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Centennial hoopla for Canada's 100th birthday

Township birthday is success

An excellent program that pleased and featured both young and old, almost perfect weather, a crowd totalling 2,500 and a lot of happy memories resulted on the weekend, when the citizens of Nassagaweya Township staged a celebration honoring Canada's 100th birthday in a fashion truly worthy of the occasion.

The weekend was termed "a success in every way" by the organizers, and those who attended just had to agree. While rain Saturday afternoon and evening somewhat dampened the program, the remainder of the three-day celebration at Mohawk Raceway went off without a hitch.

Friday's celebrations were highlighted by the naming of a centennial queen, a hootenanny, amateur entertainment and dancing that pleased both young and old. One of the six girls entered in the centennial queen contest, Susan Commons of Campbellville, emerged as the queen and Mary Dennis and Faye Mathies were named her princesses. Susan was selected Friday and reignited over the weekend's festivities wearing a regal robe and tiara, and carrying a sceptre.

While four local go-go girls and the rock 'n' roll music of J. C. and The Squires band from Milton kept the younger crowd hopping outside the raceway, the "oldsters" flocked inside for square and round dancing. Perhaps the most moving portion of the whole gala weekend was the arrival of the giant birthday cake on Friday night, which was greeted by the singing of "Happy Birthday to Canada" and "O Canada".

Saturday's festivities included a centennial parade and ethnic dancing in the afternoon, topped off with a locally-talented variety show in the evening. Numerous floats and smaller entries joined the parade around the race track, and most of the entries in the procession bore a centennial theme.

The evening program had just reached the intermission when the rains cancelled the remainder of the show. A fireworks display was held anyway and spectators enjoyed it in the dry comfort from inside the track's grandstand.

Sunday's program comprised dedication ceremonies at Campbellville, Eden Mills and Brookville Parks, where the Township Council has completed \$3,600 worth of improvements and additions. Simultaneous services were held at Eder Mills and Campbellville at 2:30 p.m., then everyone flocked to an outdoor community church service at Brookville during which the new Brookville Ball Park was dedicated. Over 400 attended the service at Brookville which featured a massed choir from the township's churches and music by the Salvation Army Band.

While parts of the Saturday show had to be cancelled due to the weather, the organizers

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Special section says "happy 100 years" to Canada

Today's Champion contains a unique centennial souvenir — an exact reproduction of a July, 1867 Canadian Champion that was originally published on the eve of Canada's confederation and is reproduced this week on the eve of our country's 100th birthday, July 1.

The special four-page supplement will be found inside the second section of today's paper. The Champions of 1867 were four-page issues in those days, with local news concentrated on pages 2 and 3. The supplement is printed so it can be easily removed and preserved as a suitable memento of Canada's birthday.

Additional copies of the supplement will be made available on request at The Champion office.



NASSAGAWEYA'S CENTENNIAL celebrations on the weekend included the selection of a centennial queen, a parade of floats, a hootenanny and dance, ethnic dancing, an antique show, a variety program and the dedication of three centennial parks. Above, Reeve William Coulter, Warden of Halton County, crowns Susan Commons of Campbellville as "Miss Nassagaweya Centennial Queen". Her prin-

cesses are Faye Mathies on the left and Mary Dennis, right. Below, Campbellville Public School principal Jim Watson entered a float in the Saturday parade depicting the "little red schoolhouse" of a century ago. Children from the school played the parts of students and teacher on the attractive float.

(Staff Photos)

