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**YOUNGSTERS ARE ENCOURAGED** to sit down and look over the books before they take them out on loan. Almost every type of book from the "Bobsey Twins" to "Black Beauty", can be borrowed from the local library. Vicki Ervin, Susan Thomson, Pauline McEachern and Sandra Johnson are shown as they select their books.



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**THE NEWLY LOCATED** Milton Public Library on Main St. is a haven for youngsters who have a thirst for knowledge. Librarian Mrs. M. Allwood reports there are all types of children's books available at the local library. Here, Margaret Robinson is shown stamping a book for Diane Thomson while Mary Anne Ervin and Deborah Walden look on.

Looking for Ideas?

## Books Good Christmas Gifts

By M. Allwood, Librarian

It is fortunate that children, unlike adults, do not demand new stories fresh from the publisher each year for many of the more interesting boys' and girls' books have been with us for several years.

Curious George by H. Rey is a perennial favorite and there are several books which describe his impish activities. The Story of Babar, the little elephant, keeps young people amused for hours. Jean de Brunhoff, the creator of Babar has written many stories about him.

Family stories, preferably in series, seem to have a fascination for boys and girls of all ages. A very famous one which will certainly be at the top of everyone's list this Christmas is Mary Poppins by P. L. Travers. All who see the film of this delightful, ingenious lady will want to read about her further exploits in Mary Poppins Comes Back, Mary Poppins in the Park, and Mary Poppins Opens the Door.

Eleanor Estes writes about another amusing, interesting family called the Moffats. Something new always seems to be happening to them and they have a hilarious time when they fix up a ghost to scare a very superior friend. Other activities, sometimes serious, sometimes funny take place in the Middle M and Rufus M, the sequels to the first book, The Moffats.

Living in New York at the beginning of the century had its ups and downs for the five daughters of a happy Jewish family. Rich in kindness and love though poor in money, nevertheless the girls managed to enjoy life. In all-of-a-kind family the public library plays an important part in bringing happiness to the girls. All-of-a-Kind Family Uptown and More All-of-a-Kind Family shows the girls growing up and what happens when a baby brother is old enough to take part in family activities.

