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DRILLING BEGAN this week on the town's new Kelso well that is expected to double the present water supply. The 26 inch diameter well will go down an estimated 210 feet during, on a 24 hour basis, is expected to be completed by this weekend. It will be test pumped and a transmission line will have to be laid to the town line before it will be in service.

Choose Pond, Park Development For Town's Centennial Project

The development of existing parkland in Milton, and specifically the central mill pond that has been closely associated with Milton's history, have been recommended as Milton's project to mark the 1967 Canadian Centennial.

The \$19,500 project was first chosen Thursday evening of last week at a Centennial Committee executive meeting, and the choice was ratified last night (Wednesday) at a general meeting of the Committee representing most local service clubs and organizations.

Will Claim Grant
Town Council on Monday signified its intention to claim the \$1 per capita Federal and Provincial grants that are available for a project. The grants hinge on a town contribution of \$1 per capita. With approximately 6,500 Milton residents, it is expected \$19,500 will be available with the three grants.

The Centennial Committee will approach council for a final decision on the park and pond project in the near future, Councilor Norm Pearce, Committee chairman, assured last night's meeting. An application for Fed-

eral and Provincial grants must be filed by August 1.

Other Projects
Other projects considered by the Committee — and heading the list in a poll taken among the member organizations—were the construction of a YM-YWCA, the erection of a new library, and the closing in of the new swimming pool at Rotary Park. However, there just won't be enough funds to cover the costs.

Doing a little spadework since the previous meeting, the chairman learned a Y would cost anywhere from \$120,000 to \$250,000 and the library would be a \$90,000 to \$100,000 project. Closing in the pool would run to \$100,000. "I think the Y would be ideal for our town, but the price is away outside our scope," the chairman remarked. "And while we are not entirely satisfied with the present library facilities, and would like to see a new building, what we have now is certainly better than what we have had for many years. It will just have to do for now."

Other projects suggested were a youth centre, civic auditorium, entrance gates at the town boundaries, establishment of an ambulance service, and a dental clinic.

Develop Other Areas
Besides the mill pond area, the town presently has several acres of undeveloped parkland and Committee members are hopeful there will be enough money to do some clean-up and development.

The pond almost began with the town, for it was Jasper Martin, the original settler and miller in Milton, who had the pond dug out to store water that would operate the grinding mill he built beside the stream. Over the years the pond has been the centre of much activity, and in the early 1900's it was a well known centre for pleasure boating, picnics, band concerts and garden parties.

Robin Hood Flour Mills, present owners of the pond, purchased it with the Martin St. mill from Dr. C. A. Martin, grandson of the town's founder, a few years ago. A fire in February 1963 gutted the old mill and the water (Continued on Page Three)



THE VICTORIA PARK CENOTAPH grounds have had a face-lifting recently, with local Legionnaires (who handle the centotaph maintenance) doing the work. The fence, grass, monument and flower beds are all in excellent shape in preparation for this coming Sunday's church parade and the 20th anniversary of D-Day celebration. Above, Jim Timbers, Bob Brown, Legion president Bill Ferguson and Howell Hopkins are shown at work with the newly-planted flowerbeds and shrubs that help beautify the spot. Others working on the clean-up included Dave Lewis, Scotty Ross and Frank Shannon.

Water Ban Raises Storm Begin Well Construction

Last week's ban on lawn and garden watering and use of hose raised a storm of protests from taxpayers as they reported efforts to beautify the town, costly plantings and new lawns seeded or sodded were in jeopardy.

The chief complaint was the suddenness of the action", Reeve C. A. Martin reported, "and we couldn't overcome this". Demand on the preceding weekend had exceeded the output of the 12 inch line that serves the

town, officials explained. This began to draw on the 12 foot deep, million gallon reservoir, that dropped the water level there by seven feet.

Day's Supply
Works Superintendent Bruce McKerr noted the million gallon reservoir not only assists in offering adequate supply for fire protection and industrial pressure, but would be the equivalent of a day's supply in case anything happened to the five mile

More Flag Ballots in But Result Unchanged

Since the results of last week's Champion flag ballot were announced last Thursday dozens more answers have been submitted — but the results are still the same.

Readers still give the Red Ensign a big edge over Prime Minister Pearson's Maple Leaf design, and only a small minority still hold out for either the Union Jack or a completely new design.

With all entries in now, final results show 56.45 per cent in favor of the Red Ensign, 37.90 per cent for the Maple Leaves, and 5.65 per cent holdouts for either the Jack or a new design.

