

— Our Readers Write —

LIBRARY SERVICE TO BE COMMENDED

Dear Editor:
Since Library Week has just ended, I think we, as citizens, should sit down and contemplate the vast opportunity we have to enrich our education by the library services provided here in Milton.

Working both as a teacher-librarian at the W. I. Dick school and as school librarian at O.S.D., I have appreciated the courteous and efficient service that has been rendered by Mrs. Johnston and her staff. My two years here in Milton have been thrilling in regard to library work. I only hope the impetus initiated here will continue and that some day, Milton will be regarded as a model community in this area.

Yours very truly,
George Parry,
Sr. School Librarian,
Ontario School for the Deaf.

BY-LAW WON'T STAND UP IN COURT

Dear Sir:
I never thought I would see the day when I would align myself with the quarry operators against Nassagaweya's Council. (If I had my way the quarries would stop operations immediately) but when it comes to objecting to the new Zoning By-Law, I am on their side, if only for different reasons.
First of all the By-Law, if passed by the O.M.B. etc., is doomed as soon as it is contested in a court of law. The Municipal Act specifies that in the case of such Zoning By-Laws, meetings, plural, will be held and that accurate maps will be presented to the taxpayers concerned. Last year's two gatherings to discuss the By-Law could not be defined as hearings as specified by the Municipal Act. (The maps presented were grossly inaccurate, and the documents referred to

by the planners were not the same documents available to the taxpayers or any members of Council.

So in fact only one hearing has been held, and I, like many others, who had other commitments, due to shift work, sickness, etc., couldn't attend. The stupidity of not holding further hearings will become apparent when someone contests this By-Law in court and the taxpayers have to pay the costs.

My personal objection to this restrictive By-Law is that the Federal Government is spending thousands of dollars to encourage people to emigrate to Canada, our cities are overflowing, yet we in Nassagaweya want to establish five little medieval forts, (Campbellville, Brookville, Eden Mills, Moffat and Milton Heights) and surround them with moats of red tape in an effort to stem this human tide, yet those who proposed this By-Law, those who have examined it, and those who will pass it, know Nassagaweya's problem, like all other rural townships, is in our antiquated tax structure and the Provincial Government's inability to cope with the situation.

W. A. Johnson,
R.R. 2, Rockwood.

Approve TV tower in North Oakville

A Toronto radio station, CFRB, has been granted permission by Oakville planners to build a TV transmission tower near the Base Line-Tenth Line intersection in North Oakville.
A previous application for the tower was rejected because the site was too close to the proposed Burlington Airport. The new site has been approved by the Department of Transport.
Area residents who were worried the tower would disrupt their TV and radio reception have been assured by the D.O.T. there will be stringent controls to prevent any interference. CFRB hopes to obtain permission to start a new TV station in Toronto.

Draw winners

Three Miltonians, Helen Stroud, Norm Hillson and Bill Taylor were lucky winners on Monday night in the Milton Lions Club's 200 club draw.
Guest speaker at the Monday meeting was Halton Region Conservation Authority field officer Dave Murray, who showed slides and explained the work of the Authority.

One out of every seven families in this country changes its residence each year.

Martin House home for aged in use, filling up quickly

Martin House — the new 155 bed home for Halton's aged — is now in use.

Plagued by delays since work began more than two years ago, the \$1,500,000 building is filling up quickly. The first patients were moved in on April 18 from the adjacent Halton Centennial Manor and the first "new patients" — patients who hadn't before been in a home — were moved in on Monday.

Superintendent Stanley Allen reports, "things are coming along nicely now, and I would hope that by mid-May we would be able to accommodate all the folks who now have their names on the waiting list."

Some work, including the landscaping, the final grading, the laying of sidewalks and work on the balconies is yet to be completed. Mr. Allen believes, however, that all the work should be done by the 15th of June.

More patients are being moved in every day and so far, no serious problems have developed. Quite a few patients are being moved from the Centennial Manor and their beds are being taken by "new patients".

Despite the many delays, it looks as though the impressive building — named in honor of the Martin family of Milton — will be well worth the wait. The opinions of residents and staff members have had significant influence on the design of the building.
Bright colors which dominate throughout and the audiovisual communications system from rooms to the nurses' station, are unusual in buildings of this type.
A staff of about 75 is required to look after the building. Mr. Allen explained, "there aren't as many residents in the building but more staff will be required because many are bed-care patients."

