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## Everyone is challenged in municipal election

With the exception of the separate school representation for Milton there will be no acclamation in the Dec. 4 municipal election in Milton. Many of the candidates running for posts on council, board of education and the hydro commission were last minute entries to the race.

Eleven candidates will vie for six seats on council, there is a two way race for mayor, three way race for reeve and a two way race for deputy reeve. Three men seek two seats on the hydro commission and two men are seeking a seat on the Halton County Board of Education.

The mayors race will see incumbent Brian Best challenged by Reeve Ron Harris while Percy Barr, Colin Smillie and Bob McCuaig all vie for the position of Reeve vacated by Harris. McCuaig's attempt at reeve left Deputy Reeve open for councillor Mrs. Marjorie Powys and a newcomer to the race Richard Copley.

### Seven newcomers

Four incumbents and seven newcomers are in the race for councillors' seats. Sid Childs, Gord Krantz, Art Melanson, and Dr. Ivan Hunter are seeking re-election while Jim Kerr, John McIlwraith, Larry Smith, Hazel Porter, Bob Moreau, Dave Lloyd and Malcolm Manford are running for seats on council. Manford was unable to attend the meeting because he was in hospital and was out long enough

to file papers in the afternoon.

Mayor Best reviewed the achievements of the council during the past year. Under the roads program he noted work on the connecting link at Martin St. and Ontario St., Highway 401 and Highway 25, as well as work on Harrop Dr., Main St. and Barber Green Rd. He said a roads need study which included sidewalks would be completed in January providing a guideline for future councils.

Reviewing water works the mayor noted the town had a capacity to provide up to 4,000,000 gallons per day while the need was only for one and a quarter million gallons per day at present.

He noted work on the sanitary sewage system will provide services to allow growth to 18,000. He suggested the building of Barber Greene, Polymer and a second Alliance building on Steele's Ave. had helped keep the tax ratio at 40 per cent industrial and 60 per cent residential.

The town has hired a deputy clerk, a recreation director, and an assistant building inspector to help meet the rapid growth of the town. Building permits for construction valued at over \$8,000,000 compared to \$3,000,000 in 1972 had been issued.

Turning his attention to the 1973 election campaign Mayor Best pointed to a second senior citizen apartment, a drop in centre or meeting room for senior citizens,

increased industrial and commercial development of parks and provision of a building site and a new library as goals to be tackled during the coming term. He offered proven leadership which he felt would be necessary in the vital regional government talks the town expects to find themselves in in the near future.

### Ron Harris

Ron Harris, a mayoralty candidate cited regional government as the biggest issue the town would face during the coming term. He felt his tenure on town and county council left him well qualified to negotiate Milton's position in a regional government.

He looked to waste disposal site, programs of reclamation and recycling as projects the town should embark upon in the near future. He felt low rental housing, senior citizens housing, a larger library and a junior arena should receive serious consideration during the coming year.

### Reeve Percy Barr

One of the three candidates for Reeve Percy Barr recalled his defeat in the last election and how he vowed he'd come back. He said he was prepared to return to county council and work towards creating better liaison between north and southern communities. He had five years on council and two as deputy reeve before he was defeated last year.

### Bob McCuaig

Bob McCuaig, deputy reeve on this year's council said regional government would be the key issue in the coming year and he reiterated the mayor's statement that the town was in good financial shape.

He felt the need to continue to work even closer with the Halton County Board of Education and felt this had already been started with the signing of the joint use of recreation facilities agreement. He hoped sites for a library and senior citizen drop in centre could be found in the near future.

"I've no axe to grind and have the greatest respect for both Percy and Colin but you should have the chance to choose and if I'm your choice that's fine."

Colin Smillie, the third candidate for Reeve sent his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting but noted a previous commitment.

### DEPUTY REEVE

#### Dick Copley

Richard (Dick) Copley's last minute announcement to run for deputy reeve found councillor Marjorie Powys with opposition for that post. Copley described himself as a newcomer to municipal politics but cited experience with the Milton School Board, the Chamber of Commerce and a service club. He said he was vitally interested in regional government.

### Marjorie Powys

Marjorie Powys said she had described three areas of concern during her campaign for councillor, those areas being better liaison with the youth in the community, a new library and recycling.

She said she felt the first had been achieved, the second was being worked on and there was steps taken on the third.

She said the youth council had agreed to hold glass collections and the boy scouts will collect paper for the purpose of recycling.

She urged those present to write or phone influential people and express their interest in Milton remaining a community of its own in a regional government setup.