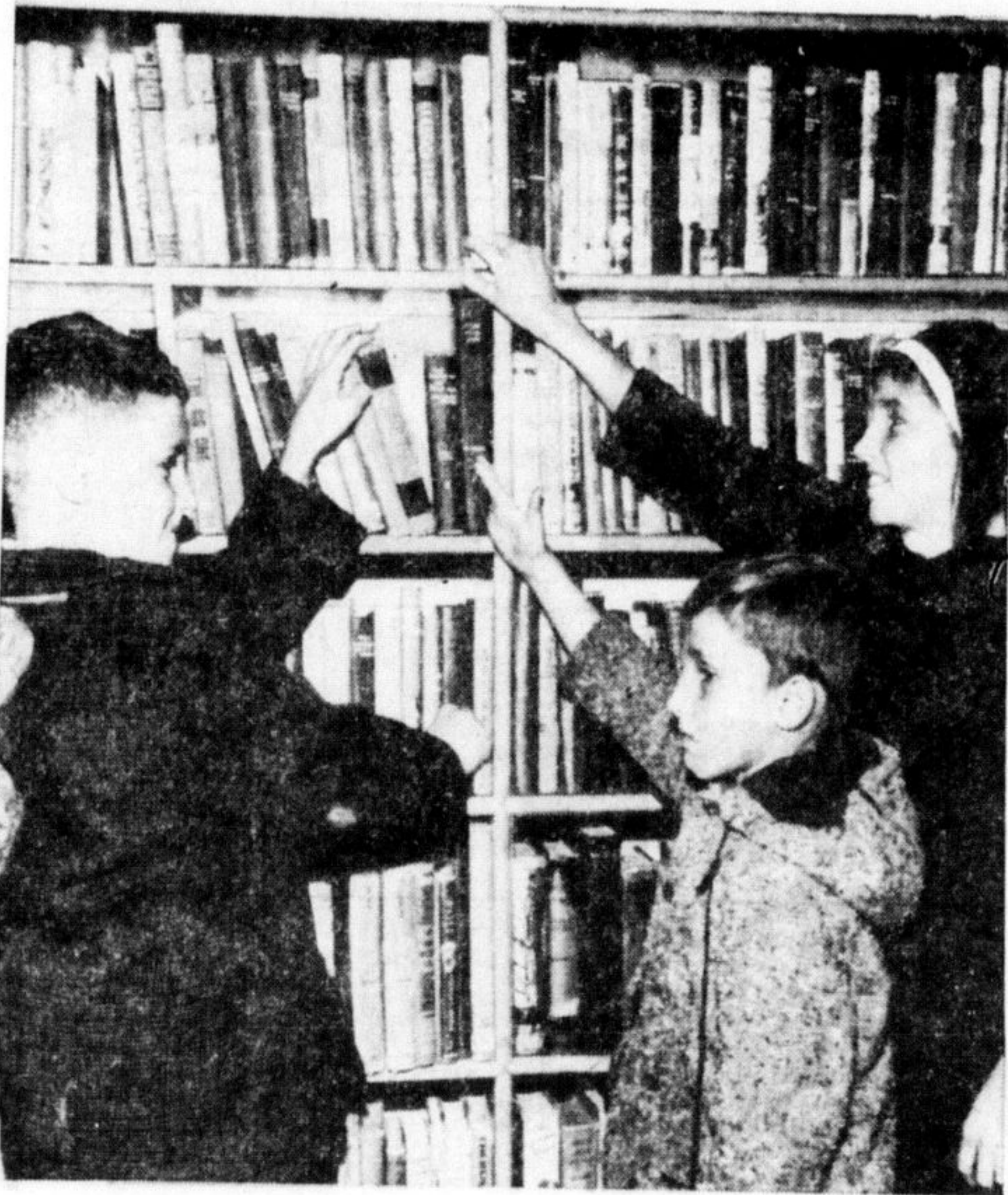
**Family Fare**

It is impossible to write about popular family series without mentioning the pioneer family brought to life by Laura Inglis Wilder in her many books. The story of Laura and Mary and their parents and the life they lived sixty years ago is genuine and lifelike. Little House in the Big Woods is followed by stories of the family's life in many different places including the Kansas prairie and a Dakota railroad building camp.

Abounding in lively incidents in another pioneer story by Carol Brink, Caddie Woodlawn and the sequel Magical Melons describes life with the Woodlawn family on the Wisconsin frontier in 1864. Caddie was a girl of spirit who ran wild with her brothers and had little time for domestic arts so admired by her mother. She was a courageous girl and saved her friends the Indians when they were in danger of massacre. The story is illustrated by Kate Seredy who wrote the Good Master, an authentic story of another high spirited girl, Kate, a lively girl from Budapest, lives on her uncle's farm. With her cousin Janci she spends the days in gay merriment and mischievous escapades but, at the same time, enjoys listening to the herders under starry skies telling her the old folk tales and legends. These three books, along with The Singing Tree which shows Kate growing up will be appreciated by girls who are 10 years and older.

The many good dog stories written by Jim Kjelgaard seem to hold the interest of all boys, no matter what their chief interest happens to be. An added advantage is that these books are a wide age range. Farley Mowat is another author whose books have a universal appeal. Lost In the Barrens and The Black Joke are both filled with action and often suspense. The Owls In the Family is one of the funniest and most delightful books written in recent years.

These may be familiar books to many adults but to each child who reads them for the first time, they are completely new and their popularity and worth have been proved by the enjoyment they have given to countless boys and girls over the years.



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**REACHING FOR KNOWLEDGE** are Neil Newell, David Newell and Jo-Anne Newell, as they select the books they want to read from the Milton Library. Librarian Mrs. M. Allwood and her staff are always willing to help youngsters choose books. The Milton Library, particularly in the Junior section, is continuing to grow in membership and as the membership increases, new books are purchased so that it is virtually impossible that anyone could ever hope to read all the good books available.

