

Propose 85-acre Milton site for regional jail

An 85 acre Milton site is being proposed for the new regional Maplehurst correctional institu-

tion that will include a detention centre, training centre and reformatory for an eventual 460

inmates. The self contained site is bounded by Highway 401, High-

way 25 and the C.N.R. by-pass. It includes 55 acres presently owned by the Department of High-

ways and 30 acres under option from Edwin Harrop. In a hastily arranged meeting

of Milton Council Monday, M.P.P. Jim Snow explained to councillors the provincial plan for the site, noting its development was very high on the priority list of the Department of Correctional Services.

Mr. Snow, reviewing earlier proposals for sites on the Ninth Line and at Hornby, stressed the need for dependable municipal services. He noted the land was part of that to be annexed to Milton from Esquesing and was adjacent to municipal water.

The Department would be prepared to negotiate with the town for services, including participation in the proposed trunk sewer line which will be needed to serve the area.

The desirability of the site was reviewed by Mr. Snow who noted it had natural boundaries with the highways and railway. Douglas Penfold, executive director of the Department of Correctional Services, pointed out the average length of stay of an inmate would be nine months. "We're not intending to put dangerous people here," he assured members.

He noted the training centre envisioned would accommodate about 200, the reformatory 200 and the maximum security building about 60. The areas would be separated on the grounds.

The reformatory would be in an industrial setting that would produce goods for the government as others already do, Mr. Penfold explained. No farming operation is planned for the area but some market gardening may be done.

First priority in the three phase development program would be the reformatory, council was told, because it is a key to other institutional changes in the province.

Mr. Penfold explained construction of the reformatory section would permit transfer of inmates from the Mimico industrial farm where the land is being sold and plans call for that area to be turned into a clinic.

Treatment at Mimico would be for alcoholics, certain classes of sex deviates, drug offenders and would offer psychiatric care. These are presently at Millbrook near Peterborough. Space vacated there will be used as a regional detention centre for that area.

The training centre, one of the phases proposed for the Milton location, will be for young men

who can benefit from trades training. "We don't intend to house inmates regarded as dangerous here. If they do escape they will want to get away from the area," he reassured council.

The proposed site is still subject to soil testing and other preliminary investigations on suitability, M.P.P. Jim Snow told Milton Council.

No predictions were forthcoming from Mr. Snow or Mr. Penfold on when the present Halton County Jail would be closed.

It was noted certain changes were being made in the County Jail to improve it since the Province took over responsibility for justice, but it would eventually be closed and prisoners would be accommodated in the new centre.

Mr. Snow reviewed that the counties of Peel and Halton had signed an agreement to build a regional detention centre but the assumption by the province of the total cost of justice, including jails, terminated the agreement. The province plans to build about 15 institutions of the type proposed for the Milton site within the next 15 years. One is under construction at Napanee.

