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Relief From Restrictions!

Kelso Well Nearly Ready Expect Water Thursday

Hoses Cause Dip Water Pressure

Water pressure dipped in Milton last week as the dry weather brought out the hoses. Town works foreman Bruce McKerr said the town hall gauge registered 50 pounds pressure Tuesday night and the reservoir level dipped three feet Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Milton's water comes from 500 gallon a minute pumps at the Walker's Line wells and when the demand surpasses the pumping capacity, water is drawn from the million gallon reservoir on the mountain. The reservoir is pressed into service often in summer months, when everyone starts running hoses on their lawns and gardens.

Town officials are hoping the new Kelso well source will be in operation within the next few days, to alleviate pressure problems. The pumphouse and 12 inch line to town are complete

Milton's water pumping capacity is expected to be doubled tomorrow (Thursday) when pumps at the new well in the Kelso Conservation Area start speeding water to the town for the first time.

The installation of the new pumps is nearly completed and the equipment will be tested for eight hours today (Wednesday). If everything progresses on schedule the first water from the new well will be pumped into town on Thursday — putting an end (residents hope) to the annual water restrictions.

The town's present water capacity of about 750 gallons per minute will be increased by 100 per cent when the new pumps go into operation. Presently the town is being served by two pumps with a total capacity of 750 gallons per minute, plus a million gallon reservoir.

Feared Delay

Already this spring community residents have been complaining of low water pressure in the town and it was feared that the annual water restrictions might have to be enforced if there was any kind

of a lengthy delay before the new pumps started operating.

Workmen at the well site in the Kelso Conservation Area hope to start an eight hour test on the pump and well today. Tests have already been taken on the actual water line which is about 15,000 feet long. Two pumps were installed at the Kelso site in about five days. One of the pumps, the deep well pump, will service a 48,000 gallon reservoir while the second pump will speed water on to Milton.

No Trouble Yet

Town Works Department foreman Bruce McKerr declined to say that the new well would bring an end to all Milton's water problems, but he did state, "we have had no trouble yet this year, although there's been a little pressure at night. I certainly hope there will be no restrictions if pumping starts within the next two or three days."

Installation of a new control panel at the Town Hall which will control water flows from all pumps will take less than a day and the panel should be in operation very soon.

Approve Request for Plebiscite On Lounges, Liquor with Meals

Milton council Monday approved a request for a plebiscite on the establishment of cocktail lounges and the serving of liquor with meals.

Milton Chamber of Commerce plebiscite suggest that "a number of operators are interested in

having their premises qualify under the regulations of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, and we would be very pleased to have this matter presented in a plebiscite at an early date."

Not Too Soon

Clerk-manager R. B. Reynolds reported such a plebiscite could

not be held in July or August and could not be held until 60 days after the passing of the necessary by-law. He noted such a plebiscite requires a separate enumeration of the town to include boarders, and tenants as well as owners, and it was strongly recommended the vote not be held in conjunction with the regular municipal elections.

Reeve C. A. Martin noted discussion on proposed changes in

liquor regulations and wondered if council should delay action until this was clarified. The clerk reported he understood there would be no changes in the vote requirements.

Members inquired about the cost of such a plebiscite and it was suggested it would be greater than a municipal election because of the special enumeration.

"Expedient, Desirable"
The resolution approved by

council indicated the council "deems it expedient and desirable" that the two questions be submitted to the citizens in a plebiscite and the Liquor Control Board be asked for a suitable date.

It was noted that under the present regulations Milton had six of the eight possible permissions. This vote would be on the remaining two, cocktail lounges and liquor with meals.

Fay Cites Water Waste In Plea for Town Meters

"I still can't see why water meters are opposed by this council," Councillor Charles Fay declared as he cited water pumping figures from the town supply over the past month.

He noted that Saturday night, water was running down ditches from lawn watering. "I can't see how this town can afford to pump good water to be wasted, even if we think we have plenty. If we got annexation and the couple of good industries, we

could be back where we started."

Councillor Fay reviewed that pumping to the week ending May 14 was 6,713,000 gallons; in the week ending May 21, 7,160,000 and in the week ending May 28, 7,226,100 gallons.

