

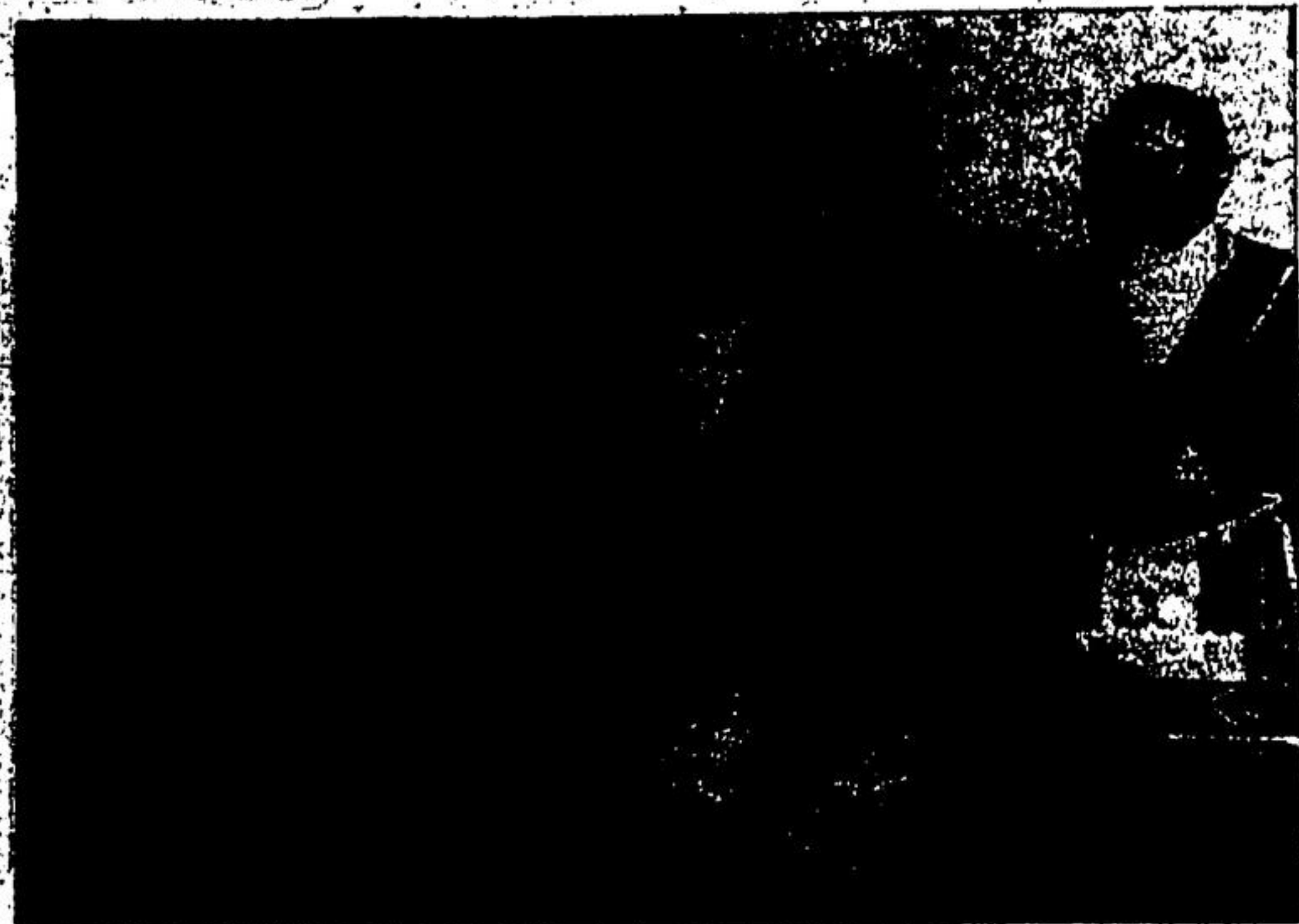
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WALKER LODGE A.F. & A.M. was honored Monday evening by a visit from Right Worshipful Brother A. J. Buchanan, District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District. Pictured above at the conclusion of the regular meeting are some of the dignitaries in attendance. Front row left to right are Right Worshipful Brother Everon Flaith, past D.D.G.M., the guest speaker, and Dr. A. J. Buchanan. In the back row are Past D.D.G.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Bruce Omand, New Hamburg; Rt. Wor. Bro. Neil McEachern Past D.D.G.M., Waterloo; Very Wor. Bro. H. Rothaermel, Grand Steward, Kitchener and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hector Wilson, G.S.W., Toronto.

