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Milton built a case

Milton Council's efforts to support a four borough regional government structure as opposed to a three-unit Halton naturally raises the hackles in neighboring municipalities.

The editor of The Acton Free Press, for instance, suggested editorially last week, the very arguments Milton was advancing for maintenance of identity could be used equally well by Acton, Georgetown, Nassagaweya or Esquesing. He's right. If Milton had based its support for a borough encompassing Milton and surrounding area, simply on its desire to remain a unit, it would have been dealing in the generalities that others are guilty of.

No. Milton Council did a little more homework than that. It built its case for being included as a fourth borough, on some more substantial evidence. Generally it set out to prove, on grounds that could be substantiated,

that it had a viable future considering economics, growth and servicing capacity. In addition it also established a proposed borough on criteria such as telephone area, hydro services, library service, water supply, and fire area.

Milton did its homework in analyzing the potential assessment value of the area it proposes and comes up with a minimum assessment of \$33,786,653.—sufficient, it feels, to warrant a borough structure. Further detail in terms of per capita debt and population was also studied.

Growth in Milton is evident as new plans materialize almost weekly, but a system of prepayment of capital levies enables the municipality to pay for the required municipal servicing with cash rather than through long-term debentures, contributing to a sound financial position for the municipality. Engineering and development of some

major services have already been completed to permit orderly growth.

Milton's greatest liability in its relations with neighbors, it seems, is its central location, touching as it does the boundaries of four of the county's municipalities. A move in any direction is bound to get a couple of them upset and a move in both directions gets the majority of the county uneasy.

We can imagine the uneasiness Acton may feel in being put in a package with Georgetown, whose population assures it a preponderance of votes. The two towns have worked together before but usually for limited periods of time, as in the North Halton District High School Board.

The Acton editor suggests any of the municipalities could do as Milton and "pull the same old rabbits out of the hat and insist they also are unique, deserving special treatment. Where would that put the case for regional government?—back in square one."

Milton isn't pulling any tricks or insisting on special treatment. Milton did do its homework and submitted a reasoned and logical set of arguments for its position. It quoted figures and facts and drew its conclusions. That option was surely open to every municipality.



WHEN THE MAPLES finally release their leaves in the fall of the year, a trick they have perfected over many thousands of years, it provides a

playground for young fellows like Robert Jennings. His father is on the other end of the camera. (Photo by J. Jennings)

Pages of the Past

From Champion Files

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Oct. 30, 1952.

Murray McPhail, 39, was elected by an overwhelming majority on the first ballot to carry the Liberal standard in the next federal election. At the Liberal convention in Milton town hall on Saturday of last week a motion was also unanimously endorsed that in recognition of service in government, Hughes S. Cleaver of Burlington, the present member for Halton, be appointed to the senate.

The Lorne W. Laing farm, Lot 6 of the seventh concession of Nelson, proved an ideal site for the annual match of the Halton Plowman's Association on Thursday of last week. Forty plowmen from the counties of Ontario, York, Peel, Wellington, Waterloo and Halton met in friendly rivalry.

Percy Cleave of Georgetown was re-elected as president of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association at the annual meeting held last week. Tom Lawson, Q.C. of Oakville was elected vice-president.

Last but by no means least of a busy agenda on Monday night, North Halton High School District Board tackled the building program. The motion of July calling for a start on the program with a school in Acton had not been acted upon. A subsequent special meeting held at the house of the chairman in Georgetown had brought forth another proposal for buildings in the three towns at an estimated cost of \$555,000. The original program for construction in three towns called for an expenditure of approximately \$900,000.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, November 2, 1922.

Ottawa says the average cost of the weekly family budget of 29 stable foods was \$10.28 at the beginning of September, as compared with \$10.44 for August, \$11.82 for September 21 and \$7.83 for September 1914.

Montreal Protestant taxpayers are objecting to having to pay an extra two mills for the education of Jews, Syrians and other non-Protestant elements who are at present studying in Montreal's Anglican schools, and as a result of this dissatisfaction an appeal will probably be made to the Quebec legislature.

About two weeks ago, R. J. Hare accidentally cut one of his toes with his axe as he was at work in the bush near Ash. The wound did not heal and on Monday the toe was amputated.

The Farmers' Club met in Milton last Saturday evening and arranged for the collection of a carload of oats to be sent to the farm fire sufferers of Northern Ontario.

On Sunday, 21st, a memorial window, to honor the memory of the late Canon Worrell, was unveiled in St. Jude's Church, Oakville. Canon Worrell was rector of the church from 1868 to 1903. He died some years ago at Oakville, in his 99th year.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, October 31, 1872.

Mr. Fraser, the Reform candidate from South Grenville was returned last week by a majority of 173.

Late German papers inform us that the Old World will soon be independent of America as regards refined petroleum, of which Germany in particular has been a large importer. The crude material has lately been discovered in Galicia in inconceivable amounts.

This evening, being Hallowe'en, will be very favorable for "raising cabbages". The Town Fathers will meet Monday evening.

