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—Staff Photo
LEGION PRESIDENT Bill Ferguson removes the "Lest We Forget" banner to unveil the new cairn at the cemetery, during Sunday's afternoon service there.



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FLAGS FROM MANY BRANCHES were carried Sunday in the Legion parade to the dedication service of the new cairn. The color party for this parade includes 24 flags, including the new Canadian maple leaf flag, the Red Ensign, Union Jack, and Legion colors. Rev. J. L. Graham, Legion padre, conducted the dedication service.

Oakville Council

Sees Eventual Amalgamation Will Protest Annexation Plan

Foreseeing the eventual amalgamation of Oakville and Milton, Oakville council at its Monday night meeting outlined and unanimously approved a four-way plan for opposing Milton's annexation bid.

Recommendations proposed by Reeve Herbert Merry's special committee on annexation received a complete vote of confidence from his fellow councillors and councillor G. M. Anderson described the report as "excellent".

Milton's annexation problem has been at an almost complete standstill since an Ontario Municipal Board hearing one year and a half ago. In its newest suggestions for annexation, Milton proposes to annex 2,200 acres from Oakville and 650 acres from Esquesing.

The first recommendation stated the future of Milton and Oakville is inextricably bound and that "piecemeal annexations" such as proposed by Milton will not provide a lasting solution to the problems of boundary adjustment.

That the towns should ultimately be amalgamated, was the point of the second recommendation. It continued "but in the intervening period, the area surrounding Milton could be developed jointly by the two municipalities insofar as Milton is able to supply essential municipal services."

In recommendation number three, the extensive capital investment necessary to accommodate the enlarged boundaries of Milton is referred to and it is suggested "it would be extremely

costly and probably beyond Milton's ability to finance, and would ultimately be a debt to be borne by the amalgamated area."

And the final recommendation notes "the future of the area of which both Oakville and Milton are a part can best be met by a single government unit operating on the basis of the combined resources of the two towns."

Mayor Alan Masson pointed out, before the recommendations were approved that "Weir made a point that if Milton loses they will have to pay Esquesing's costs." The mayor was referring to J. T. Weir, who will act on behalf of Esquesing at the annexation hearing. Lawyers of the three municipalities involved, Milton, Oakville and Esquesing, met recently with Mr. Arrell, vice-chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Too Soon to Consider

Councillor J. A. Willmott spoke on the recommendations and noted "we shouldn't fight too much against annexation — any fair-minded person agrees it is too soon to consider amalgamation." He also noted Milton needs land and reminded councillors "the people in the western corner of the town (Ward 1) are nearly 100 per cent in favour of annexation."

