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**MILTON**  
Fire started by an overheated stove pipe gutted the second storey of a small house owned by Philip Lecco, John Street, yesterday afternoon. The fire spread rapidly bursting through two or three places in the roof before firemen were able to control the stubborn blaze.  
Many friends and neighbours gathered to surprise Mr and Mrs Charles Ramshaw on Thursday evening on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.  
A lifetime and prominent citizen of Milton, Robert Henry Galbraith, beloved husband of Dorothy Hart, top passed away suddenly on Thursday of last week at the Western Hospital, Toronto.  
Mrs. Bertha Melissa Harbottle, formerly McArthur, a well-loved and highly esteemed resident of Kilbride, passed away on Friday at the General Hospital in her 72nd year after a lingering illness. She was born at Kilbride and had lived there all her life. She was a daughter of the late Wm and Hester McArthur. Her husband predeceased her four years ago. Canadian Champion.

**Right Toys Important In Child's Growth**

This Christmas give your child not one great slather of carelessly bought toys but a balanced diet of adequate toys of play, urges Laird S. Goldsborough in a Report to the Consumers in the December issue of *The Reader's Digest*.  
"The adult achieves by an activity called work, the child is constantly achieving and growing by an activity called play," Goldsborough says. "Toys are the tools of play. It is not what the toy does or how much it costs that counts but what the child does creatively with the toy."  
"Mechanical toys, for instance, are fine for older children but not for very young ones, according to child specialists. "All the play is in the toy," they state. "Whereas it should be in the child."  
Recommended for infants are the plastic rattles (some are easy on adult ears), water toys such as celluloid ducks and fish, and a new and popular item called "Baby See," a round unbreakable mirror set in a washable, chewable frame. Color is important for the infant ages and for children up to two years old. Bright red and yellow are better than "baby blue" or "baby pink."  
Good for one to two-year-olds are wooden floor trains (without wheels), large beads strung on heavy string any soft cuddly toy such as The Teddy Bear and toys making jingles and rhythmic sounds.  
The physical and mental vigor of the two-to-four-year group call for trucks, wagons and simple puzzles. At this age, boys as well as girls may be encouraged to play with dolls, the author says.  
Creative toys and games are in order for children of four to six. Cash registers, telephones, scales and other things for playing store are recommended. Gardening activities, if only in a window box, should be encouraged. Drawing and painting should get attention at this age, but child specialists frown on the books with outlines drawings to be filled in with crayons. "The drawing is so much better than any child can do that it discourages the creative effort."  
Large square and oblong blocks are highly recommended for children of five years and up. These can be made out of scrap two-by-fours by any Dad possessing a square, a saw and sand paper. Other "raw material" toys are smooth boards for seetaws, wrapping paper in big sheets for smearing with finger paint and parents' old hats, clothes and shoes. "Dressing up is one of the best forms of social play."  
Buy that electric train for the boy from six to ten. These are the age too for Meccano and Erector sets and for the first baseball and bat and other equipment for outdoor sports. For girls in this age group more elaborate doll houses and kitchen equipment.

Shaddock is another name for grapefruit.

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**Retire at Birth!**  
We've heard a lot about pension plans recently, some contributory, some non-contributory, but every one was a pretty inadequate proposition when compared with the blatantly sarcastic plan offered by Alfred Haake, the mayor of Park Ridge Illinois, who writes with his tongue in his cheek for a number of small town newspapers. Wrote Haake, as quoted by the Wall Street Journal:  
"Every new born child in the U.S. would receive a promissory note for \$20,000 at 3 per cent interest payable in 20 years. The 3 per cent or \$50 a month would go to the child's parents during those 20 years. Each year during those 20 years the government would pay \$1,000 into a sinking fund for the retirement of the note and when the child reached the age of 20 the government would give her or him the \$20,000 it had paid into the sinking fund."  
"Boys and girls of 20 who elected to marry would thus have a capital of \$40,000 and work would be for ever unnecessary if they could undertake to have at least four children because they would receive \$50 a month for each child until it reached the age of 20 and there would be enough left of their own \$10,000 after that to care for them in their old age."  
"Nobody would have to work again."  
The parents in addition to the \$50 for each child or \$200 a month for 4 children, could invest their \$40,000 in government bonds at 3 per cent and have an additional income of \$1200 or a total of \$1600 a month."  
This says the Wall Street Journal might seem comical. But in a day when the government proposes to make Americans all rich by distributing dollar bills and when a labour union says they can all have more good things by working less it would not be surprising to see this scheme taken up seriously in Washington.  
The project for the new era will be to work less and less and quit even that earlier and earlier. The slogan "Why wait, Retire at Birth!"

**ATOMIC HEAT NOT JUST YET**  
We're not going to be able to heat our houses with atomic energy for awhile yet, advises Dr. J. C. MacKenzie, president of the National Research Council, writing in the Financial Post. He says "What the economics will be one can say, but at present there is no indication that atomic power will become generally competitive with ordinary central power plants for many many years. It will probably first find application for warships and installations where fuel is expensive or not readily available."  
"Our present reactors generate heat, but with present available materials, temperatures have to be kept down to a point where convection to power is not feasible by conventional means."  
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