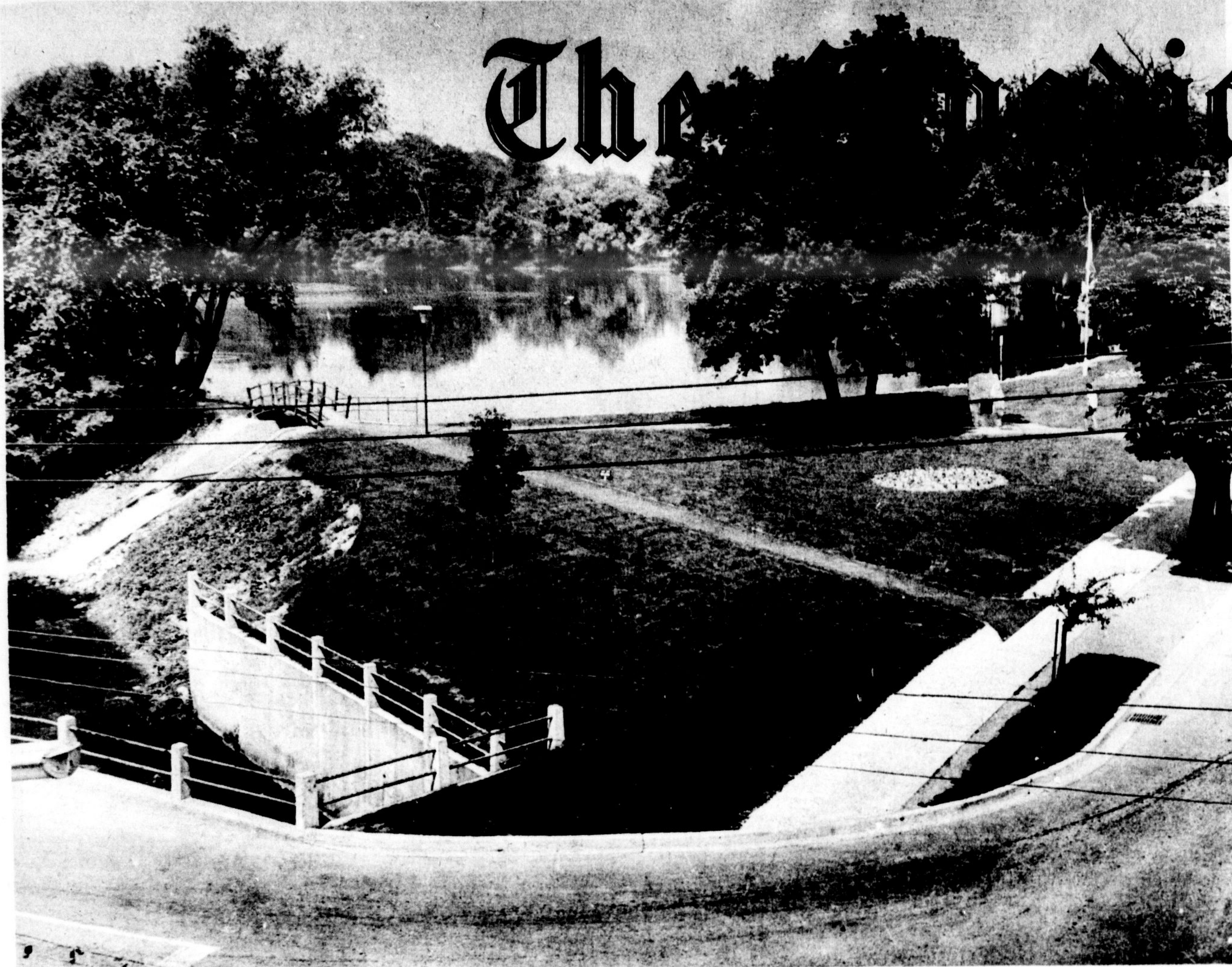


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A WIRE HIGH VIEW of Milton's Centennial Park shows the extent of the centennial year project reaching from the spillway on the left past the site of a former house to the cairn, flag pole and to the neighboring houses. Special lighting effects are being tried by Milton Hydro Commission. At night, special lights play on the cascading water of the spillway varying from reds

to blues and green. A spotlight highlights the flag and cairn while colored lights illuminate a pond side trees. A cleared stream side bank has made the path over the bridge and along the bank a popular walk and fishermen still dot the bank, angling for the speckled trout with which the pond is stocked. (Staff Photo)

Withdraw site appeal approve board purchase

An appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, against the land separation of five acres being purchased by the Milton District High School Board, was withdrawn by Milton Council Monday.

The council had earlier appealed the decision of the Oakville Committee of Adjustment since no road allowance dedication was included in the separation.

The School Board had agreed to purchase five acres of land from Cecil McCann for \$25,000 and since the land was in Oakville, adjacent to the school property, the land separation had to be approved by the Oakville Committee.