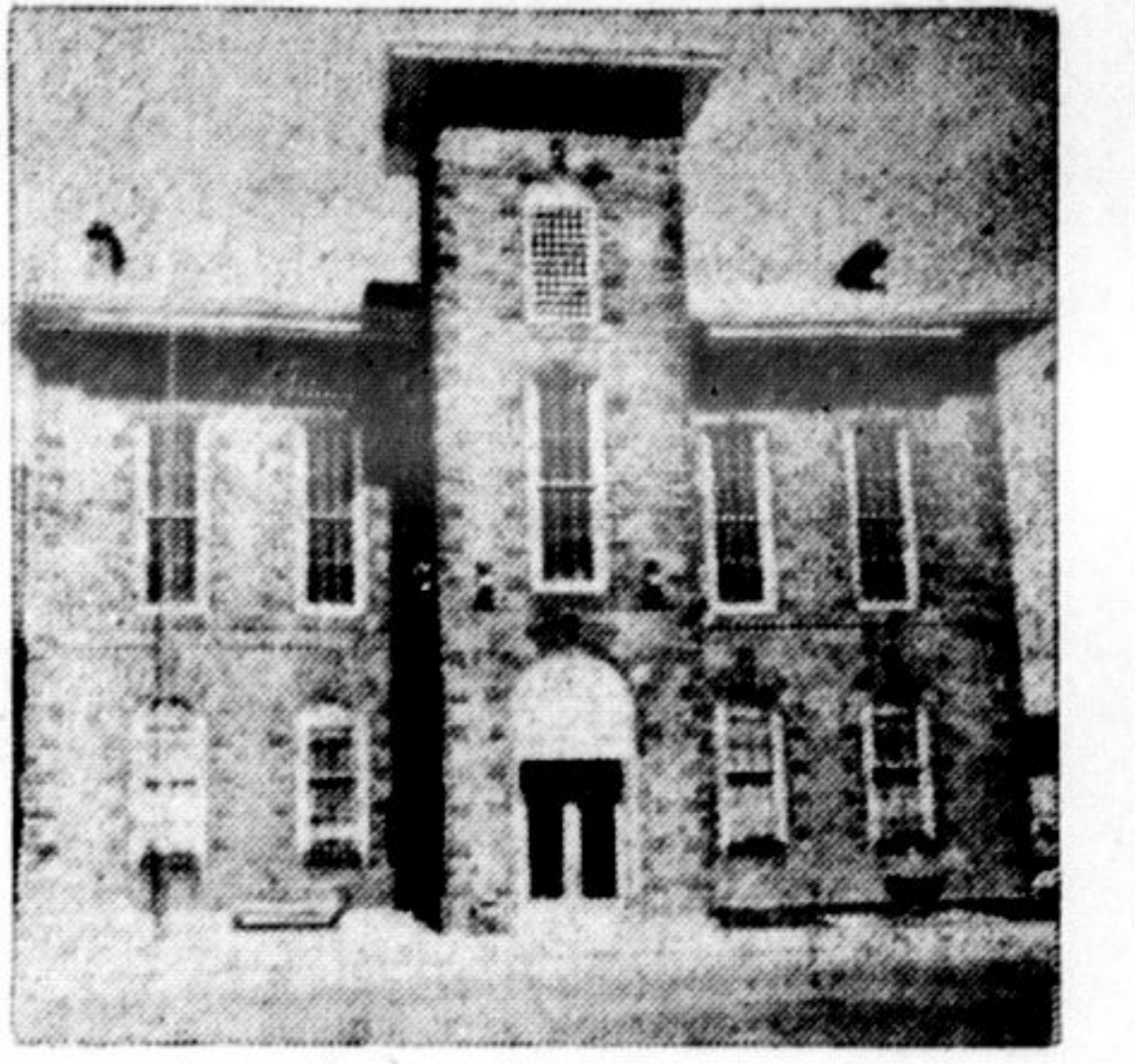
The Ward 1 representative suggested "if we lose, they could make it tough for us as far as the school system is concerned." In closing, he noted "I think our solicitors should state our case and Milton should be granted some land, especially when they agree to take that corner (the corridor along Mil-

ton's west boundary which is a part of Oakville now."

Councillor Kelly New suggested "we should hire good counsel if we intend to give more than token opposition." At this point, councillor Anderson stated that no recommendation concerning the hiring of counsel was covered in the report.

A motion that the report be adopted was voted on, with all councillors indicating their agreement.

At the start of the meeting, Fred Near was officially sworn in as a Ward 1 representative replacing the late Wilbert Ford. Council observed a moment's silence in honor of Mr. Ford.



MILTON'S TOWN HALL
Council plans to spend \$80,000 this year to renovate the Town Hall and effect many changes in the town administration system. See a special report on Page B1.

In Nick of Time

Water Arrives Monday

A feverish attempt to keep water flowing from Milton faucets was tabbed successful on Monday evening as water finally began to reach the town from the new well in the Kelso Conservation area — just in the nick of time.

Workers, under the direction of town foreman Bruce McKerr, finally got the well in operation at 7 p.m. Monday evening, more than three days later than expected. A tremendous lack of cooperation from the weatherman (it was hot and humid all weekend), forced the Milton water situation to a critical point. At about 5 p.m. on Monday, the water pressure in town was about 25 pounds, compared to the usual 90 pounds. The town foreman noted, "when the pressure

gets down to about 15 pounds, it takes a long time to get a drink of water, so we were nearly in serious trouble."

As late as the middle of last week, it had been predicted the new well would be in operation by Thursday, but difficulties in getting the contractors to finish their final jobs, resulted in a lengthy delay that almost crippled the town.

Throughout Monday night, Tuesday and the first part of Wednesday, the new pump was sending water to the town at an average rate of 400 gallons per minute and allowed the present Walker's Line well pumps to refill the town's million gallon reservoir which was "pretty low" according to Mr. McKerr. However, he hopes that "everything

will be back to normal by the weekend."

The especially warm weather on the weekend and the fact that there were no water restrictions enforced, put a tremendous drain on the town's water supply as nearly three million gallons of water went through the mains on Saturday and Sunday alone. "Normally for the two days we would use less than two million gallons," Mr. McKerr reported.