178 Masons Visit Walker Lodge Acton Hear Speaker During D.D.G.M. Visit

Monday evening was a memorable occasion at Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. when Wellington District Deputy Grand Master the Right Worshipful Brother Dr. A. J. Buchanan paid his official visit to his mother lodge. Present to enjoy the visit were 178 Masons representing 24 lodges as well as representatives from Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Brother Everon Flaith, Past D.D.G.M. of Wellington and member of Wellington Lodge, Toronto, made a return visit to Walker Lodge, the first since 1917 when living in Drayton, he served in the capacity of D.D.G.M. He addressed the large crowd during the banquet in the Legion auditorium.

During his address, Dr. Flaith stressed the need for loyalty to God, home, country, principles and to the Masonic Craft, as he emphasized "Manner of Loyalty" as his theme.

The guest speaker charged the Masons to take an active part in their lodge work, uphold Masonic standards and to make attendance a regular practice. He also urged the younger members to take an active part in lodge proceedings and stressed the need for each member to have ambition to serve their lodge.

Dr. Flaith pointed out there is an abundance of undiscovered talent among lodge members and urged everyone to make the best of opportunities offered to them.

A final toast was thanked by Worshipful Master Bro. Stan Joe of Walker Lodge as he expressed his gratitude for the inspiring message. Brother, Gard. Beatty proposed a toast to the visiting brethren.

Right Worshipful Brother H. E. Wilson, Grand Senior Warden, replied thanking Walker Lodge for the opportunity of being present and commended Dr. Buchanan for his contribution to Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Brother J. G. Hinton, Past Grand Junior Warden, also replied to the toast and told the members he had attended the consecration of Walker Lodge as well as their 75th anniversary. Worshipful Master Brother W. E. Ramsden, a former Acton resident and now master of Lakeland Lodge, Buffalo, expressed his gratitude for the invitation and invited members of Walker Lodge to attend Lakeland Lodge in the near future.

During a toast to Grand Lodge Brother E. G. Franklin paid tribute to Grand Lodge for their guidance and pointed out two Brothers of Walker Lodge, Right Worshipful Brother A. J. Buchanan and Very Worshipful Brother H. L. Ritchie, had been accepted into their organization.

Among Fellow Brethren

This toast was responded to by Dr. Buchanan, who told those present he was happy to be among fellow brethren and was proud to associate with the brethren of his mother lodge who made everything possible for him. He also expressed his gratitude to Worshipful Brother Len Lovell as District Secretary for his able assistance.

A final toast was given to all the lodges by Junior Warden Brother Martin Bauer.

Present Degree

During the meeting prior to the dinner Past District Deputy Grand Master Bruce Omand congratulated

Walker Lodge on their work in presenting the Fellow Craft Degree to Herb Dodds.

Head table guests at the banquet served by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary included District Deputy Grand Master the Right Worshipful Brother Dr. A. J. Buchanan; Rt. Worshipful Brother Everon Flaith; Rt. Wor. Bro. Neil McEachern past D.D.G.M., Waterloo; Rt. Wor. Bro. Bruce Omand, past D.D.G.M. for Wellington; Rt. Wor. Bro. Hector Wilson G.S.W., Toronto; Rt. Wor. Bro. J. G. Hinton, PGJM, Toronto; Very Wor. Bro. H. W. Rothaermel, Grand Steward, Kitchener; W.M. S. K. Joe, Acton; W.M. William Ramsden, Lakeland Lodge, Buffalo; Wor. Bro. M. N. Nachbar, Lakeland Lodge, Buffalo; Very Wor. Bro. H. L. Ritchie, Acton; Wor. Bro. Len Lovell, Acton; W.M. Charles Day, St. Clair Lodge, Milton; W.M. Bro. Ross Mathie, Galt; W.M. Robert Butcher, Wellington Lodge, Toronto; W.M. Tom Boone, Temple Lodge, Kitchener; W.M. Ken Manning, Galt Lodge, Galt; and F.C. Herb Dodds.