Mr. Allen expressed appreciation for the patience shown by the people who have had to wait for long periods for the completion of the building. "I found most of the people very co-operative and understanding and I certainly appreciated it," he said.

Authority sets out major '67 projects

Halton Region Conservation Authority's 1967 budget, totaling \$3,031,960 includes several major projects to be undertaken this year.

At the Authority's budget meeting, the projects were spelled out in detail.

Major capital projects the Authority plans to carry out during 1967 include:
Mount Nemo Conservation Area — Acquire approximately 97 acres of land along the Niagara Escarpment at a cost of \$40,000.

Mountsberg Reservoir — Complete the Mountsberg Dam and raising of the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks (substantially complete) at a cost of \$232,349.95.

Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area — Acquire an additional 197.5 acres of land at the base of the Escarpment at a cost of \$54,500.

Kelso Conservation Area — Continue development of area as follows: Landscaping, east end of lake, construct changehouse at beach area, erosion control measures at east end of lake, improvement of existing roads, extended concrete deck around pool area, improve camping area, addition to present changehouse to accommodate clothes lockers and first aid facilities, at a cost of \$23,400.

Oakville Flood Plain Lands — Acquire 12.9 acres of flood plain lands at an estimated cost of \$13,000.

Flood Plain Mapping — Continue mapping of all flood plain lands in the watershed at a cost of \$4,572.

Hilton Falls Reservoir — Purchase of 450 acres of land re-

quired for the proposed Dam and Reservoir at a cost of \$55,000.

Scotch Block Reservoir — Purchase of 127.5 acres of land required for proposed Dam and Reservoir at a cost of \$34,000, subject to approval of the municipalities and the Ontario Municipal Board.

Oakville Flood Control — Now that approval of the Federal Government has been received, it is expected that engineering will be completed very shortly and tenders called for the construction. A plan of expropriation covering all the land required for the Morrison-Wedgewood Diversion has been filed and surveys and appraisals are now being made.

The revised cost of this phase of the Flood Control project amounts to \$2,386,000, of which the Federal and Provincial Governments will each contribute 37½ per cent and the Authority, of which Oakville is the benefiting municipality, the remaining 25 per cent.

Burlington Flood Control — The Burlington Flood Control, at the moment, consists of special engineering covering an economic study of the project and design engineering for parts of four creeks in order to obtain all the necessary data for submission to the Provincial and Federal Government for approval.

In addition, there are several small approved schemes covering development of various areas and tree planting programs.

—Did you remember to turn your clock ahead to Daylight Saving Time on Saturday night, or were you an hour late for church?

Milton firm supplies trees for "White Oak" project '67

A local firm, Whistle Bar Farms Limited of Milton, is supplying the trees for a unique centennial project in Oakville this year.

Organizations or individuals interested in seeing more White Oaks growing in the "white oaks" community are being invited to subscribe \$100 for a 12 to 15 foot high White Oak tree, which will be planted in parks, school grounds and other public places.

The donors would be named on a plaque on the tree and their names will be entered in a special memorial book to be kept by the town. A board of trustees is supervising the fund.

A century ago, Oakville was heavily timbered with the stately White Oaks, which supplied raw material for Oakville's first industry, Chisholm's lumber mill. The trees inspired Mazo de la Roche, who wrote her famous "Whiteoaks of Janna" series in the area.

However, today, the magnificent stands of trees are gone and only a few remain in the entire county.

NEED SIGNATURE

The Champion welcomes letters to the editor on subjects of local concern. However, all letters must be signed by the writer, even if a pen name is to be used for publication. A letter on lost dogs received this week cannot be published until the writer identifies himself.

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High School Highlights

by maurice cassidy

It was previously mentioned in another column, that certain ideas had been forming concerning another tour to Expo available to all interested students. It is apparent that these rumors are slowly being replaced by facts. This trip would prove most educational to those students willing to pay the required \$45. Tentative plans reveal that the trip will be four days in length and transportation will be by train or bus. It is hoped that accommodations will be available at the Laurentian Hotel, however, if not the students will stay at specially provided apartments.
All these plans are being revealed in the hopes it will stimulate interest since at least 120

must agree to go. This trip will be under the continuous supervision of capable staff members.