On Guard

Although the new well is in operation, it requires constant observation, since the automatic controls are not yet installed. Most of the time, Mr. McKerr and Wilf Peinson have taken turns on guard, but it is hoped that the automatic control will be in operation within a week.

Although residents will now be able to proceed with the normal use of water, it is stressed that you never have enough water to waste it.

Annexation Application Hearing in September

Milton's annexation application will be heard by the Ontario Municipal Board during the week of September 20, clerk-manager R. B. Reynolds told Milton councillors Monday.

He reported he had been assured a decision would follow in time to make any boundary change effective at the beginning of 1966.

Exact date and the location of the hearing are yet to be established.

The town's last application was heard in October 1963 during a three-day presentation of evidence and argument. It was followed by an interim decision in February 1964 calling for further study.

The hearing this year will be on an entirely new application to annex 2,200 acres from Oakville and 650 acres from Esquesing. Approval of the application would almost triple the present acreage of the town.

No Santa Claus?

Apathy Kills Annual Parade

Milton may not have a Santa Claus parade this year.

Members of the joint firemen-legion committee established in 1948 told council in a letter Monday the quality of the parade had been falling off in recent years, particularly last year.

The letter reported other organizations had been asked for assistance but none had been forthcoming and the committee, at a meeting May 6, agreed to discontinue the activities and dispose of all properties 30 days after notifying the other organizations.

If no new interest is developed during the 30-day period, the disposal of the assets will proceed.

Council members praised the efforts of the group but admitted that didn't help much. They planned a meeting with the group to determine what might be done to stimulate interest.



—Staff Photo
APPRECIATION to the "long suffering public" was expressed by Reeve C. A. Martin, chairman of Milton's water committee as the new Kelso well splashed into service this week delivering thousands of gallons of water daily to the town. He noted the town provides the cheapest water available and predicted the new well would last as long as the first well he was instrumental in developing for the town 30 years before and still in use.

Councillor Cuts Leg in Apt. Fire

Charles Fay, a Milton councillor, suffered severe leg cuts when he broke into an apartment over his Main St. store Saturday afternoon. Someone reported seeing smoke coming from the apartment and before firefighters arrived, the councillor raced upstairs and smashed the front door of the empty apartment building with his foot.

He has had the leg bandaged and is manœuvring on crutches.

The fire, apparently started by a cigarette, burned a large hole in a chestfield in the flat rented by M. Lannen.

Jensen Sues Parking Authority For Breach of Sale Contract

The Town of Milton and J. M. Ledwith, C. B. Knight and C. W. Clarke, members of the Milton Parking Authority appeared before Justice L. A. Landriville Tuesday morning on charges of failing to complete a contract with Ken Jensen of Mill St., Milton.

The civil case was presented in Supreme Court held in the Halton County Administration Building. The plaintiff's case was presented on Tuesday. Mr. Jensen is suing for \$18,000 plus expenses. He claims that the three men signed a contract with him agreeing to pay \$23,000 for his property at 198 Mill St. and that they have not fulfilled the contract.

Has One Property

Mr. Jensen has received property at 191 Mill St. valued at \$5,000. His list of expenses include taxes and insurance paid on the 198 Mill St. property and sewer and water connections and installation, labor and inconvenience, electrical work, improvements and water accounts paid for the 191 Mill St. property.

Defence counsel William Sharpe questioned various amounts Mr. Jensen accredited to expenses. (Continued on Page 8)

Nassagaweya Applies for Grants For \$7,100 Centennial Projects

Formal application for Canadian centennial grants has been lodged by Nassagaweya Township for park development and improvements.

The project will include work on parks at Campbellville, Brookville and Eden Mills and will total \$7,100, of which \$2,368 will be paid by the township.

Plans call for improvements to the park area at Campbellville by the addition of a half acre from the present school property and the installation of playground equipment. Expenditures in the area are estimated at \$1,300.

At Eden Mills, funds will be provided for a pump and wash-

rooms on the present park area, as well as some landscaping and shrubbery. Title to the land will be obtained by the township. Expenditures of \$1,300 are anticipated in this area.

A two-acre park area and ball diamond will be developed at Brookville adjacent to the new township offices. The estimated \$3,500 will cover levelling, grading, construction of a baseball backstop and general improvements to the area. At this site, a field stone cairn with a suitable plaque will also be erected at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

The township share of the centennial project funds has been included in the 1965 mill rate and will not be debentured.

