

Acton, Milton representatives compare notes on needs study

Acton and Milton representatives to the North Halton Urban Board compared findings on the Plunkett Review of Local Government at a meeting in Milton last Wednesday.

Georgetown representatives sent regrets at not being able to be present due to the current election campaign in that municipality. Mayor L. Duby presided in the absence of chairman J. Young.

The draft of Milton comments to be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs was reviewed. It was agreed the boundaries proposed were unnatural and both municipalities indicated a basic desire to have Halton re-organized as a unit rather than emerge with Peel for a division.

It was also suggested a single level of government was not desirable. The representatives presented varied opinions, however, on what services should be allocated to each of two levels of government they proposed.

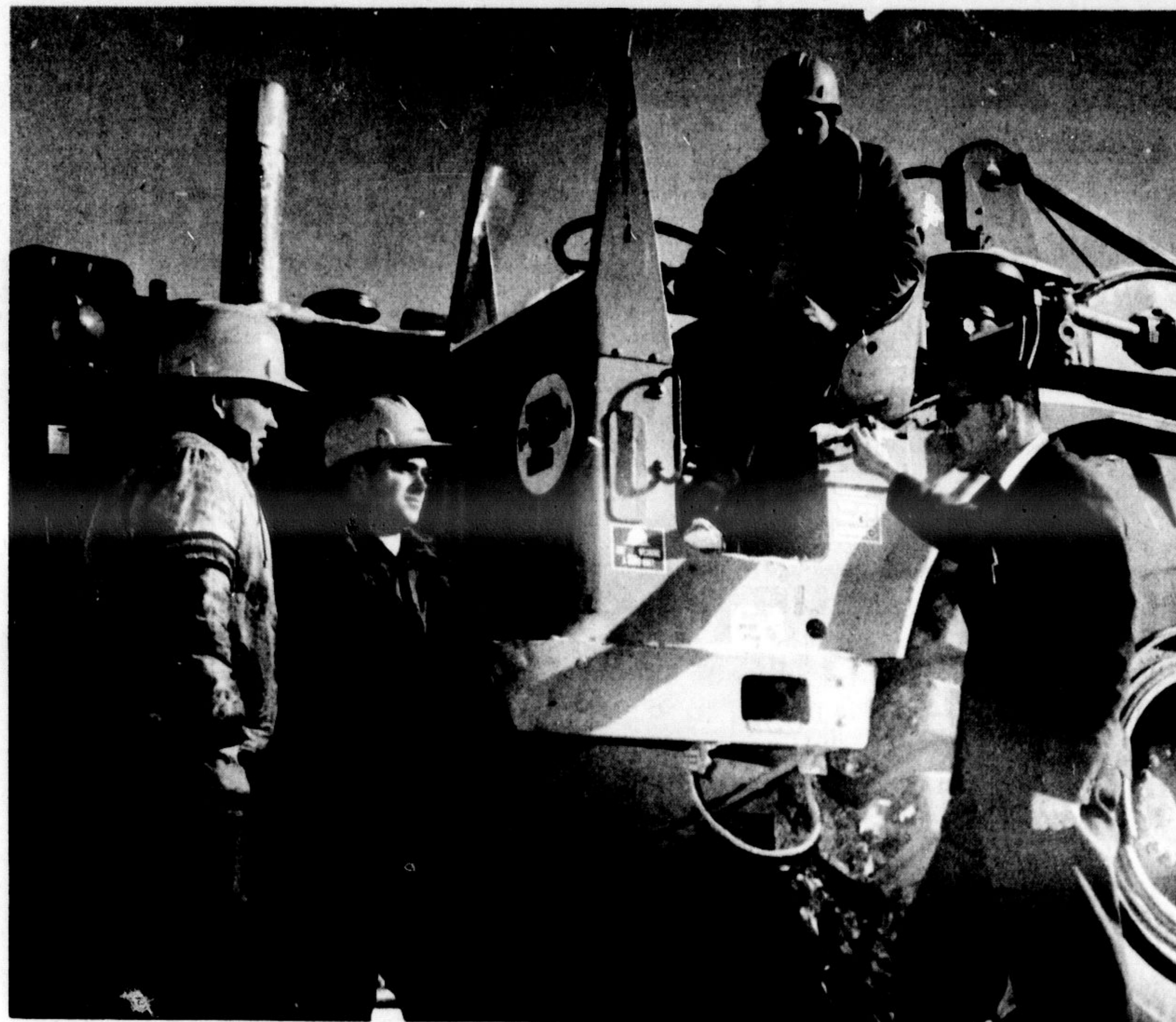
Mayor Duby reported Acton Council met earlier that night

