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THE OFFICIAL SOD TURNING CEREMONY, signalling the start of work on the Milton Public School Board's first general-purpose room was held on Friday morning. The new building, scheduled to be completed by January 1, 1967, is expected to cost about \$83,745. The room

will be located on the south side of the Martin St. senior public school. Grade eight students Susan Robertson and Robert Cheskey, Mayor S. G. Childs, the board's chairman Ron Harris and board secretary Mrs. Eileen Martin are shown during the official ceremony.

Sod turning ceremony general-purpose room

After carefully choosing a soft spot in the hardened soil, Mayor S. G. Childs, vice-chairman of the Milton Public School Board Ron Harris and two grade 8 students broke the sod on Friday morning for the board's first general purpose room.

The room, to be built at the south side of the senior school (formerly the Martin St. high school) is expected to cost \$83,745 and is scheduled for completion by the first of January, 1967.

Mayor Childs, Mr. Harris, Susan Robertson and Robert Cheskey, who will be using the first grade 8 students to dig the sod, had to search for several minutes before they could locate a piece of ground soft enough to break.

In the second portion of the brief ceremony, board trustee Mrs. M. S. Kernighan presented the plans to contractor Lindo Zanatta.

Mr. Harris described the occasion as being "most memorable." He said despite some problems, the board had aimed at the goal of having a senior public school and a general purpose room for several years and now they have achieved it. He also thanked board secretary Mrs. Eileen Martin for arranging the ceremony.

Gordon Gowland, a former chairman of the Milton Public

School Board, said discussions concerning a senior public school and a general purpose room began in the early spring of 1959. He recalled board members made trips to other senior public schools to see how they operated and he concluded, "this is the start of the completion of something we have been planning since 1959."

Mayor Childs congratulated the board on its efforts in the past and wished them continued success in the future.

Rev. J. K. L. McGown of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, gave the closing prayer.

Apartment fire hazards being corrected — Chief

Following criticism of the building's fire hazards and lack of adequate fire protection at last week's meeting of Milton Council, the owners of the new five-storey Diplomat apartment building on Ontario St. have made several improvements and fire chief A. E. Clement reported Tuesday the owners "are doing everything in their power to cooperate and make the building as safe as possible."

Deputy-Reeve Charles Menely lashed out at the fire hazards at a council meeting a week ago Monday. He was prepared to move a motion calling for improvements within 24 hours, or he would have the 15 occupied apartments vacated until corrections were made.

The councillor at that time claimed combustible refuse was a fire hazard, fire hose was not connected to standpipes and the

elevator was not working. Chief Clement, asked by The Champion to comment, added the alarm system was not the electric alarm called for in the National Building Code, fire doors were not fitted with self-closers, and fire extinguishers were not available.

However, on Tuesday of this week Chief Clement reinspected the building and said most of the faults had been righted.

The fire hose was connected to standpipes, fire extinguishers were installed and the fire doors had self-closers. Large piles of rubbish had also been removed from the site, he pointed out. Lights indicating exits from the building were being installed on Tuesday, and sprinklers for the garbage chutes and storage areas were being hooked up within a few days.

Chief Clement said he was still not satisfied with the manual gong-type alarms which are situated at each end of the building's hallways but the owner Mei Dancy has promised to speak to the suppliers about changing these to an "electric supervised alarm". With the electric alarm, if one alarm is set off, all the alarms in the building ring. The manual gong type is not connected with other alarms and would not be heard throughout the building, he noted.

Bd. rescinds rezoning on Martin St. property

Milton Planning Board rescinded the rezoning of the former Herman Equipment property on Martin St. from heavy industrial to commercial on Thursday evening, despite a letter from the property owners' solicitor, which indicated "my clients do not wish to withdraw their application at this time."

At their July meeting, Milton planners approved the rezoning of the Martin St. property, located just north of the CNR tracks, so that it could be used for offices for the Milton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. The Ontario Department of Public Works, however, decided against leasing the property and instead approved construction of a 2,700 square foot building for the detachment on property at the north end of Milton.

"It has been our policy to know the reasons for rezoning properties, before we approve changes," Planning Board chairman Murray Kernighan said. Councillor Percy Barr suggested "I think it should be left as it is" and councillor Gord Krantz and board member Gordon Gowland agreed. Mayor S. G. Childs said "that was the understanding of council."

The motion rescinding the previous motion was passed, unopposed.

