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## 250 parade to observe Remembrance Day



Comrade Joe Waters accompanied the hymns on his trumpet

Paced by the strains of the Lorne Scots Pipe Band 250 marched proudly but solemnly to the Cenotaph on Sunday afternoon to pay their respects to the men and women of the town and area who gave their lives during the First and Second World Wars and the Korean conflict.

It was Remembrance Sunday in Milton and according to some, the parade was one of the largest and best in years. Citizens, in much larger numbers than usual, turned out on the brisk, sunshiny day to watch the Lorne Scots Pipe Band lead the parade from the Legion Hall on Charles St., up Main St. to Bell St., down Bell St. to King St. and finally to the Cenotaph in Victoria Park on the corner of Brown and Mary Streets.

Members of Milton Council, Councillor Geoffrey Drew-Brook representing Oakville Council, nine flag bearers, Lions Club representatives, members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Fire fighters, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, and Rovers and about 75 veterans marched the parade route, under the direction of Parade Marshal Com. Frank Shannon.

William Ferguson, past president of Branch 136 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Milton, read the 71 names on the Cenotaph. Legion Padre Rev. J. Lorne Graham of St. Paul's United Church gave the Scripture Reading and read the memorial prayers.

Com. Joe Waters played the Last Post, O Canada, and O Valiant Hearts. The Lorne Scots Pipe Band played the lament.

In his address Rev. Dr. T. M. Dusan of Grace Anglican Church pointed out that it is the obligation of parents and adults to see that the coming generation is aware of the importance of freedom. He said: "We are within six weeks of Centennial year and we should think of the dead and the vision they had for the country which they loved. Remembrance Day calls for a promise and may we promise that on Remembrance Day 1967, we will be a little more a nation worthy of their great sacrifice."

Wreaths were laid by the Province of Ontario, Towns of Milton and Oakville, Legion and Legion Auxiliary, Milton Firefighters, Lions Club, Kinsmen Club, John Milton and Sarah Martin Chapters of the L.O.F.E., United Steelworkers Local 4970, Ontario Steel Social and Athletic Club, and Evening Star Rebekah Lodge.

A private wreath had earlier been placed on the cenotaph in memory of Pte. J. Dockray and Pte. S. J. Williams by relatives.



Nearly 250 paraded to the Cenotaph to mark Remembrance Day on Sunday

—Staff Photos

### "Half million wasted"

## Railway, weather, engineer blamed for Mountsberg costs

Just as one controversial subject appears to be headed into oblivion, another is coming over the horizon, Halton Region Conservation Authority members learned Thursday. This time a railway, an engineer, a contractor and the weatherman are in hot water.

The big Mountsberg Dam reservoir — a \$562,500 project just completed in East Flamborough and Puslinch Townships, five miles west of Campbellville — is going to cost the Authority at least 14 per cent over the estimated cost, and several members of the Authority don't plan to take it lightly.

"Engineering mistakes, bad management, overruns and extra inspection fees" were blamed for the added costs by Authority member Bill Sargeant of Oakville, a provincial appointee to the H.R.C.A. But others pointed the finger at the C.P.R. and the weatherman.

"This is appalling," added Dr. C. A. Martin of Milton, the vice-chairman of the group. He called it a "very heavy overrun". "We have no alternative" (but to pay the added cost), added chairman Ralph Sherwood of Puslinch. He blamed the Canadian Pacific Railway for a lot of the financial troubles.

The project encompasses 1,120 acres and features a low, rock-fill dam 1,300 feet long and av-

eraging 14 feet high. An overflow spillway 250 feet long is separate from the dam. The lake formed by the dam covers 510 acres of ground, is 15 feet deep, and holds 2,600 acre feet of water. It was designed for flood control and summer stream regulation. For now the project is to remain as a conservation site but recreational facilities are contemplated for the future. It is already an ideal waterfowl sanctuary.

The price tag of \$562,500 includes acquisition of land, construction of the reservoir and the raising of approximately three-quarters of a mile of rail-

way trackage. The dam catches runoff water from a 14 square mile area north of the damsite, including creeks that flow through Darbyville, Brookville and Moffat. The Authority has located a workshop nearby and for last winter, housed its five imported buffalo there while permanent quarters were being readied at Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area near Milton.

At Thursday's meeting a discussion broke out when the Authority was passing minutes of an executive meeting. Mr. Sargeant opened the subject with a lengthy tirade against the consultant, M. A. Mackrell of Phillips and Roberts, a Burlington consulting firm which designed the project and supervised construction. (Continued on Page Seven)

## Two Nassagaweya groups tackle Plunkett proposal

Nassagaweya Township council and school board members took their first official shots at Thomas Plunkett's Halton-Peel needs study on Monday night.

At a joint meeting, councillors and trustees examined the weighty 126-page report and at the end of nearly three hours of discussion, decided to have clerk J. C. McIntyre make a list of their recommendations and have it ready for further study at a meeting to be held on November 21.

Reeve William Coulter suggested, "after next Monday's meeting, I'd hope we would have our official draft ready to submit to Mr. Spooner" (Hon. William J. Spooner, Minister of Municipal Affairs).

The School Board, while in agreement with a general concept of regional administration of school matters, favored a "creep" rather than "leap" approach. The Board favored the melting of the eight boards of education covering high schools and elementary schools in Nassagaweya, Esquesing, Milton,

Acton and Georgetown into one board of education. A similar amalgamation could take place in North Peel, South Peel and South Halton (Burlington and Oakville).

After the new boards have succeeded in providing adequate facilities at elementary and secondary levels within their own boundaries, they could proceed with stage two, which would offer three possibilities:

- To maintain four boards of education as in stage one,
- To amalgamate into two boards as recommended by Plunkett,
- To join into two county boards, namely Halton and Peel.

