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Announce Award For O.S.D. Pupil

A "Stanley Hall Memorial Award" in honor of the late M.P.P. who served Halton for 19 years, has been established by the Halton County Progressive Conservative Association, president Gordon Beatty of Acton announced this week.

The award will be made annually, beginning in 1966, to a deserving student in his final year at the Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton. "This will enable the student to either continue his academic or vocational studies beyond the regular provincial school program, or to buy equipment for his trade," Mr. Beatty explained.

The school was established at a Milton site a few years ago, while Mr. Hall served in the legislature, and he was credited with much assistance in the planning of the school. The first students will not graduate from O.S.D. until 1966.

Mr. Beatty also noted the annual Conservative picnic will be held next September 13 in Lowville Park. A guest speaker has not yet been named.

Finance Committee Resigns as Council Reinstates P.S. \$13,500

Extra \$104,000

Go to O.M.B. for More Money

An application to the Ontario Municipal Board to increase the anticipated capital spending this year from an already-approved \$736,240 to \$840,240, was approved by Milton Council Monday.

The increase request would be made up of \$80,000 approved for spending on the public school project last year and not spent, plus \$10,000 for Library renovations and \$14,000 for the Heslop Road sidewalk. While it was anticipated the development of the Kelso well and the construction of the transmission line would be closer to the \$200,000 than the \$150,000 in the capital budget, other projects like the main street widening would be delayed.

The application to the O.M.B. followed discussion, between the Board, the town clerk and town auditor on the proper procedures for handling capital budgets. The Board noted the budget should be reviewed at the

first of every year and submitted for blanket approval. The individual applications by project could then be dealt with more quickly.

It was noted the O.M.B. was mainly concerned with whether anticipated total expenditures were within safe borrowing limits.

GOOD WEEK

Milton O.P.P. reported only seven minor (under \$100 damage) accidents in the past week, with a total of \$563 damage. Weekend traffic was heavy but orderly they noted.

After a second, frequently heated, round of discussion between members of Milton Council and Milton Public School Board over cuts in the School Board Budget,

The council agreed to reinstate \$13,578 in the public school budget by a split 5-4 vote.

Councillors C. Menefy and C. Johnson tendered their resignations from the town's finance committee.

The town agreed to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for a capital spending program this year of \$840,240 instead of the already approved program of \$736,240.

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Another Meeting

Members of the Board and Council agreed to further meetings to probe the future of a general purpose room planned for the Martin St. High School when it is converted to a senior public school.

When Council prepared the mill rate, it deleted an amount of \$5,500 for purchase of a school site and \$8,078 for capital works from the Board budget as well as \$24,500 for a general purpose room. These deletions from the budget have been the subject of the Board-Council meetings.

Just Misunderstanding

Council defended the deletions, suggesting they were all part of a capital spending program and should be debentured. The Board counters that the cost of a site is not a debenturable item, the capital works totalling \$8,078 have regularly been included in the board budget, and the major item this year is the possibility of a roof on the Bruce St. School estimated at \$4,000. The whole problem, it was suggested, was one of misunderstanding.

On the capital program for the Board to acquire the Martin St. School, a debenture issue of \$158,500 had been approved by council which includes \$20,000 toward a general purpose room. With the deletion of the \$24,500 from the current budget, the Board maintains it would not be possible now to build the room estimated to cost approximately \$52,000.

Assure Roof

Prior to the joint meeting

members of council agreed they should re-instate to the Board's current budget the \$5,500 for the Martin St. School site, \$4,000 to the capital repairs account, and assure the Board if a new roof was needed on the Bruce St. School the necessary \$4,000 additional would be paid.

Trustee H. P. Johnson, finance chairman of the public school board, denied this would be acceptable. He maintained the full amount should be reinstated in the board budget. "The error was made by the town finance committee in not consulting us before cutting these expenditures", he argued. "They are definitely legitimate items".

Argument ranged back and forth mingling capital budgets, O.M.B. approval of a capital spending program, and the town's contingency fund estimated variously between \$18,000 and \$21,000.

Guarantee?

Board solicitor A. J. Nichols wondered if council would approve the \$5,500 amount plus the \$4,000 amount and undertake in writing to guarantee funds for the repair to the roof if required.

Councillor C. Fay wondered if there was no trust between the groups at all. He noted the Board last year accepted the approval of \$158,500 for the Martin St. project. "Was that a guarantee?" he asked.

Solicitor Nichols suggested that approval was adequate until the \$24,500 was taken away from the Board this year by council. "It was a surplus in the hands of the Board and it was taken away by council," he argued.

Legally Theirs

Trustee Johnson argued the Board was legally entitled to the reinstatement of the \$5,500 and the \$8,078.

Councillor Menefy argued "We're not saying we won't give it to you. We're saying we'll give it to you if you need it."

Trustee Johnson suggested the error was by the town's finance committee in cutting the items without consulting the Board. "It is a standard item in the budget and council has no right to cut it," he said referring to the \$8,078 amount.

