

### Fire Prevention Week in Halton Features Parade, Blitz, Contests

Reports on a "bigger-and-better-three-year" Fire Prevention Week in Halton County, were submitted last week at the October meeting of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau.

Delegates to the county Bureau in Hamilton, reported their individual campaigns during the October representing each fire department 39 Fire Prevention Week were well accepted by the public, and the county-wide programs sponsored by the Bureau were also enthusiastically received.

The Bureau kicked off their celebration of Fire Prevention week this year with a parade to St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on September 26. The Lorne Scott Military Band led about 50 fire fighters on the march.

**Parade Competition**  
Earlier in September the Bureau opened its ninth annual poster competition for Grade Five students from all over Halton. Teachers will be submitting their best entries to local fire departments, and the top boys and girls' posters in each town will be sent to the Toronto Fire Prevention Bureau for judging. The boys and girls submitting the best two posters from the county will be honored at a Fire Prevention Bureau banquet November 23, when Toronto Fire Department Chief Frank G. Copwell will be the guest speaker, and the winners will be presented with trophies in recognition of their achievement.

Next spring the two Halton winners' posters will be entered in an all-Ontario competition as well.

Highlights of the year's Fire Prevention Week activities was the annual inspection blitz of schools, commercial and industrial buildings. It was carried out October 6 in Acton and Georgetown, with 14 firefighters and 13 insurance company inspectors participating in the "blitz". The Georgetown Insurance Agents' Association and Acton insurance agent W. H. Denny arranged to have the insurance adjusters attend for a day-long tour of inspections.

**Two Dinners**  
The Bureau sponsored a noon dinner at Georgetown Golf Club and the Georgetown agents held a supper in evening for Bureau officials and those who participated in the project. Special guests were Acton Council's fire committee chairman Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin, Georgetown's fire chairman Councilor Bill Smith, Fire Chiefs M. Holmes of Acton and Erwin Lewis of Georgetown. Halton Mutual Aid deputy coordinator Chief A. E. Clement of Milton, Esquing Deputy Reeve Wilfred Leslie and Jack Armstrong representing the Georgetown Insurance Agency Association.

Chief Lewis chaired the dinner and noted that this will show the community what we can do when the insurance people and the fire fighters work together on preventing fires. And prevention is always better than the cure. Mr. Armstrong said he felt this an

### St. Alban's Laymen's Service Involves Men of Congregation

Every year the Anglican church across Canada appoints a certain Sunday in the calendar to emphasize the role of laymen in the church. Last Sunday, October 17 was Laymen's Sunday for this year.

In St. Alban's at the 9 a.m. Eucharist, Barry Kirkness read the Epistle and John East read the Gospel. Mr. East's son John was the Server at this service. The rector delivered a short sermonette on the role of the layman.

**Church School Attends**  
At the 10:30 service, which was also a Eucharist, Tom Lynch was present with his church school class and helped them to understand the service by reading ahead brief comments and instructions throughout the service. Many of the congregation found the comments interesting and helpful. The Epistle at this Eucharist was read by George Haggart and the Gospel by Harold Denny.

Mr. Denny read the summary of the Law which James before the service. Laurence Duly who is a second year theological student at Trinity College read the Exhortation before the General Confession and the Comfortable Words. Steven Johnston was the server and Charles Featherland and John Crease were sickened for the service.

The sermon of this service was based on the lesson currently being studied by Mr. Lynch's class and is part of a program of in-

struction for the 11 and 12-year olds in the church school which is being shared between Mr. Lynch and the rector.

**All Participants**  
The rector reminded the congregation that in fact every Sunday is Laymen's Sunday because every Sunday the choir under the excellent leadership of Mrs. Oakes play a major part in the parish worship. He added that even the responses of the congregation which most people take for granted are an important role played by the laymen in the worship of the church.

**Former Minister Anniversary Speaker**  
A former minister of Knox Church, the Rev. R. Forbes Treason was guest speaker at the church's 150th anniversary service last Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Thompson was minister from 1942 till 1946 and is now at St. Andrew's, Guelph.

Guest soloist was James Spink, senior student of Dublin St. United Church Guelph. Known to many in the congregation he was the son of Dr. and Mrs. Allan J. Buchanan for the day.

There is nothing wrong in having nothing to say unless you insist on saying it.

Be careful with fire in the for-

### Halton Girl Verna Thompson, 17 Acclaimed Ontario Furrow Queen

A brown-haired, brown-eyed 17-year-old district farm girl became the first Halton contestant ever to win the coveted Ontario Queen of the Furrow title at the International Plowing Match in Milliken on Thursday.

Verna Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson of R. R. 2, Milton, topped the honor in a competition with 11 other County Furrow Princesses from throughout the Province.

Judges based their final decision on the plowing ability, the appearance and deportment of the contestants as well as on their brief speech concerning the work of their local Plowmen's Association.

**Youngest Entrant**  
The biggest thrill in winning the contest came when she sat at the head table on Friday night at the Lady Shalton Golf and Country Club with more than 1,200 guests in attendance. She said:

The winner described her whole three days at the Plowing Match as being really terrific, and she thought the other contestants were very easy to get along with and I really enjoyed myself.

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### New Assistants For Dance Club

Action Square Dancing Club members greeted their new assistants Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilcox of Brampton were present to assist.

Retirement Director Harris Roe, who will be leaving town to take a position in Edmonton, was also on hand to introduce the couple and start the evening program.

As Ontario Queen of the Furrow, Verna received a tiara, crown and colorful sash as well as the large Mrs. Spencer Wilson trophy presented annually to the winner of the contest. Verna also received a 48-piece set of crystal from the Ely Lilly Company and a cosmetic case.

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