Board chairman Horace Blyth indicated Acton is currently in the process of arranging a meeting of representatives of the five north school boards of the Halton municipalities to discuss the proposal.

Most of the discussion concerned the municipal boundary split and the general consensus seemed to favor maintaining

the county's current eastern and western boundaries and having a north Halton region consisting of the five northern municipalities and a south Halton region consisting of Burlington and Oakville.

Reeve William Coulter said Highway 5 would be the logical cut-off point if the idea of cutting Halton into two regions was accepted. If Mr. Plunkett's plan is accepted he stated everyone in the proposed new area of Peel-Halton should insist that the southern boundary be 10 Sideroad, so that Milton Hospital, the Halton Centennial Manor and small industries in the area would be included in Peel-Halton.

## Milton finds further fault with Plunkett

Milton Council concluded its word by word review of the Plunkett Review on Local Government Monday, and faced the problem of drawing the comments and conclusions together for submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs by the end of the year.

Members were unanimous in their opposition to the division of the two counties as proposed by the Review. It was noted, however, there was much in the Review that was good and could be applied to a regional form of government. The proposed boundaries, it was suggested, would create more problems than they would solve.

In the detailed review of the final two sections of the Plunkett Report, a number of points were raised:

- To a suggestion in the report that present place names would continue in general usage even if they were not municipalities, one councillor inquired if anyone had recently heard of Trafalgar or Nelson.
- The report emphasized the difficulty of inter-municipal arrangements and the confusion that develops. It was suggested by a councillor this would continue in Milton's case if the boundary outline was adhered to. The hospital would still be in the southern urban area, while Milton would be in the northern rural area.

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## Milton Council Briefs



At its regular meeting Monday, members of Milton Council:

• Approved additional PSI benefits for town employees at a town cost of approximately \$15.75 per month.

• Authorized the reeve to update the town collection of pictures of past mayors to maintain the series, starting with the town's first mayor. Some of the more current pictures had not been added to the collection.

• Learned from Deputy Reeve C. Menefy that houses on Bell St. had been flooded in recent storm, despite the addition of a relief sewer line that engineers anticipated would alleviate the flooding.

• Heard J. Faubert, Riverplace Cres. also add complaints about basement flooding during the recent storm, from sewers that backed up.

• Approved a by-law implementing the recently approved holding of movies and concerts on Sunday.

• Referred to the streets and walks committee a letter outlining the mechanics of having a traffic study on the connecting link.

• Passed on to the centennial committee a suggestion bronze markers for the town centennial project should be ordered now, to be available in time for 1967 dedications.

• Agreed to contact the solicitor for some detail on a boundary problem in deeds between the town and Murray Kernighan, Mr. Kernighan noted he had heard nothing on the matter since April. The deputy clerk reported the file had been turned over to the town solicitor, but no report had been received. One is to be sought.

## Welcomes investigation into Service purchase

An investigation into the purchase of the Archie Service farm at Milton Heights by the Halton Region Conservation Authority would be welcomed, H.R.C.A. chairman Ralph Sherwood of Puslinch stated Thursday.

"A proper investigation by a qualified person into the Service farm purchase would be a wonderful thing at this time" to clear up all the adverse publicity, the chairman told the monthly meeting of the Authority.

His offer comes on the heels of Oakville Council's threat to call for a judicial inquiry into the matter. A campaign to discredit the Authority was launched over a month ago by Authority member Allan Masson, a former Mayor of Oakville, and it received the backing of Oakville's 1966 mayor Maureen Anderson. Their objection is that two land evaluators valued the farm at \$42,700 and \$42,300 but the Authority ended up paying \$70,000 for the 143 acres, including a house and barn facing the Town Line and adjoining Kelso Conservation area.

Masson said the deal "stinks". Anderson called it "a dirty can of worms".

The Provincial Government has since purchased 60 acres of the farm from H.R.C.A. for a site for a provincial agricultural museum, at \$40,000.

"There has been so much adverse publicity to this Authority, and probably I am at fault for it," said the chairman. "I personally would co-operate with it (an inquiry) in every way. I think it would be to the advantage of the Authority."

Burlington representative Barry Humphries said a motion welcoming an inquiry should not be necessary. "We are open to anybody running in here and investigating. We are a public body, spending public money. We are open to criticism, ridicule and praise. If they want to investigate us, okay."

He added, "a certain mayor in one of our municipalities is

with-holding to the greatest degree possible, and if he keeps it up the adverse publicity will catch up to him."

Members turned down a chairman's request for a motion welcoming an investigation, on the grounds it was not necessary. Mr. Masson pointed out one newspaper printed an erroneous story when it said Oakville Council had called for an inquiry. To date council has not approved one and the mayor's letter suggesting it was "received and filed".

Earlier at the same meeting Thursday, the Authority decided against selling Mr. Service a lot off the front of his property where he could build a new house. The original purchase of the Service property carried a proviso that Mr. Service could use his present home until next April.

An executive meeting of H.R.C.A. last week had approved selling Mr. Service a 125 by 150 foot lot on the Town Line for \$1,000 plus legal fees. But most members were against disposing of valuable frontage along the Town Line when the Authority only owned 300 feet of frontage on that roadway.

## Start station

Workmen began last week on Milton Hydro's newest project — a large substation on Ontario St. just north of the C.P.R. tracks that will double the amount of available hydro power for Milton.

The present Bronte St. substation is overloaded. The new one is designed to serve the town's needs for several years to come. Workmen have poured footings for the substation on the corner of the property that was once the Model Knitting Mills, more recently occupied by bus and trailer manufacturing firms.