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THE GREAT PUMPKIN, Santa Claus of the mid-fall days, gets his final surgery from Walter Melanson, 3, as brother Warren, 2, steadies the melon and studies the situation. (Staff Photo)

Calf is rabid

Owner taking rabies shots

A Lowville man began a series of 14 painful anti-rabies vaccinations Thursday, after coming into contact with a sick heifer which turned out to have rabies.

Jack King, who lives at the corner of Five Sideroad and Guelph Line just south of Lowville, is undergoing treatment. There is a possibility a veterinarian and a professor at University of Guelph may also have to take the anti-rabies

vaccine, and the King dog is also under suspicion.

Mr. King had two Holstein heifers pasturing on Four Sideroad, two miles from his farm, and brought them in for the winter on Sept. 22. The one calf became sick and he put his hand down its throat, thinking it had an apple lodged there, but found nothing. A veterinarian was called and he also checked the animal's throat. The owner reported the calf ran a

temperature of 106 degrees—which is unusual for a rabid animal.

The animal was sent to Guelph for tests and reportedly bit a professor at the agricultural college, then died. Tests showed it was rabid and Mr. King was advised to begin taking the treatment.

The King herd has been placed on quarantine for two months. The other heifer which was pastured with the sick one to date shows no symptoms of disease. "We are not sure whether the calf contacted it out in the pasture or here in the barn," Mrs. King said. "I'm keeping my little daughter in the house anyway, I don't want to take any chances."

A couple of weeks ago Jack King shot a rabid fox at a neighbor's barn. Mrs. Ron King, Walker's Line saw a fox under her car and called several neighbors to chase it. The fox

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High school commencement fetes deserving students

Two hours of presentations to deserving students of Milton District High School will be featured Friday evening, Nov. 1, when the school's annual commencement exercises are held in the school auditorium.

The program begins at 8 p.m. with board chairman John Noble in charge. Refreshments prepared by the home economics staff and students will be served at the close of the program.

Guest speaker for the evening is D. S. Lawless, assistant director of education for the Burlington Board of Education. Gordon Timbers, one of 49 students who graduated from Grade 13 last year, will be the class valedictorian.

Ontario Scholars Douglas Tight, John Traas, William Stewart and James Legate will be among the students honored for outstanding scholastic achievements. The Terry Deslaurier Citizenship Cup will be presented to Wilbert Wilson.

Youth dead two injured

A Milton area youth was killed and two others fatally injured late Friday evening when the car in which they were riding left No. 1 Sideroad, Burlington and collided with a tree.

The car, a converted pickup truck owned and driven by Larry Robert Dredge, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dredge, R.R. 3 Milton, received \$600 damage in the crash.

Norman A. Taylor of R.R. 3 Milton apparently died as a result of a ruptured heart artery and head injuries.

Also injured were the driver, who suffered a broken right leg and superficial injuries; and his brother William who suffered a broken spine and left shoulder.

They are in satisfactory condition in Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington.

The wreck was discovered by a passing motorist about 10.15 p.m. Friday.

Reject "miserly" \$145,000

Unhappy no taxes in jail

Offers of \$145,000 in capital contributions for services were termed "miserly" by Milton Council's finance chairman Councillor P. Barr, when council reviewed the provincial offer in connection with a planned regional detention centre here.

The contributions towards capital costs were related to the town's sewage treatment plant, Kelso well water supply and the proposed trunk sewer from the plant to the north limit of the town. They were based on flows and the relationship of the number of inmates to the proposed institution to the design capacity of the services.

Councillor Barr noted that if the 85 acres of land in question was subdivided for housing, at a capital levy of \$650 for each lot it would produce at least \$165,750. The average assessment of \$6,000 would also produce an annual taxation of \$534 a year from each house. The proposed regional detention centre will not pay municipal taxes under current legislation.

"These people (the province) have no right to penalize the people of Milton. This is choice industrial land we have been

fighting for years to get", Councillor C. Fay commented. He recalled the assessor had earlier reported that 25 per cent of the town is already exempt from taxes because the land is owned by the county, the province and the federal governments. "Now they want another big chunk", he charged. He favored telling the Department of Public Works to look elsewhere for a site.

Mayor B. Best commented it was unfortunate the province had not yet had time to act on the Select Committee proposals that provincial and federal properties be taxed.