Solicitor David Thompson, representing the High School Board, told council the purchase deadline was July 15 and the plans for the school addition would have to be redrawn if the land was not to be available.

Council had called for a dedication by Mr. McCann of a 66 foot road allowance to the town for the future extension of Commercial St.

The solicitor pointed out that the matter had gone before the Milton Planning Board on a scheduled meeting night

but a quorum had not been present. Three of the four members present, however, agreed to the separation. G. C. Gowland, a member of the Board, objected to Milton Council that no land dedication had been included and council entered its objection. "Had we been given an opportunity to present our side it might not have been approved," the Board solicitor argued.

Gordon Gowland agreed he had appealed the matter personally because he felt there had been several separations from this parcel with no dedication for future street patterns.

Questioned on whether the delay in the land acquisition was causing a problem, Board property chairman John Noble noted about \$60,000 had been spent on design work for the addition of the school. If the land was not available it would have to be redesigned or built with no provision for a playing field or future expansion.

Deputy Reeve C. Menefy ar-

gued that at \$25,000 for five acres the owner was being amply paid and should be able to dedicate some land. "If he doesn't want to we should let it fall through," he suggested.

Councillor C. Fay disagreed, noting the taxpayer would suffer. He maintained the high school board was lax in not checking with the Planning Board earlier and council was lax in not going ahead with its plan to extend Commercial St. earlier.

It was pointed out since Milton's objection to the separation, the Oakville Planning Board had supported it.

A resolution to withdraw the objection was unanimously approved after Councillor Best called for the High School Board, in future, to keep council informed of its plans for major property purchases other than through its annual budget. The Councillor also called on the Planning Board to have annual meetings at least with neighboring planning boards, if at all possible, to discuss boundary areas.

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PREMIER ROBARTS IS TOO BUSY

Premier John Robarts is much too busy because of heavy commitments to visit Milton and discuss its annexation problems, Milton Council was told Monday.

Deputy Clerk Mrs. A. Brush reported a phone call had advised her it would not be possible for the Premier to visit Milton and if an appointment was wanted in Toronto he would want time to acquaint him-

self with all the details of the town's application ahead of time. Council decided to proceed and the deputy clerk was asked to seek such an appointment at the earliest convenience of the Premier. Milton Council requested the meeting earlier as all efforts to achieve some decision on the town's 1965 application before the Ontario Municipal Board had failed.

OPPOSE NEW MINISTERIAL POWER

"If we're not very careful we won't have any democratic rights left," Councillor Brian Best warned Milton Council Monday, after which council moved to support a resolution from the Township of Sandwich West.

The resolution was opposing plans to eliminate the necessity of Ontario Municipal Board ruling on official plans and amendments where there are objections.

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frivolous or made to cause delay. The resolution maintained that any person making an objection in bad faith could be penalized with the costs of the hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Sandwich West resolution called for the Premier of the province "to take all steps necessary to prevent the altering of Section 12A of The Planning Act, and to prevent the passing of any legislation that permits the Minister to decide whether or not a request is made in good faith, is frivolous, or is made for the purpose of delay."

Okay high rise if land annexed

Development of an un stated number of high rise apartments, of at least 10 storeys, was given approval in principle by Milton Council Monday to owners of the 70 acre parcel of land which includes the Milton Plaza and the industrial area bordered by Ontario St., Halton Centennial Manor and Given Road.

The approval in principle was given on two conditions. First the land must be completely annexed to the town and second the developers and council must agree to a site plan.

Solicitor Jarvis, speaking for the owners of Oakville Development Ltd. expressed the hope his firm could obtain some policy from the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding an-

nexation and the Plunkett Report.

He told council the 10 storey minimum was set since it was planned to have twinned elevators and this would not be feasible economically without that height. He suggested some might be higher to permit a variation in heights.

The annexation to be sought by Mr. Jarvis and his clients would also include the industrial acreage which was part of the original 70 acre parcel. Several industries are already located in the area which is still in Oakville.

Mr. Jarvis stressed he held out no guarantee of annexation of the property but empha-

sized they were willing to try.

Deputy Reeve C. Menefy wished Mr. Jarvis luck but stressed Oakville was a pretty hard taskmaster when it comes to annexation.

Reeve A. Ledwith asked if the Planning Board had been informed of the plan. Mayor Childs replied it had been discussed with the planning staff.

Deputy Reeve Menefy maintained no commitment should be made as to what would be permitted on the land until it was actually annexed.

The motion to approve in principle, subject to annexation and site plan approval was adopted.

Assessment, floor area brief may chart future homes

In a "facts only" report on housing and its effect on the tax rate, Assessor J. Charlton observed a home of approximately 1250 square feet with an assessment of \$1,569 per capita was as good for the economy of the town as commercial or industrial assessment.