The December sessions will be held at the Court House in December.

Parties desirous of joining evening classes in connection with the Milton Mechanics' Institute are requested to leave their names with the Secretary, Mr. F. J. Jones. The Government defray two-thirds of the expense.

The Board of High School Trustees met at the Town Hall on Monday afternoon. Besides the other business transacted, a resolution was passed requesting the Town Council to grant one hundred dollars for school purposes.

A social will be given by Miss Cummings at the residence of Mr. John Cummings, near Milton, Thursday evening, Nov. 7.

Responsibility to govern

Incompatible as they may be, our twin-headed government emerged from Monday's election with a responsibility to govern Canada as best they may in a minority position.

The country can't afford another immediate election and the voters will still need some time to assess their next move at the polls.

In Halton, incumbent Rud Whiting, who has held the seat for the Liberals was defeated by challenger Terry O'Connor for the Progressive Conservatives. It was a close count through most of the night but O'Connor led in most polls and really never seemed to drop his lead. Carolyn Holstein wasn't a heavy contender at the polls but most recognized her as a candidate with genuine ability and platform appeal. Halton today will have a new repre-

sentative going to Ottawa and it may take time for constituents of all party loyalties to get to know him. Similarly he will have a man-sized job cut out for him in getting to know constituents that he has not met on the campaign trail. While undoubtedly there are major responsibilities in Ottawa, the voters back home still count for quite a bit.

With our congratulations to the winner go our congratulations to the two losers. It took all three to make the campaign.

The win for Bill Kemppling representing the Progressive Conservatives in Halton-Wentworth puts this section of the country securely in the hands of Robert Stanfield's party. That's a complete switch and it will be interesting to observe the implications of this in the months ahead as two major parties see-saw in Ottawa.

Commenting briefly

If you haven't yet checked the municipal voters' list, do it soon. Next Tuesday, Nov. 7 is the final date for making corrections to the list of voters eligible to cast ballots on Monday, Dec. 4.

This cool fall has just one advantage—oldtimers tell us a chillier than usual October means a milder than usual winter. One weather expert says this October was the coolest since 1925.

Competition for Halton's top municipal government post, the title of Warden of Halton County for 1973 looks to be shaping up early this year. Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow announced last week he is going after the warden's seat if re-elected as reeve of his municipal council. Other possible challengers are Esquesing's Reeve Tom Hill and Oakville's Reeve Allan Masson, and the names of Deputy Reeves Don McMillan of Nassagaweya and David Coons of Burlington are also being mentioned as contenders, although we never remember a Deputy Reeve in the top spot. Milton's Reeve Ron Harris was one of the contenders last year but he says this year he wants to run for the mayoralty in Milton,

which means giving up his county council seat and a chance to be (what might be) Halton's last warden. The \$10,000 a year job carries a lot of prestige.

PC candidate in Halton-Wentworth Bill Kemppling must have had some indication of victory prior to Monday's federal election. He won five out of five student elections held in Burlington schools prior to Monday's vote.

Last week The Champion carried an editorial page featurette about the Workmen's Compensation Board — a press release the Board submitted for publication. One local resident who has been permanently disabled by a work injury called to let us know the WCB press release omitted one important detail — the fact that once a monthly payment is settled for a permanent disability worker, that figure remains in effect for the rest of his life. It does not increase with the cost of living, he notes. The man who called was injured several years ago. He says the WCB monthly payment was enough to live on for the first two or three years, but since then he has not been able to make ends meet.

Straight jacket?

The Bruce Trail Association, in its latest newsletter, gives some moral support to those Milton residents who don't want to see the Sixteen Mile Creek sterilized with a concrete channel. The newsletter, in a commentary titled "Placing the Sixteen in a Straight Jacket", says:

"We see that the town of Milton has plans to "reorganize" the Sixteen Mile Creek, that finger of rural charm which (most of the year) gently pokes its way through the centre of town. The engineers intend to improve on nature by straightening out the bends and lining the walls of the unfortunate stream with concrete. According to a report in The Canadian Champion, "the sometimes quiet, sometimes

violent, meandering stream will be converted to an efficient, cement-lined, smooth, drainage route, destined to carry the worst nature can produce."

"We can't help wondering if it makes sense to destroy the natural beauty of a town in order to accommodate flood waters which present a problem a mere two or three weeks a year. Surely flooding could be eliminated by installing either an open or an underground bypass to accommodate the spring overflow.

"We suppose that the engineers eventually will have their way with the Sixteen, as they finally will with the world. They will have their fun recreating the earth in their image. But it will be a world in which no one else will want to live."

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Second Section



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

A couple of weeks ago, while I was writing down the date on my attendance pad, I got a bit of a shock. It was October 13. Then I realized it was Friday. Hey, my anniversary!

On a gloomy Friday the 13th of October, 1944, I was shot down over Holland by German flak, crash-landed in a plowed field and was taken prisoner.

