



**THE FIRST SET OF EASTER SEALS** in Milton Rotary Club's annual fund-raising campaign were sold to Mayor Brian Best this week, as the club launched its mail appeal for funds to

assist crippled children. Mayor Best writes out a cheque while campaign treasurer John Semple, left, and co-chairman Richard Copley, standing, look on. (Staff Photo)

## Parents demand School budget: "costs are up" east end school

The Bruce Street School battle isn't over yet.

While the school board claims "a misunderstanding" caused the current controversy, parents of Bruce Street School children reiterated their stand at a Home and School Association meeting last night (Tuesday)—they want the school preserved or a new school to take its place.

Given a written assurance the school would not be closed while it is under the Milton Public School Board's jurisdiction, the Home and School Association fears the county Board of Education want to scrap the building when it takes over all Halton education in 1969. They plan to notify the County Board there is a strong town-wide feeling to preserve the 111-year-old school.

The controversy began after the Milton Board's February meeting, when chairman Don Stinson raised the "hypothetical question" about the school's future. He said it seemed to have served its purpose well, and he wondered if the County Board would be interested in continuing it next year. The Board took no action.

When parents read the press reports, they became alarmed at the possibility of losing their

east end school. The topic took up a major share of the discussion at the next Home and School meeting, and resulted in secretary Fred Massee writing the Board and inviting the members to last night's Home and School meeting to discuss it further.

Several phone calls between Board and Home and School members followed. Mr. Stinson wrote the parents' group on February 28, emphasizing the Board did not anticipate closing the school.

"It would appear an unfortunate misunderstanding has developed," he wrote, and invited the Home and School to send a representative to the Board's meeting Monday of this week. "An explanation will be forthcoming which will place this matter in the proper perspective," he said.

The Home and School executive refused the invitation, and reissued their request to have

the Board attend their meeting to discuss it. "The articles in the press upset so many parents, we felt it would be better to have it explained to us at one of our meetings, rather than to one of our members at the Board meeting," explained Home and School president Mrs. D. Ptolemy. They sent no representatives to the Board's meeting, and chairman Stinson sent a second letter explaining the Board had decided against going to the Home and School meeting. In his letter he repeated the school would not be closed while it was under the Milton Board's jurisdiction.

A mother in the audience asked what the Home and School could do to make the County Board leave their school alone. "we could stand as an army of mothers with our arms crossed," smiled the president. She suggested the association should make a strong representation to the County Board.

## School budget: "costs are up"

A list of proposed 1968 expenditures for Milton Public School Board was presented to the town council's finance committee by a delegation from the board Monday evening.

"Costs are up, but they will be partially offset by increased revenue this year," chairman Don Stinson told The Champion on the meeting. "It will mean a slightly larger demand on the town."

He would not quote any figures, because of too many uncertainties. . . . government grants, the rate of payment Oakville will pay for 62 students being educated in the Milton schools and the teachers' salaries which have yet to be settled. The board has a surplus on 1967 operations which will be applied toward this year's expenses, it was pointed out.



**A DEDICATED TEACHER** in Milton Public Schools for 37 years, Miss Margaret Gemmill has been awarded a centennial medal — one of hundreds of Canadians so honored at the conclusion of centennial year. She retired in 1964 and lives in Toronto. (Staff Photo)

## Charges trains with speeding

Four charges of speeding have been laid against Canadian National Railways after trains were clocked with radar timing devices by Milton O.P.P.

Halton Crown Attorney Peter K. McWilliams ordered the police to check C.N.R. train speeds, following a Christmas Eve fatality at the Mansewood crossing in Esquesing Township when two Milton teenagers were killed.

At an inquest following their

death, the train crewmen testified the train was travelling at 40 to 50 miles per hour. The crown attorney has unearthed a 1903 ruling in the Railroad Act which limits trains to 10 miles an hour over a crossing where protective signals have been ordered but are not yet installed.

Protective devices for the Mansewood level crossing were ordered last November, and are to be installed within 10 months.

## Youngster dies as flames sweep Moffat area house

One of six children of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Law, R.R. 1, Moffat, died when flames swept part of their home Wednesday of last week. The 19-month-old boy,

Harvey John, was apparently standing in front of a wood stove when it exploded.

