

# Open senior public school

Milton's newest and most unique educational facility, the 12-room Martin St. senior public school and its adjoining general purpose room, were officially opened and dedicated on Wednesday evening.

Despite the small crowd in attendance, the opening ceremony was a fitting tribute to the years of work that have gone into the preparation and planning of the building. It is Milton's first senior school catering to grades seven and eight, and the general purpose

room is the first in the school system that is over 100 years old.

W. G. Chatterton, B.A., B. Paed., assistant superintendent of the supervision branch of the Ontario Department of Education, snipped a double ribbon of black and red school colors as he declared the building and the room officially open. E. W. Foster, supervising principal of the four Milton public schools and trustee Mrs. M. S. Kernighan assisted him in the ceremony, while student Tom Wills and

student council president Tanis Wildfong held the ribbons. Board chairman Ron Harris, who chaired the 90 minute ceremony, reviewed the history of the school from 1961 when the board, encouraged to plan a senior school by former chairman G. C. Gowland, first began considering the venture. "This didn't happen overnight," he emphasized. The board's purchase of the vacated Martin St. high school and the ensuing renovations gave the town "a workable school at a little over half the

cost of new construction," Mr. Harris pointed out. The board and special guests were introduced by Mr. Harris and Martin St. principal John Bell introduced the staff. Mayor S. G. Childs praised the board, staff and provincial government for their contributions of money and work on the project, and thanked them all "for the education they are giving our children." Mrs. F. Gasse, chairman of the Hamilton Board of Education and a former schoolmate of Mr. Harris, attended to offer the board best wishes on the completion of the project. "This is truly a magnificent building," she said. "Your trustees have obviously been working very hard on your behalf."

Halton M. P. P. George A. Kerr suggested the opening of the new school facilities indicated the growth of the community. Noting the "proud faces" of the staff and students, he said "they should be very grateful to have such a fine new school." The general purpose room has been "one of my fondest dreams", according to supervising principal Foster, who has worked in Milton schools since 1933. He extended appreciation to the board, the parents, inspector W. L. McNeil, the principal, staff and pupils for their co-operation in getting the project completed. "Most sincerely, I say thank you," he concluded.

The guest speaker Mr. Chatterton referred to a 90-year-old Halton Atlas which recorded Milton as having one stone school with five teachers to serve the town's population of just under 1,000. The new school was a far cry from the facilities of the 1870s, he suggested, but reflected the changes the board has made over the years to adapt to the needs of the citizens.

Milton's growing educational needs are not the only ones in Ontario, he reminded the audience. Today there are over a million students in Ontario's elementary schools, and close to 1,200 new teachers are needed every year to keep up with the demand. The school enrollment since the end of the second world war has equalled the growth of the past century, he said.

In the past seven years, the speaker reported, there have been 6,200 school building projects in Ontario — a new school or an addition to an existing school for every calendar day in seven years. "He praised the 'self-sacrifice, faithful service and continuity of service' the board has given over the years, and urged a greater parent-teacher co-operation as 'your home is the greatest classroom in life and you are teaching all the time.' He was introduced by in-

spector W. L. McNeil and board vice-chairman Don Stinson expressed appreciation. Rev. J. L. Graham representing the Milton Ministerial Association dedicated the school.

The school's girls' choir under the direction of L. G. Werner sang three numbers. This 30-voice choir recently won the top prize at the North Halton Music Festival.

In concluding the ceremonies, trustee Alex Cooks expressed appreciation to the choir, others who participated, and the John Milton and Sarah Martin chapters of the I.O.D.E. for their donations of flags and a portrait of the Queen.

Ladies of Knox Church Auxiliary served refreshments and the guests toured the classrooms after the official program.



AMONG THE OFFICIALS AND GUESTS attending the opening of the new Martin St. school last week were former board chairman G. C. Gowland and Miss Margaret Gemmill, a teacher in the Milton Public Schools for over 30 years. They are shown at left, admiring some

Grade 7 artwork displayed by student Madeline Barber. Also in the photo are three who participated in the opening program, Halton M.P.P. George A. Kerr, school board chairman Ron Harris and Mrs. F. Gasse, chairman of the Hamilton Board of Education. (Staff Photo)



A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY was performed Wednesday by W. G. Chatterton of the Department of Education, to officially open the Martin St. senior public school and general purpose room. Shown at the snipping ceremony are student Tom Wills, trustee Mrs. M. Kernighan, Mr. Chatterton, supervising principal E. W. Foster and student council president Tanis Wildfong. (Staff Photo)

## Milton boy will attend crippled children's camp

Local citizens who donate funds annually to the Rotary Club of Milton's Easter Seal Crippled Children's Fund campaign and wonder if the money is doing any good, just have to ask Edward Barr of 99 Mill St.

This weekend 16-year-old Edward, who has been crippled by cerebral palsy, heads out to the Woodedden Crippled Children's summer camp near London for a three week holiday. The camp is one of five camps designed especially to provide more than 1,200 child-

ren with a happy and healthful vacation. This part of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children's program is just another example of the facilities and services made possible by local support of the Rotary Club's annual Easter Seal campaign.

Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Barr of Mill St., is really looking forward to his three-week trip to camp. In recent years, he has also enjoyed two summers at the Society's Blue Mountain camp near Colling-

wood, which was the first camp the society established in 1937.

In another year, Edward will be old enough to enter Variety Village in Toronto, where he will be trained for a profession that will make him a useful citizen.

"They have a good program set up for them, and Edward really enjoys getting away to camp," said his father. "The Rotary Club and the Crippled Children's Society deserve a lot of credit."

## Accident claims second brother

A car accident on Highway 25, 10 days ago has claimed the life of the second member of a Milton family within the past two months.

Charles Kelman, 25 of 145 Main St., Milton died on Friday at the Hamilton General Hospital from injuries received in a single car accident on June 18. His younger brother Bruce Robert Kelman, 19, was killed when a car and truck collided head-on on the base line near Hornby on April 13. Both were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kelman of 114 Wakefield Rd., Milton.

Charles Kelman was the driver of a car which went out of control, slammed into an abutment and flipped over on its roof on Highway 25 at Barney's Restaurant, south of Five Side road, on the morning of June 18. Three passengers in the

car were injured but released from hospital after treatment. Mr. Kelman received a severe head injury in the accident.

He was the husband of Marilynne Platt and father of two small children, Charlotte and Brady. Also surviving are his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kelman, a brother James of Brampton and two sisters Charlene (Mrs. Charles McLean) of Cooksville and Barbara of Milton.

Funeral service was held at the McKersie Funeral Home, with interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton. Rev. Dr. T. M. Dustan conducted the burial.

The picture of Salmon P. Chase appears on \$10,000 U.S. bills, Grover Cleveland on \$5,000, and William McKinley on \$1,000.

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