The subject of meters was referred to the water committee for a recommendation, but chairman C. A. Martin expressed his desire to clean up some other projects before tackling the meter problem.

Any Objections?

Spend \$80,000 on Projects

Publication of notice that the town plans to undertake an \$80,000 project including renovation of the town hall, new office equipment and new works buildings, was approved Monday by Milton Council.

The projects are planned to be paid for with \$65,000 from town funds and \$15,000 in the form of grants from senior governments.

Broken down, the total was reviewed as \$50,000 for the town hall; \$15,000 for new accounting and office equipment and \$15,000 for the new works building.

Councillor G. Addison expressed some misgivings on the project. "I'm wondering if this is a wise place to put \$80,000. . . . I feel we could do more for the average citizen who foots the bill by spending that amount on roads."

Councillor B. Best reviewed the money also included more modern systems in the town hall comparable to what Acton and Georgetown had been using for several years. "If annexation goes through it will place a tremendous load

on the staff unless we anticipate the need in advance."

Councillor Best also noted annexation would require a larger police force and it is already difficult for the force to work from its crowded quarters. Under renovation plans at the town hall the force would be moved to new quarters there.

Discuss Regional Development Tonight

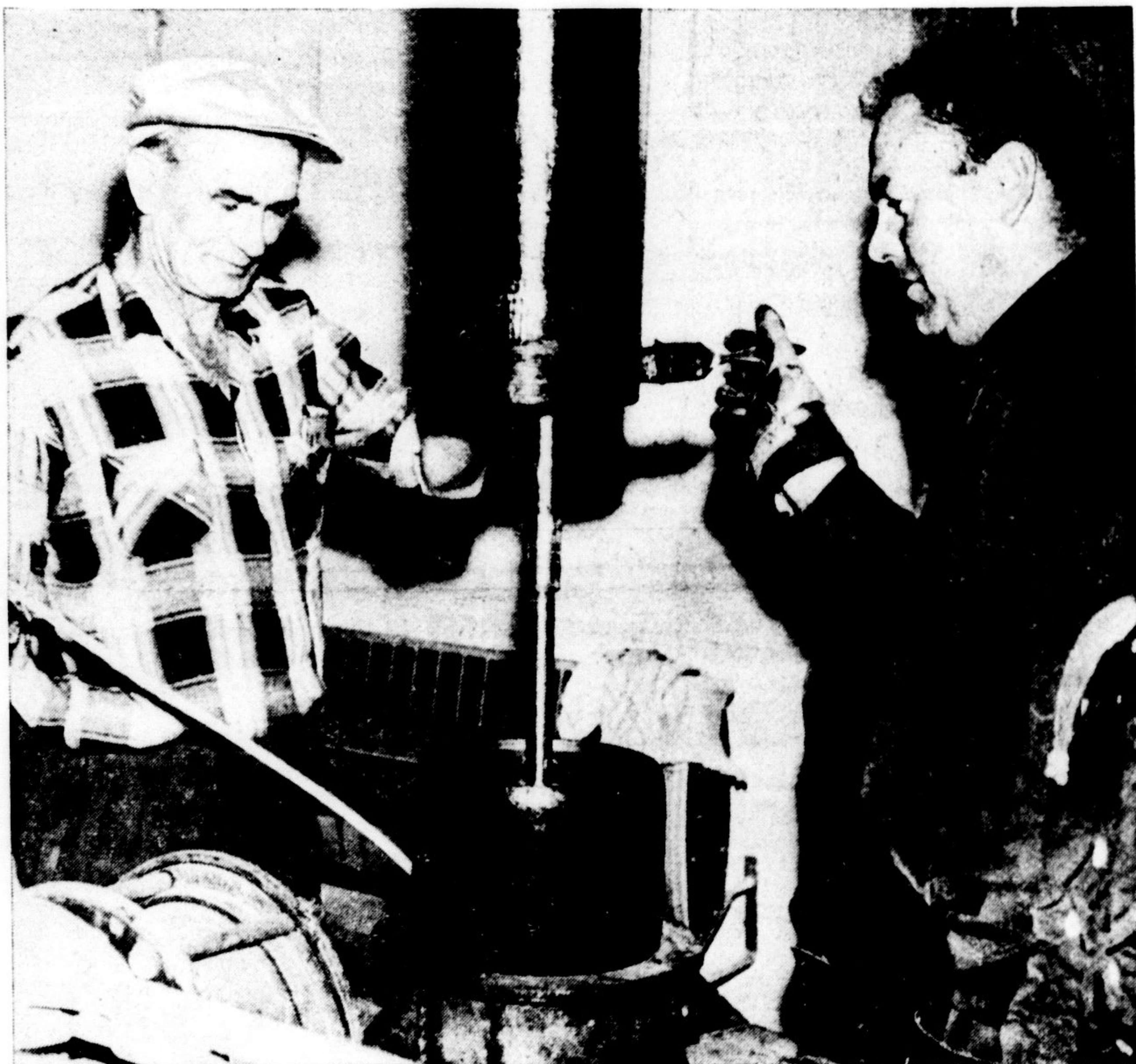
The public is invited to find out all about regional development and how it may affect Milton at a meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Martin St. High School.