Councillor Barr noted the trunk sewer would cost the town \$440,000 while the province was prepared to pay only \$75,000 toward it. A separate treatment plant would cost \$145,000, he suggested.

Councillor B. McCuaig suggested it should be remembered the province owned the land and when the trunk sewer was extended they would not be the only ones to benefit. "Their land isn't choice industrial land if it remains

dormant". He observed if industry settled on the land the line would have to be run up there at a total cost to the town.

Mayor Best opined it would certainly clarify the situation if the town could be assured there would be taxation from the institution. He noted two earlier applications by the town to buy part of the land from the Department of Highways had been rejected so the land was not generally available for any development.

In discussing police involvement in connection with the institution, it was noted the

town had been using the county jail as a lock-up and when the new institution was built a decision would have to be made whether to provide a new lock-up or use the detention centre.

The Police Chief told council if there were escapes from the centre it would be the responsibility of the local force to investigate since it would be within the town limits.

It was noted a security fence was planned around the institution, although none now existed at Mimico or Brampton institutions.

Fire Chief A. E. Clement emphasized the addition of another large institution naturally increased the need for inspection services in the area and maintenance of an effective fire prevention program. He suggested consideration would be needed in adding to the full time department staff as the building in the area increased.

Council finally concluded a letter would be directed to the Department indicating the \$145,000 for capital costs was not sufficient and the problem of no tax revenue was disturbing.



HALTON'S NEW FURROW QUEEN is Mary Pickett. She won the title, a crown, a trophy, a sash, and a host of merchandise prizes plus the right to enter the 1969 International Plowing Match in Brant County, when she was judged winner of the contest at Halton's 77th annual plowing match Saturday. Retiring furrow queen Rosemary Booth, left, is shown with Mary and runner-up Joyce Ruddell. More news and pictures on the match elsewhere in this issue. (Staff Photo)

Open high school addition at ceremony set for Dec. 4

Milton District High School Board at its monthly meeting set Dec. 4 for the official opening of the new addition and agreed to a program outline that would include an open house.

The Board approved the purchase of drapes for the new stage of the building at a cost of \$2,856.35, to be installed prior to the official opening. The move came after considerable discussion on budgets and the importance of the drapes to the use of the facilities.

A recommended student fee of \$25 for the driver education course was approved following a review of the costs involved. Last year's net cost to the board was \$27.92 when the fees were \$20.

The property committee reported the mice were now under control at the school. An exterminator had been active in reducing the mice population after the school was open during the summer construction period.

The Board ordered further cost estimates on repairs to the gymnasium floor that has heaved in the middle. It was noted the

original installers had quoted \$848. Members took exception to the quotation, noting they had worked on the floor before and it had not proven satisfactory. Further information was to be obtained by the property committee.

The meeting of the board followed a dinner for members and wives hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Roberts at their home. Appreciation to them was expressed by Trustees R. Carbert and A. Britton.

Snow's plan for Halton future

Two tiers, five municipalities

If Jim Snow has his way, Halton County would take on a radically new and different look. Snow, M.P.P. for Halton East has submitted a plan to Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs suggesting Halton County be split into five sections or divisions rather than seven as at present.

Snow said he would favor a two-tier system for regional government during the introductory period and then a transition to a single-tier system of government.

During the introductory period the local government would be charged with parks and recreation, roads, garbage and sanitation and some of the lesser responsibilities.

Mr. Snow proposed the five new municipalities would be made up as follows:

—Acton would take over that portion of Nassagaweya north of Highway 401 and Esqueving Township west of Third Line.

—Georgetown would be linked with the rest of Esqueving north of Highway 401, the village of Glen Williams and Norval.

—Esqueving and Nassagaweya south of Highway 401 would be combined with the north halves of Burlington and Oakville and the Town of Milton, with the Lower Base Line the probably southern boundary.

—Oakville and Burlington's southern portions would be two separate municipalities.

Snow said Milton Heights would be linked with the Town of Milton. He explained Milton would be in a position to solve the water crisis in that area if the area were within the town's boundaries.

"As it is now," Snow explained, "part is in Nassagaweya and part in Esqueving and this makes for an awkward situation."

