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EXTENDED AREA CALLING for Milton telephone users was thoroughly discussed Thursday evening at the Caravan Restaurant in Milton, when the Milton Chamber of Commerce hosted a businessmen's dinner with Arn Blachford, area Bell manager, as guest speaker. Mr. Blachford outlined the proposal and answered dozens of questions from the merchants attending. Chamber president John Ostler, left, and Mr. Blachford are shown going over a map of the Milton, Georgetown, Oakville and Burlington telephone districts.

Bell Plan Discussed By C. of C.

A new program of keeping members informed of subjects of wide interest was launched by the Milton Chamber Thursday evening of last week, when a Chamber dinner meeting was held at the Caravan Restaurant featuring a public forum on the Bell Telephone Co.'s plans to give Milton telephone users extended area calling service.

The meeting was termed "one of many proposed" by Chamber president John Ostler. He said he felt it was the Chamber's duty to keep members informed on many things, and hoped another meeting could be held prior to the November 8 election when local businessmen and industrialists can meet the Federal election candidates.

"The Chamber of Commerce has an obligation to the community in many respects," he told the gathering of 33 men and one woman, "this is the voice of industry and commerce in the community. We would like to hear your opinions on various contentious problems."

55 Per Cent

Arnold Blachford, area manager for the Bell Telephone, was guest speaker and explained in detail the reasons for the Bell plan to give Milton free calling to Oakville, Georgetown and Burlington customers. He pointed out that 1,800 calls a month go from Milton to the three neighboring exchanges indicating 55 per cent of the Milton customers would benefit from the additional service.

The Bell's extensive studies showed 52 per cent of the residents in Milton Heights and Esquesing Township area on Milton phones placed at least one call per month to any or all of the three exchanges. In the upper end of Burlington the figure was 63 per cent and in north Oakville area, 65 per cent.

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Election Countdown

Diefenbaker's Party Sat. Kicks Off '65 Campaign

Roasting Liberal Party policies could easily be the outstanding sporting event on Saturday when Halton County Progressive Conservatives gather in Oakville's Coronation Park to hear Conservative Party leader John Diefenbaker kick-off his November 8 election campaign.

The former Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition during the last session of the House of Commons, is expected to be in top form as he celebrates his 70th birthday and blasts Lester B. Pearson's administration, all in the same outing.

The coming of the Conservative leader to the riding is the highlight of the first full week following the announcement of the next Federal election on November 8. The political wheels in the riding are just beginning to churn and announcements were made this week concerning the nomination of the Liberal Party candidate September 24 and also the selection of the New Demo-

New Democrats Plan Convention

With the election day less than two months away, members of the Halton County New Democratic Association are in a quandary. The Halton New Democrats have set September 27 as their nominating convention night, but so far no likely candidates are in sight.

However, members present at a recent meeting felt the chances for the Party in the riding were increasingly good. William Gillies of Oakville is president of the Halton New Democratic Association.

The Association's candidate in the last federal election was Ellis Fullerton, a resident of Oakville at the time, but he has since moved from the riding.

cratic Party candidate on Sept. 27.

Masson Selected

Mayor Allan M. Masson of Oakville was selected as the Progressive Federal candidate in the riding at the party nomination convention in February.

Independent Henry Timmins of the Georgetown district is considering contesting the seat during but he hasn't decided definitely.

He contested the 1963 election. Irving Wilson, the last Social Credit Party candidate, doesn't know yet if his party intends to have a candidate in the riding.

Halton's returning officer Richard H. West of Burlington has started preparations for the election and so have the local party organizations in the various communities in the riding.

Harley Seeks Liberal Nod

Although the Liberal candidate for Halton riding in the forthcoming election will not be officially named until September 24, there seems little doubt that Halton's most recent representative in the House of Commons, Dr. Harry Harley, will get the nod.

It was announced this week that the Liberal nomination meeting will be held in Burlington on September 24 and there is a strong possibility that a Federal Cabinet minister will be the guest speaker.

Twice Elected

Dr. Harley was elected to the House of Commons as a representative of Halton on two occasions, edging out Progressive Conservative Sandy Best in 1962 by only 98 votes, and again in 1963 defeating Mr. Best by a large margin.