Milton Council has invited local service clubs, town committees and commissions, the Chamber of Commerce and all members of the public to hear an outline on regional development presented by the Regional Development Division of the Department of Economics and Development, Province of Ontario.

Regional development is a self-help program designed to permit full participation and co-operation of the provincial government, local municipal governments and public-spirited local groups and individuals.

OILING SOON

The street oiling project scheduled for Milton last week was postponed due to weather. The town has received no word on when the oiling crews will be here, but they are expected in the near future.



WATER RESTRICTIONS in the town of Milton should be averted this year. Work is nearly completed at the town's new well in the Kelso Conservation Area and it is hoped that pumping to the town will start on Thursday. Installation of the new pumps should be completed today and an eight-hour test will be taken on the new equipment. Some residents have been complaining about the low pressure at times during the past two weeks and they feared that the always-dreaded "water restrictions" might be enforced again this year. Town Works Department foreman Bruce McKerr and a workman are shown here preparing to guide one of the lengths of pipe down to the well 120 feet below the ground's surface. The new well will approximately double the town's water supply, as it provides 1,000,000 gallons of water a day.

Reeve Presses Opposition To 32 Foot Main St. Limit

Memorial Tree For Late Judge

In honor of the late Judge George E. Elliott, the Halton County Law Association has planted an oak tree near the southwest corner of the County Administration Building on the Base Line.

Mrs. Elliott has been invited to set the memorial plaque near the base of the tree next Tuesday, June 8.

Opposition to Milton council's action at its last meeting, in pressing for a 32 foot wide Main St. reconstruction, was expressed Monday by Reeve C. A. Martin, who had not been present for the meeting.

Council had decided to press its insistence on a 32 foot main street with the Minister of Highways, rather than adopting a 42 foot street insisted on by the Department.

Reeve Martin voiced his objections at the passing of the minutes of that meeting. He said he understood it was ruled interested parties could not participate in the

discussion or decision, yet they actually did. "Actions like this place this council in a bad light," he charged.

Against Advice

The Reeve argued the town was in a pretty weak position when it asked a Minister of Highways to go against the best advice of his qualified staff and when the town council was also going against the advice of its own engineer.

He urged council not to spend any more funds or effort on the project and the only phase that could not be discussed by those interested was the actual land acquisition.

Institute Delegates Deplore Lack of Educational Standards

A lack of standards between the country's various school boards was deplored at the annual district meeting of Halton Women's Institutes in Campbellville last week, as members almost unanimously endorsed a resolution calling for equal facilities and equal opportunities throughout the provincial education system.

