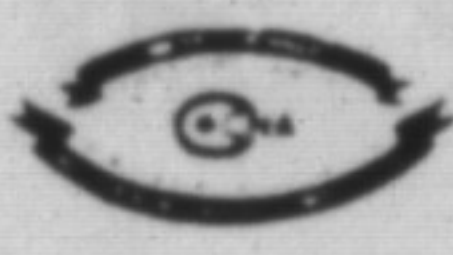


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Exercise franchise

It will be difficult for voters to make a worse showing than in the 1985 municipal election when just 29 per cent of eligible Miltonians exercised their franchise.

Unfortunately this year's campaign has been rolling along in a similar fashion to the last contest. There is no race for mayor, several other positions were not contested and to distract voters even further, a federal election is just one week after.

If the extremely poor showing at last Thursday's Ward 2 meet the candidates night is any indication of interest in this local election, democracy at this level is in trouble.

Less than one third of Miltonians cared enough to vote last time. Perhaps many are uninformed and don't want to base their votes on ignorance. Candidates knocking on doors have discovered many residents know little of the municipal political process and structure, let alone the fact there's an election on Monday.

An advance poll was held Saturday and there will be another Thursday. In Ward 1 it is at the Boyne Community Centre. Ward 2 residents can vote at Hugh Foster Hall (a great chance to check out the excellent renovation work). In Ward 3, votes may be registered at the Cambellville Fire Sub-Station. They'll be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Those hours apply again Monday when the fate of candidates will be decided.

This plea to our readers be informed and to take part in this election is like preaching to the converted. Those who read this page are likely the more informed members of this community. You will be the voters who will participate in this quiet election.

This election involves politicians, trustees and hydro commissioners who will affect the community in which we live. There should be as much voter interest in this contest as those for federal and provincial seats.

Will there be more than 6,290 votes registered by 8 p.m. Monday? It's up to you.

Jamaica's so close

It seems a shame that only \$2,400 separates several Jamaican villages and towns with massive relief accumulated over the first two months after Hurricane Gilbert.

That's what a former wrestler needs before he can personally transport 39 barrels of food, clothing and supplies to the hurricane-stricken island.

He's made it a personal crusade, avoiding any other relief agencies. A former resident, born and raised in the small town of Westmoreland, he's aware that the major cities and tourist areas are first on the aid list. Small backwater towns just aren't a high enough priority.

So he's made a personal mission of mercy. He's trying to rescue a small town, almost by himself, with the donation efforts of Milton's residents. And they responded well.

The 39 barrels represent about 2½ tonnes of relief. To a town like Westmoreland, it means the difference between surviving and living.

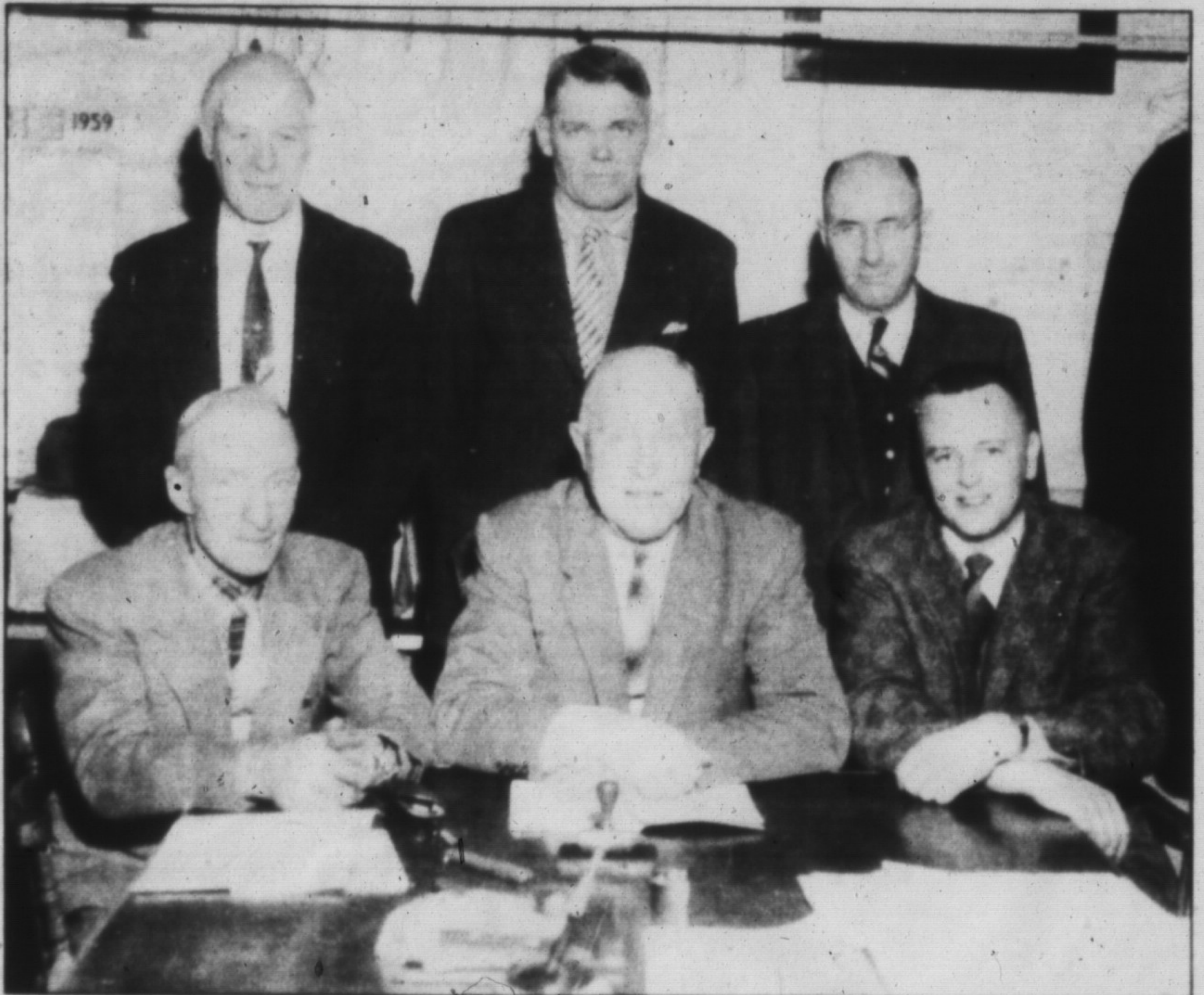
Mr. Stewart has undertaken almost all of the work himself. He collected the goods and transported them to the airport.