### COUNCILLORS

#### Jim Kerr

Jim Kerr, a school teacher, said he'd attempt to improve upon the status quo but felt the town should grow in a responsible manner and not be allowed to turn into a sprawling urban area. He said he wanted the area to have the proper shopping and recreation facilities.

#### John McIlwraith Jr.

At 18 years of age McIlwraith said he felt it was time he started putting something back into the town as he'd reaped the benefits of school and recreation facilities during the past 14 years.

He said he had spoken to a number of people since deciding to run and hoped to polish his stand on issues at a later date.

#### Sid Childs

"I've seen a lot of change since I've been on council" the senior councillor declared. During his tenure on council he served a 10 year period as mayor. He currently is involved with sewers, is chairman of the arena board and sits on the personnel committee and planning board.

Childs sees 1973-74 as a busy term on planning board and council with plans of subdivisions coming forth. He noted if all plans on the board now materialize a second addition to the sanitary sewage plant will be required in the very near future.

#### Gord Krantz

Krantz said he would stand on his record of seven years on council. "I know the ins and the outs and without a majority you can't do a thing. I'll save my speeches for the council chamber."

#### Larry Smith

A newcomer to the political world Larry Smith said he'd watched changes in Milton over the past 18 years and was aware of the changes in the future. He said he felt it was time he took an active roll in insuring the ratepayers get maximum benefit from their tax dollars.

#### Art Melanson

Councillor Melanson emphasized the need for low rental housing on a geared to income basis and senior citizen housing. He pointed out a need too for the cheaper single family home noting that homes in Milton subdivisions start at \$34,000 and leaves the man earning \$8,000 to \$12,000 neglected.

Hew said he felt developers should be urged to provide some homes for those in the lower income as well as the upper bracket. He referred to an Ontario Housing Corporation

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**BULLETIN:** Dr. Ivan Hunter withdrew from the Milton Council race. He withdrew nomination papers Tuesday. Candidate had until 5 p.m. Tuesday to do so.



**FLEXING THEIR MUSCLES,** Mayoralty Candidates Night. Both men decided it would be better if the voters chose the winner December fourth. The evening was sponsored by the Milton Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by J. Jennings)

## Ratepayers opposed to condominium project

Ratepayers in the Fallingbrook area with leadership from lawyer Perry Young, laid their case against the proposed 254 unit condominium development along Bronte St. Friday afternoon at an all day hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The ratepayers opposed the rezoning of three parcels of property along Bronte St. from development to medium density to allow condominiums. The development which includes 10 single family homes if approved will be situated on three vacant blocks of land north and south of Heslop Rd. and Anne Blvd. on the

north side of Bronte St.

### Official Plan

In the morning session Bill Ogden, a professional planner, testified the town's official plan designated the area a medium density which would include semi detached homes, row houses, some apartments.

Under questioning from town solicitor Doug McConachie, Ogden noted the neighborhood shopping centre was planned to be on Bronte Rd. rather than in the heart of the neighborhood because the developer felt it best to have the centre on a busy road and he agreed it was good

planning. The total land involved amounts to 16.37 acres and under the official plan guidelines, 1,365 people could be permitted to live there but only an estimated 965 are proposed.

Ogden noted the proposal was short in parking requirements which require 1.5 spaces and the developer has only shown 1.25 spaces per unit. Ogden testified there would be little disruption in the flow of traffic because most would empty onto Bronte St., an arterial road.

### Changes

Chaingate lawyer George Ness (Continued on Page Seven)

## Parade, service marks Remembrance Day here

Over 300 people gathered near the Cenotaph at Victoria Park on a cool, drizzly Nov. 11 Remembrance Day service Saturday morning following a parade through town.

Padre Rev. R. W. Foster addressed the group and recalled how Canadian soldiers and fighting men had died a glorious courageous death to keep the earth from falling in on the free world.

"Those fallen in war are remembered. Their story lives on not only engraved in stone but woven into the stuff other men are made."

### Right must win

"War discloses the force of evil but also reveals right must win. We must never forget and not only express our gratitude but work towards the completion of the incomplete job."

He called for men and women today to go forth with dedication to make the world a better place and urged them not to live just for

selfish living and profit. He urged those living today go attack the unfinished work with increased devotion and the last measure of dedication.

By way of explanation Rev. Foster spoke of the origin of the poppy tradition. He told how the poppies at Flanders field bloomed each spring over the graves of the dead and how the tradition was brought home by soldiers and later spread to the general public.

He reasoned the poppie had four parts emblematic of faith in God, in us and others, Brotherhood, dedication and hope. "Build on these thoughts and hold the torch high."