David Law, 12, was taken to hospital suffering from burns and another child had a cut leg.

Guelph firemen arrived at the two-storey stone house when Mrs. Law and a neighbor were rushing the children to the hospital. Mr. Law explained he had put coal oil in the wood stove, and it is believed a spark ignited and exploded.

The fire was contained to the kitchen, upstairs bedroom and bathroom.

Neighbors helped clear away debris and looked after Mr. Law's dairy herd.

An inspector for the fire marshal's office investigated. Dr. Frank Farmer, Wellington County coroner called the boy's death "a very tragic accident" and said no inquest will be held.

In addition to his parents, brothers and sisters Douglas, 15; David 12; Elizabeth, 14; Russell, 9; and Vera, 4, the boy is survived by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roelofson and grandmother Mrs. James Law, all of Hamilton.

Funeral service for the boy was in Waterdown.

## Spillway ice finally falls

Despite Tuesday's snowstorm, Spring must be on the way -- the ice that has formed a solid arch over the centennial park spillway since around New Year's weekend finally gave way on Monday and you can see the cascading waterfall once more.

The fast-flowing water formed icy sides on the spillway in December, and finally closed in to the centre of the spillway around New Year's. The mass of ice grew and grew through the cold weather and there has been some local speculation the ice might have stayed there longer. The overhead colored lighting made it a sight of beauty during the darkness hours.

The mild spell on the weekend saw the layer of ice slowly diminishing in size, and some time on Monday it finally caved in.

## Politics runs in the family

Politics runs in some families. Kenneth Harris, younger brother of Milton's Reeve, Ron Harris, was recently appointed to the council of the Township of Camden. He had contested the position in the December election and was narrowly defeated. Re-signation of one of the councillors led to his subsequent appointment.

necessary, while the Chatham vote was 87.5 per cent and Oshawa was 95.5 per cent in favor. "We are hoping a strike won't be necessary," the local representative said.

Workers at Ontario Steel's three plants earlier voted to take strike action if necessary. Milton workers voted 96.6 per cent in favor of striking if

## O.S.P. contract goes to conciliation hearing

Negotiations on a new master agreement for Ontario Steel Products plants in Milton, Chatham and Oshawa plants are now in seventh week, and a conciliation board hearing has been scheduled for next Wednesday, March 21 if the union and company have not reached a settlement by that date.

Meanwhile, a threatened strike at the three plants on the present contract's expiry date, this Friday March 15, will probably be delayed awaiting the result of negotiations, bargaining council chairman Marty Caputo said Tuesday.

"We are still meeting, we're moving along, but not too quickly," Mr. Caputo said. All the non-monetary items have been covered to date in contract talks, and discussions begin today (Wednesday) on the monetary items in the contract.

The union, United Auto Workers, is seeking a package similar to those the autoworkers are getting in the "big three" car manufacturing plants. Negotiations began in Toronto on Jan-

--Just three more weeks in the "clerk of the week" contest.  
--Spring is just a little over a week away.

A shrinking world, the changing role of the present-day missionary and the challenge to Christians to export Christian groundrules were presented to over 350 by Dr. Robert McClure when he spoke in St. Paul's United Church on Monday evening.

The retired medical missionary was on a tour of the Presbyteries of the United Church after serving overseas for 42 years, the last 14 as medical superintendent at Ratlam Christian Hospital in India.

The shrinking world, he told the audience, was brought about by technological advances. They brought those once at a distance close to western cultures. He suggested the native was satisfied as things were before, but now Canadians must share the responsibility to provide a message for those drawn closer.

"You are the custodians of the message that God is a God of love and if you don't give it to Him, who will?" Dr. McClure challenged. He observed that Canadians often have a way of making things unduly complicated as an excuse for doing nothing.

He warned that natives "don't go for talk." The other man is influenced by deeds and Canadians are being judged by their actions.

Noting the different business patterns in India, he cited the slogan of a department store "goods satisfactory or your money refunded". The Indian businessman finds this quite humorous. He can't believe such a thing is possible. Dr. McClure suggested this was a type of Christian ground rule foreign to that part of the world.