The report was presented to Milton Council Monday following an earlier request for some guidance on what size homes could be permitted without jeopardizing the town's tax picture. The report did not contain any conclusions beyond those that could be drawn from the three tables of figures.

It was pointed out there were 1802 homes in Milton with a total population of 6,541 and an average of 3.57 per home. The age group of 5 to 19 years included 2,058 or 1.14 children per home. The per capita assessment in Milton was \$1,579 compared to a provincial average of \$1,902.

For comparison five streets were analyzed. The 27 homes on Williams Ave., with a population of 133 had a per capita assessment of \$990 with 2.4 children between 5 and 19. The average assessment per home was \$4,878.

Kingsleigh Court had 84 homes with a population of 344 and an average 1.5 children per home for an assessment

per capita of \$1,039 and an average home assessment of \$4,575.

Pine St., with 84 homes and 344 people, had 1.2 children and a per capita assessment of \$814 with an average home assessment of \$3,101.

The three apartments on Ontario St. have 115 units with a population of 276. The average number of children, however, is .26, the average assessment per capita is \$1,199 and the average unit assessment \$2,879.

Analyzing nine properties built between 1965 and 1967, the report established an average of 1270 square feet, with a population of 3.9, an assessment of \$6,164 and 1.4 school children.

Council members agreed to study the report for discussion at next week's meeting.

MINOR ACCIDENTS
Only four minor accidents occurred within the area of Milton Police department throughout the past week.

They included one causing \$20 property damage Tuesday (July 4), two causing \$95 and \$25 each the following day and a \$20 non-injury crash Saturday.

Get home safely from your summer vacation. Don't exert yourself in ways you wouldn't during the 50 other weeks of the year.

Fractures spine in 401 accident

A Downsview man and woman were injured in a car accident when their car went off Highway 401 west of the Halton-Peel Line, July 9.

Jean Isabel Bouchier of 10 Wycombe Road Downsview, fractured her spine and Kenneth Chapman of the same address suffered scalp lacerations.

There was \$800 damage to the car. Constable Bob Burke of Milton Detachment of the O.P.P. investigated. No charges were laid.

Council calls joint meeting iron out schedule conflict

The problem on diamonds for use of confections at Rotary Park came before

Milton Council again Monday and Council called for a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board with Minor Ball and Softball officials for Thursday to settle the problem.

The difficulty first came to Milton Council several weeks ago when Minor Ball officials protested they were not being given enough time on the Rotary Park diamonds and the installation of floodlights and use by the Softball group would make it impossible to operate.

Council at that time ordered the Minor Ball schedule to proceed as published and the problem ironed out.

Cliff Houston, representing the Men's Softball League reviewed developments in the problem and a pre-season joint meeting at which a schedule was worked out with the Recreation Committee. Changes in the Minor Ball executive took place, he noted, and the schedule was found unsatisfactory. In the meantime the Recreation Committee has found no reason to alter its originally accepted schedule.

"We have no desire to put the children off the diamond," Mr. Houston emphasized. He asked council to tell them if they could use the diamond and if so to make the necessary arrangements or tell them they couldn't use it and they would make their own arrangements. He observed there was \$5,000 worth of lights on a diamond in Rotary Park, however, that would only be of value if they were used.

Councillor T. Cousins wondered if there were not other diamonds at the schools that could be used.

Council called for a mutually satisfactory arrangement worked out this week for submission to council next week.

Building drops permits show

Milton building permits with a total value of \$58,870 were issued in Milton during June, Building Inspector J. Charlton reports.

This brings the semi-annual total for 1967 to \$232,370.

Last year at this time \$614,693 worth of permits had been issued. The large 1966 figure included the \$410,000 Diplomat Apartments, an addition to Holy Rosary Church and the erection of a new O.P.P. detachment headquarters.

This year an addition to Emmanuel Baptist Church was the only notable structure for which permits were issued after January 1, 1967.

Register events

Milton's centennial celebrations will kick off Aug. 19 and 20 with the arrival of the Confederation Caravan which will be located in the Agricultural Grounds.

A number of local groups are planning events that will take place between then and the conclusion with the Steam-Era making its annual appearance on the Labor Day weekend.

Organizations are urged to register their planned events with the town centennial office at the town hall to avoid conflict of dates.



MILTON RECREATION COMMITTEE is teaching area children one of the most practical, yet interesting sports known, swimming. Here instructor Marylyn Emerson helps Todd Corra-

detti get the feel of water travel at the Milton Pool, as others in the class look on. (Staff Photo)



MILTON SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED until September as far as the school board is concerned, but some, like J. M. Denyes and W. I. Dick Public Schools, still have recreation children around, as the Milton Preleity Committee

holds supervised summer playgrounds. About to gallop off here is Allison Hoff, as playground leader Marsh Waldie holds the bridle. (Staff Photo)