

# Mayoralty race pits warden against mayor

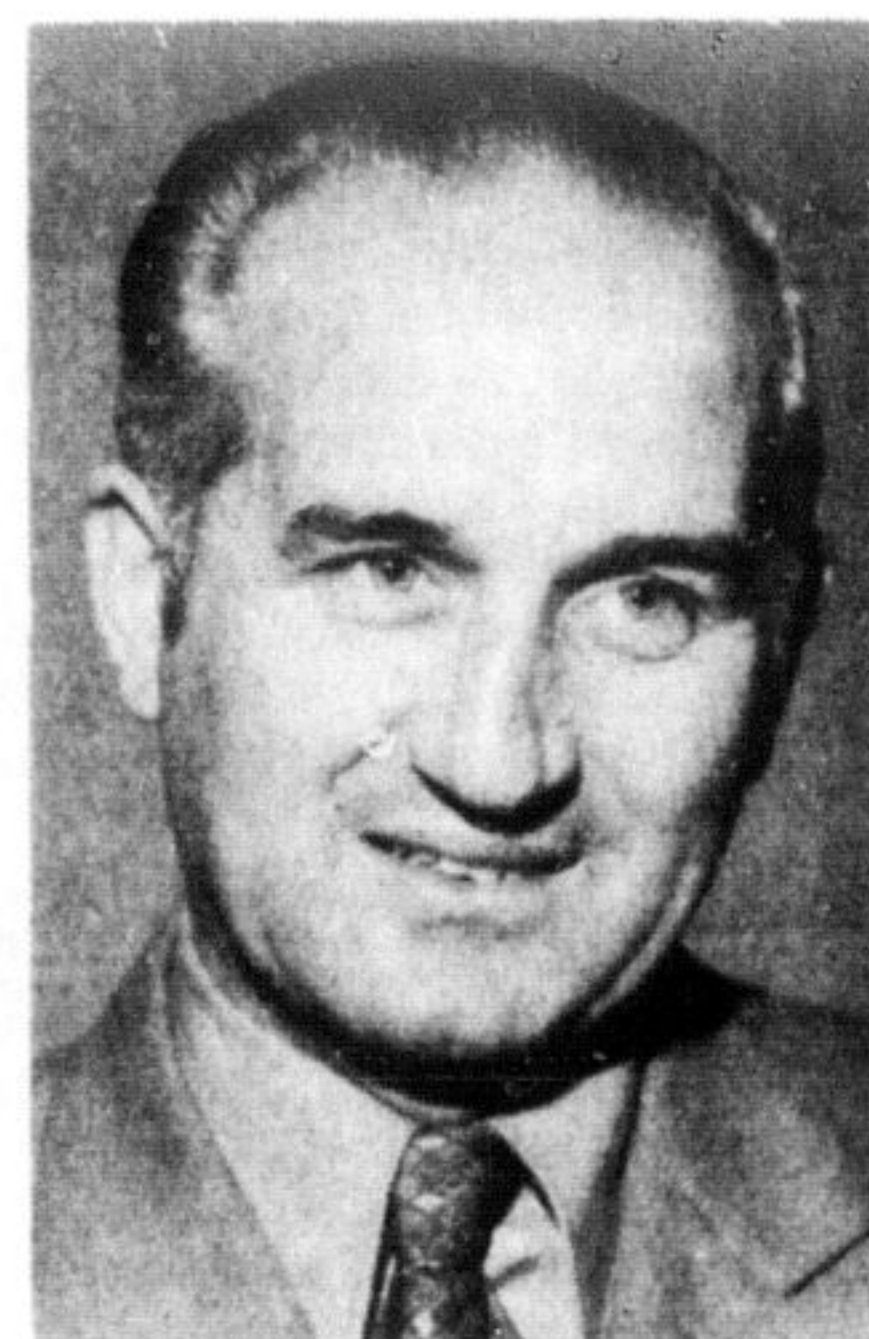
Central Halton's Oct. 1 election puts a pair of local political veterans into the main race for the mayor's chair. Incumbent Milton Mayor Brian Best and incumbent Nassagaweya Reeve and Halton Warden Mrs. Anne MacArthur both seek the top seat in the new town's council starting next Jan. 1.