Lodges represented were Prince of Wales, Mimnesota, Manitoba, Victoria, Toronto, Wellington, Toronto; Waterloo, Waterloo; Lakeland, Buffalo; Guelph Lodge, Guelph; Mount Dennis Lodge, Mount Dennis; Occident, Toronto; Grand River, Kitchener; Galt Lodge, Galt; Alma Lodge, Galt; Speed, Guelph; Irwin, Elora; Credit, Georgetown; St. Clair, Milton; Campbell, Campbellville; Twin-City, Kitchener; Temple, Kitchener; Wyndham, Guelph; Orient, Toronto; Douglas 409, Scotland; New Hope, Hespeler; Wilnot, New Hamburg and Walker, Acton.

Good News at Banquet

Laud Brigades' Firefighting, Prevention

Announcements of good news came in pairs for Halton's firefighters. Friday evening when about 50 firemen, their wives and special guests attended the annual banquet of the Halton County Mutual Aid Fire Services organization at the Milton Fire Hall.

First word of good tidings came from Halton Warden Alex Phillips, who announced that the previous day Halton County had approved an expenditure of \$24,000 to equip all Halton fire departments with two-way radios.

Prevention Awards

The second piece of good news came from George Alexander, Chief of Fire Services in the Fire Marshal's Office, who presented four awards that Halton brigades had won in last year's National Fire Protection Association fire prevention contest. The County Bureau had won one award, while others went to Milton, Oakville and Acton brigades.

There was even good news for the ladies attending. Heaps of praise were laid on the shoulders of firefighters' wives for their cooperation in letting their firemen-husbands take so much time preventing and fighting fires.

"Honest Co-Operation"

"We have learned what honest co-operation means," Warden Phillips summed up as he and other speakers praised the Mutual Aid and Fire Prevention Bureau for their efforts over the past years.

Following a delicious turkey dinner served by the ladies of the Milton firemen's ladies' auxiliary, Mutual Aid President Chief Reg Law, Burlington, opened the program by reviewing Halton's nine years of organized Mutual Aid services. "We have set a pretty fair example for the remainder of the Province," he noted, adding, "we have come a long way ourselves in nine years."

First Many Times

Warden Phillips was the first guest to speak, and he recalled Halton was the first county with a Mutual Aid system and also the first with a Fire Prevention Bureau. Now, he went on, Halton County stands highest in assessment and population of any county in Ontario, and residents have a great pride in their county.

County Councillors, he said, "are tremendously proud of the service the boys in blue are rendering in this county, and some of our firefighters are second to none in the Province."

His announcement that the long-awaited radio system had been approved was greeted with cheers, and he concluded by hoping that Halton's fire rigs would be equipped with radio before the end of this year.

Welcome Men

Mayor Sydney Childs of Milton welcomed the firefighters to the banquet, and recalled how

grateful Milton firefighters were to have the assistance of Georgetown and Acton brigades during a recent store fire.

"The harmony among our brigades is terrific," County fire coordinator Chief Douglas Wilson of Oakville said, as he promised even better firefighting service with the coming of the radio equipment.

Other guests introduced were immediate past president Jim Waunsley of Burlington, vice-president Grant Bray of Trafalgar No. 1 brigade, Reeve Mrs. Mary S. Pettit of Milton and banquet chairman Ivan Clarridge of Milton.

Water Mains Break During Construction

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Strike Halton Budget at \$1,168,338 Municipalities to Raise \$936,554

Halton's eight municipalities will have to raise \$936,554 for county purposes this year, according to County Council's 1961 budget which was struck in a special session Thursday afternoon. The year's budget calls for total expenditures of \$1,168,338 with estimated revenue of \$209,321.70 plus a supplemental tax levy of \$22,462.85.