A hodge-podge of science, sports and library facilities were

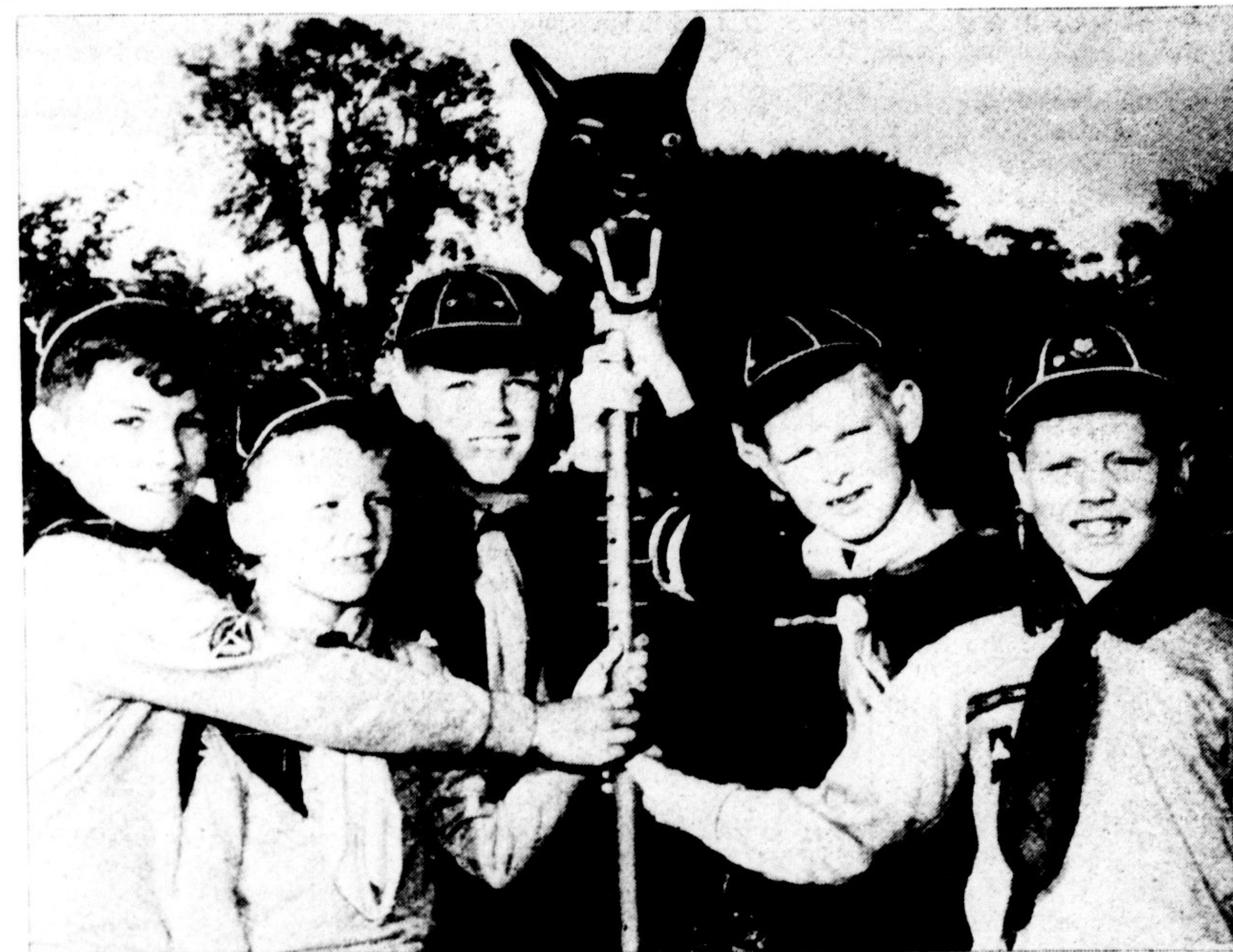
single out for criticism in the resolution, sponsored by the Limehouse Institute and presented by Mrs. Gordon Booth. Backers of the motion pointed out the various school boards also differ in facilities, accommodation, text books and teaching salaries, as they called for a uniform system all over.

Different Texts

One of the women, Halton W.I. president Mrs. Jesse McEnery of

Ballinafad, said "we have found in rural schools that if you move from one side of the Town Line to the other, your children don't even use the same text books in the same grade." She cited an example of a child on one side of the road taking Grade 4 Canadian history, while his neighbor across the road was studying Grade 4 British history.

