

Milton Then and Now

Milton High School's first hockey team

By Mel Robinson

Milton High School was first organized in June 1919. Previous to that time secondary school education was offered in this town by its Continuation School.

The Public (elementary) School and the Continuation School were both housed in the old Bruce Street school building on the site now occupied by our Public Library. By January 1921 the new high school had its own building. It included an auditorium, four form rooms, and a science room in addition to the Principal's office and a staff room.

After many additions it is now occupied by the Martin Street Elementary School.

Before the high school entered its new building Charles Toll, one of the teachers, organized a very good hockey team which won the Junior Championship of Halton County.

While reminiscing about our school days Cliff Houston produced a picture of that team. We had lost track of some of them, but it was a pleasure to recall so many successes both as hockey players and in their business and professional careers.

Cliff and I remembered Bob Allan as a young man, and remembered his friendship with Blanche Irwin whom he later married. He lived at 47 Main St.

Stewart Robinson was the oldest son of Donald Robertson, who owned and operated the lime kilns at Milton Heights. The family lived at 159 Martin St., just across the street from the High School. For many years Stewart was a successful lawyer, practising in Toronto.

Cliff Hill lived at 75 Main St. E. in his school days. A medical centre now occupies that property.

He played defence for the High School team, but later played goal for Milton's Intermediate OHA team. He became a successful salesman and later Sales Manager at the P.L. Robertson Co., Ltd. In 1959 Cliff left the employ of that company to set up his own business. He

was President of the Bolt and Nut Supply Co. in Galt until his retirement when he was succeeded by his son Doug, a graduate in engineering of Queen's University.

Bob Ptolemy lived at 100 Victoria St., son of Col. Ptolemy who was an executive in the P.L. Robertson Co. for many years. As a hockey player he was a defence man on the school team and later when he played for the Milton Intermediate team.

Charlie Wilson, a husky young defence man became an apprentice in Mackenzie's Drug Store in town before attending the Ontario College of Pharmacy. For many years he was a manager in the Tamblin chain of drug stores. Later he moved to St. Louis where he became the president of a large manufacturing concern.

In goal was Graham Peacock whose family lived at 76 Mary St. in the home later occupied by P.D. Storey, principal of Milton's Public School.

Graham's father, J.H. Peacock, had an express office at 219 Main St. He was also a successful coal dealer. Graham was keenly interested in science.

I can remember that on one occasion Prime Minister Mackenzie King delivered a political address from the bandstand in Victoria Park—about a block from Graham's home. That was in the days before radio, and ham operators communicated by telegraph. A copy of the prime minister's speech was hurried over to Graham who sent it in to Toronto from his wireless station.

Graham played for both the Junior and the Intermediate OHA teams in town. He became an apprentice druggist and after graduation took up residence in Font Hill. From there he commuted to Welland for many years, where he managed a Tamblin store. Later he was in charge of the old apothecary shop in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Stuart Peacock lived at 49 Mary St. He is a cousin of Graham. About the time his good friend Jack McJannett died, Stuart's wife also died.

Later he married Jack's widow, whom we knew as Rita McPhee in our school days. The family lived to the east of the town at 734 Main St. E.

Bill Stewart went on to the University of Toronto and the Ontario College of Education. After graduation he became a successful secondary school teacher.

He worked his way up in his profession to the point where, prior to his retirement, he was Deputy Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario.

While at college Bill played for St. Mary's (later the Marlboros) Junior OHA team. He was also a star centre forward for the University of Toronto Blues in the Senior Intercollegiate.

His family came to Milton from Acton early in 1920, when his father became the superintendent of the Gordon Home, a children's shelter at the northeast corner of Main and Court Sts. The family lived at 46 Court St. in the 1920s.