to consider the basic draft of that town's submission on the Plunkett Report. He noted Acton initially proposed retaining Halton as a unit but since the Plunkett proposals had been received they had felt compelled to comment on the division proposed.

It was also reported Georgetown was not happy with the boundary proposals of Mr. Plunkett, but a detailed review of the report had not been possible in that town.

A brief from the Georgetown District High School Board expressed the importance of having Brampton and Bramalea included in the proposed rural municipality of Peel-Halton rather than the southern section proposed as Mississauga.

Councillor F. G. Oakes of Acton cautioned members to be alert to the economic possibilities of the proposed rural municipality. While Acton now pays 2.4 per cent of the county rate, in the larger municipality it would pay 10 per cent. Milton now pays 3.2 per cent and this would become 13 per cent.



—Staff Photo

TWELVE MEN graduated on Friday from the third course offered at the heavy equipment school, located on the Sixth Line Nassagaweya, north of Campbellville Sideroad. The school began operations in the spring and the completion of the third course marked the end of courses until April of 1967. Clifford Lloyd, principal of the Provincial Institute of Trades

and Occupations presented certificates to the graduates. Mr. Lloyd is shown talking to three of the graduates, Allan Lane, seated and Paul Hyslop and Robert Caudle. All the equipment used at the school is supplied by the Ontario Roadbuilders' Association. Each of the three courses lasted for 10 weeks.

KILBRIDE

Home, School plans two special meetings

By Mrs. William Watson

The Kilbride Home and School Association executive members met recently in the school staff room to plan the December and January meetings. The highlight of the December 20 meeting will be a Christmas program put on by the students and teachers of the school.

At the January 17 meeting, Len Kay, Principal of Maplehurst School will be guest speaker and use as his topic, Pioneer Village — 1967 Centennial Year. A colored film accompanies his brief talk. President Mrs. William Trenwith announced that Mrs. Richard Scherle, social convener, has resigned and Mrs. Allan Stokes accepted as assistant to Mrs. Stan Corman.

Thirty six families had bought membership cards at the October and November meetings. Hot dog day for the month of December will be held on Dec. 21.

The local Association of the First Kilbride Girl Guide Company held a successful euchre party at the community centre Saturday, November 26, with 10 tables set up. Prizes for euchre went to Mrs. Doreen Anderchek, Mrs. Brenda Burns, Pete Kozak and Walter Wilson. Door prizes went to Horace McArthur, Dorothy Dalton, William Pegg and Gladys Wilson.

The Men's Group Committee of the 14th Burlington Cub Pack is selling Christmas trees. These trees can be purchased from Donald Coulson, Cedar Springs Rd. and at Watson's Esso Service.

The sacrament of baptism on Sunday, November 27, was administered by Rev. C. Robert Wrang to Lesa Louise Bye, Susan Janine Bye, Randall Scott Coverdale and Scott Alvin Kinnear at Kilbride United Church; and to William David Clugston, Thomas Roy Forde, Donald Jeffrey Harper, Deborah Anne Jonas, Keith Douglas Munro, Nancy Jean Robinson, Kelly Anne West and Richard John Willemsen at Carlisle United Church.