(Last week's figures had the Ensign leading 57 to 34 per cent, with eight per cent others.)

Forward Results
Results of the survey and all the ballots will be forwarded to Halton County M.P. Dr. Harry Harley. The Champion was the first newspaper in Halton to carry this flag ballot.

One of this week's answers contained a vote for the Ensign, and a notation, "anything but that one suggested". Another Ensign voter signed his, "God Save the Queen." (Ironically, the latter ballot came from a former Miltonian now living in the United States.)

There are several letters about the flag issue elsewhere in this week's Champion.

Commend Chief 30 Years Work

The long service of Milton's fire chief A. E. Clement was the subject of commendation at Milton Council Monday.

Deputy Reeve A. Ledwith told councilors that in June of this year the chief would have completed 30 years of service with the Milton Fire Brigade.

Council directed a letter of commendation and an expression of thanks to the chief.

SLOW MONTH
May was a slow month for building in Milton. Building Inspector Jack Charlton reported this week. Only six building permits were issued during the month for construction and repairs estimated at only \$20,600.

A permit for a factory addition for Phoenix Manufacturing Company on Fulton St., was valued at \$14,000. Two other permits were issued for the construction of private garages at a cost of \$1,000 each. Commercial repairs at one office were estimated at \$1,000 and residential repairs at two homes were valued at \$3,600.

Take time to be careful and be careful all the time.

Council, Board Reach Stalemate Nothing Settled After 90 Minutes

Members of the Milton Council and Milton Public School Board agreed after a 90 minute discussion Monday that they had reached a stalemate on provision of additional funds for a general purpose room at the Martin St. school.

Last year the council approved \$158,500 for the purchase and renovation of the Martin St. school for a senior public school. Included in that amount was an

allowance of \$20,000 for a general purpose room which is the amount on which Department of Education grants are based for any room.

The Board argues it intended to make up the balance for the room, estimated to cost about \$50,000 from current funds but since the project did not move ahead as anticipated they ended 1963 with a surplus which

the Council cut from their budget in 1964.

Mathematics was the feature of Monday's discussions between the two groups. The Board sought to prove that since council had approved a debenture issue of \$158,500 and since debentures were already outstanding of approximately \$30,000 the Martin St. School, the town could assume the outstanding debentures and issue the \$158,500 providing nearly enough for the total project.

Which Figures
Councilors objected to this suggestion and discussion centred around which set of figures was applicable.

Board chairman G. C. Gowland stressed they needed \$219,000 to complete the project "and this is how we propose to finance it."

Trustee H. P. Johnston, at the outset of the meeting, reviewed the council had approved \$158,500

in debentures plus \$5,500 for the site from current revenue. Add to this a hoped-for grant on furnishings of \$12,000 and outstanding debentures of approximately \$30,000 which would bring the total to \$206,000. This left the project \$6,482 short but costs had increased five per cent adding another \$6,925 for a total of \$219,407.

The emphasis was on mathematics and timing for the balance of the discussion. Councilor B. Best wondered when these funds would be required. Board representatives explained they hoped to construct the general purpose room this year since it could proceed while the High School was still using the Martin St. school. Renovations would not begin until June 1965. While total funds would not be required this year the Board asked a commitment on the general purpose room immediately since it was the first phase of the project. They explained they needed assurance funds would

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Three Flags Fly Here Ensign, Jack and Elmer

By Brian McCristall
Milton's balmy breezes are now blowing three distinctive flags—and one features an elephant.

Ensign seems to be leading in popularity.

Elmer the Safety Elephant hasn't joined the recent flag controversy, but he does occupy prominent spots atop flag poles at the three Milton Public Schools and at the Ontario School for the Deaf. The other two flags that share prominence in town are the Union Jack and the Red Ensign.

The Union Jack is spotted atop four poles, at the Town Hall, the Ontario School for the Deaf, the Cenotaph, and at Brian Best's Real Estate Office on Main St., where it blows alongside several Red Ensigns.

A Champion survey this week revealed that flags are flying at 17 different spots in the community and the Red

Ensigns appear atop flag poles at the Post Office, the three Milton Public Schools, the Halton Centennial Manor, the Canadian Meter plant, the Milton District Hospital, the County Administration Building, the Canadian Tire store, the Legion and Crown Attorney Peter McWilliams' residence on Highside Drive.



