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## Old Fashioned Days is Underway Steam-Era Arrives on Weekend

### Rain Threatens Celebration

The third annual celebration of Old Fashioned Days gripped Milton this week as merchants, store clerks, adults and children from all over town hauled out the antique clothes to dress up for the celebration.

Streets were busy with old fashioned costumed characters all day Monday, but they were mostly children who dove into the festivities with great enthusiasm. The adults were a little more timid, but by Tuesday more old fashioned clothes were appearing. Several stores have antique displays in their windows and more are following suit through the week.

The Recreation Committee, which is sponsoring the evening programs Tuesday to Friday and a Friday afternoon program as well, has lined up a week of fun and director Bob Small, his staff and helpers deserve a lot of credit for the hard work that has gone into planning the events.

**Postpone Program**  
Rain and cold weather that arrived on Tuesday hardly dampened their enthusiasm, and it didn't seem to bother the children attending the Rotary Park playground as they prepared for their participation in the week of fun.

The rain, combined with a chilly water temperature at the swimming pool, did cancel the demonstration night that was

scheduled for last night (Tuesday) at the pool. The program has not been dropped, however, and will be presented after the Friday evening parade. The recreation director reported the water temperature in the pool on Tuesday morning was so low he feared people participating in the evening program would become ill, so the show was set back a few days.

The Committee's Wednesday evening Talent Night in the Town Hall promises to be a

### Chamber Dinner To Hear Bell Rep.

Milton Chamber of Commerce will initiate its fall season with a dinner meeting on September 9. Guest speaker will be A. Blachford, who will review the current Bell Telephone proposal for extended area service.

Chamber officials are urging a good attendance to insure all are familiar with the telephone company proposals that would greatly extend Milton's present telephone calling area.

great success. A rehearsal was held on Monday evening with the talent acts and the master of ceremonies Tiny Hopkins present.

Along with the Miltones barbershop quartet, accordion players and singing and dancing acts, the Talent and Costume Night will feature Milton residents dressed in old fashioned clothes competing for the \$10, \$7.50 and \$5 prizes offered by the Recreation Committee. The contests open at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited to dress up and come. Mrs. D. Turvey and Mr. Small will be the talent judges and two men will award the prizes to the costume competitors.

For Thursday evening, the recreation director has lined up a comic hardball - softball game between the Rotary Raiders, a Milton girls' softball team and the Milton Midget hardball team (boys) to begin at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary park. Everyone is welcome to come and see the fun. Admission is free.

**Log Rolling**  
Greasy poles and rolling logs will set the pace for the Friday afternoon games and contests to be held for Milton children at (Continued on Page Two)

### Hope for Fine Weather

A hootin', tootin' time is in store for Milton this weekend, as dozens of lumbering giants from the past come puffing, chugging and tooting into town to perform in Ontario's largest steam and antique exhibition.

Steam-Era 1965, the fifth annual show in Milton presented by the Ontario Steam and Antique

Preservers Association, promises to be a bigger, better and more interesting weekend than any of the four previous reunions. Many new features and new exhibits are planned by its sponsors, and the crowd is expected to top last September's record 30,000-plus... if only the weather stays good.

Steam-Era officials cast a watchful eye toward the skies this week as cool temperatures brought rain, but the predictions are that it will be all over by the weekend. The sponsors sure hope so.

### Close Sunday

The weekend, in the planning stages for the past 12 months, will last all day Friday, Saturday and Monday. The grounds are closed on Sunday.

Friday is "set-up" day as equipment arrives and gets all set for the show. Friday crowds are never too large so it's a good day for taking pictures and getting a close look at some 30 steam engines and as many antique gas tractors that will be on display.

Saturday the grounds are open all day but a lot of the equipment will head out to Milton Plaza where a noon parade assembles to parade down the main street and back to the fairgrounds for the 2 p.m. official opening ceremony. Hon. W. A. Stewart, a great Steam-Era booster and Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, will perform the ceremony.

### Plenty to See

Organized events, such as teeter totter trials, fan tests, running the sawmill, threshing bees and wood cutting operations will be scheduled throughout the three days of the show. Parades on the grounds are scheduled for late afternoon, both Saturday and Monday.

Organizers expect the largest crowd at the holiday Monday segment of the show.

Besides the steamers and tractors, there will be plenty of antique cars, buses, steam cars, fire engines, buggies, sleighs and other early modes of transportation on display. Indoor and outdoor displays will feature scale models of equipment, and a trading post will have hundreds of antiques and souvenirs for sale.

Early gas engines that have been restored will operate and you can see an old sawmill busy churning up huge logs all day, every day. The calliope, powered by steam, will also be back this year.



—Staff Photo

A BEAUTIFUL OLD "MELODEON" that was the first musical instrument ever used in Palermo's Anglican Church was one of the antiques on exhibit at Halton and Peel Trust and Savings office this week, as merchants and townspeople turned back the clock for the annual Old Fashioned Days celebration. Miss Linda Watson, a teller at Halton and Peel, and whose mother inherited the Melodeon, shows Corrine Timbers and Martha Keene that it still works. All three wear period costumes. The instrument was owned by Linda's great-grandmother who carried it to church every Sabbath between 1850 and 1859 to provide the music for hymns.

### Back-to-School Lists Inside

It's back-to-school next week for thousands of Milton and district students. Complete details on school staffs, enrolments and Milton Public School allocation lists will be found in this week's issue.