I've been a little leery of Friday the 13th ever since, but when it also falls in October, as this year, I feel a distinct chill and my first thought is that I should have stayed in bed all day, with the covers pulled over my head, to be safe from the searching finger of fate.

It's ridiculous, of course. I don't believe in black cats, walking under ladders, broken mirrors, the number 13, and all those old-wives' symbols of bad luck.

Even so, I know some of my students wondered why I taught all day, that day, with both hands behind my back. What they didn't know was that I had my fingers crossed, both hands.

Well, now that a reasonable time has passed look back on that day in 1944 with no more reaction than sangfroid, which, as any Englishman knows, means bloody cold, and I have one of those, so everything is fine.

In retrospect, that day was not an unlucky, but a lucky one. At the time I didn't think so. I had a date that night with a

smashing blonde in Antwerp, and I was justly annoyed that the stupid war had interfered with my social life.

But looking back, it was one of the luckiest days in my life. I still had a miserable, often wretched experience to go through. However, it was one of the most interesting in my life, and I made some fine friends and saw a lot of strange things.

Also, my wing was losing from five to a dozen pilots a week. My own squadron of eighteen pilots had lost Dave Backhouse, Johnny Rook, "Taffy" Price, "Dingle" Bell, and a week before I got it, one of my tent-mates, Freddy Wakeman, was killed. (A week after I got it, my other tent-mate went down in flames.)

I had landed once with a bomb dangling, another time with no flaps, no brakes and thirty-six holes in my aircraft. So it was just a matter of time.

I wonder how many of you have had the same experience: believing that the fates had singled you out for special punishment, and discovering, much later, that what seemed at the time a black cloud was really a silver lining in disguise.

Of course, the opposite can happen. Ask some of my friends who thought it was the luckiest day in their lives when they stood in front of the preacher with that gentle, sweet, understanding and voluptuous young creature, and found themselves 25 years later manacled to a fat, nagging shrew.

Benefit children in war-torn countries

Korean Children's Choir to visit

Twenty years ago, hundreds of thousands of Korean children were homeless and starving, with little hope of even growing to maturity. Today, thanks to the tireless efforts of concerned people around the world, most of Korea's youths are not only healthy, happy youngsters, but their eyes glow with anticipation of their future.

In a world wearied and depressed by tragedy, 32 of these lively, expectant children, who comprise the Korean Children's Choir, are living proof that love and care can work miracles, and that hope is a viable and powerful alternative to despair.

The Korean Children's Choir was born out of the international childcare program of World Vision International of Canada, a Christian humanitarian organization, which was started in 1950 in Korea. In the turbulent years that followed the cessation of hostilities between north and south, World Vision founded new orphanages and supported existing ones, gradually assuming responsibility for 174 institutions and 15,700 children in Korea.

Form first choir

As the children grew accustomed to the "luxury" of sufficient food, an education and a home, the musical heritage of their country began to show itself once again—so much so that World Vision began organizing a choir in 1957. Two years later children of the choir moved to a single orphanage in

Seoul and in 1961 made their first concert tour of Canada.

Throughout the past 11 years more than 100 children have received special musical training through this program. Today the World Vision Music Institute is housed in a large, new building in the Kimpo area of Seoul on the grounds of World Vision's Korean headquarters. More than 50 children are currently in residence, training two hours each day and four hours on holidays, in addition to attending regular schools in the area. Seasoned travellers, the Choir has sung in over 20 countries, before hundreds of audiences, kings and heads of state. Their forthcoming trip to Canada in the fall will mark their fifth visit to this country. They will appear at Massey Hall, Toronto, Nov. 30.

While the beauty and talent of the Choir children are immediately obvious to all audiences, the total effect of their performance contains something more. Though the ravages of war and deprivation are behind them, these children have been shaped by harsh experiences. Today, as ambassadors of other children in need, they study, work and perform with the kind of commitment born of understanding. Because the percentage of orphans and children in need in Korea is rapidly descending, this tour of the Korean Children's Choir will benefit children sponsored by World Vision in Vietnam,

Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Africa and South America.

"For sisters and brothers"

Aware of the very special nature of their mission, the children are preparing the concert with utmost seriousness, expressing their desire not only to represent their own nation honorably, but also to do well "for our sisters and brothers in other countries. . . . Beneath the solemnity of course, there is excitement and joyful anticipation, of seeing "the grandfather from Kentucky who makes chicken, Niagara Falls, The Rockies and Indians."

Their 10-city tour of Canada will be difficult and demanding for the children, many of whom are primary school age, but they aren't concerned. "We don't have time to be tired," one veteran of past tours explained. Over the years, a total of 100 children have trained at the World Vision Music Institute, and seven of the graduates have gone on to advanced musical training both in Korea and abroad. The institute is equally proud of the many other youngsters who are completing high school, college, nursing courses and various types of technical educations. Even among those children who are not pursuing musical careers, many are utilizing their training and ability in teaching or in performing as members and soloists of church and community musical groups.

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