that the Board has to hire a lawyer to write us a letter, we should do something about better relations," he emphasized.

The subject was not pursued further.

For two hours Monday night Milton Public School Board and Milton Council faced each other, as the Board sought re-instatement of funds cut from their 1964 budget by council. Although discussion ranged over the town's capital budget forecast, the senior public school system, the general purpose room at the Martin St. High School which the board expects to purchase, the difference between capital and maintenance costs, and the wisdom of capitalizing or paying some costs from current revenue, nothing concrete was settled except plans for a further meeting after discussion with the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Council, in setting the town mill rate, chopped from the Board budget three items. These were \$8,078 labelled for capital expenditures; \$5,500 for purchase of the Martin St. school site; and \$24,500 for part payment on a general purpose room.

Not Surplus

Board finance committee chairman H. P. Johnson explained the cost of the site at \$5,500 had appeared also in the previous year's budget and the expenditure had been delayed as the total high school-public school exchange had been held up. He suggested it could not legitimately be considered surplus.

The amount set aside for capital, the chairman noted, was roughly equivalent to the amount spent the previous year, plus provision for a new roof on the Bruce St. school.

Debtenture All?

On the amount set aside for the general purpose room, Mr. Johnson noted this was required since council had approved only \$20,000 for the general purpose room by debtenture. He inquired if council was now prepared to

debtenture the full amount, since the amount cut from the school budget had represented a surplus that could have been applied from current revenue.

Present for the meeting besides Milton Council were Board Chairman G. C. Gowland, and trustees H. P. Johnson, Ron Harris and Alex Cooke as well as Board solicitor A. J. Nichols, secretary E. W. Foster, treasurer Mrs. D. E. Martin and town auditor H. Lever.

Could Capitalize

Councillor G. Addison, recalling council's action in cutting the budget, gave as his understanding that the \$8,000 amount for capital equipment represented equipment for the general purpose room, and since this was expected to be capitalized it could be deleted from the budget. He suggested this had been a misunderstanding that had led to the present difficulty, but noted another amount in the budget was labelled plant maintenance.

Trustee Johnson pressed for Council to provide the funds to cover the cost of the site at \$5,500 and for capital works of \$8,078.

Turning to the plans to develop the Martin St. school as a senior public school, Mr. Johnson pointed out public school board acquisition of this school rather than building a new one, effected a saving of \$100,000. It also made it possible for the High School Board to gather all their facilities in one location.

Start it Early

Chairman Gowland pointed out the plan was to take the building over so the Board could proceed with the addition of the general purpose room before the high school vacated the balance of the building. Then in June of 1965, interior renovations could begin for September occupancy by the senior public school students.

Pinpointing one of the unresolved points, Councillor N. Pearce noted no decision had been made by council on the general purpose room. He suggested the thought was it should be debtentured, but since it was not included in the town's capital budget it would be an addition that would require the Ontario Municipal Board approval.

"What are the thoughts of the Board on a vote on the general

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Stagnant in Summer?

"Pond Gift Will Cost Money"

Plans Opening

Milton Library Board is planning to officially open the new Main St. library building some time late this month and at a board meeting last night (Wednesday) named a committee of six members to plan it. Members are C. S. Lockie chairman, J. Langedyk, William Duignan, Robert Mackay, Mrs. K. Y. Dick and Mrs. G. C. Gowland.

The board learned Milton Hydro wishes to donate an illuminated sign to identify the front of the library. New reading tables for the adult reading room are expected to be available this week.

Still \$900 Short In Cancer Drive

Milton and district's cancer campaign passed the \$3,600 mark Tuesday, reports campaign chairman Ken Hassard. On Tuesday evening the Milton and District Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society tallied up the proceeds to date, and it came out to \$3,620. The unit's goal is \$4,500 this year and many canvassers are still making calls. Officials are optimistic that the goal will be reached.

"Take over of the mill pond will cost money," Councillor B. Best emphasized as he recalled references to the town's inaction on the project in last week's Canadian Champion.

"People should realize the gift carries with it liabilities," he stressed, as he referred to the offer of Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd. last December to turn the pond over to the town. He predicted the water would be stagnant in the end of the pond this year and such problems had to be clarified before the town could act.

He noted the solicitor was preparing a cost study on the project before council took action. Councillor N. Pearce noted the town's centennial committee was considering a number of different projects and one was the development of park lands.

He explained other projects were also being considered and he asked council as well as all organizations and individuals in town to present their ideas to the committee soon. Deadline for applying for the centennial grants available on projects was August this year.

Reactivate Discussion On Customs Port Here

Reactivation of discussions on a suffrage warehouse for Milton was promised Milton Chamber of Commerce officials in Ottawa last week, by Dr. Harry C. Harley of Oakville, Halton's M.P.

