



A GLASSY ACT. Assistant Cubmaster of the Hornby troop broke bottles piled in a pickup truck after they had been sorted by members of the Scouts and Guides Saturday behind Hillcrest Church. The bottle drive was held Saturday in Milton and area by the Hornby groups.

Council considers dog hunt to halt attacks on livestock

Serious consideration to allowing open season on loose dogs in the rural area was given by Milton Council Monday night, as a result of an increasing number of incidents of wild pack dogs attacking and killing sheep and other livestock.

The matter came to a head when David Yemm of Kilbride filed a damage claim with the town as a result of dogs attacking and killing over 600 mink on his property. The damage was valued at \$3,885 by the town's evaluator but Mr. Yemm is entitled to damages from the town in the amount of \$16,273.52.

Council Monday night was

faced with the option of either appealing the verdict, or paying the money. Some councillors expressed willingness to pay, but many were angered by the town's insurance agents, who have refused to cover the liability. Council eventually decided to pay the claim, but at the same time, conduct an inquiry into the matter.

Further complicating the matter is the fact that, to date in 1978, only \$6,500 in dog tag fees have been collected, far short of the \$16,273.52 that will be spent by the town to honor the one claim. Consideration was given by council to increasing the pound fee, and it

was suggested a \$100 pound fee be levied against the owner of any dog caught loose in a rural area.

Halton Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley cited statistics that show 107 sheep have been killed in Halton in the past year, and the average compensation paid to farmers suffering these losses is \$38 per sheep. The law provides a maximum payment of \$100 per sheep when a more realistic value, according to Mr. Stanley, is \$200 or \$300.

He urged steps be taken to eliminate the serious problem, and from that, the idea of a hunt was born.

The Livestock Act states that a farmer may shoot on sight a dog of other predator on his property, but it was noted that there are problems in doing that because it is extremely difficult to get close enough to a wild dog to use a shotgun. A Hornby area sheep farmer, Peter Branch suggested to council a better idea would be to use a rifle with a telescopic sight but this is too dangerous in some areas. This prompted one observer to comment sarcastically "Why not just use a hand grenade and be done with it."

Councillor Russ Powadiuk agreed the hunt was neces-

sary because of the heavy losses these pack dogs inflict on local farmers. He told council he has had to shoot predators on his property, and knew of one farmer who bagged 31 dogs.

Clerk Campbell Thompson noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources should be contacted about the matter for their input and advice.

Mr. Branch pointed out that there is also a serious after-effect among animals who have survived a predator attack, as they tend to abort their young and not be as prolific in breeding of new stock.

The matter of an increased pound fee was objected to by councillor Krantz, who pointed out that it would almost certainly happen that "a little old lady on a fixed income will lose her little chihuahua as soon as we raise the fee, and there is no way she can afford to pay \$100 to get it back."

Discussion centred around advising and petitioning the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their advice on the matter. Clerk Thompson said the town knew of only one case similar to this, in which the town of Newcastle was faced with a claim of \$8,000. Officials there said they paid the bill without appealing to their insurance company or the county judge.

Councillor Powadiuk said he knew of only one way to solve the problem: "Shoot 'em. When dogs are in a pack, it's not nice. Dogs who are normally quite friendly and will come up and let you pet them will become dangerous and predatory when they are in a pack. There's only one way to deal with them, and that's to shoot them, and if someone's pedigree dog gets shot, that's too bad. Once dogs get the taste of blood, that's it. There's nothing you can do."

It was pointed out it will be necessary to extensively publicize the hunt well in advance if a mass hunt is held. Council decided to refer the matter to their technical staff, who will draft a proper resolution on the matter, which will be dealt with by council at their next meeting.

Council to help families needing low-rent housing

A deputation to Milton Council Monday night solicited help on behalf of a number of Milton residents who claim they cannot afford decent rental housing, and charged the Ontario Housing Corporation is not responsive to their plight.

Sharon Johnson addressed council and wondered why the Ontario Housing Corporation handled applications for low-rent housing in Milton in a manner she felt was

perfunctory. Their newspaper ad was too small, she said, and many people missed seeing it.

