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## Township School Budget Hits Record \$168,830

School Board chairman Dr. Cliff Young presented a record budget to Nassagaweya Councillors Monday evening, calling for a total spending of \$168,830 on the township's elementary school system. While total spending is up it was estimated increased assessment would maintain the previous year's mill rate for public school purposes.

Of the total budget taxpayers will contribute less than half — \$62,928. It is expected the township's total mill rate will be established in April and clerk-treasurer C. MacIntyre expressed cautious optimism that "it doesn't look too bad".

### Gravel Tender

During the meeting township councillors also accepted the tender of Holman Construction Ltd.,

Rockwood for gravel. The five-eighths gravel crushed and delivered will be 82-cents a cubic yard; crushed and stockpiled at 55 cents a yard and off the belt at 45 cents a yard.

### Members also:

- Approved payment of road accounts totalling \$4,017.10.
- Renewed the gravel pit licence of B. F. Neary for 1965.
- Authorized the road superintendent to attend a road school at the Guelph University for three days in May.
- Authorized the assessment commissioner and assessor to attend the Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario convention in Ottawa in May.
- Delegated Councillor Ross Gordon to attend a safety seminar in Burlington on April 24.

## Endorse \$40,000 Arena Floor Council Checks Vote Necessity

A new floor was endorsed for Milton Arena when Milton Councillors indicated they favoured the \$40,000 first phase of the project for arena improvements advanced by the Arena Board. The necessity of a vote of the citizens, however, is to be clarified.

Board Chairman Howard Griswold told council two brine lines have been shut off because of leaks and seven more should be discontinued. The risk of being able to retain ice has grown greater each year he said, as he noted the difficulty in locating leaks in pipes buried in concrete.

Reviewing the Board's thinking, the chairman noted replacement of the floor at its present size would cost \$38,000. It is possible, however, to provide for a wider surface by spending a further \$2,000. While the widening will reduce the seating on the north side this will later be overcome in the later phase of the project that would include removal of the north wall and utilization of a large garage area presently occupied by the town.

Wooden supports on the seating on the north side would also soon have to be replaced and this

would be incorporated in the total project.

Objective of the Board, the chairman suggested, would be to provide an excellent arena facility that would cover its costs.

### For Dancing, Skating

The floor planned will be 80 feet by 170 feet. It will be topped with a smooth cement material suitable for dancing or roller skating. Existing boards will be replaced, a new snow pit constructed in a different location and seats on the north side will be removed and rebuilt. Plastic pipe will be used in the ice system and the ice area will be excavated and refilled for improved drainage.

Turning to financing, the chairman noted the Board had a capital fund of \$10,500 of which \$10,000 could be applied to the floor and the \$30,000 balance raised by debenture. This will form the first phase of the revamping project that will require an estimated \$150,000 additional over the next three to five years.

### Outdoor Rink?

Councillor G. Addison wondered if the Board had ever considered an outdoor artificial rink on adjacent property to the arena served from the present plant. The Board chairman noted no such plan had been discussed but it might be worth reviewing.

Councillor B. Best pointed out, however, the importance of providing adequate parking. Both councillors referred to a county owned block of land at the corner of Hugh and Mary St.

Members indicated they favoured proceeding with the project but asked the clerk to investigate whether it was necessary to have a vote of the ratepayers on the project.