Chamber past president Brian Best, one of three Chamber delegates attending the 52nd annual meeting of the Ontario C. of C., visited Dr. Harley at the parliament buildings to discuss Milton's need for a customs entry point. Dr. Harley was interested and suggested he would look into the matter from the Ottawa end, reports Mr. Best.

The Chamber feel that a suffrage warehouse here would benefit local industries — many of which have asked for customs facilities here — and it would be definite selling point for prospective industries.

While at the House of Commons the delegates, Mr. Best, Henry Servos and Earl G. Black, were also given a tour of the parliament's new Confederation Room.

Council Monday endorsed the new effort to have a customs port established.

Annexation Talk Set for May 27

Milton and Oakville officials will meet for annexation discussions, for the first time, on May 27 in Oakville.

Representing Oakville at the negotiations will be Mayor A. M. Masson, Reeve H. C. Merry, Deputy Reeve A. L. Whiting and Councillor W. E. Ford as well as solicitor J. H. Depew, town administrator K. O. Needham, and planning director E. Cumming.

Representing the town of Milton will be Mayor S. G. Childs, Reeve C. A. Martin, Deputy Reeve A. Ledwith and Councillor N. Pearce as well as solicitor K. Y. Dick, clerk-manager E. J. Costigan and town planner D. Little.

The meeting will be the first between the two groups since Milton's formal application for annexation, and the interim report of the Ontario Municipal Board. Since then both Milton and Oakville have exchanged ideas on which they would be prepared to discuss settlement of the outstanding application.

—Legion officials report tickets are still available for next Wednesday's "Citizen of the Year" banquet honoring J. M. "Mike" Ledwith.



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A SPECIAL AWARD, presented by the Canadian Highway Safety Council, was earned for the second consecutive year by the Town of Milton, for going through 1963 without a traffic fatality. The award was accepted by Mayor S. G. Childs on behalf of the town and he turned it over to Milton Police Chief Ray Andrew. The mayor recommended that it be displayed in the Police Office. Here, Councillor Charles Johnson, chairman of the Police Committee and chief Andrew are shown holding the award, while Police Constables Keith Robertson, Len Pickett and Ted Kennedy, left, and Sgt. Bob Moreau and Constable Bill Patterson look on. Police Chief Andrew stressed, "the whole town deserves the credit for earning this award, not just the Police Force."

Hydro Off, Blame Vandals

Town, Race Track Go Dark for 50 Minutes

Vandalism by young boys was blamed for a 50-minute power interruption that plunged the entire town of Milton and a large surrounding area into darkness, just after nine o'clock Friday night.

Among those without hydro were 3,600 patrons at Mohawk Raceway, Campbellville, where an emergency generator was eventually put into use to supply lights. It cancelled the night's racing after the third race.

One Bright Light

Only the Chamber of Commerce spring carnival grounds were lit up during the blackout — the diesel plant and a standby hydro generator kept all the rides running and the lights on. The grounds soon became a mecca for most of the downtown crowd when the theatre and restaurants became inoperative.

Fortunately, stores had just closed when the lights went out, and there were few stores with any customers or staff left indoors. Candles were quickly lit in homes throughout the district, as everyone began to wonder "why?" and "how long?"

At Mohawk, women clutched their purses and men burned paper cups for light, while cars were driven onto the race track and their headlights were aimed into

the crowded grandstand and dining room.

Police There

Armed off-duty O.P.P. officers who provide security service in the cash windows were ready for any trouble, but reported none. All the patrons received the raceway's apology and a free pass to come back another night.

Investigation by Ontario Hydro of the power blackout has since revealed that it was believed due to boys throwing rocks and smashing an insulator which caused a pole top fire on the 27,600 volt power feeder line from Bronte T. S. supplying the town of Milton and nearby area.

Was Patrolled

Hydro officials stated that the power line had been given a re-

gular patrol less than three weeks ago, just prior to the opening of the racing season, and the line was in perfect condition then with all insulators intact.

The power line is adjacent to the C.N.R. railway track near town, where the smashed insulator was found at the scene of the pole top fire. It is believed that boys have been taking the rock ballast from the railway bed and using the power line insulators as targets. One of these was completely smashed, which caused the line to contact the crossarm and started a pole top fire.