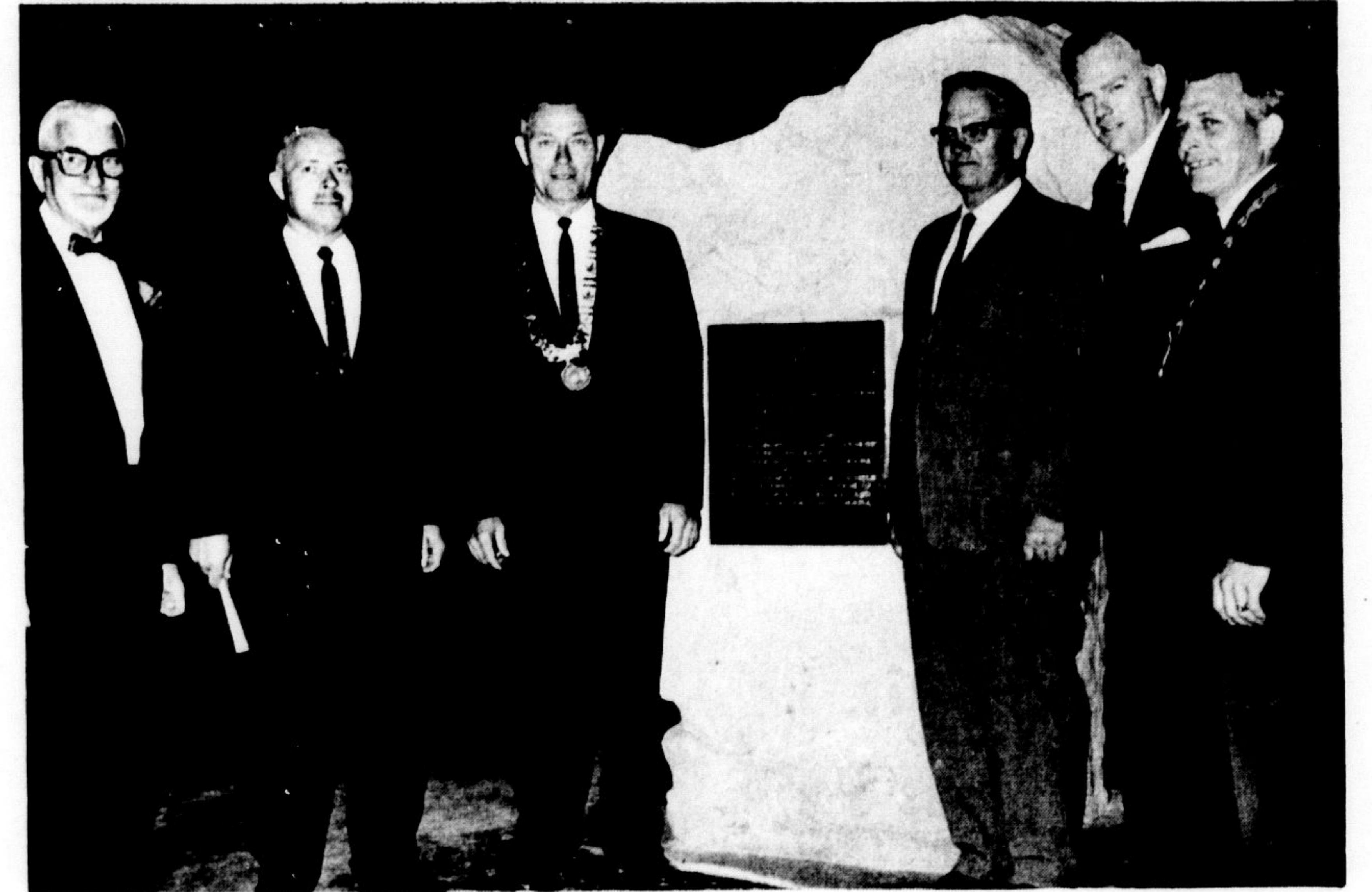
Dedicates mill pond Sunday

Close to 1,000 people crowded around the town's centennial project Sunday evening to witness the dedication of the Milton Centennial Park. The project that has been in the planning for some time, was opened with a fine program organized by project manager Ross Pearen.

The program included the presentation of the park to Mayor Sidney Childs from J. C. Pettigrew of Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd., singing by the Martin St. senior public school choir, the playing of the Acton Citizens' Band and an impressive torchlight canoe parade carried out by the First Milton Rover Crew. The evening was capped by an illustrious fireworks display.

Mayor S. G. Childs, Dr. Carl Martin, Halton Warden William Coulter, Halton M.P.P. George Kerr and Reford Gardhouse, who appeared to represent Dr. Harry Harley, M.P. for Halton, all made brief speeches.