Now, all he needs is the final \$2,400 of the \$3,000 bill to transport the goods to Jamaica. He's contemplating getting a loan for himself to make up the difference. He's going to be out-of-pocket anyways to cover his travelling expenses to distribute the goods in the small towns.

This is the last time anyone will ask the residents for help. A special account, the Jamaica Relief Fund, has been established at the Toronto-Dominion Bank in Trafalgar Square.

One last push and the goods can get on their way.

Looking Back



These men represented Nassagaweya township council in 1959. In front from left are Deputy Reeve Archie R. Service; Reeve J.A. Milne, who was also Warden of Halton County; and clerk Don McMillan who is not seek-

ing re-election as a Ward 3 councillor this time; standing are from left, councillors Charles Thomson, John Robertson and Dr. B.D. Young.

Pages of the Past

One Year Ago

From the November 18, 1987 issue

• "Excited" and "pleased" were two words tossed around a lot at the unveiling of the new Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Secondary School plans at the school's temporary home in Speyside on Thursday evening. Students may be in the new facility by next September.

• When Halton Region spoke, Milton Town council bristled Monday night. The discussion centered on the wording of a regional report indicating all available sewage capacity in Milton has been allotted. That doesn't mean development in the town will halt, because some properties already entitled to servicing are vacant. But it does mean new development ideas will be only ideas in the future.

• The Milton Santa Claus parade bustles with all its pre-Christmas happy faces and good-natured hoopla. Floats carefully constructed to bounce back the season's sentiments at the crowd lining the streets sail along with elves and cartoon characters waving. Then another display tumbles into view. It is two smashed cars, vehicles crumpled like weekend beer cans, desolate and destroyed as if in collision. Amid all the tinsel and toy fantasies the exhibit looks out of place, like a belly laugh at a funeral. The float was entered by the local anti drinking and driving committee.

20 Years Ago

From the November 20, 1968 issue

• A tie vote broken by Warden W. Hunter formally rejected the Rotary Club of Milton proposal to purchase an area adjacent to Halton Manor for a senior citizen housing project. The action came at the Tuesday meeting of county council after considerable discussion.

• Robert James McCabe, Halton's "most wanted" man, ended his 59 days of freedom Wednesday when he walked into one of the Salt Lake City, Utah, police stations and surrendered. McCabe escaped from the Halton jail in Milton with three other prisoners on Sept. 15 after two jail guards were beaten up. The four escaped in a guard's car.

• Halton and Halton East Liberals elected a new executive during the second annual meeting of the riding association Friday, but only after a tie vote had to be broken in the presidential race. Members recalled problems from tie votes earlier this year when they were selecting a candidate for the federal election.

• A three-game winning streak for Milton's bantam hockey club was interrupted Saturday when they met Burlington and had to settle for a tie. Bantams are still undefeated. They tied Burlington 2-2 and beat Oakville 6-3 on Sunday.

50 Years Ago

From the November 17, 1938 issue

• The Women's Association of Hornby United Church will hold a sale of homemade baking at the home of Mrs. Stanley Learmont on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23 at two. Afternoon tea will be served. Everybody welcome.

• According to a noted psychologist, men do more talking than women and are naturally the more talkative sex. He says men like to hear themselves talk because they think what they say is more important than what women say. And strangely enough, women also believe what men say is more important than their own chatter. This is attributed to the impression many men give women, that women are the inferior sex and not as intelligent in conversation as their male companions.

• Of all the ugly creatures found in the sea, the octopus must take first prize. Its appearance strikes terror into the minds of bathers, but it is only in looks that it is so offensive. It is harmless, and has never been capable of killing and devouring men.

Pud