An emergency Hydro line crew from Brampton R.O.A. was immediately called out when the power blackout occurred and

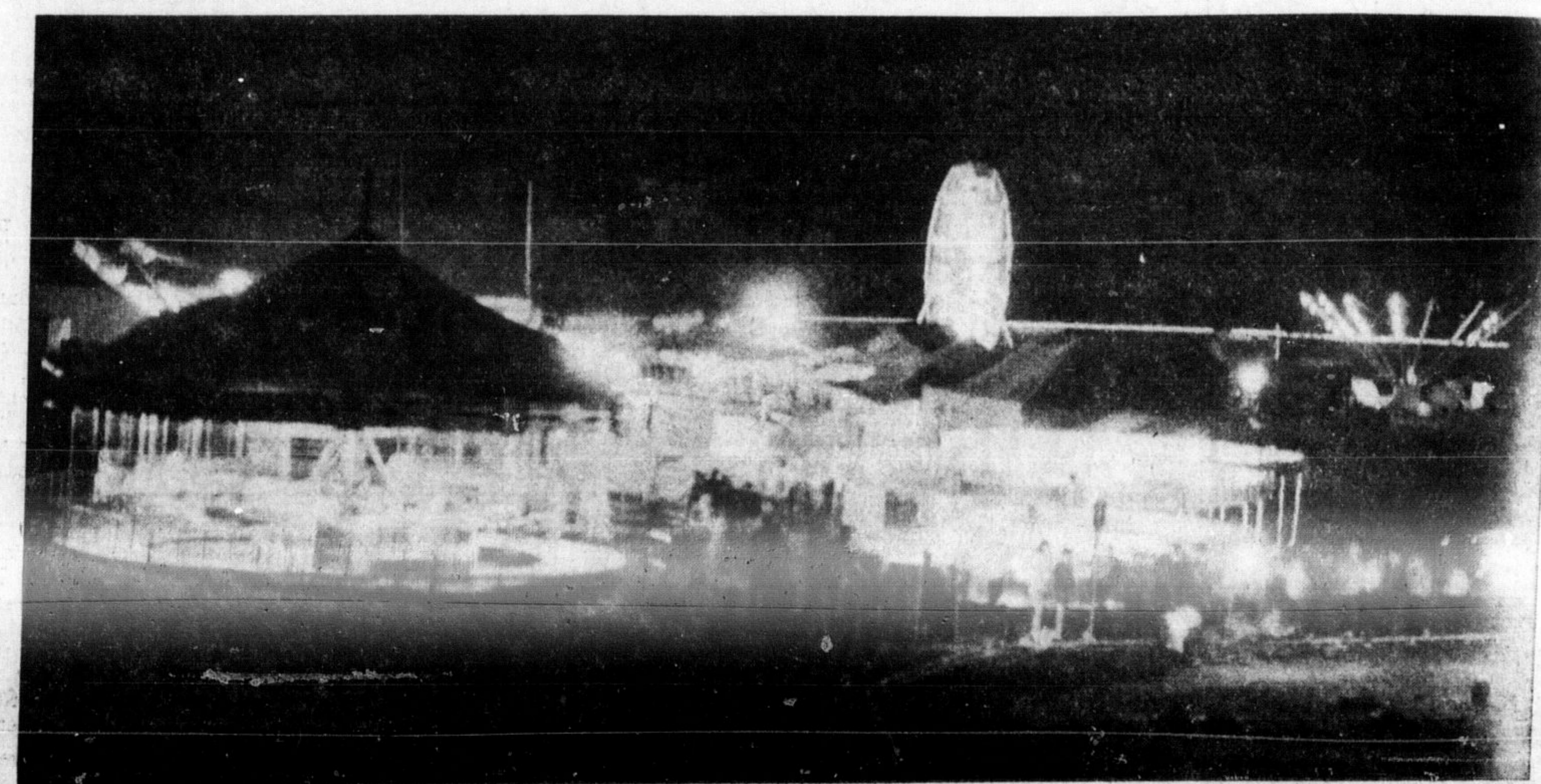
rushed to investigate, tracing the line on foot across country until the trouble spot was found. Power was restored to all sections in record time after the trouble had been located.

Appeal to Parents

Hydro officials appealed to parents and to the public to halt boys throwing stones at Hydro line insulators and to warn them about the serious inconvenience and damage that could be caused. Such incidents ought to be reported also to the nearest Hydro office and to the police so as to avoid costly and serious power interruptions, a senior Hydro official stated.

Milton residents in part of the north section of town experienced a second interruption on Saturday morning. This one lasted about an hour, and is believed to have been the result of a tree falling on wires near Martin St. Two fuses were blown and Milton Hydro linemen replaced them.

Oddly enough, in this breakdown the lines carried just enough power to run an electric clock and give lights a dim glow. Many residents did not realize the power was off — then couldn't believe it when the clocks kept running.



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IT WAS CARNIVAL WEEK in Milton all last week, as thousands flocked to see March Midway Shows' big carnival at the Mill-side Plaza grounds. All the gaiety and color of the show are seen in this night, time exposure. Carney operators reported over 18,000 ride tickets were either purchased on the grounds

or given away free by the sponsoring Milton merchants. The Chamber of Commerce promoted the spring carnival as a business booster, with Ron Harris in charge. There were 20 rides and booths in the carnival and they sure delighted the youngsters.