Councillor Johnson argued that if the items had been more detailed in the budget, the mis-

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Set for Oct. 23

Call Tory Nomination To Choose Candidate

Halton's Conservatives are planning early for the next federal election. A nomination meeting to name the federal standard-bearer will be held in Milton October 23, Halton P.C. Association president Gordon Beatty of Acton announced today.

Their decision was made at the recent meeting of the executive committee.

Halton Tories' candidate Dr. C. A. "Sandy" Best of Georgetown lost the last two federal elections to Liberal M.P. Dr. Harry Harley of Oakville. Although there are plenty of rumors circulating about the county,

no candidates have yet declared themselves available for the office. Best has been reported as saying that if there are no other qualified candidates he may stand for the office again.

Accept \$200 To Fix Road

Milton Council Monday agreed to accept \$200 from Wimpey Homes for cleaning up the Williams Ave. road as half payment on the project estimated to cost \$400.

Construction of new homes on the road leading to the Williams Ave. High School in the Fallingbrook Area, had caused mud to be tracked onto the road.

Councillor B. Best reviewed discussions with company officials concerning the problem and they had agreed to the \$200 payment. He explained delivery of heavy materials had been completed and installation of ditches, culverts and sod would now be proceeding.

Ready for Crews

Council suggested preparation of the road for an application of oil would be easier if undertaken by the town men. The Works Superintendent agreed the road would be ready for an application of oil when the crews were in town.

Council had received a petition from students at Milton District High School complaining about the dust conditions, the complete removal of what was a sidewalk and the careless parking of heavy trucks on the route.

FALSE ALARM

Milton Fire Department was called out Thursday morning of last week to a false alarm fire at Halton Co-Operative Supplies, Bronte St. A faulty sprinkler system was blamed for setting off the alarm.

Lower Speed

There was good news for parents living along the Base Line Rd. west of Milton this week. County Council on Tuesday approved lowering the speed limit from Ontario St. west to the Oakville-Burlington town line, to 35 miles per hour.

A delegation of parents from the area had appeared before the County Council a month ago, requesting action to stop the erratic driving and speeding trucks from nearby quarries. Mrs. M. Hood, spokesman, complained it was not safe for children, many of whom walk along this roadway to get to school.

Dispels "Giant Airport" Rumor Builds Private Airstrip Here

Rumors of a giant airport project being constructed on the Niagara Escarpment near Milton, were quickly dispelled Wednesday by David R. MacDonald of Oakville, owner of the property. "This is strictly a private project—it will never be commercial," Mr. MacDonald said when contacted by The Champion. He explained he has one small private plane and the four-runway

THRILL OF A LIFETIME came for local angler Alec Penick, Given Rd. W., when he hooked onto this 46 inch, 28-lb. Northern Pike while on a holiday weekend fishing trip to Burk's Falls, 40 miles north of Huntsville. Alec had to play the big beauty for three-quarters of an hour before finally landing it. He used an eight pound test line with a spinner and an inch-long minnow to land the giant fighter.

Al's Trophy is 28 Lb. Pike Lands It in 45 Minutes

Al Penick, local drug store clerk and frequent visitor to those rushing big waters where the big fish lie in wait, can gracefully retire from the fishing game and spend his remaining days talking about the big one that DIDN'T get away.

Alec set himself up for a lifetime of telling and re-telling the big fish story on the weekend, when a giant pike gobbled up the one inch minnow that lay at the end of Alec's line at Burk's Falls, 40 miles north of Huntsville.

28 Lbs., 46 Inches

The fish weighed 28 pounds, measured 46 inches long, and had a 21 inch girth. It's the biggest pike he's ever seen or heard tell about, and the giant caused quite a stir in the Northern Ontario news of the big catch spread.

"It took me three-quarters of an hour to land him, and it was

a fight every minute." Alec recalled Monday when he returned home from the weekend outing. There were several other boats in the immediate area when the pike struck, and all other anglers reeled in their lines to let Alec and the pike wage the battle of the century without fear of getting tangled in lines from other boats.

Broke Big Net

The fish was hauled in toward the boat once, and Alec's friend Larry Arbic of town (who caught a 19½ pounder at the same spot a few years ago) tried to land the brute in a large net. With a burst of energy the northern monster drove through the net as if it were a piece of tissue paper, and the fight continued with Larry holding the net and Alec working the line through it.

Finally a neighboring fisherman rowed over with a gaff hook, which was the answer to landing the brute. "I shivered and shook for a half an hour after we got him into the boat," Alec chuckled.

And he did it all on an eight pound line!

Alec and the others in the party—Arbic, Al Skinner and Reg Corp—all managed to get their limit of pickerel on the weekend, plus a few more smaller pike.

The proud owner of the monster prize was off Tuesday morning, to get the fish stuffed and mounted at a district taxidermist's. It will make a fine trophy, hanging over the fireplace in his basement recreation room.

"Study" Shadow On County H.Q.

The name pylon in front of the County Administration Building on the Base Line, Milton, is still causing trouble. A year ago it was the wording on the sign; this time it's the shadow it casts on the front of the building when the pylon is lit up at night.