Dr. Harley was born in Weston in 1926 and attended school there. Upon graduation from a vocational school as a draftsman, he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1944. He was discharged at the end of the war, attended rehabilitation schools to obtain his senior matriculation and entered the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine in 1945 to fulfill a wish to become a doctor. He graduated in 1951, then served his internship in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto.

Joined Army

The next year, he joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps with which he served five years, spending a year as Medical Officer with the Canadian Field Ambulance Brigade in Hannover, Germany and several years at Sunnybrook Hospital.

Dr. Harley resigned from the Army with the rank of Major in 1956 and moved to Oakville to set up a medical practice. He was an active staff member of Oakville - Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and served as president of the medical staff.

In 1962 he resigned to pursue a career in politics.

ONE INJURED

A Milton man, Paul E. Lee of 413 Broadway St., suffered a cut face in a two-car accident on Main St. near Richardson's TV Sunday morning. His car and a parked car owned by John W. Currie, Campbellville, were involved in the collision and \$900 damage resulted. In a second accident in town in the past week, a car driven by William Wood of Milton and a dump truck driven by Ivan Fedoriv of Toronto collided on Ontario St. at Main St. Friday, causing \$150 damage to the car.

Suggest Gov't Enquiry

To Protest Annexation Delay

News that Milton's bid for annexation might be postponed once more fell like a bomb on Milton Council this week, touching off a storm of protest from the council that could eventually be heard around the Province.

"There's something fishy here," cried councillor Gerry Addison, when the council officially learned Monday night that the Ontario Municipal Board had asked the town to forego its long-standing bid for extra industrial acreage—in view of the Halton and Peel Needs Study recently undertaken by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Pearson's Election Saves Town \$1,000

Thanks to Lester Pearson's call for a Nov. 8 election, Milton will save \$1,000 worth of enumerating voters' costs for its Oct. 18 liquor vote.

Milton Clerk-Manager Bob Reynolds was smiling Monday, when he informed councillors it would not be necessary for his staff to enumerate local voters for the October liquor plebiscite. The town has received permission from the chief electoral officer for the federal government, to use Halton Federal Election returning officer Dick West's enumerated list of Milton residents . . . at a saving of \$1,000.

The board's reason for delaying the hearing — scheduled for next Monday at the County Administration Building here — was a complete shock to councillors.

Had Assurance
When Dr. L. Cumming, advisor to the Department of Municipal Affairs was in Milton several

months ago to explain the Needs Study proposal, he assured Milton members of the Halton County Council that the Needs Study would not have any effect on Milton's annexation plans.

"If Dr. Cumming had said anything different I would have voted against the Needs Study, and

An Editorial

For Fair Play

Annexation efforts initiated in 1962 and continued in an on-again, off-again round of hearings and negotiations got another severe wrench this week with a suggestion from the Ontario Municipal Board that the town might want to postpone the long-awaited hearing for completion of a recently-initiated needs study.

Over the past three years the town will have spent close to \$25,000 in preparing engineering, planning, financial and legal arguments to support its plea for room to grow. Now on the eve of the hearing which would climax all the efforts is the suggestion of postponement.

Councillors, whose planning has been optimistic to the inclusion of a \$306,000 sewage treatment plant addition, were naturally disturbed.

And why not? What better can they do than prepare a sound case for the room that is essential if Milton is not to simply sit and wait? But what is the future? The Ontario Municipal Board is a strong group that has the power of permitting the town to grow or presiding at its funeral. They could conceivably proceed with the hearing, as requested by the town, then sit idly by for any period of time without rendering a decision, leaving Milton Council and planners completely unable to chart any intelligent path for the municipality.

At the last hearing, held in October 1963, no decision was received until February of the succeeding year, and that was simply a suggestion that further study be given the subject.

Town representatives at County Council were given definite assurance the needs study would not interfere with the town's annexation case. Town representatives had earlier been assured the O.M.B. would give a ruling on the town's application that it could be implemented at the first of 1966 if land was added.

Every citizen of Milton has a considerable stake in the outcome of annexation. That stake is not represented alone by the contribution of hard tax dollars to preparation of a good case, it is also represented in the future taxes that will be necessary to meet service and maintenance costs of existing works planned to serve a larger town.