On an equalized assessment of \$203,598.706 and at the county levy of 4.6 mills, the municipalities can raise the \$936,000.

Last year's actual expenditures by the county totaled \$909,104.53, and revenue came to \$182,601.93.

Six-Page List

A six-page list of expenditures was submitted to councillors as they met in committee of the whole Thursday. After scanning all expenditures carefully, council reconvened in open council and approved the figures with only slight revisions. The following are highlights from the budget:

Schedule No. 1 covered general government expenditures totaling \$87,868, including council and committee fees and expenses, \$16,000; administration of the offices of clerk, treasurer and assessors, \$46,118; audit, memberships, subscriptions and legal fees, \$2,750; county property, \$14,500; court of revision, \$3,500; industrial bureau, \$1,500.

Protection Costs

Schedule 2 covers protection to persons and property, including a total of \$51,500 under administration of justice, made up of \$4,500 court house and office expenses, \$5,000 crown attorney, \$3,000 sheriff, \$4,500 crown witnesses, \$7,500 inquests and investigations, \$12,000 juries, \$5,000 juvenile and family court, and \$10,000 other salaries and expenses. Under the jail total of \$60,750 were \$53,250 for salaries of officials, \$4,500 maintenance of prisoners, and \$3,000 maintenance of buildings. Other expenditures under protection were \$7,500 to Ontario Training Schools, \$24,000 for the new Mutual Aid fire communications system, \$3,400 weed control, and \$500 fox and wolf bounties. Total law enforcement will cost \$147,650.

Stubborn Blaze

Two pumps and 25 firemen fought the stubborn blaze which started in the upstairs sitting room and spread to the bathroom and roof area before it was checked. Thousands of gallons of water were poured on the fire before it was brought under control and smoke and fire damage is estimated around \$5,000.

Proprietor S. J. Brunelle was notified of the fire about three-quarters of an hour after the alarm was turned in and immediately rushed to the hotel to assist firemen.

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Public Welfare Expenses

Public welfare expenses totaling \$235,600 were included in Schedule 3, including \$104,000 Halton Children's Aid Society, \$33,250 other societies, \$50,000 Halton Manor maintenance, \$21,000 hospitalization, \$24,000 civil defence and \$3,350 grants.

Many Debitures

Schedule 4 set out the 1961 payments on debentures, schools and temporary debt charges, totaling \$397,305.60. Under debenture payments are \$22,040 owing on original construction of Hal-

ton Manor, \$83,883 on Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital grant, \$33,660 on Milton District Hospital grant, and \$95,985 on two Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital grants. School debentures include a total of \$121,737 on three North Halton schools. Temporary debt charges will cost \$40,000 this year.

Schedule 5 included other expenditure totaling \$299,915. This included \$8,000 discount on county rates, \$11,050 for agriculture grants, museum- and miscellaneous; \$7,750 purchases, taxes and miscellaneous for reforestation, \$2,500 Lorne Scots grant, \$2,500 Registry Office, \$127,355 for Health Unit grant and the provision for a mental health department, \$130,000 capital expenditure.

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Fire Prevention Award Presented To Chief Jack Newton at Council

"Council and the citizens of Acton can take pride in Chief Newton and the Fire Brigades efforts in their Fire Prevention program," said George Alexander, Chief of the Fire Services Division of Ontario Fire Marshal's Office. Mr. Alexander was present at the regular Tuesday council meeting to present an award to Mayor Goy who in turn presented it to Fire Chief Newton.

The award, by the National Fire Prevention Bureau, was in recognition of Acton Brigades' entry in a National contest. In the contest the Acton entry took third place in Class E for Ontario; 26th place for all Canada and honorable mention for Class E for Canada.

Mayor Goy in addressing Fire Chief Newton said "Council takes pride in the Brigades' and your efforts. Your efforts and story in fire prevention has reached the people and is paying off."

Chief Newton replied that "we expect the nationwide publicity connected with this award will be beneficial for Acton, for Halton and the province of Ontario."

Help at Fires

A by-law was given two readings to authorize the Fire Chief to enlist additional help to fight fires in the Town of Acton. It was explained this by-law would

allow the chief to enlist help at a fire and the people enlisted would be covered by workmen's compensation.