She claimed OHC said only two families in Milton qualified for low-rental housing, yet she said she found 15 families in a matter of a few hours. She cited the case of a single working mother with two children aged 11 and 13 who is apparently living "from week to week, living wherever she can find accommodation for her family."

Mrs. Johnson said flatly that many such families are living in "atrocious places at exorbitant rent." She called on Milton Council to give whatever support they could to the request for decent housing at a rent they could afford. Perhaps OHC could re-advertise, she said.

Council expressed sympathy for Mrs. Johnson, and some agreed there were enough people in Milton to warrant OHC housing on a rent-gear-to-income basis.

Council voted to invite a senior Ministry of Housing official, or the Minister Claude Bennett, to meet with council and discuss the matter. Councillor Gord Krantz said it was necessary to have a senior official at the meeting, because "otherwise, you can't get a blessed answer!"

Krantz accused OHC of being lax in implementing low-rental housing programs which were set out here five years ago. "People get sick and tired of filling out forms and no action results." He moved that council petition the Ministry "once again" to implement low-rental housing in Milton.

One Ministry solution to the problem, as outlined in a letter to Council, would be to increase Milton's catchment area to take in more families who may be eligible for low-rental housing. Accepting applicants from Halton Hills was one solution suggested by the Ministry. Councillors felt,

however, there are plenty of eligible families in Milton.

Councillor Brad Clements cited a newspaper clipping pointing out low-rental semi-detached housing was available in Hamilton, and wondered why the same could not be done in Milton. This prompted Councillor Jim Watson to note that there is a glut of note-detached homes in Milton, and an obvious answer would be to have OHC buy the homes and rent them out on a rent-gear-to-income basis, thereby solving two problems. He was told that solution had already

been thought of, but was rejected by the Ministry.

Mr. Krantz also cited a newspaper clipping in which he said the suggestion was made that Main St. apartments tend to be slums and that the tenants abuse the apartment. He refuted the suggestion, pointing out that he himself is "probably the biggest landlord on Main Street, and I don't take kindly to these remarks printed in a newspaper that the apartments are slums or that the tenants are bad. I think that most tenants there are good people. Sure you have bad

tenants, just as you have bad landlords, but I think the majority of them are good tenants."

OHC also asked council if it was possible to rezone its Bronte St. property for medium density development, to make it easier to sell the property. It had been purchased several years ago for a 21-unit low rental project.

Councillors weren't happy with that suggestion, however. They pointed out sewage plant capacity was allocated for 21 units and there was no surplus available for a more dense use of the land.

At candidates' meeting

Gordon, MacArthur outline programs

Over 225 people turned out for the "Meet the Candidates" meeting held by Milton Chamber of Commerce and Halton Teachers' Federation at Milton District High School Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Nineteen of the 20 candidates presented their reasons why the electorate should vote for them Nov. 13.

At stake are the local two board of education seats, six positions on local council, the two regional posts and the

office of mayor.

Former mayor Anne MacArthur is challenging incumbent Don Gordon for the latter.

The two had five minutes to present their platforms and answered questions afterwards. Chamber of Commerce president Maria Reis and vice-president Michael Beaver chaired the evening.

Gordon stood on his council's accomplishments in the last two years.

MacArthur outlined her

proven track record as a leader capable of making decisions.

Gordon pointed to new industries and revitalization of the downtown core.

MacArthur stressed her ability to represent the future of Milton, especially at the regional level. Both said they were confident they could put Milton's best foot forward.

"I feel very confident about the future of Milton," Gordon said.

MacArthur said she would restore government to the people and insist that council act as a team.

Gordon said, "I was taught to be kind and to respect the law."

He said he felt he had a good relationship with all citizens and "would like to return as mayor for a second term."

New industries had located in Milton during his term, Gordon said. These meant jobs and increased industrial assessment.

The downtown is being re-developed at no cost to the taxpayers, he said. The

finances of the municipality are "in excellent shape."

A vote for Gordon would keep the town "number one" he said.

MacArthur said she would guide and encourage slower residential growth and stimulate jobs by spurring industrial development north of Highway 401.

Concern for people and the neighborhoods they lived in were major planks in her platform.

She said she would fight against the growth of bureaucracy which is growing at the citizens' expense.

The residential development known as Timberlea would be slowed, she felt.