O.K. Classrooms

Final approval was received recently for the \$40,000 capital expenditure on the addition of two classrooms at the Brookville School and construction on the project will be proceeding.

Council Monday accepted with regret the resignation of George Goldstraw as township assessor, effective June 1.

The road superintendent was instructed to have a parcel of land at the intersection of the First Line and 30 Sideroad sur-

veyed and purchased for future road improvement.

Problems with improperly placed culverts from township roads led council to insist that before a building permit is issued approval must be obtained from the road superintendent regarding the size and location of the culvert to be installed. This will apply to the property owners having access from roads maintained by the township.

Added Expenses

Council approved a by-law applying for supplementary road expenditures of \$10,000 on construction and \$2,000 on maintenance due to the severe winter conditions.

Municipal employees Calvin McIntyre and Mrs. Vera Cockburn were enrolled in the Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

The gravel pit license of Chas. Mitchell was renewed and general accounts totaling \$1,322.49 were approved for payment. New building accounts of \$7,193 were also approved.

Remember the blood donor clinic at the Legion Hall, Tuesday, June 22. All donations are urgently needed.

Final Cancer Tally \$5,023

Milton and district's 1965 Cancer society campaign turned in a total of \$5,023.36, chairman Mrs. T. M. Dusan reported this week. A cheque has been mailed to the Canadian Cancer Society.

This year 24 captains and close to 200 canvassers covered the large area handled by the local branch of the society. The goal was \$5,500 but due to a late start and conflicting financial campaigns, officials were quite pleased with the total collected.

Deplores Lack of Housing Fears Loss of New Industry

"I don't think the council and planning board are aware of the serious lack of housing in Milton", Councillor B. Best declared at Monday's council meeting.

He pointed out that one industry presently considering location in Milton could easily be lost, and lack of housing is one of the major problems, he told members.

The discussion developed as members received Planning Board agreement to a town by-law curtailing the construction of apartments. The bylaw is the subject

of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing scheduled for June 28.

Reeve C. A. Martin recalled that passing of the by-law had been planned as an interim step, with the hope annexation was just around the corner, but had now resulted in a virtual freeze. Subdivision development had been frozen several years ago.

The by-law and resolution ordering it were to be reviewed at next week's meeting, when Councillor B. Best charged the two didn't jibe.

Kelso Pool Opens in 10 Days Authority Offers Swim Lessons

The swimming and wading pools at Kelso Conservation Authority should open in about 10 days, Halton Region Conservation Authority field officer Dave Murray reports this week. The pool has been painted and tested and all should be in readiness to welcome on onslaught of swimmers by next weekend.

Swimming will also be allowed at the west end of the Glen Eden Lake at Kelso this year, but no swimming is permitted around the emergency spillway.

Variety of Lessons

The Authority is sponsoring a series of swimming lessons for children and adults again this year. Red Cross swimming classes will be held three mornings a week in July and August, the Royal Lifesaving Society lessons will be arranged Tuesday and Thursday evenings during July, plus August if there is a demand. An adult learn-to-swim or improve-your-swimming course is also scheduled for noon hours and early evenings every Tuesday. Tests will be conducted at the end of every course, and application forms are available at the Conservation Office, 225 Main St., Milton.

A new venture this year will be the Leader Patrol course for po-

needed for first big crowd.

Kelso had its first big crowd on the weekend as 110 cars entered the parksite Saturday and another 550 paid entrances Sunday.

The Authority is doing a major landscaping program this year, and has planned over 1,000 new trees of many varieties. A new small boat ramp is being constructed near the emergency spillway, and row boats will be available for rent to row around the lake.

To Re-Web Lawn Chairs At Retarded Workshop

Rewebbing deck and lawn chairs will be the first project for adult retardates in the North Halton area, members of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded evening at a meeting on Monday evening. The project will be in line with the Association's decision to organize an adult workshop in the fall for the mentally retarded in the area.

The project will be under the direction of Mr. Isham, first vice-president of the Association and chairman of the adult services committee. Deck and lawn chairs will be re-webbed at a cost of only \$2 each and anyone wishing to have their chairs repaired should call one of the following numbers in Georgetown, 877-9387; in Milton and Campbellville, 854-9966; and in Acton, 853-1065.

Results of the annual Moose Lodge Charities draw were also announced and winners were Carol Smith, Mrs. D. Wienonen, Fred Estnick, Alfr Cigar Store, Eloi Arsenault, Dorothy Hilsman, David Matychuk, R. Mackallby, Ernie Sheppard and A. Guenette.