Milton is proceeding on its application if the Ontario Municipal Board is still willing to hear it. There will be many in this area, and in the municipal field generally, who will be watching for the fair and unprejudiced treatment that is expected of the all-powerful Ontario Municipal Board.

If there are those who want to be annexed to Milton, they should be prepared to voice their support personally to the Board. Petitions and letters are not regarded as significantly by members as personal representation.

All Milton wants is a fair chance at explaining its legitimate claim to room for expansion. Delayed decisions and excuses for postponement can only be regarded as something less than fair treatment.

Prepare For '65 Fall Fair Hope For Sun, Big Entry

The 1965 edition of Milton Fair is off the drawing boards and final plans and preparations for the big county show are taking shape.

Copies of the prize list have been distributed to exhibitors and officials are hoping for the ideal combination of record entries and sunny days.

One of the major changes this year will be in the cattle classes where judging will be in line with the recent federal system of scoring. New classes have been added in the goat section and the prize list has been expanded in several other sections.

A host of specials are also included for competition in the various livestock, arts and crafts, women's work and flowers. A large exhibit of school work is also expected this year.

King Shows will provide the midway and harness horse races will be a major feature in the Saturday program in front of the grandstand.

Exhibit hall displays will be open Friday evening, as well as the midway and on Saturday the popular Vince Mountford will be master of ceremonies in front of the grandstand.

I'm sure Reeve Martin would have voted against it too," said Deputy-Reeve A. Ledwith. Other Councillors said they felt Dr. Cumming had given Milton this false assurance in order to get the Needs Study going, and it was agreed he should be summoned to appear at the annexation hearing and give his explanation.

The council decided not to take this latest annexation blockade sitting down.

Immediate Protest

The O.M.B. letter was received last Friday by town solicitor D. A. McConachie, and he had sent back an immediate reply suggesting it would be two years before the Needs Study would be completed, and Milton would be unable to wait that long for the expansion it planned. In his reply, Mr. McConachie assured the Board the town's case was ready to be presented (the solicitor, planners, councillors and town staffers have been working on their evidence for the case for months) and the town was anxious to proceed with next week's scheduled hearing.

To date the Board has given no reply. Councillor Brian Best charged Monday night, when the correspondence was read at the Council meeting, that the government was being unfair by attempting to stop Milton's expansion, while at the same time allowing one branch of the government — the Ontario Water Resources Commission — to come out with a \$67,000,000 government-financed plan to pipe Lake Ontario water into central Peel County. He suggested this move would have far more effect on the Needs Study than Milton's expansion from 1,000 to 3,000 acres in size.

"We should ask the O.W.R.C. to stop that plan, if they're going to

stop our annexation," he claimed. "I suggest we make an immediate request to Premier John Robarts for a direct inquiry into what has been going on," he continued. "I am ready to write out the motion right now. We'll be letting the Town of Milton down, if we don't ask for it."

"We have a concrete case, so we have been told, and there is no reason why we should not win the annexation battle," chimed in councillor Charles Johnson. He suggested Oakville must have powerful influence on the Ontario Municipal Board members.

Councillors then began to wonder why the Municipal Board allowed the town to begin expanding its sewage treatment plant to serve a future population of 11,000 residents. The work was just recently approved and construction started on Monday. The expansion was planned mainly to accommodate the increased population after annexation.

Cannot Back Off

Councillor Charles Meney said the town would be unwise to drop its application after all the work on preparing a good case had been done. "We cannot possibly back off now," he said, "you may not win, but you've got to go ahead. It seems every imaginable wrench has been thrown into this thing to gum up the works." Councillor Addison suggested that even if the Board hears the case, it may just hold up the answer for the Needs Study report.

Members agreed to hold off any further protest of the O.M.B. action until a special Thursday night meeting with the solicitor. Meanwhile, the issue stands at a deadlock between the town and the O.M.B. and the three-day hearing is still scheduled to open next Monday morning.

The "Bombshell"

Here is the "bombshell" letter received by Milton Council Friday morning from Miss B. Vickers, secretary of the Ontario Municipal Board:

"I have been instructed to advise you that the Board has been made aware of the undertaking of a comprehensive regional local government review for the Counties of Halton and Peel.