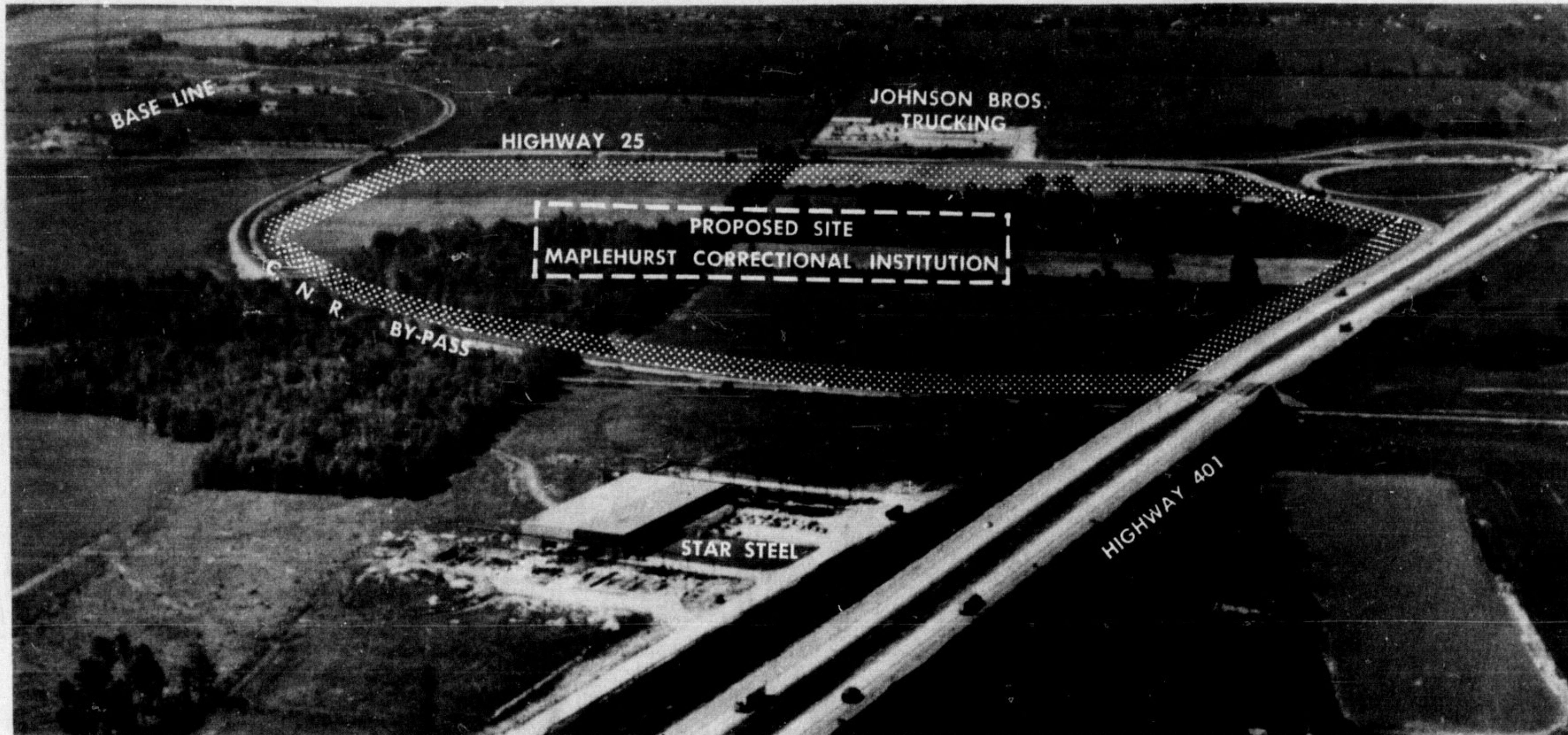
No plans have been developed for the Milton institution and estimates of when construction might start ranged from between one and two years.

Mr. Snow told council an institution of this type doesn't presently pay municipal taxes but would pay for municipal services. He noted one of the recommendations of the Smith Report was that they should pay municipal taxes but there was no way of knowing whether this proposal would be acted on.

He suggested, however, an institution of this type, employing a staff of 150 to 200 and doing some purchasing locally would be similar to a good sized industry.

Deputy Reeve R. Harris pointed up the need for housing for new employees and wondered if any provincial grants in lieu of taxes were available. There were none, Mr. Snow indicated.

Several members spoke in support of the institution coming to Milton based on the detailed outline presented. Additional information on sewage flow requirements were to be provided to insure the trunk sewer proposed would be adequate.



PROPOSED SITE for the new Maplehurst Detention Centre, announced by M.P.P. Jim Snow is the 88 acres north of Milton bounded by Highway 401, the C.N.R. by-pass and Highway 25. The parcel of land is illustrated in this staff aerial photograph of the area. Options have been taken on 30 acres of

the E. Harrop farm and the balance of the site owned by the Department of Highways, formerly the Clarke farm. Previously optioned sites were ruled out when services could not be assured. The property is all contained within the area to be annexed to Milton. (Staff Photo)

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Townships will ask Milton for water to relieve polluted wells at Heights

Nassagaweya and Esquesing townships are making a joint effort to solve the long-standing polluted wells problem in the Milton Heights and Peru areas. At a special meeting Monday night in Esquesing representatives from both township councils decided to ask Milton for water to service the two areas. A committee of the reeves and deputy reeves of the townships will form the committee which will discuss the problem with the town.

Approximately 100 homes are affected by polluted wells, a problem which has been dragging on over the past two years. The county health unit issued a report on the extent of the pollution at that time and recommended a municipal water supply system.

Since the Milton pipeline runs close to the affected areas it was proposed to tap into it as a source if the project was feasible. Milton turned down the proposal at a joint meeting last year. The Milton representatives said the town could not consider the problem until the annexation proposals were all dealt with and settled.