Members of the Branch 136 of the Canadian Legion, Milton Girls Pipe Band, members of Milton Council, Milton Firefighters, local cubs, scouts, brownies, rangers as well as members of the Lions club of Milton, Milton Optimists were among those taking part in the

parade. Wreaths were laid by representatives of the Legion, Province of Ontario, UAW local 1067, USWA local 4970, Milton District Hospital, John Milton IODE, Rebekahs, Girls Pipe Band, Lions, Optimists, and Ontario Steel Products Athletic Club.

During a dinner and dance at the Legion Hall Saturday night tribute was paid to the work done by the Legion and the Legion Auxiliary. A legion member for many years Frank Shannon was awarded a life membership. Milton Mayor Brian Best spoke briefly. He was chairman of the morning's service. Legion president Steve Rasberry read the names on the cenotaph.

Com. Joe Waters played reveille and Frank Shannon was parade marshal. Milton Girls Pipe Band entertained during the evening and took part in the parade.



**REPRESENTATIVES OF** various organizations and groups took part in the laying of wreaths during the service Saturday morning. Wreaths were laid around the cenotaph honoring those who had fought and died during the world wars. (Photo by B. Burt)

## Reject 60 cents offer

# 300 on strike at PLR

A strike by 300 production employees at the Milton head office of P. L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. Ltd. — the first in the company's 68-year history — is not expected to last long. Spokesmen for both Local 4970 United Steelworkers of America and the company told The Champion they are anxious to sit down and talk over a settlement at any time, although it appeared both sides were waiting for the other party to make the first move.

The strike officially started at 11.30 p.m. Sunday night when about 200 workers set up a picket line on Bronte St. in front of the plant. Picketers continued to the entrances to the plant on a 24-hour basis.

Negotiations toward a new two year contract, which have been underway for the past few months, bogged down a few weeks ago and the strike could legally have been called at 12.01 a.m. Saturday.

Union and company negotiators huddled for over 12 hours on Friday in a last-minute attempt to bring about a settlement. But the management's final offer, a package worth 60 cents over the next two years, was rejected by a 158 to 100 vote at a meeting of Local 4970 members at the Pine St. union hall Sunday morning. All but about 35 of the workers covered by the union contract attended the meeting, union spokesmen said.

"The union is ready to attend further meetings at any time," said Local 4970 public relations officer Dunc Patterson.

"We are prepared to meet again with the union at any time — hopefully we can get together some day this week," said John E. Horn, PLR's personnel manager. "We all want to get a settlement and get back to work."

Union organizers stressed they

plan an orderly picket line and moving at all times to avoid loitering charges. Mr. Horn confirmed it was an orderly picket. No trucks have tried to cross the picket lines — one delivery truck which did show up Monday morning soon left. Office employees and supervisory personnel went to work Monday and had no problems crossing the picket lines.

### Now \$3.59 an hour

The package the company offered Friday included a 27½ cent an hour raise in pay for the first year, plus 28½ cents in the second year and four cents worth of fringe benefits. The package is based upon the "average" PLR employee, a man in Job Class 10 who presently earns \$3,597.5 per hour, according to union spokesman Patterson.

"We were seeking more money and more in fringe benefits," Patterson said. One of the pickets told The Champion the company

had rejected a union request for a dental plan and a cost-of-living bonus.

The old contract, which had been in effect for three years, expired on Sept. 27.

During negotiations, a committee including Jack Zanatta, Charles Mills, Dunc Patterson and president Max Black represented Local 4970 and Ken O'Neil was the representative from USWA. The company had a five-man negotiating team headed by John Horn.

Although the strike is the first legal strike at the plant, a few years ago a wildcat strike temporarily shut down production at the Bronte St. factory. The USWA has been representing workers there since 1953.

PLR manufactures fasteners — screws, nuts, bolts, washers and screwdrivers — and is an affiliate of Procor Limited, Oakville.



**300 PRODUCTION WORKERS** at the Milton head office of P.L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. Ltd. went out on strike at 11.30 p.m. Sunday after negotiations on a new two year contract bogged down. Workers voted 3-2 to reject the company's latest offer, at a meeting of Local 4970 USWA's

membership Sunday morning. A package worth 60 cents over two years had been offered. The strike is the first legal strike in the company's 68-year history. Pickets are shown on duty Monday morning in front of the company office on Bronte St. (Photo by R. Downs)

## Meet the candidates

A meet-the-candidates night will be held for Nassagaweya voters on Friday, Nov. 24. The event will be held in the Brookville Hall and will start at 8 p.m. A question period will follow the speeches.