Mrs. Birdie Broatch died Saturday, November 26, at the Henderson General Hospital in her 76th year. Funeral service was held Tuesday, November 29 from the C. H. Smith Funeral Home, 92 Parkdale Avenue, North, Hamilton. Interment followed in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

She was the wife of the late George Broatch and the mother of George of Hamilton, Harry of Kilbride, Edward of Hanon, Evelyn (Mrs. Richard Skewes) and Helen (Mrs. Thomas Cain) both of Hamilton. Also surviving are one brother, Roy of Western Canada, 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Board defends library home economics, shop

Nassagaweya school board's decision to include a library, home economics and manual training instruction when the new addition is completed next fall at Brookville School, is based on sound principles and is a step in the right direction toward a complete, all-round education for township students, the Board said Monday.

In a statement to this newspaper following their meeting with Township Council for approval of the \$292,194 project that will add nine rooms to the present 15-room school, the Board noted:

* Home economics and industrial arts provide practical training for all children.

* They de-emphasize the concept of one-track learning.

* In elementary schools all children take part in such classes, while in secondary school it is an option.

* Such courses in elementary schools increase the participation in the courses in the secondary school. In the past 20 years the percentage of students taking high school education has increased from 37 to 74 per cent, and over half

these are in technical courses. * Composite secondary schools provide greater opportunities for those with technical aspirations — even to university admission.

* Job opportunities are similarly increased. * The courses help students decide earlier about their choice of a career. They also assist elementary school teachers in forwarding recommendations about the student's work to high school officials.

The Board is including a library classroom in the new addition. It is hoped the library can be made available for residents of the township, and the Department of Education is encouraging this broader use of the library facilities.

Inclement weather blamed for crashes

Poor driving conditions, limited visibility and icy roads were partly blamed for a rash of accidents in the North Halton area patrolled by Milton O.P.P. over the past week. From Thursday to Monday, officers investigated 20 accidents which caused \$9,330 in property damage.

Four persons, two of them from Milton and district, were injured.

Six-year-old Monica Sosnowski of Milton Heights suffered a broken leg Saturday afternoon near her home. A car driven by Anne Mae Collins of Milton, leaving the Kelso Conservation Area, struck a stop sign and the sign hit the girl on the leg.

Murray McConnell of Ontario St., Milton, received a wrenched back in a one-car accident on the Base Line Monday.

Monday was a slippery day and four of the day's eight accidents happened on Highway 401. One involved a truck which rolled over and two men in it received injuries. Another truck rolled over and received \$4,000 damage. In one accident, a truck's tailgate fell open and a load of gravel spilled on the roadway, causing \$150 damage to the glass and paint of a car.

There were five accidents on Thursday, two Friday, two Saturday and three on Sunday.

During the week Nov. 27 to Dec. 3, personnel of the Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, worked a total of 899 hours, and during this period, a total of 9,209 miles of highways were patrolled.

As a result, 29 traffic charges were laid and 28 violation warnings were issued. In addition, two persons were charged with "impaired driving" and one person with "leaving the scene of an accident".

Five liquor seizures were made and five charges preferred under the Liquor Control Act.

There were 39 general occurrences reported including theft of gasoline from Johnson's

Wrecking Yard, Esquesing-Er-Town Line; theft of electric motors from the construction site of the Christian Reform Church, con. 8, Esquesing Twp.; theft of an Olympique Ski-Doo from property of Murt Allison, Hwy. 7, Esquesing Twp.; several rural mailboxes damaged in Nassagaweya and Esquesing Twp.; one stolen vehicle was recovered for other police departments; and the remainder were occurrences of a minor nature.

A blood escort was conducted from Bronte to the Milton District Hospital.

Sgt. W. J. Grant said many accidents were attributed to the inclement weather and motorists are urged to drive with increased caution when roads are slippery and weather is adverse.

Red Cross blood clinic on January 5

As soon as Christmas is over, citizens of Milton and district can prepare to "roll up their sleeves" again.

The semi-annual Red Cross blood clinic will be held at the Legion Hall on Thursday, January 5, clinic convener Paul Kent of Milton Red Cross announced this week. Members of the Red Cross held a meeting last week to lay plans for the one-day clinic. They expect ladies of the Catholic Women's League will be assisting in the organization and staffing of the clinic.