The holiday schedule for town employees was reviewed and a resolution approved the following schedule: Employees with six month's service prior to July 1st, one week; after one year's service, two weeks; after 10 years, three weeks.

Councillor Bill McLeod requested an early meeting of the Public Building Committee. Various dates were discussed and most nights were already booked up.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and the building committee remained for their meeting.

Tour of Acton

Councillor Les Doby arranged a tour of the town by the road committee; suggested an early cleanup of Knox Avenue; reminded council of the North Halton Urban Board meeting next Wednesday at which John Deacon of Burlington will be guest speaker; and invited council to a Milton Planning Board meeting through the Urban Board. He reported the new front end loader was at work at the Municipal dump and proving to be satisfactory.

Reeve Jack Hargrave reported the County had set their mill rate at 6.25 mills for 1961.

Councillor Frank Toth relayed the complaints he had received on the sweeping and cleaning up of Mill Street. The street is being swept Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at present. Road committee is to investigate and attempt to come up with an improvement.

Contacted Companies

Councillor Bill Denny gave the complaints and criticisms he had received from local garage operators on the awarding of the municipal gas contract.

Deputy Reeve Bert Hinton expressed his opinion and outlined the results of his personal poll of the local garage operators. The dealers felt they should have been contacted before the contract was let. It was reported that all Oil Companies supplying retail gasoline outlets in Acton were contacted and requested to submit a proposal. The town has a contract with the oil company.

Reeve Hinton was authorized to contact the ambulance operator and attempt to arrange a contract with the company.

Mayor Goy requested members to consider any resolutions they might wish to have forwarded to the Mayors and Reeves conference in June.

Mayor Goy Outlines Program For Community Centre Project

Wednesday evening saw an enthusiastic meeting of people at the Robert Little school auditorium in support of the Community Centre Fund. The meeting of all canvass team captains and members of all sub-committees heard chairman Johnny Goy outline the campaign progress to date. All committee chairmen reported and outlined the formation and progress of their committees.

Following the outline, a panel question period was conducted in which all details of the program were open for discussion. The purpose of the meeting was an educational program designed

so that all people connected with the campaign would have a full and clear understanding of all decisions that have been made and the methods adopted to conduct the campaign.

Indoctrinate Workers

As the campaign progresses and additional people start to work on the project, further meetings will be held to indoctrinate these workers so that anyone connected in any way with the campaign will have a full and complete understanding of the whole project.

Chairman Goy again emphasized the need to have any questions about the project referred to the steering committee because, he explained, "it is through these questions we learn of any problems that might arise later in the campaign."

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Warden, Firefighter

Mr. Alexander, before presenting the certificates for the N.F.P.A. contest awards, reviewed Halton was the first to institute a county-wide fire inspection program, the first to publish standardized hand signals for firefighters, and probably the first to have a fireman as Warden (Mr. Phillips is a Trafalgar fire brigade member).

"You have brought honor to your county, your Province and to the whole of Canada by your fire prevention efforts," he said.

Warden Phillips and Reeve Pettit accepted the County's special recognition award from the contest judges. Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement and Mayor Childs accepted Milton's third prize in Class D of the contest, and Chief Wilson accepted Oakville's honorable mention in Class 3 certificate. Acton representatives were not present but out fighting a fire at the time the awards were made, so Acton's certificate was given to Acton firefighters when they arrived later for the dancing which followed.

Give to Councils

These awards are also being presented to the municipal councils this week and next.

The evening concluded as Trafalgar Fire Chief George Wright asked for a toast to the ladies who provided the banquet. The men gave a standing ovation.

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He was laid on a stretcher and covered with blankets to await the arrival of the Guelph ambulance. Dr. W. G. C. Kenney was summoned and administered first aid.

Those escaping from the burning building included Mr. Varey, Jack Ellerby, Mr. Heveran, Mr. Rossignol, George Wainwright, Harold Simpson, Guenther Frischling, Fred Eagles, Bert McMullen, John Couture and Jack Johnstone. Three other roomers were not in the building at the time of the fire.

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