Two permits during month

After climbing to a value of \$1,085,600 for the first six months, building in Nassagaweya Township slackened off during July.

During the month only two permits were issued — one for a residence valued at \$10,000 and the other for a garage valued at \$1,000. Permits issued during the first seven months of the year now total \$1,096,600.

O.M.B. defers appeals on Conservation costs

The Village of Waterdown appeals against the village's share of the 1966 Halton Region Conservation Authority budget and its apportionment toward the proposed Hilton Falls dam project, have been deferred by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Board held two special hearings in Waterdown Friday. Waterdown councillors, not represented by legal counsel, explained they wanted to completely withdraw from the Hal-

ton Region Conservation Authority as they felt the Authority's work is not benefiting the village.

Due to some confusion over the village's rights to withdraw, and after it was emphasized the hearings were only applications to see if the village could get out of paying the two levies, the councillors agreed to withdraw their objections. However they did not promise to pay the levies.

Despite language difficulties

Ontario, Quebec girls enjoy exchange

By Brian McCristall

"If you want to learn to know me, come live with me."

The Canadian Council for Christians and Jews has long believed that statement to be true, and for several years it has been helping students from all over the country learn more about each other.

Jill Taylor, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor of R.R. 6 Milton, visited in Quebec for two weeks with 17-year-

old Elaine Larose. Despite some slight language difficulties, the two girls got along well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On July 21, Jill and Elaine arrived at the Taylor's home and Elaine began her two week stay in this province. They believe the Canadian Council for Christians and Jews has an excellent idea and they're going along with it 100 per cent.

Both girls are happy, fun-loving teenagers and although Jill has to struggle to make her high school French understood, she does enjoy talking to her guest and as she talks, her French improves.

Elaine has similar difficulty. She tries to speak carefully in English and when the proper phrase eludes her, she smiles and Jill quickly offers help. Immediately the slender visitor responds with "merci beaucoup."

Jill's two weeks in Quebec, from July 7 to July 21, were packed with interesting experiences. She attended a large dance, put on by the council, toured Expo '67, visited Canadian International Paper, water skied, attended beach parties and did dozens of other interesting things.

"I liked Quebec very much," she reports, "and I was really

surprised at the number of people who could speak English." Quebec City fascinated her and she quickly labelled it as the "prettiest city I've ever seen." She was impressed with the old buildings and winding streets and the Chateau Frontenac.

She enjoyed talking to French-Canadians — even to a few Separatists who bluntly told her, "the rest of the Country couldn't exist without Quebec."

"But there are far more people in the province who are proud to be Canadians than there are Separatists," she said.

Jill was very glad to have made the trip and she said, "I can't say enough for the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, it had everything managed down to a tee."

Although she has been in Ontario for little more than a week, Elaine has been very impressed. She has found the towns of Burlington and Milton to be "very pretty, prettier than the towns in Quebec." Mayor Doug Berrymann of Burlington spoke to Elaine and 29 other Quebec exchange students who are in Burlington, and took them on a tour of the town's new Municipal Building.

Probably the highlight of her visit, she said, was her trip to

Niagara Falls. "Would you like to live in Ontario?" she was asked in impeccable English.

"No, I like to live in Quebec, but I would enjoy visiting Ontario again," she replied in flawless French.

The whole idea of the exchange is to help people from the various parts of our nation understand their distant neighbors. It seems like a good idea, and if the experiences of Jill and Elaine are any criterion, it is working.



ELAINE LAROSE



JILL TAYLOR

Safecrackers hit Campbellville P.O.

Safecrackers got little reward for their efforts when they broke into Campbellville Post Office early Thursday morning and "peeled" a door off the office safe. The invaders caused approximately \$1,000 damage to the safe and the building, but got only \$130 — most of it in stamps — from the safe.

Milton O.P.P. report the break-in was obviously the work of amateurs and they are following all possible clues in an attempt to apprehend the safecrackers.

Supervising Postmaster Walter Bell of Milton said the thieves damaged more than they stole. Police indicated the break-in was through both a door and a window, although it was earlier thought the thieves gained entry through a rear window and broke out a rear door.

The safe was tipped over on its back and the large

front door was "peeled" back with a crowbar, sledge hammer and hacksaw. The thieves were thwarted in their attempt to pry open an inner door to a compartment housing more valuable items.