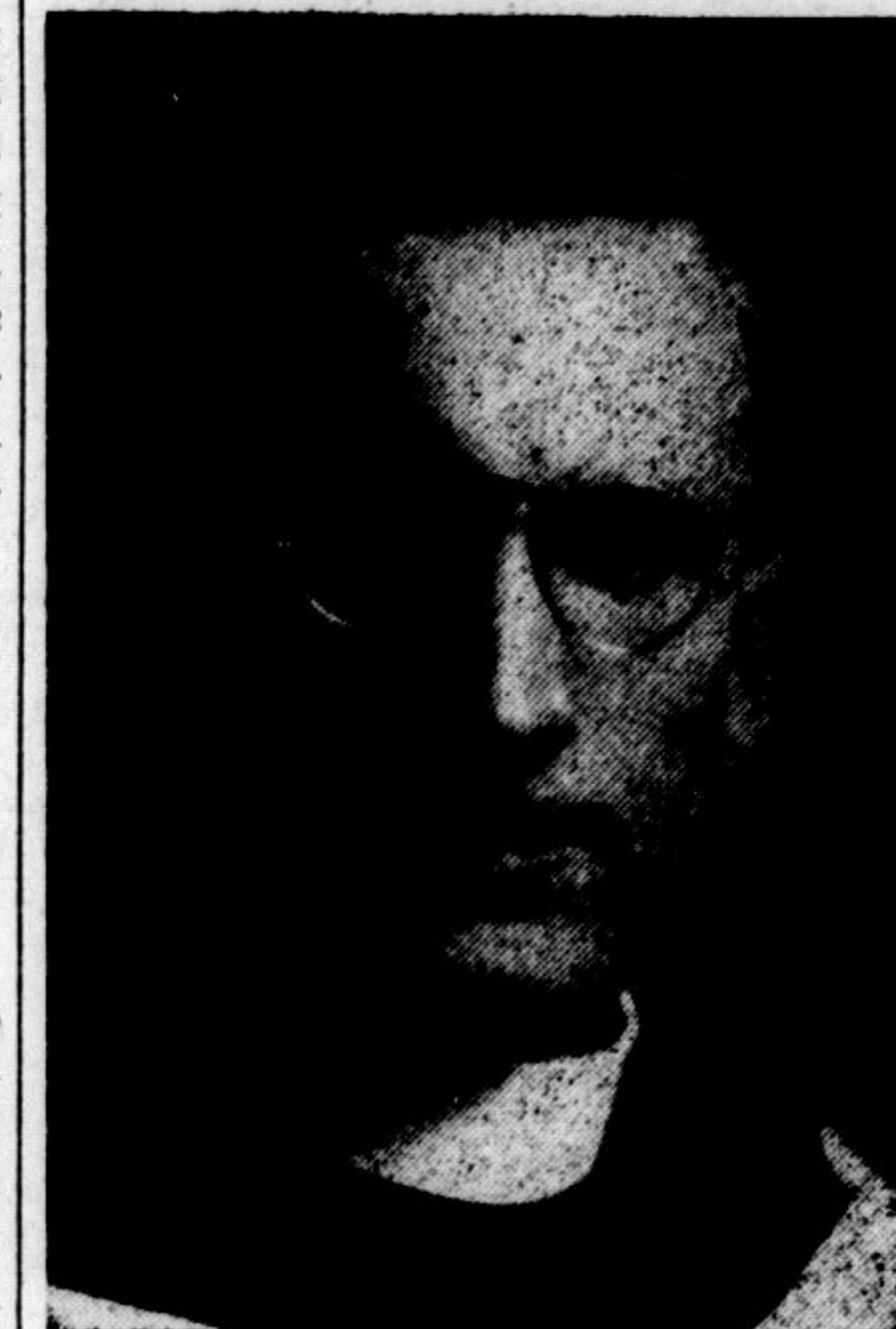
Councillor G. Addison observed that in about seven and a half minutes council had endorsed a project that required about the same amount of money as they had argued for hours in connection with a school room. He emphasized he was not opposed to the arena floor, but suggested this should be kept in mind the next time something comes up for the improvement of education or culture.

"I'm not a good enough philosopher to know what the difference in attitude means," he concluded.

Councillor C. Johnson, a member of the arena Board, recalled the arena purchase had received one of the heaviest supporting votes of any town project. He noted very little had been spent on it to restore it when it was purchased, but it was at the point now where it would be difficult to face another season due to the number of leaks that are developing. "It would surely not be good planning not to maintain the property," he observed.