"The Board questions whether, in these circumstances, the hearing in connection with the above (annexation) should be proceeded with and would appreciate your comments in this respect as quickly as possible, in view of the date of Sept. 20."

Town solicitor D. A. McConachie fired off an immediate written protest, and town councillors added a verbal barrage at Monday's meeting, even going so far as to threaten to ask Premier Robarts to conduct a full inquiry into the Board's handling of the whole Milton annexation wrangle.

Maybe

Annexation Opens Monday

Milton's application for the annexation of 2,838 acres from Esquesing and Oakville is to be heard next week beginning Monday, by the Ontario Municipal Board, unless a stall requested by the O.M.B. this week is allowed by Milton Council.

The hearing is scheduled for the County Administration Building where three days have been set aside for the submission of evidence and argument. Represent-

ing the Ontario Municipal Board will be A. H. Arrell and J. V. Ludgate.

Milton's application will ask annexation of 2,240 acres from Oakville and 598.2 acres from Esquesing. The town presently covers 1,076 acres. Milton council approved this new application in April.

Town solicitor D. A. McConachie, O.C., will present the case aided by Derek Little, Milton's Planning Consultant. Oakville will be represented by John Dewey O.C., and town planner E. Cumming, and Esquesing by John T. Weir O.C. and T. H. VanSickler.

The History

In October 1963 Milton presented an application for annexation of 954 acres in a three day session. In February 1964 the O.M.B., in an interim decision, suggested council give further consideration to the expressed desires of those who wished to continue farming and those who wished to have their land added to the town for urban development.

Milton re-opened negotiations with Oakville but the two municipalities could not agree on a mutually satisfactory eastern boundary. Milton sought lands to the third line and Oakville was prepared only to go half way to the third line. Milton argued this land was already developed and this did not allow any significant growth room.

Cut off Services

In January of this year Milton Council formally rejected this solution to an amicable annexation settlement, instructed its solicitor to proceed with annexation proceedings and ruled the town of Milton would supply no further services to new development in north Oakville or south Esquesing.

The last significant addition to the town by annexation was in 1954 when 572 acres were added. In 1958, 10 acres were added for a high school site.

Recommend County Co-operate On \$1,900,000 Regional Jail Plan

A recommendation that Halton participate with Hamilton and Wentworth in construction of a \$1,900,000 regional jail, will be placed before Halton County Council next week, committee chairman Reeve W. Coulter reported this week.

Reeve Coulter emphasized Halton would need additional jail facilities in the next five years and it would be economically wise to participate with Hamilton and Wentworth.

Regardless of the regional study, now being conducted in

Peel and Halton, there was no indication such a study would recommend the merging of Peel and Halton, contrary to what some have suggested, the committee chairman said.

There had been no finalization either, he noted, on recommendations of a Select Committee that would indicate the province will assume all costs.

The proposed regional jail, for approximately 200 prisoners, would be divided 40 per cent for minimum security and 60 per cent for maximum security. It

would be located somewhere in the Waterdown-Millgrove area adjacent to county or provincial roads.

The provincial government would share in the cost of construction to 50 per cent, with the balance divided between Halton, Wentworth and Hamilton, preferably on a per capita basis. Maintenance costs are subsidized 10 per cent by the government and local representatives would press for inclusion of transportation costs as part of the maintenance. Maintenance costs would be as-

essed on a per prisoner day.

Reeve Coulter predicted a regional jail, built in co-operation with Peel County would be more expensive to Halton ratepayers than a similar arrangement with Wentworth and Hamilton.

If approval is given the project, it is expected to take at least a year before site and architectural arrangements can be completed to begin construction.

The committee would press for Federal participation in the project, although it is essentially a provincial project, Reeve Coulter suggested.



A SPARKLING NEW TV SET was only one of many prizes awarded Saturday at the annual Milton District Hospital W.A. lawn party held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Martin on Martin St. Large crowds attended the event throughout the afternoon and the net profit from the party was estimated at over \$1,200. Shown chatting from left to right are Eva Pearce, Hospital W.A. worker Mrs. D. Ptolemy, Jo-Anne Hadley and Marilyn Martin. The TV set was won by Mrs. H. Cameron of Kingsleigh Court, Milton.