Const. Dave Hardy, who with Cpl. J. Parkinson is investigating for Milton O.P.P., said it would have taken three men to tip the heavy safe over. After the break-in was discovered by village Postmaster Doug Agnew Thursday morning, four men attempted to put the safe back on its legs, and couldn't.

Const. Hardy said damage to the door, window and safe would total \$1,000. Mr. Agnew said mail service was only slightly delayed by the robbery. Among the items stolen was the postmaster's personal stamp which was of no value to anyone outside the office. Some mail was ransacked but no mail appeared to be stolen.



TO THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, from Milton's Mayor S. G. Childs goes this correspondence, to be delivered by Jim Mercer, one of two Milton youths from the 3rd Milton Venturer Troop. Jim, along with Randy Googe, will be one of 100 Canadian Scouts journeying

to England to observe the day-to-day living of their English counterparts. Here Mayor Childs presents Jim with the letter while Scoutmaster Sam Graham, left, and Town of Milton Publicity Chairman Tony Cousens, right, look on.

Jim Mercer, Randy Googe "ambassadors" to England

Described as "ambassadors" by their Scout leader, two Milton boys will represent Milton in a trip to England this month.

Jim Mercer, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mercer of 325 Main St., Milton, and Randy Googe, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Googe of 376 George St., will be part of an entourage of 100 Scouts and three leaders leaving Milton airport, 2:00 p.m. Monday.

Both are Queen's Scouts from the 3rd Milton Venturer Troop and were chosen after successfully having answered questions to various situations. Their Scout leader is Sam Graham.

Financing for the trip will come from a variety of sources, including the Oakville District office, Milton Town Council and Local 1067 of United Auto Workers.

The remainder will be acquired through earnings this summer and assistance from their families.

The trip was planned and organized by the Canada Council on Scouting, and its purpose is to give Canadian Scouts a chance to observe their English counterparts at work and recreation.

Included in the three-week visit will be two weeks of free time and one in which the boys will camp with an English troop, as just one more enlivening; and make several official visits including one to the Lord Mayor of London, where they will present the correspondence from Mayor Sid Childs of Milton.

They will also visit Jodrell Bank Observatory, a tour which requires considerable official consent.

Jim has been in the Scouting movement since his enrolment in a Wolf Cub pack at the age of eight. Randy has been connected with Scouting for about the same period of time.

Jail escapee in U.S. jail

The man who escaped from Halton County Jail in Milton earlier this year probably won't be back to face trial here, it was learned this week.

Paul Roam Beaulieu of Caribou, Maine, who cut the cell bars and fled the local jail, has been captured in United States but has been sentenced to 10 years in a Washington prison for a number of breaking and entering charges laid by U.S. police.

Planning big August 13 weekend for firefighters' convention here

Milton will be swarming with firefighters from all over Ontario on the August 13 weekend, as the Fire Fighters' Association of Ontario holds its annual conference in Milton arena.

The host brigade, Milton Fire Department has been busy for several months making plans for the gala weekend. Although they cannot say yet how many visiting firefighters will be in Milton for the weekend, the number may be considerable.

Plans call for a Friday night (August 12) welcoming dance at the arena, Saturday morning registration and business sessions lasting until about 4 p.m., a supper-time parade from the Bruce St. school to Victoria Park across the street from the arena, and a giant outdoor barbecue at the arena, all topped off with another dance in the arena.

On August 13, Sunday, the program will end with a memorial service at the cenotaph.

George Bundy, deputy chief of the Milton Fire Department, has been a member of the F.F.A.C. executive several years and is currently serving as vice-president. He is expected to be named president during the Saturday business session. He is handling arrangements locally for the association's conference, assisted by the members of the Milton brigade.

Saturday's parade promises to attract a large crowd. It leaves the Bruce St. school at 5:45 and parades along Main St. to Bell St. Groups of marching firefighters, bands and several pieces of firefighting apparatus will make up the parade. Trophies will be presented by the as-

sociation to the best marching groups in fancy dress.

This year's conference was originally scheduled to take place in Petrolia but the fire department there couldn't handle it, just a few months ago. Usually a four day convention is held on the August 1 Civic Holiday weekend, but it had to be delayed two weeks and shortened to the one-day event because of the lack of time for organizing.

Side events to the convention include a fire prevention window display competition and a lucky draw. The association offers \$100 in prize money for the best decorated store windows using a fire prevention theme, and local firefighters are arranging the contest. Any local non-profit organization is invited to enter a display.