After an endless wait the Student Council has finally ordered a school sports timer. It might be noted that this is indeed a welcome sight and since former Student Councils have promised a timer and then hesitated, this writer was skeptical. Students can remember this year's Student Council as being one of action.

Although it is not official yet, the financial resources of the Grade 12's after a year of continuous efforts are excellent. The Grade 12's are shy of the \$2,000 mark by \$250. I would estimate their chances of suc-

cess on a 50-50 basis. The students have two projects or possibly three before the year's climax. These include a car wash and a bake sale, both limited opportunities. However, even if the 12's do become rather resigned towards the end of the year it is to be expected since they have already surpassed any previous Grade 12 records concerning finances.

In previous years, however, it has been noted that the Grade 12's have been rather overwhelmed at the approach of the trip and thus their profit-making projects were not as successful. We trust this will not happen. At any rate the Grade 12's can take great pride in a year of accomplishments.

Asked to chop it

High school board has trouble cutting \$15,000 from budget

Proposed cuts in the budget of Milton District High School Board were reviewed by members in a meeting last week. Milton Council's finance committee wrote, asking significant reductions.

"We can't exceed to their request to cut \$50,000. This is a realistic budget", the board's finance committee chairman G. Roberts stressed.

The town finance committee requested the board to permit two land purchases of \$26,000 and \$12,000 to be debentured; pay over \$32,000 remaining in the building fund to apply against the debenture payments this year; delete plans for a \$15,000 playing field, reduce the overall budget by \$50,000 and consider electric heating in the new addition planned for the school.

Trustee Roberts suggested it was up to the town to determine if it wanted to debenture the land purchase; there was still no report from the auditor on the suggested \$32,000 that was remaining in the building fund; the playing field had been needed for some time and

was considered a priority item; the budget could not be cut by \$50,000 since it was based on a realistic assessment of expenditures; and the use of electric heat didn't appear to have anything to do with the current budget.

It was stressed in discussions the Board had \$70,000 in non-recurring revenue from the Martin St. school sale to the public school board and the current surplus. This would reduce next year's grant and produce a significant increase in the levy in 1968.

The playing field currently used will be used in the construction of the planned addition and the \$15,000 allowance was essential for a new field, members concluded.

Members agreed by motion to retain the \$15,000 for a playing field, to permit the debenturing of land purchases made to increase the size of the present site, and determine if a \$15,000 reduction could not be made elsewhere throughout the budget.
The Board continually expressed concern about the effect reductions this year would have on next year's levy. Members of the finance committee reported they had explained all this in great detail to the town's finance committee.

Milton Council Briefs

During a lengthy meeting April 24, members of Milton Council:

- Authorized the Police Chief to prepare specifications for a new police cruiser with tenders to be called later. The item was included in this year's budget.

- Agreed to study renewal of the trees planting program under which the town has been sharing the cost of trees with ratepayers when the trees are planted near the street line. The initial by-law was for five years and the period has expired.

- Accepted the recommendation of solicitors and appraisers in offering Woodtown Ltd. \$400 for land expropriated for the widening of the Main - Ontario intersection. The land was used in the widening of the creek.

- Noted a meeting had been requested by Esqueusing and Nassagaweya with the water committee to discuss water

service to the Milton Heights area where pollution is creating problems.

- Expressed support for two resolutions initiated by the Town of Orangeville calling on the province to establish a provincial teacher salary schedule and some basic plans for school construction that could be expanded as required.

- Referred to M. Kernighan, a suggested agreement to settle the problem of the boundary along the Mill Pond where two surveys indicate differences.

FARMER'S HELPER
Repeated scientific examinations of pellets of indigestible material coughed up by the American screech owl show that this predatory bird is beneficial to agriculture. Living mostly on small mammals, it consumes large quantities of seed and plant destroying rodents.

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Lost licence is recovered 8 miles away

A PVC bus licence lost Monday, April 17, and the subject of a two-hour search, was found on Thursday eight miles away from the place it was lost.

The licence was placed in an envelope and laid on the bumper of a bus while bus owner George Inglis of Campbellville changed the licence plates on another bus. When he went to pick it up, it was gone. That was Monday night.

Thursday the licence, unharmed and still in the envelope, was found on the Red-Mix property on Bronte St. North. Paul Coulson found the licence and turned it in to the local police who quickly called Mr. Inglis.