## Milton Friends At Funeral for Rev. J. L. Blair

A former minister of St. Paul's United Church, Milton, the Rev. James Lowry Blair, B.A., passed away on Saturday at the United Church Parsonage at Waterford. Rev. Blair came to the Milton church from Ailsa Craig in April, 1948, and remained over eight years until he accepted a call to Jordan Church in June, 1956. About five years ago, he moved to



REV. J. L. BLAIR

Waterford and was still active in the life of that church when his death came Saturday.

He leaves his wife, the former Helen Mitchell; two sons, Donald James and David William, both at home; and two sisters, Miss Myrtle Blair of London and Elizabeth A. Blair of Hespeler.

He rested at the Mott Funeral Home, Waterford, until Tuesday afternoon, when the funeral service was held from Waterford United Church. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, London. Several friends from Milton attended the funeral service.

## Three File Objections Over Apartment Freeze

Milton Council has reaffirmed its position in support of zoning by-law amendments in the face of three objections filed with the Ontario Municipal Board.

The amendment prohibits the construction of any multiple dwelling unit in the town.

### Came to Town

Objections to the legislation are normally filed with the Ontario Municipal Board, who then determine the necessity of a local hearing. Under new procedure, however, the objections are forwarded by the board to the town. The town then must make a decision on them and return them to the O.M.B.

The objections filed were from P. K. McWilliams, the Milton Chamber of Commerce and Three Key Developers.

Basic objections indicated

lack of valid reasons to prohibit multiple housing units; discrimination against those who would choose to live in apartments; passed in bad faith; the legislation is prohibitive rather than restrictive; it is not within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

### No New Assessment

The Chamber of Commerce expressed concern that sufficient new assessment was not being added to take care of the increasing debenture load on the town. The Chamber estimated new debentures being added could represent a 6.4 mill increase to maintain payments, if sufficient new assessment was not developed.

Members in separate resolutions reaffirmed the town's position in relation to each of the objections.



MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL BOARD held a brief meeting following the Hospital's annual meeting last week, and re-elected John W. Ostler as chairman, J. M. Ledwith vice-chairman, administrator Dalton McQuaig as secretary and E. B. Clements as treasurer. Members of the board in the front row, left to right, are Mr. Ledwith, Mr. Clements, Mr. Ostler and Mr. McQuaig. Directors standing in the second row are, from left, A. N. Keilty, Charles Mills, Mrs. D. Stinson, Mrs. D. Ptolemy, Mrs. L. Keene, John W. Charlton and E. D. Mahon. Absent directors were G. M. Hood, Mrs. F. S. McQuat, Dr. J. W. McCutcheon and Dr. C. A. Martin.

## John Ostler Chairman Hospital's Busiest, Most Progressive Year

Milton District Hospital completed one of its busiest and most progressive years in 1964, and reports on the year were encouraging and proof of the hospital's busy role in community life when they were reviewed at the annual meeting Wednesday evening of last week.

John W. Ostler, the 1964 chairman, was returned to the office for 1965 with J. M. Ledwith as vice-chairman, administrator Dalton E. McQuaig as secretary and E. B. Clements as treasurer.

**Statistics**

Hospital statistics pictorially reviewed in the brochure distributed at the meeting showed there were 1,272 medical and surgical patients admitted; 548 major and minor operations performed; 2,402 physiotherapy treatments given; 3,017 patients treated in the emergency department, and 3,500 X-ray examinations provided.

In his annual report, chairman John Ostler said the year was a busy one, with the main activity concentrated on expanding accommodations. He reviewed how two years ago, the Hospital Board approached the Ontario Hospital Services Commission for permission to extend the hospital facilities, and a decision was deferred for one year. The

Halton County Hospitals Association was asked to help find a solution to the bed capacity situation, and it was found the need was for a number of chronic beds located at this hospital, to serve the entire county until the need developed for chronic beds in other areas.

The County Council last August approved the request for chronic and active treatment beds, he reviewed, and the O.H.S.C. was asked for a decision. "We received permission to go ahead and build 20 chronic beds and 10 active treatment beds, said last Tuesday afternoon," said the chairman. Since then, the management committee has been working to select an architect and later this month, one will be named.