Snow's plan met with the Minister's approval. The plan was a result of a few months of study and consideration. Several reports have been made on regional government, Snow explained, "so I thought I would submit mine for what it is worth to the Minister."

The M.P.P. said the boundaries he had specified were not necessarily final. He said consideration would have to be given to that. "Perhaps part of Peel should be joined to Halton and the opposite would apply in some spots," he said.

Peel County completed a brief to the minister about regional government and a similar brief was being initiated in Halton but as yet no report has been submitted.

Milton desires two-tier system

While some councillors indicated they did not agree 100 per cent with it, Milton Council agreed Monday to send copies of its earlier reply to the Plunkett Needs Study to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Council kicked the regional government ball around and generally agreed a two-tier system of regional government within the present boundaries of Halton County was the best answer... the same as Milton's 1967 council felt when it submitted two briefs on the Plunkett study.

"It is important to ensure we still have a two-tier system so we will have SOME control over our destiny," Mayor Brian Best warned councillors as he introduced the subject. "If we don't it will just go to a one-tier system."

The documents will go to Municipal Affairs Minister D'Arcy McKeough as well as county council, M.P.P.s Jim Snow and George Kerr.

Councillor Colin Smillie wondered if regional government would be "part of the gradual chipping process... and Big Brother will be looking after all of us." Councillor Percy Barr felt it was probably a start, to which Councillor Smillie replied "then it's time we stood up on our hind feet and hollered like hell about it."

Thousands at Sunday reception

Community fetes doctor for 45 years of service

It was quite a while ago—45 years this past July—Dr. H. R. McDonald set up practise in the village of Kilbride; and not too long after that he supplemented his horse-drawn transportation with one of Henry Ford's cantankerous and rather novel Model T Fords.

They had a good four and one-half decades—the automobiles and the McDonalds—and Sunday about 2,200 of the vastly improved horseless carriages brought their owners and owners' families to Kilbride public school to pay homage to the man who undisputedly maintains the largest rural medical practise in Ontario.

"Dr. McDonald," said nationally-famed broadcaster Gordon Sinclair in reviewing the event on radio Monday, "is as much a part of Ontario as a maple tree."

The McDonalds declined gifts to them personally, but a Dr. McDonald Fund, which will go towards furnishing a room in the new wing of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington was set up and has so far collected around \$2,500—\$1,700 of it brought to the reception.

Chaired by George Greenlees, the afternoon included a chance to chat with Dr. McDonald and his wife, invitation to former babies delivered by him to sign a book and don either a blue or pink lapel ribbon, and a

presentation by Mr. Greenlees of a commemorative plaque on behalf of the community and the doctor's patients.

Platform guests other than the guests of honor and chairman Greenlees included Halton-Wentworth M. P. John

Morison, Halton M. P. P. George Kerr, Joseph Brant Hospital board of governors' member Paul Fisher, first baby delivered

Mervin DeForest, Hamilton Medical Association representative Dr. L. McGee, Halton County Medical Association member Dr. G. Syer, Rev. C. R. Wragg of Kilbride United Church and Mrs. George Coulson.

Mrs. Coulson delivered an address compiled by her and several other ladies of the community on the theme "down memory's lane," recalling events in the closely connected lives of the doctor and the village.

A large bouquet of roses was presented to Mr. McDonald by Grace Robertson, an occasional worker in the doctor's office while the McDonalds are out.

M. P. Morison made a brief address and presented the doctor with a letter from Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and federal health minister J. Monro; while provincial member Kerr brought correspondence from provincial health minister Dr. M. Dymond and Premier John Robarts.

Most longeivous of Dr. McDonald's patients to attend Sunday was Mrs. J. Wheelhan, 96, of Campbellville.

The phenomenal procession of automobiles was guided into order by members of the Kilbride Boy Scout troop; while their equivalent Rangers prepared part of the lunch.

A recording of the addresses and program was supervised by Robert Newell and will be presented to Dr. and Mrs. McDonald.



OVER 2,000 CARLOADS of people visited Kilbride Public School Sunday to honor Dr. H. R. McDonald for 45 years of service to what is unanimously accepted as the largest rural practise in Ontario. Dr. McDonald Day chairman George Greenlees presents the doctor with a plaque on behalf of his patients while Mervin DeForest, the first baby delivered by the doc, looks on. (Staff Photo)