Earlier, a service of Thanksgiving and Rededication was held at the fair grounds. Six local ministers, Rev. J. Lorne Graham, Rev. Fr. J. J. Murphy, Rev. M. C. Christensen, Rev. T. M. Duxton, Rev. J. K. L. McGown and Rev. Clayton Coles, officials George Kerr, M.P.P., guest speaker the Hon. R. S. K. Welch, M.P.P., provincial



AFTER THREE YEARS OF PLANNING, Milton Centennial Park is a reality and a most attractive centennial project. Several officials were on hand Sunday evening to dedicate the project. Pictured above from left to right, they are Project Manager Ross Pearen, J. C. Petti-

grew of Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd. which donated the land, Mayor Sidney Childs, Dr. Carl Martin who explained the pond's history, M.P.P. George Kerr, and Warden Bill Coulter.

(Staff Photo)

Holiday weekend

Stores closing Saturday industry, offices Monday

The majority of Milton's stores will be closed all day this Saturday for the July 1 holiday, and open all day Monday. Most will be open Thursday and Friday nights until 9 p.m.

Milton Chamber of Commerce has announced that this holiday schedule suits the majority of the businesses, after earlier confusion among storekeepers.

Milton Park Dairy is cancelling milk delivery on Saturday,

but scheduling regular deliveries for Monday.

Local banks, the trust company, industries, the county building and the town hall will all be closed on Monday for the holiday. These firms are normally closed on Saturdays anyway.

Milton Post Office will be closed and there will be no letter carrier deliveries on Saturday, but regular hours and deliveries will be in effect on Monday.

Urge O.M.B. to hurry high school approval

Milton Council, already battling the Ontario Municipal Board over annexation problems, is taking up the cudgels again on a new campaign to get the O.M.B. to speed up approval on the Milton District High School board's planned expansion.

"We are going to make every effort to get to the bottom of this, this week," Mayor S. G. Childs told board trustee John Noble after the council and a delegation from the board spent half an hour in discussion. The board is worried that if the O.M.B. delays the approval any longer, construction prices will be higher when the project goes out to tender.

The O.M.B. has had the board's application for approval for the project for two months. Mr. Noble and Deputy-Reeve Menefy contacted Halton M.P.P. George Kerr by telephone during Monday's meeting and he promised to investigate Tuesday.

Meanwhile the Board wondered if Milton Council's appeal of the Oakville Committee of Adjustment decision granting C. McCann permission to sell a parcel of land to the board for expansion, might be delaying the school's progress.

Councillors noted Planning Board Secretary Ross Pearen

was discussing the matter with Oakville this week and they would await a report from him before taking any further action.

Boycott but not walkout

Milton council's promised "walkout" on Minister of Energy and Resources, the Hon. J. R. Simonett, failed to come off Thursday. Instead, it turned out to be a "boycott".

Mr. Simonett was guest speaker at a ceremony Thursday afternoon when the Dufferin Quarries turned over a parcel of land to the Halton Region Conservation Authority, and Milton councillors were among the invited guests. But the town fathers, frustrated in their annexation attempts and admittedly fed up with listening to government spokesmen promise lots but do nothing, decided to walk out when the Minister rose to speak.

However, no councillors were in the audience when the ceremony took place. Councillor Percy Barr was the only Milton councillor who made it, and he came late — after Mr. Simonett's remarks — on purpose.

Mr. Barr told The Champion he later had a long talk with the Minister about Milton's annexation problems. The two were boyhood friends at Carleton Place, so there was no animosity shown during the discussion.

Five councillors forgot their boycott of provincial officials on Wednesday evening of last week. Mayor Syd Childs, Reeve Austan Ledwith and councillors Charles Fay, Percy Barr and Brian Best were present at the opening of the new Martin St. school when the assistant superintendent of the Department of Education, W. G. Chatterton, was speaking.



CAMPBELLVILLE SCHOOL

88 lots in two parcels

Stall two subdivisions

Two applications for subdivisions totalling 88 new homes were stalled when they came before Milton Council on Monday. The town wants more facts and figures from assessor Jack Charlton before giving any further consideration to solicitor W. Bourne's application to build on 79 lots in the Bronte St. fields of the Fallingbrooke subdivision, and a request by P. K. McWilliams for approval of a nine-lot subdivision north of Highside Dr.

While some councillors argue for retention of the town's long-standing "freeze" on further subdivision building, others are inclined to allow more homes if the lot frontages and home sizes are sufficient to "carry themselves" tax-wise.

Mr. Bourne represents the owners of the three vacant fields in the Heslop Rd. and Anne Blvd. area on Bronte St. and had earlier requested permission to build there. Council at a recent committee meeting decided the lots would have to be a minimum

of 70 feet frontage and 1,400 square foot frontage to pay for themselves, instead of being a burden on all the taxpayers.