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A MILTON CUBAREE, for all five Milton Cub Packs, was held in the fair grounds on Monday evening with more than 100 youngsters attending. Cub leaders from the first, second and third Milton Packs and also from the fourth Milton Pack at the Ontario School for the Deaf and the fifth Milton Pack at St. Paul's United Church, supervised the cubaree. Representatives of the five packs are shown here gathered about the "Wolf Head". Shown from left to right are Bruce Laing, Gordon Thompson, Dave Morgan, Steve Fleuelling and Chris Keyes.

Red Tape Delaying Centennial Project Want Pond Drained, Repaired in 1965

Despite holdups in getting all the necessary approvals for transfer of the property and financing of the project Milton's Canadian Centennial Committee decided Wednesday to go ahead in its plans to drain and dredge the mill pond this summer.

The pond area, a gift from Rob-in Hood Flour Mills Ltd., has been established as the town's centennial project. The group is spending \$20,000 to drain it and scrape the bottom, then install a cement

sump system to drain overflow water and prevent stagnation.

Paper Holdup

Chairman Norm Pearce cited several delays in the paper-work involved in the project at Wednesday's meeting. Town clerk-manager Bob Reynolds explained it would take six weeks for an approval on the federal and provincial grants, and that the by-law was expected to be approved by town council in the near future.

He said the deed transfer was held up because surveyor's descriptions do not tally with descriptions of the property on file in the Halton Registry Office and the solicitor was asked to speed up the deed transfer so the committee could begin its work.

John Weall, a retired landscape architect professor from University of Guelph, attended Wednesday's meeting and reviewed plans for improving the park area surrounding the pond to make it a real "showplace". He suggested a wharf at the Martin St. end from which rowboats can tour the pond plus a tarmac pathway four or five feet wide along the south embankment lined with various pretty trees and flowers.

"Wonderful Scheme"

Milton should be proud of the fact they have this water available — this is a wonderful scheme," he told the committee.

Mr. Weall said students from the landscaping course at Guelph University would be willing to build a scale model of the overall plan, for the experience they would gain from such a project.

Chairman Pearce agreed to form a five man committee to work on plans for the overall design and keep up with the development of the pond area. It was suggested a member of the new Parks Board in Milton should be on the committee, as the parks board will eventually take the project over from this committee.

Plan Show Warm-Up

Sam Graham, who is working on a centennial pageant for 1967 as part of the centennial celebration, notified the committee the cast is presenting a free "warm-up" show night in the Legion Hall June 15.

Members learned the Armed Forces are willing to participate in local centennial events and arranged to enquire about bookings for concerts, parades and exhibitions that are available.

Cancels Trade Fair Possibly Next Spring

The expected eighth annual Milton Trade Fair will not be held during 1965. At a recent executive meeting Chamber of Commerce officials decided definitely not to hold the annual show in the fall, but suggested that it might possibly be held in the Spring of 1966.

For the past several years the annual fall show has attracted more than 3,000 spectators.

It was also learned at the meeting that the Industrial Committee is in the process of compiling a questionnaire which will be distributed to local industry. This form will provide the Chamber with statistical information on rates and working conditions in the area. Approximately 15 local industries were polled to determine if support would be given to the survey and the results were 100 per cent, in favor.

The Chamber is also working on establishing a calendar of events for the community.

Appoint Fred J. Near Oakville Councillor

Fred Near, a former Trafalgar Township councillor and deputy-reeve, was named this week as an Oakville councillor, replacing Wilbert Ford who died two weeks ago of a heart attack. Mr. Near will represent Ward 1. The appointment was made by Oakville council.

Mr. Near's term on council will end on December 31 with elections for 1966 council slated for early December. Several other Ward 1 residents including Douglas Woods, vice-chairman of the Oakville board of education were also considered for the post.



HELP BEAUTIFY MILTON by sprucing up your home and property, pretty Miss Milton Chamber of Commerce 1965, Carolyn Hoey suggests. The annual Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Spring Beautification program is now in full swing with 28 colorful hanging baskets decorating the Main Street and other areas of town, and colorful potted plants have been placed in the banks and the post office. The Chamber of Commerce has also contributed 1,300 packages of seeds to elementary school students in the hopes that the youngsters may take an active part in beautifying their homes.