MILTON LIONS MAJORETTES, directed by Miss Paula Jacobs (centre) accompanied their sponsors, the Milton Lions Club, to the district convention at Kitchener on the weekend, and their fancy marching and twirling and their bright costumes drew plenty of applause in a Sunday afternoon parade. Girls in the group include the director, Leslie and Katherine Ellwood, Jane and Justine Filipowski, Cathie and Judy Hood, Donna Jacobs, Christine and Marianne Kaszycki, Kimmy and Patti Orr, Patsy Presniak, Carol Reese, Karen and Suzanne Ricketts, Dale Stark, Donna Straub, Collene and Deborah Tonelli. Nancy Addison, also a member of the group, missed the picture and the parade due to illness.

Deputy Minister Will Open New Kelso Conservation Area

In the process of development for the past three years, the multi-purpose Kelso Conservation Area will be officially opened Saturday, June 20.

A 341 acre expanse of rolling hills centred by the huge dam forming an 85 acre lake, it is the first of its type in the area. It is located 3½ miles north west of Milton. This is the first official opening of the area, while the Twelve-Mile Authority opened the Rattlesnake Point and Carlisle Conservation Areas in 1962.

Initially developed by the Sixteen-Mile Creek Conservation Authority, the area has since come under the jurisdiction of the newly formed Halton Region Conservation Authority, a merger of the Twelve-Mile and Sixteen-Mile Conservation Authorities.

Guests invited to attend will include members of the Councils and governing bodies of the Communities within the Halton Region area.

Miltonians this week were permitted one, two hour period of lawn and garden watering weekly as relief from the total ban imposed last week by Milton Council.

Reeve C. A. Martin, chairman of the town water committee, introduced the proposal suggesting those north of Main St. could water on Friday between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. while those south of Main St. could water on Saturday evening between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. He emphasized that it was permissible to use a watering can or bucket at any time.

Safe Level
Elaborating on the reason for the relief, the reeve noted the level in the reservoir had now reached a safe mark again because of the total ban. "If we can maintain the level and allow the usage we will do so. If the levels drop drastically we will have to impose the total restriction."

A delegation of women wondered why Friday and Saturday had been chosen. The reeve explained this would allow Sunday to re-establish the level.

Water Tower?
"Was there any thought of providing a water tower to serve Ontario Steel Products? one delegate asked. "The town has a million gallon reservoir. It would be impractical to provide much more storage. The present pumping is not adequate to compensate for the heavy draw on the reservoir," the reeve replied.

"Will the water supply the town in developing just by taking water from others and affecting the wells on the mountain?" "The Ontario Water Resources is very careful to protect the rights of all. The town well at Kelso will be 220 feet deep which is below most domestic wells. International Water Supply assure us it won't affect existing supplies. This is one reason it has taken three years to engineer this source and carry out the necessary tests."

Extensive Tests
Councilor N. Pearce pointed out extensive tests were carried out even before the Kelso Dam was constructed. "We are anxious that it not be inferred we're taking water from Kelso Lake."

"Will we have adequate pressure on our lawn watering night?" "We hope so."

"Can we fill our children's wading pools with a hose?" "Please do it on your lawn watering night."

"What about those who water anyway?" "We ask everyone's cooperation. It's up to everyone to use their common sense so we will have industrial fire emergency and industrial production."

More Notice
"We want to co-operate too but couldn't you have given us more notice?" "The reservoir dropped over six feet over one weekend. When the notices went out we considered it a near emergency."

"Can a man who has just planted a yard of new sod and a number of new trees have special watering permission?" "The committee will look into it when it is determined what effect the limited watering will have on the supply."

"Why wasn't need for more water looked after sooner?" "The engineering to locate the Kelso supply started in 1960. A project like this should be anticipated at least 10 years in advance. It wasn't."

Fill Pool
Later in the meeting Councilor G. Addison wondered if permission could be obtained to fill the community swimming pool. He noted personnel had been hired for mid-June operation and once filled, the pool takes only about 30 to 40 gallons of water a day.

Members agreed the pool should be filled spread over two Sundays between midnight and 6 a.m. in consultation with the works superintendent.

Several letters complaining about the watering restrictions were ordered acknowledged outlining the present relief offered.

Begin Line
Councilor Best, noting the Kelso well was being installed, called for assurance work on the transmission line would begin as soon as testing at Kelso was complete. He was advised the engineering was complete awaiting only the finalization of easements. The clerk-manager was directed to arrange immediate action on this part of the program. He was also asked to contact the engineers seeking assurance the size of pipe to be installed would be adequate.