Best, mayor for six years and a councillor and school trustee for seven years before that, is a local real estate agent and a professional engineer. Mrs. MacArthur, who just retired in June after a 38-year career as a high school teacher, had been reeve of Nassagaweya for five years and was a councillor in the township four years before that. She is the 1973 Warden of Halton County.

Bob Burt of The Champion interviewed both candidates this week and asked them why they felt they should be chosen for the mayoralty chair. They expressed different views on what type of experience is needed to hold the post, on development, services and priorities.



Anne MacArthur  
Warden



Brian Best  
Mayor

## MacArthur Best cites works for business "people" experience

If elected Mayor of Central Halton Mrs. A. J. MacArthur will draw on her municipal experience both at the local and county level, her 27 years of experience as a teacher in Milton and her ability to work with and for people, she told this newspaper in an interview this week.

She said her experience at Milton District High School has made her well aware of the problems in the urban area of Central Halton and her term on Nassagaweya Council which began in 1965 has helped her become conversant with the problems of the rural dwellers.

She has served five years on County Council and is currently the Warden of the County. Having served on all committees at the county level, she feels well qualified to deal with the complexities of regional government.

Competent staff  
She indicated water, sewers and provision of other services will not present a problem because they will be dealt with at the upper tier and a competent engineering staff will be available.

Mrs. MacArthur feels well qualified to negotiate for Central Halton because she knows and has worked with many of the councillors who will be on the council.

"All of my time is at the disposal of the people," she said.

She indicated an interest in what she termed the quality of life, noting that good sidewalks, recreation and library facilities were important in the social and cultural development of the community.

"I believe in responsible and controlled growth and feel development should not be allowed until there are proper facilities to deal with garbage, water and sewer requirements," she noted.

The Warden suggested Milton Council had been irresponsible in allowing growth without being sure proper drainage could be provided. She recalled flooded basements in the Dorset Park subdivision as a case in point.

Land fill site  
She pointed to the town's predicament in having its sanitary landfill site filled without having a new one established. Development has to go hand in hand with services, she noted.

Central Halton is an amalgamation of communities, not an annexation, she stressed. "Each area has

The mayor of Central Halton will have to be someone with a strong business background and a solid knowledge of urban services, Milton Mayor Brian Best says.

In an interview with Mayor Best he explained why he was running for another term as the town's chief elected officer. He has been mayor for six years and had served on council and school board for four years before that.

He indicated his vigorous campaigning was at least partially responsible for Halton being divided into four units instead of three and making it possible for Milton to continue as a separate entity.

Essential to job  
He felt his background in business, both as a professional engineer and in running a real estate firm, provided him with a background essential to the job.

Best suggested his knowledge of urban services and requirements would be an asset. He noted Milton would need someone with municipal background in an urban centre and suggested time could be lost if someone new was to take over and have to determine everything that had gone on leading to the town's development to date.

Mayor Best said he was interested in personally following up what has gone on to date with regional government. He indicated he was conversant with all urban services and being a country dweller, was also familiar with the problems and requirements of the rural people. (Mayor Best's home is on the escarpment west of town).

"Running the town has gotten to be a big business and you need a businessman to do it," he said.

its own definite characteristics. The area can be a sell balanced area if it is handled right, and I sincerely believe I can do it."

Asked if she felt she had the business experience that may be necessary to run such an operation, she said she had been a partner in her husband's antique business. She was cautious, however, about regarding the mayoralty job as "big business." "If we regard it as big business it becomes easy to forget people problems, as people problems are forgotten in big business."

## Standard tests are voted down

After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of standardized tests, Halton County Board of Education Thursday voted against a proposal by trustee Dick Good in urging standardized tests for grade 13 in Ontario.