Main back-to-school news starts on the second front page (B1) and continues on B4, C2, and C5. Senior public school allocation lists are on page C5, Bruce St. and J. M. Denyes schools page C7, and W. I. Dick school page C6.

Other features in this week's Champion include Sports coverage on pages 4 and 5, Classifieds 6 and 7, Editorials and columnists C1, Farm News C4, and Milton Red Cross C8.

## Under 5% Answer Proposal For Extended Phone Area

Written replies to the Bell Telephone Company's proposal to offer toll-free calling from Milton and Campbellville phones to 45,000 neighboring telephones in Oakville, Georgetown and Burlington, have not yet been of sufficient quantity to give the Bell any conclusive indication of the people's wishes, Bell's area manager H. A. Blachford told The Champion Monday.

The proposal to give Milton subscribers free calling to 50,000 telephones was announced four

weeks ago and subscribers have until September 15 to write the Bell's Toronto business office to either support or oppose the plan. The company has promised that the volume of mail for and against the proposal would influence the decision on whether the plan should be inaugurated or not.

### Few Write Opinion

To date, less than five per cent of the 3,200 Bell subscribers in the Milton exchange have written to the Bell, Mr. Blachford

said. Answers are running about even, 50 per cent in favor and 50 per cent opposed, he said.

A few subscribers have telephoned their acceptance or rejection of the idea to the area manager and although Mr. Blachford said he is happy to discuss the plan with them, only letters can be counted as proof of public interest in the plan. Either he or Mrs. Wilkes at the Bell business office (878-2301) would be pleased to answer questions about the move, but opinions must be forwarded by letter.

"It is difficult for the Company to find any positive indication for or against the proposal unless more subscribers take the time to send us a note," he explained.

### Petitions OK

Petitions, if properly signed by bona-fide subscribers who list their telephone number beside their name, would also be accepted by the Bell, Mr. Blachford said. One man in Milton has offered to help circulate a petition against the plan, and he may be contacted at 878-9840.

A group of women in the Upper Burlington area have volunteered to circulate a petition favoring the plan on behalf of the Upper Burlington Citizens' Forum. The manager said that to date, very few letters have come from the area south and east of Milton, but the majority came from subscribers right in town or in the district north and west of Milton.

### No Force

Mr. Blachford emphasized that the Company was not trying to force the proposal on anyone. "The proposal was made to ascertain the wishes of the people, as evidenced by their long distance calling habits and requests from the Ward One Oakville Ratepayers' Association and the Upper Burlington Citizens' Forum for toll-free calling between Milton, Oakville and Burlington subscribers living in the fringe areas along exchange boundaries."

Bell undertook extensive studies of long distance records and found that 63 per cent of the Milton telephone customers lived

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## Close Council Session To Discuss Annexation

Milton Council hesitantly agreed to a closed session during a special Wednesday meeting, to discuss a land use map prepared for the town's annexation hearing.

During the meeting town solicitor D. A. McConachie and planner Derek Little reviewed the plan with members of council for 40 minutes before admitting the members of the Milton Planning

Board. The discussions with the Council, board, solicitor and planner continued for a further 60 minutes.

Clerk manager R. B. Reynolds conveyed to council the desire of the consultants, the meeting be closed.

### "What is Fair"

Councillor C. Menefy suggested many of the difficulties of annexation in the past had perhaps been the secrecy of the discussions. "We're only trying to get what is fair for the town," he maintained.

Councillor G. Addison concurred, suggesting in the past year "we excluded the press at the drop of a hat."

Mayor S. G. Childs suggested revealing all plans at this time could create problems for the town.

Councillor B. Best noted consultants had been engaged and if they suggest the necessity of private discussions, council should be agreeable. "We're put here to act in the best interest of the town," he concluded.

Councillor C. Fay noted he disagreed with the principle of the closed meeting but was prepared to move the necessary motion to get discussion underway.

Reeve C. A. Martin suggested excluding the press was no reflection on them, but the town should not be put in the position of publicizing its case.

The closure motion was approved.

## Okay Drawings For Hospital

Preliminary working drawings for the 30-bed expansion to Milton District Hospital have been approved in principle by the planning committee of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission, hospital board chairman John W. Ostler announced this week.

The architects Dunlop, Wardell, Matsui and Aitken will begin to draft detailed drawings and specifications around the first of next month and the drawings are expected to take about two months to complete.

The board plans to erect a second storey above the core of the present one-storey hospital, with provision for 48 new beds. Extensive alterations and renovations will be necessary in some areas of the existing hospital, Mr. Ostler said.

## Fun in Old Fashioned Costumes



—Staff Photo

CHILDREN LOVE TO DRESS UP, and this week presents a golden opportunity for youngsters (and adults, too) as Milton celebrates its third annual Old Fashioned Days promotion. The Champion photographer caught Sharon Taft, right, stopping for a drink at the Town Hall fountain, while Susan Little, Nancy Bickers, Brenda Little and Lynn Coulson look on, and all are wearing clothes that look like they came out of Grandma's day. Come to think of it, back in Grandma's day the girls would have had trouble getting near the fountain — for in those days horses were the main mode of transportation and the trough around the fountain was a popular stopping spot for the equestrian travellers.



—Staff Photo

MILTON HYDRO STAFFERS Helen Menefy (seated) and Mary Emmerson were among the business people in town who joined the Old Fashioned Days celebration this week by wearing period costumes. Their outfits were complete with fancy hats.