County Council attempted to solve the problem on Tuesday, when they approved a study by the engineer and building superintendent. About two-thirds of the front of the County Building is in the shadow when the pylon is illuminated, whereas the east and west sides of the building are well illuminated.

Last year the sign was a storm centre, when justice and registry officials complained of the wording on the sign. It said "Halton County Administration" and it was felt the building housing the Court House and Registry Office was worthy of some mention too. This problem was solved when new signs were erected at the entrances to the building, and the large brick pylon remained as it was.

First Tooth In Two Days

April Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson of 141 Anne Blvd., Milton, is getting a head start on growing her baby teeth.

She was born at South Peel Hospital April 10, and on April 12 she cut her first tooth at the age of two days! And now only 41 days old, she's working on her second tooth and it's coming in right beside the first!

Medical officials say the early teeth are pretty rare. April Louise is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Wilson of Milton and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Russell of Streetsville.



DALTON McQUAIG

On Monday of this week Mr. McQuaig took over his duties as administrator at Milton District Hospital. He succeeds John Wilson.

Blitz Fails to Drown Mortgage Raise \$1,100 in Tuesday Drive

Only \$1,100 of a hoped-for \$8,600 was raised by a one night "drown the swimming pool mortgage blitz," on Tuesday evening, but nevertheless swimming pool committee chairman J. M. Ledwith was "quite pleased with the results." "We probably could have raised a few more dollars," he said, "but it was a busy night, there were a lot of meetings and events on." There are still a few areas in town that will be canvassed before the end of the week.

Approximately 30 canvassers visited nearly 800 local homes in hopes of drowning the mortgage outstanding on the year-old \$57,000 pool in Rotary Park. Before campaigns began this year, \$10,000 was still owing on the pool, but a mail campaign raised \$1,400, leaving only \$8,600 to go. Tuesday's blitz has now reduced that figure to \$7,500.

The Committee has not yet considered any definite plans on how to pay off the remaining debt, although some small fund raising projects are being considered. Mr. Ledwith noted that the majority of the work for the Tuesday night blitz was done by Gord Collinson and Norm Pearce. Mr. Ledwith also thanked the canvassers who helped out on Tuesday evening. Donations will still be accepted at local banks.

Fete Mike Ledwith - - Citizen of the Year

It was official last night as fellow service club members, business associates, employees, municipal officials, community service associates, fellow citizens and friends honored J. M. Mike Ledwith as Milton's Citizen of the Year.

Gathered for a banquet to honor Mike, under the auspices of the local Branch 136 of the Royal Canadian Legion, they received him enthusiastically and accorded him a standing ovation in tribute to his all-round contribution of community life and activity.

Sense of Service

"I give you a man of high moral sense, of marked integrity, loyal, far seeing, with a deep sense of service... a good citizen, an outstanding family man, a sound churchman. The citizen of the year J. M. Ledwith", Rev. J. Lorne Graham declared in introducing the honored guest.

Rev. Graham reviewed Mike's record in Dundas High School, his early training as a draftsman at the J. B. Bertram plant in that town, his enlistment in the Navy, the establishment of his business in Milton "in a rabbit hutch", his service as mayor during centennial year and his efforts at promoting the town. He noted his work at St. Paul's United Church, his election as district governor in Rotary, his contribution of time and effort in making possible a swimming pool in the community, and his trials and tribulations on the Parking Authority.

Responsible to Others

He was described as a man of high moral calibre and a man with a very deep feeling of responsibility to his fellow men. His excellent judgment was reflected, Rev. Graham suggested, in his choice of his wife Vera.

A beautiful silver tea service was presented to Mike as a mark of the special recognition, and a bouquet of red roses was presented to Mrs. Ledwith by Mayor S. G. Childs. Past president of the Legion Lorne Evans presented the tea service.

Replying to the heady praise he had received, Mike as Citizen of the Year, praised the help of his mother, wife and family.

"You know I get a great deal of satisfaction from doing community service work. You shouldn't feel sorry for me—feel sorry for my wife," he declared as he quickly took the guests through a humorous, sometimes hilarious assortment of reminiscences and expressions of thanks.

Suggesting that perhaps the honor of being declared Citizen of the Year had come his way because of work on the swimming pool project, he stressed that it was not a one man job. "I want to share the honor with

those who contributed hours of work and effort in making the pool a reality."

Backed Election

"I want to share the honor with the members of the Rotary Club who have backed me in my election as District Governor," he stressed.

Swinging into reminiscences, Mike humorously recalled that 17 years ago, when he came to Milton, "The Bank of Nova Scotia was the nicest looking building on the Main St. (It's still a nice building Bill (Switzer), don't get me wrong)."

"I've never been sorry I came to the town. There isn't one place I would rather live and I've visited a number of places."



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, J. Mike Ledwith was honored at the Legion-sponsored event on Wednesday evening when citizens, community service and business associates gathered at the Legion. Mayor Childs is shown admiring the silver tea service presented to Mike Ledwith and Vera. Rev. J. L. Graham gave the citation. Legion president Bill Ferguson was in charge of the arrangements.

—Staff Photo