MacArthur said if Milton's schools are unable to accommodate the children the new area would have, she would recommend posting a sign informing Timberlea residents their children may have to be bussed out of town in order that local students wouldn't be crowded out of

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ELECTION COUNT-DOWN

Full coverage on the meet-the-candidates' meeting, Pgs. 8, 9, and 10; Heavy vote predicted, Pg. 7.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Saturday, November 11
Buy and wear a poppy!

- 2—Regional council.
- 3—Hallowe'en quiet.
- 4—Editorials; Publisher Jim Dills says farewell.
- 5—Letters.
- 6—People; GO Trains are go.
- 12—Milton Council.
- 15—Site F by-laws approved.
- 17—Rent-a-musician from the HPO.
- B1 to 5—Sports.
- B6—St. Paul's bazaar.
- B8—Optimist officers.
- B9—Computer to tally election returns.
- B10—Married—by a JP.
- B18—Our English correspondent.
- B20—Secretary of State's program for women.
- C2—Youth, school news.
- C3—Awards for 4-H.
- C4—Family news.
- C6—Remembrance display.
- C7—Columnists.



DANCING up a storm at the Kerry Lee School of Dance dance-a-thon on Sunday. See Pg. C1.

Election results Monday at Lions Hall, Champion

Voters interested in obtaining quick results from next Monday's municipal election in Milton are invited to the Lions Hall in Milton Memorial Arena, where returns will be posted by town staff and election workers.

Stay-at-homes can obtain fast results via telephone by calling The Champion after 8 p.m., at 878-2341. Phone lines linked to election central will provide results through the evening.

The Champion is also providing coffee and donuts for results watchers at Lions Hall, as part of its election night service.

Polls don't close until 8 p.m. so not much in the way of early results is expected before 8.30 or 9 p.m. Candidates, supporters

and well-wishers are expected to gather at Lions Hall to see the results become final, and that is where concessions will be given and victories declared.

Lions Hall is open to all, so come on out and be part of the election night festivities.

Three incoming lines will handle calls at The Champion and if past years are any indications, they may be quite busy all evening. If you dial 2341 and the line is busy, try again in a minute or so.

A handy election scoresheet is provided in today's paper, to help you chart the returns. See Pg. 14. Next week's Champion will contain complete election results in stories and photos.



THREE HALTON NEWSPAPERS including The Champion and the printing plant owned by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. were sold this week, to Inland Publishing Co. Ltd. Inland's president Douglas Bassett (centre) checks over

a current copy of The Champion during a tour of the printing plant in Acton Friday. With him are Dave (left) and Jim Dills, partners in the Dills firm who have been involved in The Champion for the past 35 years.

The Champion is sold to Inland Publishing

The sale of three Halton newspapers and the Halton Advertiser was agreed upon Thursday, Nov. 2, 1978, by Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Limited and Inland Publishing Co. Limited. The sale is effective Nov. 13.

Inland Publishing Co. Limited has purchased The Acton Free Press, The Milton Canadian Champion, and The Georgetown Independent, as well as the commercial printing and newspaper operations.

The sale by Dills also in-

cludes the plant property at 59 Willow St. Acton and the office at 191 Main St. Milton.

Inland publishes 11 newspapers including The Oakville Beaver, The Burlington Post, The Brampton Guardian and The Mississauga News. It is a consistent winner of Canada-wide awards in newspaper competitions.

"It's always difficult to sell but we feel the growth and expansion required to serve our communities effectively, can be handled better by a firm

with broader resources and market expertise. We're pleased that Inland, with its tremendous record of community journalism, interest and involvement, will be our successor," publisher Jim Dills said.

"The Dills' newspapers have always been a group that we've been interested in. When I came to Inland in 1968 I modelled our operation of seven newspapers at that time on Dave and Jim's. Now I'm privileged and very proud indeed that The Milton

Canadian Champion, The Acton Free Press and The Georgetown Independent are part of the Inland group of community newspapers," said Douglas Bassett, President of Inland Publishing Co. Limited.

"As a matter of fact," Bassett added, "I tried to make a deal with Jim and Dave about three years ago, and now a dream of mine has come true today."

The staff will remain un-

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Results phone The Champion, 878-2341
for details on The Champion's overall election result services