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Warden on TV

After the special county council meeting Monday afternoon, warden H. H. Hinton was interviewed on CBC TV about county spending on entertainment. He appeared on the 6:30 news on channel 6, expressing his feeling that all the expenses were justified.

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Chamber, University Women pledge support of council's Plunkett answer

Support for Milton Council's submission on the Plunkett Review of Local Government was expressed by Milton Chamber of Commerce in a letter to council Monday. The Chamber also offered to seek petition support. Council accepted this offer.

A submission from the University Women's Club also expressed support for the suggestion of retaining Halton and Peel counties as separate jurisdictions.

The seven page submission from the University Women's Club of Milton and District was presented by Mrs. F. McQuat, who noted it had been prepared by a study group of the organization and endorsed by the club.

"It is our opinion that arbitrary division of the two existing Halton and Peel counties, as proposed, into two new municipalities on the sole basis of industrial and rural function, would not be in the best interest of the area or the province. . . . It would seem logical to continue to use the existing boundaries as the basis for two such integrated municipalities", the report suggested.

A significant part of the report dealt with provisions for education administration. "This club feels . . . that the formation of larger units of administration for educational purposes will benefit the children to be educated." It was emphasized, however, that either a local board or an assistant to the director of education is necessary in each area to provide a closer link between the board of education and local citizens.

The report disagreed with the principle in the Plunkett Report of separating industrial and rural areas. If this is inevitable, however, it suggested additional territory to the south of Milton should be provided with some guarantee that industrial and housing development could take place as desirable.

The difficulty of providing equal educational opportunity was cited if industrial development was not permitted in the north area with its contribution to local taxation.

Other reasons cited for retaining the present county boundaries included: the importance of green belt areas for urban dwellers, the sense of identity citizens have with the present county units, the additional cost in amending maps, voting arrangement and school texts, the difference in the county rate between Peel and Halton, the cutting of watersheds that would take place

if the Plunkett boundaries were applied, the impossibility of a balanced assessment, and the future use of the present county building.

The Club's conclusion endorsed the retention of the present county boundaries, and the establishment of a County Board of Education with representation on the basis of population, assessment, and area, and that a close link be maintained with each locality.

Mayor Childs expressed council's appreciation to the University Women's Club for their submission, and promised a copy would go to the Minister of Municipal Affairs as well as opposition leaders in the provincial house and the county council.

Lock your car

Police warn of gift thefts

There are few joys to match the feeling of relief and a job well done that comes when you have completed your Christmas gift buying safari for another year.

There are also few moments in a lifetime to match the sick, empty feeling you get when you return to the car and find that someone else is enjoying the presents you had intended for your family and friends.

Wouldn't it have been a much happier Christmas for you if you had locked the car and at least slowed down the thief as he made his rounds?

Don't make the mistake the owners of \$4,000 worth of merchandise in this area made last year.

Lock your car. Let the criminals buy their own presents.

Milton police chief Ray Andrews urges everyone to lock his or her car while shopping for

Christmas 1966. Police are distributing flyers warning shoppers to take extra precautions at Christmas time.

12 accidents during month

Milton Police report a total of 12 accidents occurred during the month of November, causing \$2,605 property damage. This brings the total for 1966 to 161 accidents and a total toll of \$38,545 damage, with one month to go.

No injuries or fatalities were reported.

—Church groups are busy planning Sunday School parties and pageants, which begin this weekend and will last until Christmas.

—Next Red Cross blood clinic is scheduled for January 5.

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Name soldiers

Some of those soldiers in the photo "Peeking into Milton's Past" in last week's Champion have been identified.

Charlie Kennedy reports the men of the 76th Battalion, earlier the Halton Rifles, included R. M. Clements in the front; Peter Brady on the left side of the picture; Bob Parker, third from left; Ted Hardy, fourth from the right; and Mugs Mills standing in the doorway in the background.

Joe Waters of Milton also remembers some of the boys. He verified Bob Hardy's identification, then added Bob Wicks fourth from left; John Patterson seventh from left; Hugh Miles right; and W. Allan second from right.