## Young Canada Book Week Celebration Next Week

Some of the strongest influences in our lives come from the pages of the books that are read to us, or from which we learn to read and to absorb much of our way of life.

Today's children have unlimited fields of learning but not all of them are salutary, so fortunate is the youngster who forms an attachment to his public library and librarians, so that he may be helped in finding paths of adventure and knowledge.

A visit to the world of books during this particular dedication to the young Canadian is an apt time to learn of new reading opportunities.

For doting aunts and kindly uncles and grandpas, books are an answer to the problem of Christmas shopping for the small fry. Consultation with the local librarian can help in starting a youngster on his literary road. Books that will help him to read or if he has accomplished that skill, reading matter suited to the age, sex and inclinations of the child, can open new worlds to him.

The wise donor will remember that good Nature books can start him on lifetime interests.

### MILTON COUNCIL BRIEFS

At their meeting last week, Milton Council:

- Heard a report the Hydro was investigating street lighting in areas recently referred to them. Ontario St. north was also to be studied.
- Agreed to have the decorative lights turned on November 20 for the Christmas season and contribute \$200 to the extension of lights further along the Main St., Martin St. and Ontario St. S.
- Instructed the works superintendent to proceed with alterations at the Main-Ontario St. intersection in line with recommendations from the Department of Transport.
- Discussed procedure to insure follow up on items discussed at council and recalled a motion of last year calling for adjournment at 10 p.m. as the meeting wore on toward 1 p.m.
- Approved payment of accounts totalling \$33,224.81.

**POULTRY WINNER**

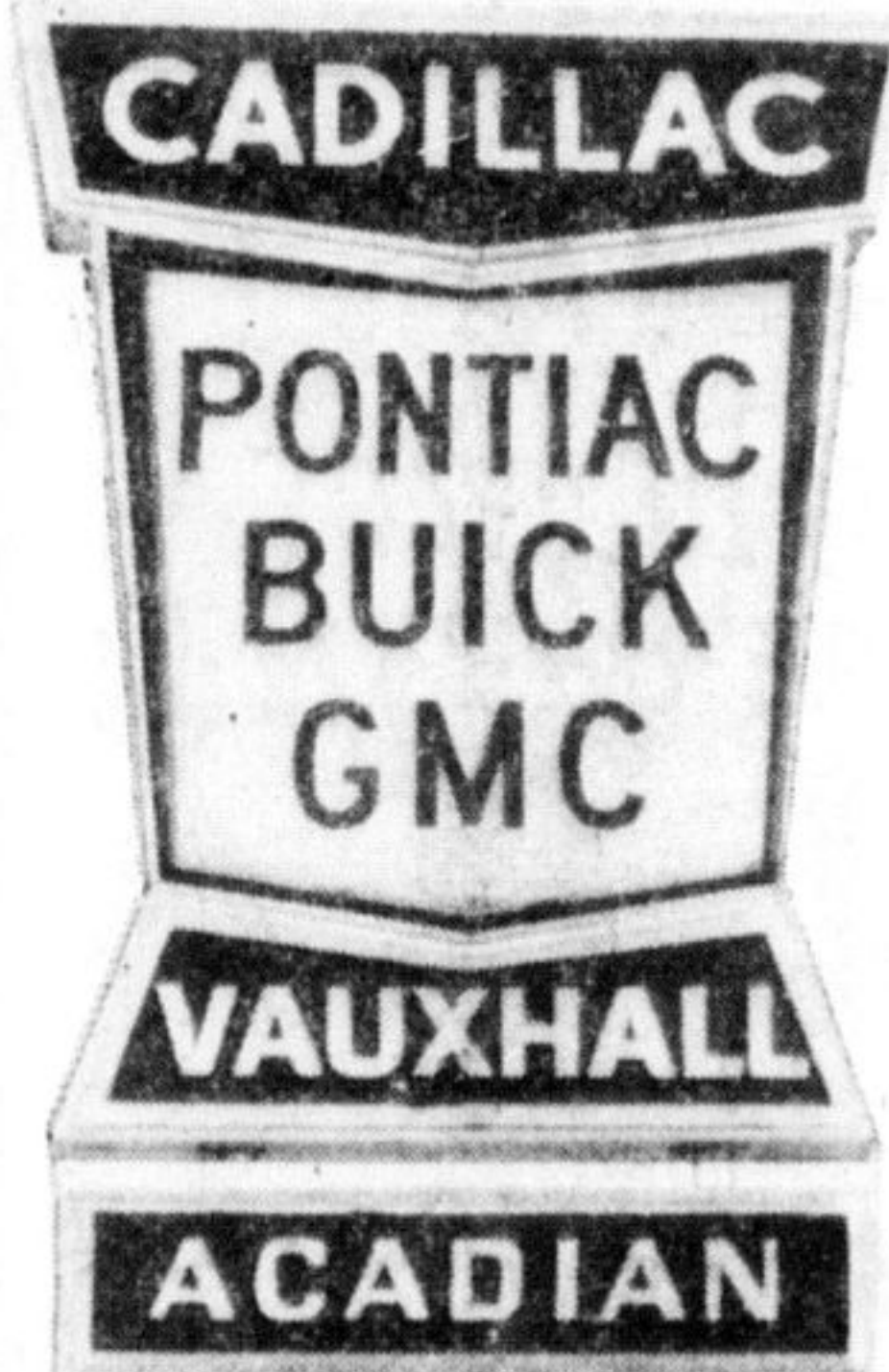
Alf Waldie of Milton was omitted from a list of names of poultry prize winners at the recent Milton Fair. Mr. Waldie won five firsts, four seconds and six thirds with his entries.