The erection of a synthetic textile mill in a predominantly rural area of India upsets the customs, religion and culture of a vast area. Did we give them the blueprints in terms of Christian ethics to cope with this change? Expressing the love of God in action is the only way to give the instructions, he suggested.

To a man who has everything it is hard to express the love of God but to a man who is hungry it is tremendously easy by meeting his needs, Dr. McClure suggested. To a hungry man God may appear as a loaf of bread; to a man who is sick, in the form of healing; to a child, in the form of an education. "So in our day we express our love of God to each person according to their needs."

This led Dr. McClure to the changing role of the missionary and the efforts in agriculture, medicine and education. There is not as much direct evangelism as there used to be, he reported.

In the field of agriculture Dr. McClure cited the benefits of installation of a diesel pump. A village of 15 families moved two miles to settle beside a constantly flowing tiny stream of water. A pump loaned by Canada, was installed and the yield went from a previous 12 to 15 bushels per year to 88 bushels a year at a time when the country was generally hungry. "The people around there have witnessed the love of God," he noted.

In the field of education elementary christian schools can

take only about one out of four that apply. He pointed out that the Christian school appeals even to non-Christians because the students get not only education but character building. For 30 student openings in one medical school, Dr. McClure reported, there were 2,000 applicants, all of whom had passed admission requirements.

Dr. McClure also noted the importance of training nurses and laboratory and x-ray technicians.

The speaker urged Canadians to use their imagination when they give to missions. He reported \$5 would treat a leper for a year, \$18.50 would treat a tuberculosis patient for a year and \$25 would remake a leper's foot or hand.

Dr. McClure recalled one leper who came to his clinic with

hands, feet and nose in need of surgery. He asked where to start and the leper asked him to begin with the nose. "That's what got me thrown off the bus, I can only walk 10 miles on my feet and it's 30 miles to reach the clinic."

The operation put the leper back in circulation and permitted her to regain her dignity. "It isn't \$5, \$10 or \$25. It's showing the love of God through treatment," Dr. McClure emphasized.

"If we want a Christian favor in the new world that is forming we will have to put it in. The other fellow won't put it in for you," Dr. McClure stressed.

"As Canadians we have the highest standard of living in history. It worries me that our

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## Teacher here 37 years Miss Margaret Gemmill wins Centennial medal

Forty years a teacher, 37 of them in Milton Public Schools, and almost a quarter of a century of service to the teaching profession through the Halton Teachers' Institute, have earned Miss Margaret Gemmill a centennial medal.

Now retired and living in Toronto, Miss Gemmill still retains good health and frequently visits teachers' institute meetings and other gatherings to maintain her long friendship with Halton's educators. She was selected for the coveted award by the Ontario Department of Education, after consultation with Halton No. 4 district area superintendent W. L. McNeil of Milton.

Miss Gemmill came to Milton to teach in 1926 and remained on the Bruce St. school staff for 27-

1/2 years before transferring to the J.M. Denyes school where she taught until her retirement in 1964. She was one of three Halton teachers honored with a Centennial Medal in 1953 for her service to the profession.

A charter executive member of the International Reading Association, she was also secretary of the Halton Teachers' Institute for 22 years. Over the years she maintained a little book in which she wrote the names of the 1,446 pupils she had taught -- many of them in the second generation, and many of them turning out as teachers.

She helped establish a boys' choir at the school, worked tirelessly hours on school concerts, was official recorder for field days, pioneered home economics in the school nearly 30 years ago, and organized school parties and parades over the years.

Her unparalleled contribution to education in Milton was amply recognized with two presentations during June of 1964. The school board and fellow teachers held a dinner in her honor and a community presentation was held later the same week. She was heaped with praise and presents by inspectors, her fellow teachers, the board, the town council, the home and school, friends and former pupils.

"Miss Gemmill spent her life with us, imparting wisdom and knowledge, and she is a highly respected member of the teaching profession. Through her influence on children, she has given a great deal to this community," Mr. McNeil said.

--Former Oakville councillor Kelly New has been appointed Oakville's representative to the Halton Region Conservation Authority. He replaces Allan Masson who has resigned.