Nassagaweya Reeve Bill Coulter who acted as chairman for Monday's joint meeting told rep-

resentatives which included two delegations from the Milton Heights area, that he had instructed the clerk to contact the firm of R. V. Anderson Associates since they were familiar with the Milton water system.

Figures which Nassagaweya clerk J. C. McIntyre had worked out with the assistance of the engineering firm showed almost 400 people would be affected by the system, based on an average of 3.7 persons per household. Approximately 75 - 80 gallons of water per day would be required for each household which would mean a total daily requirement of 29,400 gallons.

Cost of the project if the two affected areas were hooked into the Milton system would run to approximately \$200,000. O.W. R.C. financing at 7 per cent over 20 years would mean a repayment of \$377,000.

Cost of water - based on double Milton's rate - would come to approximately \$6.50 a month for the average household, Mr. McIntyre's figures revealed. Cost of the system would be borne by the people using it on top of the price of water.

Nassagaweya councillor Mrs. Anne McArthur, alarmed at the number of households affected,

asked about water at the Milton Heights school.

"It's not nearly as critical as in the homes," answered Reeve Coulter. "There's a deep well and the water is reasonably good. In some homes even boiling won't take out the smell although the bacteria are destroyed."

"It's been reported to me that children in the Milton Heights school have been ill and doctors are questioning if it might not be the water," Mrs. MacArthur stated.

"We need positive proof before we can state that," Mr. Coulter replied.

Mrs. MacArthur questioned a statement made earlier about Milton being approached over the problem. One Milton councillor, she said, was disturbed about an article which said the town had been approached. "Milton is looking at this through different glasses," she averred.

Mr. Coulter said if the people in the areas wished to go ahead with the project, both councils concurred and Milton refused to go through with it, there is legislation "to make it go through."

"The ratepayers must make the decision," insisted Esquesing deputy-reeve Tom Hill.

"The first thing we must find

out," said Esquesing reeve George Currie, "is whether Milton will sell the water. Council of the day has never been approached." Esquesing councillor Bob Lawson agreed. He also thought figures should be available to present to ratepayers. "Round figures," agreed Reeve Coulter, "and the consulting engineers would do it."

Nassagaweya deputy reeve Bill Hoey reminded the meeting time was of the essence. "The Medical Officer of Health says the situation is intolerable and can't continue. We must make a decision," he concluded.

Councillor MacArthur saw the pollution spreading and capable of enveloping a much larger area unless it was checked.

Spokesman for one of two delegations present, Archie Service told of his own experience in drilling a well and of finding good water 35 feet down. He reviewed figures and thought costs of the line over large distances between houses should not be borne by ratepayers.

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19 applications for clerk's job

The 19 applications for municipal clerk were reviewed by members of Milton Council last week and they have since been narrowed down, Reeve A. Ledwith told The Champion this week.