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### Name Change

The Five Counties Art Association, which includes several local members, has recently changed its name. In future it will be known as the Central Ontario Artists Association. In addition to Halton, Peel, Wellington, Waterloo and Dufferin counties, the counties of Wentworth and York have been added. Alex Stewart of Rockwood is president.



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## HARLEY...to HALTON

The Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Paul Hellyer, has announced the re-organization of the Canadian Reserves including the Militia, Naval Reserve and the Air Force Auxiliary.

I would first like to mention the changes affecting Halton County. The Lorne Scots, Royal Canadian Infantry Corps, is the Halton and Peel Militia Unit. They are located in Brampton, less than four companies. Two of these companies, 'A' and 'D', previously located in Lakeview and Orangeville, are to be relocated in Brampton.

**Two Will Remain**  
'B' Company of the Lorne Scots presently in Oakville will remain there. 'C' Company of the Lorne Scots (less one platoon) located in Georgetown, will remain in Georgetown. One platoon of 'C' Company in Milton will be moved to Georgetown. Two small units in Oakville of Medical and Dental Advisory Staff, each consisting of one officer and one clerk only, will not be included in the reorganized Militia.

It will be seen therefore that apart from relocation and the loss of two very small advisory units, Halton will maintain its place in the Militia in the Lorne Scots Regiment. It has been recommended that transportation be provided to and from place-of-parade and it is expected this will be authorized in the near future.