**Build This Year**

"We hope to have it built within this year," the chairman assured the gathering. He said he was not sure whether the addition would mean a second floor or a new wing, as this decision would be left to the architect to decide.

Mr. Ostler reviewed some staff changes, including the resignation of administrator John D. Wilson, who joined the staff of the Ontario Hospital Association, and engaging of Dalton E. McQuaig as administrator. He also reviewed other changes on staff and the strengthening of various short-staffed departments.

He recalled the diligent efforts of the public relations committee and the Women's Auxiliaries.

**Retain Autonomy**

In closing the chairman reported the subject of the autonomy of the Board "should remain in the forefront of our thinking."

"Dr. Dymond, Minister of Health spoke recently, pointing out the government has no desire or intention to remove local autonomy. My only point in reiterating this statement is to impress on the members of this corporation, the importance of maintaining their autonomy. This should really be no problem, providing we keep a watchful eye on the high level of patient care and efficient operation," he concluded.

He introduced the newest member of the board, E. D. Mahon of Campbellville, who was just appointed a week earlier.

**W.A. Report**

Mrs. J. Conway, W.A. president for 1965 and the 1964 W.A.

representative to the board, gave a report on the Auxiliary's 1964 work which she termed "a testament of continued loyalty and service." She pointed out that 176 members worked 6,000 hours on behalf of the patients, and had donated a baby tender, a blood bank, bottle warmer, man's electric shaver and several physiotherapy department items.

She forecast an acceleration of W.A. services for the future, and asked for more members to share the work load and "make a contribution towards the health and happiness of the individuals" who stay in hospital.

Administrator Dalton McQuaig gave a brief administrator's report, reviewing the progress on the expansion of the hospital, and reviewing some statistics on the hospital's 1964 operation. He noted the number of newborn babies had climbed to 274 last year, and emergency department

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## Damage \$650 in Two Accidents

Two serious accidents resulting in damage estimated at \$650 were investigated by the Milton Police Force during the past seven days. A March 31 accident on Main St. caused \$300 damage and a second accident on Friday caused \$350 damage.

Cars driven by Walter James Bailey of Garnet St. and Nelson Howard of R. R. 2, Campbellville, each received \$150 damage when their vehicles collided on Main St. on March 31.

A car owned by Robert Hodge of Pine St. and parked on the east side of Court St. between Oak St. and Pine St. received \$150 damage on April 2. The damage to the second car driven by Don Herman of Martin St. was estimated at \$200.

## Lights Out

Milton's "main corner" traffic lights were shut off Sunday morning so town and hydro crews could install new wiring.

Hydro Manager O. L. Hadley reported the wiring on the lights had never been replaced since they were first installed, and was getting badly corroded and causing trouble. On Friday one "walk" light quit working, and on Saturday another one went. The new cable was replaced in about four hours Sunday morning, with a police officer directing traffic during the shutdown.

## This MUST Be Spring!

By Roy Downs

Surely, this MUST be it! The weekend the weatherman dished up for us was a beauty.

Temperatures in the 50's, a warm sun, no snow or rain or fog or ice . . . a real dandy weekend to get out-of-doors after a long hard winter.

Oh, we'd had a few warm days, but no long stretches. There had been a couple of robins reported. The odd convertible had been seen with its top down, its gay teenager occupants shivering in the wintry breezes.

But this weekend! Wow! Cars got washed! . . . Some for the first time since last fall. People went for walks — still wearing heavy winter clothes — but they were walking!

Churchgoers went hatless. Neighbors exchanged pleasantries over the back fence with neighbors they hadn't seen since last fall. Hundreds of children caught colds from tearing around outdoors in less clothes than they should have worn. Merchants began putting away the winter goods and concentrating their displays on the arrival of the new season. Someone reported tulips pushed up two inches above the ground, and somebody else topped that with daffodils the same height.

From a treetop, a bright red cardinal sang a song of spring. Town workmen had to send a man with a long pole to the Woodward St. bridge, where ice was jamming the creek.

