

## News of the district

### MILTON.....

Milton Council is optimistically eyeing a promised meeting in January between the Minister of Municipal Affairs and M.P.P.'s Jim Snow and George Kerr for some kind of answer to the town's long-standing annexation application. W. Darcy McKeough, the Minister wrote to Milton Council explaining he would hope then to be able to write more fully indicating the Department's position and feeling on the matter. The Minister suggested, however, he was generally in favor of the conclusion reached by his predecessor in the post. Council members were uncertain how to interpret the latest communication from the Department.

At least 12 per cent of the teaching staff in Milton public schools have been afflicted with the flu bug, which forced the closing of The Ontario School for the Deaf five days early for the holiday recess. It is estimated roughly the same percentage of pupils missed school for the same reason. Holy Rosary school estimate approximately 15 per cent of their students were away during what was termed a "moderate" epidemic.

Local 1970 of the United Steelworkers of America approved a new three year agreement with the P.L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. which will give over 250 employees wage increases ranging from 46 cents to 65 cents an hour over the next three years. Other fringe benefits were also ratified.

### ERIN.....

Three Georgetown youths, the only ones charged among a group of 10 persons, who staged a "drunken brawl" at an Erin Township cottage on Aug. 26 were each fined \$100 in court at Guelph last week. They were also ordered, each to pay at least \$50 towards the estimated \$1,000 damages to the cottage by Magistrate H.R. Howitt. Empty beer bottles, some broken, were strewn about the cottage, crockery was broken, walls and ceiling were marked, glass broken, TV and chandelier were damaged, the court was told, it was impossible to say how much of the damage had been done by each of the 10 persons at the party but the three accused had admitted some of it.

### FERGUS.....

The resignation of Hon. Lester B. Pearson brings back memories of Canadian Prime Ministers I have known. The first was Sir Wilfred Laurier. I was in Ottawa with my father when I first saw him on the street. My father pointed him out to me with a certain amount of awe, for that was the way he was regarded by Canadians, or at least, by Canadian Liberals. He was a gifted orator and I heard him speak once in Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto, on a non-political subject. I think he was speaking on the Riel Rebellion to the Newman Club of Toronto. There were no tickets available to the general public, but I often reported events in Convocation Hall for the Varsity, of which I was an editor. I wandered around to the side door. The policeman on duty recognized me and admitted me. I met Hon. R.B. Bennett, but it was in London, England, not in Ottawa. I was with Grattan O'Leary, who is now Senator O'Leary, who knew him well. I knew W.L.M. King well myself. One night I was to thank him at a dinner in Ottawa. I had fallen on the ice in Fergus two days before and had a broken right wrist. I couldn't cut my meat and Mr. King, who sat beside me, cut the meat for me.

-From Mostly Gossip by Hugh Templin in The Fergus News-Record

### GEORGETOWN.....

The Georgetown Band Committee has planted the seeds and are nurturing a new crop of young musicians which hopefully will become another prize-winning band in a few years. Thirty-two youngsters, age 10 and over, most of whom have no previous musical training are being tutored weekly at Cedarvale Community Centre by senior bandmen with an eye to developing a good source of future senior band players. Georgetown's prizewinning senior band recently broke up partially because of lack of a talent development program.

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TRACEY FRIZZELL'S first meeting with old St. Nick at the Firefighter Christmas party was an interested one. Sister Cathy holds her four-and-a-half month old sister up for Santa while proud papa, Dorson, acts as back-up. (Staff Photo)

### Year-end summary

## Halton's agriculture in review

The following is a year-end report on Agriculture in Halton County during 1967, prepared for this newspaper by Henry J. Stanley, Agricultural Representative.

Our Centennial Year certainly cannot be classed as a normal year for agriculture.

Rainfall was considerably above normal in June, resulting in delayed haying and slow germination and growth of the spring grains and corn. The hay yield was considerably above average, but quality was poor because of the rain. As a result, cows are turning up their noses at their forage this winter and not producing as much milk from it.

With poorer drainage on our heavy clay soils, oats, barley, and corn yields were slightly below normal. However, on the lighter soils in the north and west of Halton, yields were considerably above average, with grain corn yielding up to 130 bushels per acre, on some farms. Corn silage had a high percentage of well-matured kernels, which will add considerable energy to the dairy and beef cattle. Beautiful sunny weather prevailed during the first three

weeks in September, permitting farmers to catch up with the harvesting and summer backlog of work. Then rains came again and grain corn harvesting continued until just recently.

1967 was a year of great changes in dairying, with the allocation of quotas and the improved standards in quality requirements. Almost 100 dairymen in Halton have sold their farms or quit producing milk. Average milk production continues to improve each year.

Halton has built up a reputation for quality cattle. Many awards have been won at fairs, not only in Milton, but throughout Canada and the United States. A highlight was the sale of the Holstein bull calf by Claude Pickett for a world record price of \$150,000.

1967 was a year of decline in egg and hog prices, and price improvement for beef.

Our 4-H'ers and Junior Farmers had a record year, winning the Provincial 4-H Inter-Club Field Crop competition, the Queen's Guineas competition, and the Judging Competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Agriculture is changing rapidly in Halton. To meet these changes farmers are attending

increasing numbers of meetings on farm management and other specific topics. The successful farmer of the future must be as up-to-date as the accountant, lawyer, or tax collector -- in fact, he should be more so.

**FAIR GAME** -- Despite the fact that a toy poodle is now milady's pampered pet, it was once an English hunting dog. That animal carefully trained, sniffed along the ground at night and located strange quarry which put up no fight. Moving in with a shovel, its master bagged them -- truffles.

## Escarpment study affects local area

Mrs. A.J. MacArthur, Township of Nassagaweya; L. McNeice, Township of Toronto; and G.P. Branch, Department of Economics and Development held a meeting at the Halton County Offices last week, with C.E. Spearin and J.O. Spender, members of the Niagara Escarpment Study. The study area includes the Town of Acton, large parts of Nassagaweya, Esquesing and Caledon Townships. The final recommendations from the study could have far-reaching effects on these municipalities.

On behalf of the Escarpment Committee of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council, Mrs. MacArthur discussed in some detail the large stone quarries and sand and gravel op-

erations in the study area, together with their effect on the aesthetics of the Escarpment. It was agreed the Committee would recommend to CORDC that, as a first step, a brief be prepared and submitted to the Niagara Escarpment Study. The study area totals some 450 miles in length.

### Resolutions

Did you make any resolutions last New Year's? And if so, did you keep them? Resolutions are easy to make, but much harder to keep. One that we all should make is to resolve to reduce the accidents in our homes and on our farms and highways thru '68. This resolution means working at it all year, but it could really pay dividends.

--Don't go out with the old year -- live safely.

## Tories seek federal man

Halton Progressive Conservative Association is busy looking for a candidate to represent the Conservatives in the next Federal election.

Douglas Latimer, President of the Halton Conservative group, expects the nomination convention to be held in the early spring. Dr. Harry Harley is currently representing Halton and is likely to represent the Liberals in the next race. In the last election he beat former Oakville Mayor Allan Masson and New Democrat Murray Kernighan.

There have been half a dozen interested in the position but none have committed themselves yet, Mr. Latimer said.

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