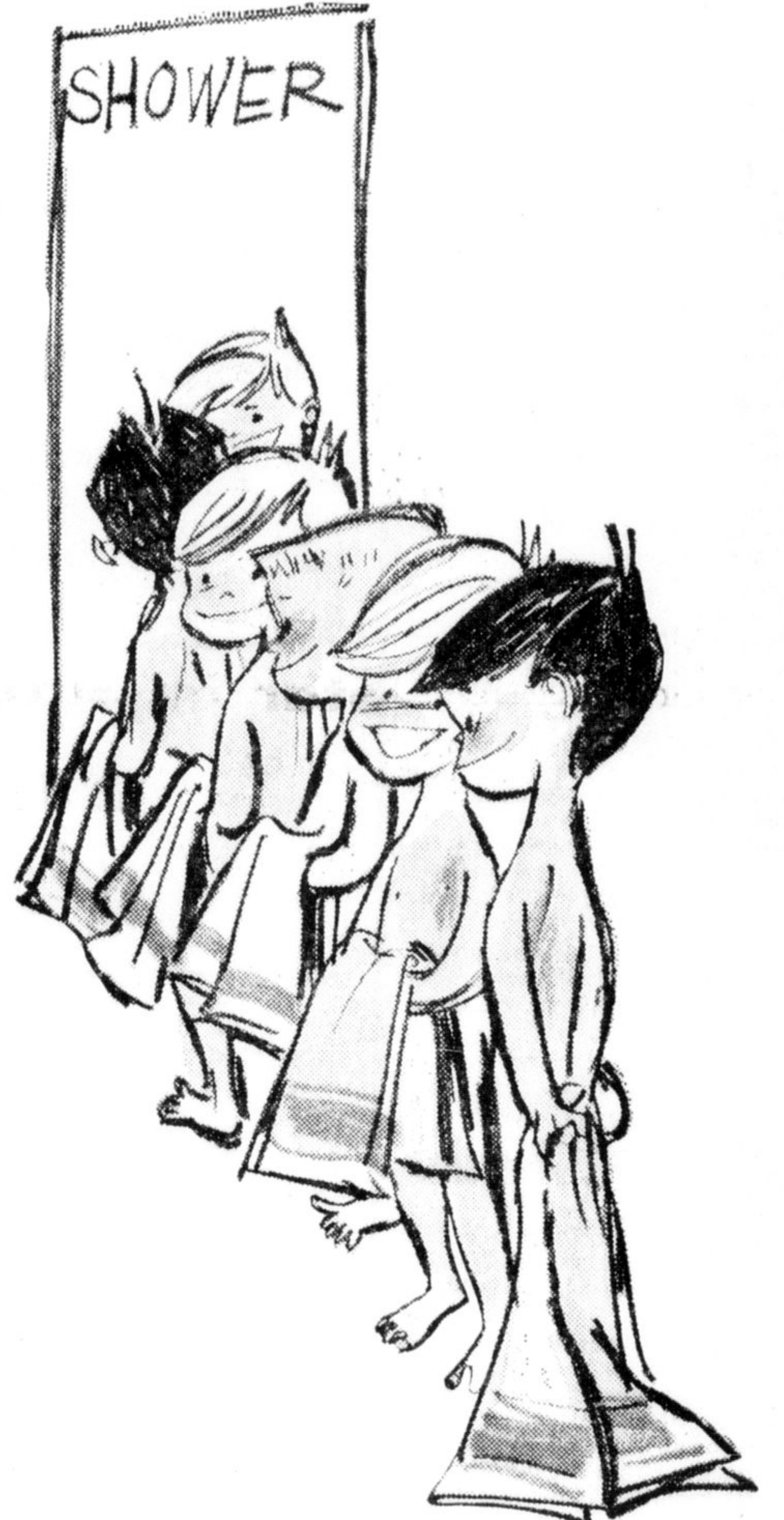
The roles of the Militia as seen by the Minister are as follows:  
(1) support of the Regular Army (needs 9,000 men);  
(2) to provide a training force for times of emergency to support the field force (3 brigades — 18,000 men);  
(3) Internal security (2,500 men);  
(4) to assist in National Survival responsibilities (1,500 men).

The recommended strength of the Militia will therefore be approximately 30,000 officers and men.

The changes in Naval Reserve will not affect Halton, while the closing of the RCAF Auxiliary Wing in Hamilton will affect some of the members of this wing who reside in Halton. They have done an excellent job, particularly in Rescue Work and are to be highly commended.

**Save \$17 Million**  
The savings which will result from these changes are approximately \$17 million dollars a year while maintaining Canada's reserve forces at an adequate level.

The recent charge by Leader of the Opposition that the proposed changes in the Constitution of Canada would divide Canada has been emphatically denied by his ex-Minister of Justice, Mr. Fulton, who states the proposed changes are almost identical to those planned by the Conservatives when they were in office. This was disclosed in a memo sent by Mr. Fulton to his previous colleagues in the House of Commons.



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