There was one report of a lady barbecuing in her back yard in the Fallingbrook area, but all a Champion photographer could find in any of those back yards was mud.

One man went out and swept a winter's accumulation of sand and debris from his sidewalk.

Green thumb types surveyed their soggy gardens and pondered plans for later in the Spring.

Kids flocked onto the roadways to skip rope and play marbles and build mud dams in the ditches.

Putting the lie to an old saying, everybody talked about the weather but everybody did something about it — they got outside and enjoyed it. Now if Spring only lasts . . .

## Chamber Lays Plans for Second Annual Spring Carnival, Miss Chamber Contest

Who will be Milton's Miss Chamber of Commerce, 1965?

Plans for the second annual Spring Carnival and Miss Chamber of Commerce contest were launched Monday evening at a meeting of the Chamber's Retail Committee, and from all indications this year's celebration should be bigger and better than ever.

The week-long carnival will be staged May 16 to 15 and local merchants will be giving tickets for rides with your purchase at their stores. John Bartlett, Retail Committee chairman, said the carnival should be better than last year's as more rides and more booths have been ordered.

A gala parade is planned for the opening night.

**Wanted: Girls**

Between now and May 1, the committee invites Milton or district girls to enter the "Miss C." contest and the judging will take place during Carnival Week. Mr. Bartlett is hoping for 20 to 30 entrants this year, so the judging may have to be broken down into a preliminary and a final before the winner and title-holder for 1965 is named.

Last year's \$100 bond prize for the winner will be repeated, and

## Rain Would Flood Auditorium O.K. High School Drainage Plan

"A quick rain now will flood the new building and the new auditorium," High School trustee D. Smith told members of Milton Council Monday as he pressed for approval to proceed on a drainage project.

Mr. Smith noted the original Williams Avenue school was built "down in a hole" and was subject to easy flooding. He asked town approval to install a ditch partially on town property to drain to the creek. Currently some drainage is to a neighboring property.

The trustees suggested the town might contribute financially to the project that will provide a storm sewer for the section of road. The job must be done, however, whether the Board ob-

## Juve Tourney Starts Saturday

Possible N.H.L. greats of the future will be competing here in the week-long Seventh Annual Tri-County Juvenile Hockey tournament which starts in Milton Arena on Saturday morning. The biggest and probably the best Juvenile tournament in Canada will feature 32 teams from as close as Milton to as far away as Ottawa.

Tournament officials promise 42 exciting contests for the expected 4,000 spectators who will troop to the arena for the annual spectacle. The tourney, founded in 1959 by former Miltonian Art Snarr has continued to grow and this year an all-time high of 32 teams have entered.

For complete details and a schedule for the first four days of the tournament read The Champion sports pages, four and five.

Other features in this issue: Classifieds, Pages 6 and 7, m.h. or hockey team photos B1 and B7, your M.P. reports on B2, Rotary Conference B5, Sports-men's news B6, editorials C1, bowling C4, farm news C5.

## Halt Sewage Plant Tender Call Await Decision on Annexation

With engineering completed on schedule for an addition to the town's sewage treatment facilities, Milton Council Monday put the brakes on calling tenders until something further was known on annexation.

Councillor Brian Best, chairman of the sewer and sanitation committee, reported plans were in the final stages and were being submitted for necessary approvals. Tenders were planned for calling this week, with a tender date of May 10. It was planned to call the tenders two ways. One would be for an immediate start and another would be if the project was carried out as a winter work.

**Preliminary Approval**

Preliminary approval on the \$175,000 project had been obtained from the Ontario Water Resources Commission some time ago, Councillor Best reported.

Councillor C. Johnson suggested council would not want to proceed on the project if annexation was not achieved. "I don't



FIVE YEAR PINS were awarded to several Milton District Hospital employees who were employed by the hospital for its first five years, at the Board's annual meeting Wednesday evening of last week. Board Chairman John W. Ostler, right, is shown making the awards to Miss Jean Butts of the obstetrics department and Mrs. Nellie Wilson of the housekeeping staff — two of the 19 staffers who earned them.