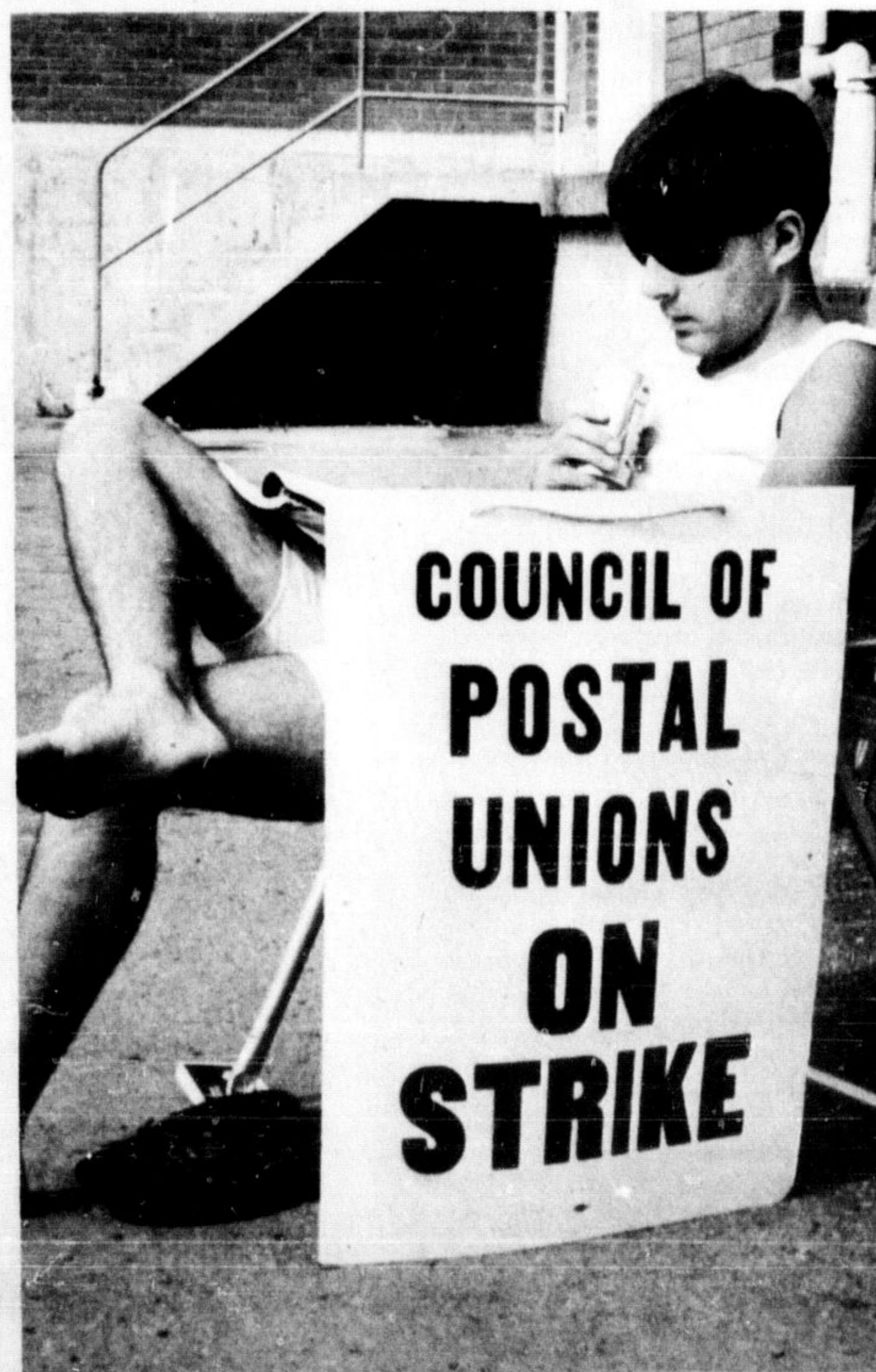
The applications were opened by Council in closed committee session. The reeve reported interviews were being planned on the most promising applicants.

Library bids too high

Acting on the advice of architect John Harkness, Milton Public School Board has not accepted either of two tenders opened Thursday evening on the proposed library addition to Martin St. Senior Public School.

Provincial education authorities had approved construction costing \$12,000, but the tenders included one from L. J. Zanatta for \$33,828 and another from Martin-Stewart Construction for \$30,725.

Mr. Harkness will discuss the wide gap in figures with the two contractors and report back to the board.



NOT REALLY TOO WORRIED YET, postal clerk Bob Heatherington stays calm but yet remains on the picket line. Postmen and clerks patrolled the line for 24 hours a day since the strike went into effect. (Staff Photo)

Milton Hydro plans to cut residential rate

Milton Hydro is planning an adjustment in hydro retail rates effective September 1, Chairman W. C. "Bill" Rowney announced.

There will be a slight decrease in residential rates. A revision will be made in the former commercial and industrial rates. These will be changed to a new general rate.

This is necessary, Chairman Rowney explained, because of an increase in wholesale rates charged by Ontario Hydro, and also due to rising local costs.

He added that Hydro like any other organization is subject to a seemingly endless parade of higher costs, as the result of an inflationary phase that we have been experiencing. These high-

er costs in some measure have had to be passed on to the customer.

For example, he said, Milton Hydro proposed the following residential rate charges:

1st 50 KWH from present 3.5¢ net to 3.0¢ net. The minimum bill has been changed from \$1.75 to \$2.00.

A block of 500 KWH per month will be made available at a special rate of 0.7¢ per KWH to customers using an approved electric water heater.

Similarly the commercial and industrial rate will be changed to a general rate as follows: 1st 50 KWH at 3.0¢ net; next 200 KWH at 1.4¢ net; the next

9,750 KWH at \$1.25 net and the remainder at 0.5¢ net.

Mr. Rowney said that the electric power rate changes come only after a long period of reductions of rate stability.

The former commercial and industrial rates now are being merged into a general rate which will mean reductions for some users; increases for others; and no change for a few. There will be no service or demand charge for the 1st 50 kilowatts of demand. Most commercial establishments will not have a demand charge now, Mr. Rowney said.