Milton High School's First Hockey Team. From the left—Bob Allan, Mr. Hamilton, Principal, Stewart Robertson, Bob Ptolemy, Herbie Galbraith, Graham Peacock, Jack Ford, coach, Cliff Hill, Charlie Wilson, C. Toll, staff, Bill Stewart, Stuart Peacock.

Town won't pay for proclamation

Council has adopted a staff recommendation the town no longer share the cost of proclamation advertising.

The entire cost of an advertisement. In addition, the sponsoring agency will be required to get council approval before any proclamation is issued.

Region funds to start service for blind

Canada's first radio reading service for the blind got \$10,000 from Halton Region Wednesday when a recommendation from the administration and finance committee was approved.

The committee decided recently to make a grant to the unique project, one of eight cultural groups seeking grants.

In making his appeal to the committee, Service Director Gord Norman said the amount requested was equal to about \$130 per listener and that the bulk of the agencies support would come from the provincial government.

"They are looking at picking up the shortfall from the regions that don't support us," Mr. Norman said.

Last year the service was turned down for a regional grant because its application was submitted after the region's budget had been set for the year.

In 1981, some councillors sought other excuses to deny the application.

In response to Burlington Mayor Roly Bird's queries about the possibility of having the Canadian National Institute for the Blind fund the service, Norman said there were several arguments against that.

He explained that the

CNIB had already applied for a license to operate such a service but had been turned down by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission "because it would have given the CNIB a total monopoly over print communication for the blind."

"It would be like one person owning all the newspapers in Canada," he said.

During this year, Mr. Norman added, several changes to the service are expected that will make it even more accessible to the blind residents of the area.

One of the most significant of these will be the addition of the radio reading service to the cable television system, if the CRTC grants approval.

Currently both Rogers

Cable in Toronto and the Cablenet system in Burlington-Oakville are applying to make such a connection.

"If this is approved," he said, "it's very likely that up to 90 per cent of the print handicapped people in the region will have access to the service."

Again under questioning from Mr. Bird, this time about the amount budgeted for salaries and benefits, Mr. Norman said "almost all" of the reading broadcast over the service is done by volunteers, but four technicians are employed to maintain the equipment.


Mr. Norman also said he did not expect that further revenue could be extracted from users of the service, in the same fashion as the deaf are

required to pay for closed caption devices for television, "because the print handicapped population is in a much more difficult financial strait than the deaf."

"The deaf find it much

easier to find work because society seems more willing to accept them," he said. "With the blind we are talking about a population that to a large degree is on welfare."

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Safety meeting for Institute

Hornby Women's Institute met March 11 at the home of Mrs. Ron MacPherson with nine members present. Mrs. Roy Wilson, President, opened the meeting with a poem "Spring Cleaning".

The minutes were read by Mrs. L. Sampson and the treasurer's report was given. An invitation to a dessert luncheon and euvre at Boyne Centre by Nelson Women's Institute on April 7 and another invitation to Normal Women's Institute 75th anniversary on April 4 were received.

Members are also invited to a 4-H party March 28 from 5 to 9 p.m. in Omagh Church basement hall. It was decided to draw \$100 from the building fund interest to add to the general fund.

The Spring Board meeting will be held April 6. The nominating committee to bring in the new slate consists of Mrs. H. O'Connor and Mrs. C. Wrigglesworth.

Mrs. C. Patterson, convener of safety was in charge of the program. Roll call—a safety rule for your home—was answered.

A discussion was held on first aid remedies from grandma's day. Mustard plasters, linseed poultice, goose oil, onion poultice and homemade ointments were mentioned.

Two booklets from the Workmen's Compensation Board on anatomy and posture concerning back stress were studied. Courtesies were given.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Roy Wilson and the hostess.

Smoking withdrawal clinic held

The Halton Lung Association will conduct a Smoking Withdrawal Clinic at Sheridan College, Main Campus for five evenings 7.30 to 9.30 from April 6 to 10.

If you need help in "Kicking the Habit" please contact the Halton Lung Association at 827-7973.

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