The solicitor and a planner

Nobody home this weekend

"I hope nothing serious happens in town this weekend," one observer muttered during Town Council's meeting on Monday.

All nine members of the council will either be away out of town or "tied up" on the holiday weekend, Mayor S. G. Childs found out, when he polled members to line up a speaker for a Boy Scout Centennial Campsite opening at Drummond Sunday afternoon. Not one member could promise to be available for the event.

The Mayor was authorized to have a local Scout official represent the council at the camp ceremony.

Ross Raymond, who appeared again on Monday, argued they should be allowed to build homes priced in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 price range and work to an "average" square footage in the entire subdivision, rather than be held to a minimum size for each home.

"This, they explained, would produce a development that would be more economical to both the town and the developer, and avoid the 'matchbox' type of home."

Councillor Charles Johnson complained of the high education costs that more homes will produce, and suggested "as I have said before, a home has got to be an asset, not a liability."

Council agreed to have the assessor attend their next meeting and give some figures on what size of home and lots will carry themselves.

At the same meeting, it will discuss an application by P. K. McWilliams for his nine-lot subdivision. The planning board has authorized the sub-

division although lot frontages do not conform to council's demand for 70 feet throughout. Council must yet pass it before the subdivision can go ahead.

Name M.O.H.

A new Medical Officer of Health will be engaged this week for the County of Halton, it was learned today.

Council's personnel committee and the Board of Health chairman earlier this week interviewed four of the applicants for the advertised position. A selection has been made and the appointment of the new M.O.H. is expected to be confirmed on Thursday evening during a special meeting of County Council.

Halton has been without an M.O.H. since the resignation of Dr. Archie F. Bull earlier this year. Dr. L. M. Stuart has been acting M.O.H. since his retirement.

secretar, and chancellor of Niagara Diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada and Mayor Childs all took part in the rededication ceremonies. Approximately 700 people attended the service.

Mrs. Harold Magee played the organ while Norman Hare led the singing of the hymns, Brownies, Rovers, Cubs, Scouts and Guides were all in attendance and formed a parade from the fair grounds to the new Centennial Park following the service and the officials' remarks. The Scout groups had paraded to the fair grounds from downtown, led by the Acton band.

Mr. Welch, the guest speaker, delivered a brief but thought-provoking sermon. He spoke of this nation's grand heritage and how proud all should be of our ancestors for the courage and dedication that was needed to build Canada into the nation it is today.

Mr. Welch said "In this era of affluence, we often leave God out of the picture and tend to put man in the highest. It is time now that we take individual stock of ourselves and re-assess loyalty to our God, who is the Maker."

"I am sure the citizens will be proud of this park," Mayor Childs told the crowd at the pond ceremony. "We look forward to many more pleasant hours in the park during the coming years."

Mr. Pettigrew, in presenting the land to the town, noted "our company considers it an honor and privilege to contribute the Milton Centennial Park. It stands as a credit to the town and the people."

Former owner of the mill and the pond, Dr. Martin briefly mentioned the pond's history spans 140 years since his ancestors dug the pond by hand and with oxcarts. "George Brown, the first Mayor of the town in 1857, would be very proud today of the pond and the town hall and the way they are being preserved," he said. "You are continuing one of the first man-made conservation measures in Ontario," he continued, "my family and I are very happy to see the preservation of the pond."

"This project will help us remember 100 years of Confederation and will certainly give us more impetus for the future," George Kerr said.

Halton salutes centennial ceremony in Milton park

Halton's county-sponsored centennial celebrations will take place this Saturday morning, Dominion Day, with an hour-long ceremony and a band concert at Victoria Park in Milton.

"Centennial Recognition Day" will be an informal salute to Canada's 100th birthday, Warden Coulter said. The county's past wardens have been invited to attend and be recognized for their service to Halton. Speakers include the Warden and Judge Alan B. Sprague who will give a centennial address. A former Halton Warden, Judge K. Y. Dick of Woodstock has also been invited.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the county-owned park facing the old Brown St. Court House. The Lorne Scots Brass Band will be on hand and at the conclusion the Campbellville Women's Institute will serve sandwiches and coffee to visitors. All are welcome.