He added that electric power is still the best bargain available on the market.

Postal strike

Negotiations underway but a long way to go

The Canadian Postal Union and its 25,000 members went on strike last Thursday and are yet to give any sign of reaching an agreement. Meanwhile approximately 6,000,000 pieces of mail are being held up and people are finding new ways of delivering their goods.

The workers rejected a 15 cent an hour increase just before the deadline. They are asking for 75 cents an hour. While some postmen in Toronto openly said there was more than money bothering them, local postmen did not find fault with working conditions but listed their biggest grievance as money.

President of the union in Milton, Cliff Lewington, said the average take home pay was about \$75. They have a compulsory six and one half per cent deduction with one and one half per cent going to Canada Pension Plan and five per cent going to a Superannuation plan which they

can draw after they retire and reach age 65. They can draw two per cent of the sum of their best five years on a monthly basis.

"The men voted 92 per cent to strike. They are just fed up with the whole thing, dirty deals, promises not kept and all the rest of it," one postman said. Workers picketed the strike 24 hours a day, at the rear of the building. Passers by hurl remarks occasionally but there has been no violence of any kind.

Each day two people from out of town take four hour shifts. They come from Brampton, Oakville or Toronto depending on the availability. Two of the local workers were on holidays when the strike broke. A union official was uncertain whether they would be paid or not but said others scheduled for holidays after the strike broke would not be able to collect. None of the strikers receive strike pay.

The bargaining agents met on Sunday to set a schedule for meetings and met for the first time Monday and again since then but still no settlement.

Secretary of the local union, Peter McIlwraith said there would be no problem delivering the back log of mail. "There is about 6,000,000 pieces of mail but on a national scene that's peanuts." What he did show some concern about was the two or three days immediately following the settlement.

"When people decide to mail everything they have been keeping for the duration of the strike you might expect your mail man a little late," he advised.

Postmen first got the right to strike January of this year. They walked out once in 1965 and according to Champion files postal strikes were on in Toronto and various other cities at this time of the year exactly half a century ago.

Mail trickling through by couriers, alternates

With the postal strike near the end of its first full week, local industry is generally finding it inconvenient but most are developing alternate methods of business communication.

In a random survey of local industries this week it was learned that several have engaged courier services and some are using American branches through which mail to and from United States points can be directed.

Milton Hydro Commission does not have a billing until August 10 and no immediate plans were being made there to insure delivery of bills.

At Canadian Meter Co., Roy Duffield noted the plant was closed for three weeks but all American affiliates had been advised prior to the strike to direct mail through Buffalo Meter. The mail is being picked up there on a regular schedule but no plans have been made to deal with Canadian mail because of the plant holiday shutdown.

While Ontario Steel Products is also on holidays the postal interruption is causing "unbelievable" problems with outgoing and incoming invoicing, Andy

Kelty observed. Couriers are being used in some cases but normal business mail is piling up. "It's creating a real problem," he emphasized.

Robin Hood Flour Mills are using Trans-Canadian Courier service for much of their mail, according to Jack Pettigrew. He noted the firm had been using them even prior to the strike to insure dependable delivery between this plant and Montreal.

Mail picked up at Milton at 6 p.m. will be in Montreal at 8 a.m. the next day, he noted. Invoicing has been interrupted, however, and salesmen and truck drivers are being used to deliver invoices where possible. Out of the country mail is going by express from Montreal to a U.S. location for forwarding.

The Milton District Hospital is operating a courier service to the Ontario Hospital Services Commission in Toronto three days a week but other than that the only major inconvenience is to patients who don't receive cards and get-well wishes.

Pigment and Chemical is not

suffering unduly from the postal interruption, according to manager Glyn Roberts. Telex is being used for some communication and custom papers are being taken to an Oakville brokers' office for handling. Many had previously been handled in the same way. "It is inconvenient," Mr. Roberts acknowledged.

Some of the local retail outlets are receiving invoicing and statements from the salesmen who would normally be calling and some are arriving with shipments.

Local banks are using a courier service more extensively but even prior to the strike this service was in operation.

Champions are being handled in the smaller rural centres, since they are delivered directly. Rural routes out of Milton are being handled on a special arrangement with rural carriers and the overseas and American copies are this week being mailed from an American post office. The Georgetown rural route was delivered by Champion staffers this week as an experiment.