Good and his supporters argued the common tests were the only tools to compare the ability of various students. A poor student should not be fooled into thinking he has talent if he hasn't, just because a soft marker gave him a passing grade, he felt.

Doesn't work  
Assistant Director Em Lavender told the Board that even with standardized testing, experience has shown that marks fluctuated due to the severity in which teachers marked papers and a fair comparison was never established under that system.

team marking standardized tests and recalled that even after a three day briefing, the same answers were treated with a great deal of variation by different markers.

## Vintage cars visit Kelso

About 20 members of the Historical Automobile Society of Canada will tour from Sherway Plaza to Kelso Conservation Area and wind up at the Halton County Museum Sunday.

Watt Martin, a local member of that group, said about four or five people from this community will be joining the cavalcade of antique cars.

—Give your blood so others may live, Thursday at the Legion Hall.

## \$500,000 project

# New library plans okayed

The design for Milton's new library was approved by Milton Council Monday as members authorized the preparation of working drawings to call for tenders as soon as Ontario Municipal Board approval of the \$500,000 project is obtained.

Architect Phillip Brook reviewed with councillors the shaped building to be located on the site of the former Bruce St. School. Parking is to be provided for 41 cars on the former commons area and Bruce St. between Pearl and Pine is to be closed.

The architect pointed out if the street had been left open a maximum of 8,800 square feet of coverage is all that would have been possible. This would have required a long narrow building with more staff to operate it.

Open space  
A large open space area is to be left at the back of the library between it and the new senior citizen housing project planned for the same site.

Gross floor area has been reduced to 16,400 square feet

from the original plan of 18,000 square feet without reducing the facilities, the architect reviewed. He noted this had been possible by cutting circulation or corridor areas. He predicted it would be an economical building to staff.

Costs of construction have been reduced to an absolute minimum, Mr. Brook told Council. He said it would be built and furnished within the revised budget although the extensive paving and old foundation from the Bruce St. school would probably have to be removed.

Stay in limit  
Under questioning the architect assured council the total project including furnishings, shelving and equipment would not exceed the \$500,000 limit.

Questioned on whether a rectangular building would not be cheaper than a shaped building, the architect maintained it would cost more to plan the facilities in a purely rectangular building. The shape of the building proposed was "more

economical on a usable square foot basis", Mr. Brook explained.

The library is designed for a population of 15,000 and an extension could provide for a population of 25,000, the architect reviewed.

Two levels  
The design of the library, shown to council, was of a two level plan with book areas fanning out from a central entrance and charging area. A separate meeting room is also provided in the plans.

The lower level provides for a working area where books would be catalogued and stacks for books seldom circulated. Mayor B. Best urged the architect to submit the letter required, outlining his assurance the building would be built within the funds available, so council could seek Ontario Municipal Board approval. "We're

losing valuable time", he noted.

Mr. Brook indicated he was not aware the letter was required.

Clerk J. McGeachie later pointed out he had on two occasions earlier requested the letter to complete the application to the Ontario Municipal Board. Deputy Reeve M. Powys said she would follow up on the requirement.

## Corn, burgers vs. disease

To raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Milton Kinsmen at their last meeting decided to operate a food concession booth at this weekend's Milton Fair.

The club has agreed to raise funds for the CF campaign and decided to sell boiled corn, hamburgs and drinks at the weekend fair to launch the fund.

## Accidents

### Rain, frost in rain same day

Rain—the first real rain in about seven weeks—descended on Milton and district Monday to end the prolonged drought.

A light frost was reported by some area farmers Monday morning. This Friday, Sept. 21 is officially the first day of autumn.

Monday's rain contributed to three accidents Milton Police were called to investigate, just before supper time.

Two were minors with less than \$200 total damage. In the third accident at the corner of Main and Commercial Sts., vehicles driven by Thirza Florence MacKay of R.R. 1, Norval and Frederick Smith of 18 Court St. Milton collided, causing \$750 total damage.

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