

# Fire prevention agencies honored

Awards for deserving programs during 1967 were presented to three Halton County fire prevention agencies on Saturday. John Turnbull, Deputy Fire Marshal of Ontario, attended the annual ladies' night dinner of the Halton Mutual Aid in Milton Fire Hall to present certificates from the '67 National Fire Protection Association competition to three county groups.

The Halton Fire Prevention Bureau won a "special recognition" for an outstanding county-wide campaign last year. Milton Fire Department was awarded a third prize for Ontario plus honorable mention for all of Canada in the 5,000 to 10,000 population class, while Oakville Fire Department received an honorable mention in the division for 25,000 to 100,000 population.

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of electricity, and lightning striking unprotected buildings. A fourth major cause that must not be overlooked is the incendiary fire. Last year \$2,600,000 worth of property was lost in 341 fires

believed to have been deliberately started, he said. And while Halton's fire bureau and two of the five fire departments in the county were being recognized for excellent fire prevention programs, the deputy fire marshal pointed out Halton County still had 371 fires last year. There were nine fatal fires and a fire loss totalling \$772,000 in the county.

Citizens interested in fire prevention can work at it for two reasons -- selfishness, or as a service to their community. Either way, the community will benefit, Mr. Turnbull suggested.



**ACTON FIREFIGHTERS HAD A SHARE** in the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's certificate for an outstanding program in 1967, which was presented to the Bureau at the Halton Mutual Aid dinner in Milton Saturday. Acton firefighters work with the county bureau in their year-around campaign against fire. John Turnbull, Deputy Fire Marshal of Ontario, is shown after he presented the certificate to 1967 Bureau chairman William Hyde of Georgetown, Bern Van Fleet of Acton, 1968 Bureau chairman Jim Coulson of Milton and Acton Mayor Les Duby. (Staff Photo)

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# Grand ball may mark opening museum centennial building

A grand ball may mark the opening of Halton county Museum's centennial building. The big new building is nearing the end of construction. It consists of just one huge room for display of large articles of machinery and old vehicles. Museum officials visualize the room as the perfect location for a costume ball which could coincide with the building's opening.

A second-floor open gallery rings three sides of the room, with two staircases leading up to it. The orchestra could play in there. Who does lead from the main floor directly to the outside.

The new building is located beside the original converted barn in Kitchener Conservation area, the core of Halton's museum complex.

The building, despite its newness and modern features, maintains the hallowed look of age of its neighboring buildings, due to the choice of style, materials, stains and paint.

The ball would be held later in June, museum director Maj. H. J. Newman feels, when weather is good. A snag this year is that bulky articles waiting to be displayed in the new building are now stored upstairs in the main building. The dance would delay the opening of the upper two floors for the season.

There will have to be more attendants this summer at the museum, Maj. Newman points out. There will be visitors on three floors of the main barn, in the forge, craft house and new building. Donations are being made constantly to the museum, but since

the exhibits are already basically established Maj. Newman feels he can now "pick and choose" a little more. Just five years ago, any and all donations were gratefully received even though much restoration work was necessary on some of them.

The district's famous "sitting down tree" has been brought to the museum and is a "lying down tree" just now. This landmark which was cut down because of the elm disease, will be isolated up and preserved as part of the museum complex's landscaping.

Spring will bring Maj. Newman's herds of sheep groups for tours and ladies' groups picnics and meetings. Still limping from a car accident and still in a hospital, Maj. Newman is as enthusiastic as ever, says he is looking forward to the museum's history year yet.

The mothers of cubs in 'A' and 'B' Acton Packs are raising money for a very worthwhile project. About 50 Acton boys and their leaders will be participating in a Georgetown district bus trip to the wonderful zoo at Buffalo, N.Y. on June 1. About 300 boys from this overall area will be going.

The ladies are trying to ensure that every cub can go by raising the necessary \$150. To mark your calendars -- Saturday April 20 -- a huge sale of wonderful goodies at Blimpson's-Bears in Acton. There will also be a beautiful 22" tall doll with 12 outfits raffled off at 10 cents per try.

You can contribute painlessly while ensuring that these boys from Acton have a wonderful experience which they will never forget.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

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## CHURCHILL

# Anniversary, Confirmation surprise party in week's news

(Intended for last week)  
By Mrs. R. F. McArthur

A good number attended Confirmation service on Sunday, March 31, at Churchill Church, when those who attended the confirmation classes at Trinity United, Erica Stokov, June and Kathy Swackhamer, Barry Buchanan, Ray Denny and Ray Swackhamer joined the church.

Communion service will be held on Sunday, April 7, at Churchill Church regular morning service.

We are pleased to report Mrs. Harold Griffin is convalescing at home after her stay in Guelph General Hospital. Her relatives and friends of Churchill Community hope it won't be too long before she is able to be about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sprowl, Diann and Marie of Acton, also Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saunders, Norma and Stephen were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch and Beverley.

Watch for a later date when the Churchill U.C.W. are having a paper drive and "what have you."

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Hesson in Cooksville. Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Ospringe, Donald Shirley Swack-

hamer, Brookville, and Linda and Fred Thompson, Guelph, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer, Carol, Ray and Janice.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr attended a surprise family gathering at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Knox of Hampton, when all the family gathered on Sunday, March 31, to welcome their parents home after a holiday in the south.

A surprise 35th wedding anniversary was held for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saunders on Friday evening, March 29. Several tables of euehre were played with prizes going to Mrs. Ken Leitch and Mrs. Stan Leitch.

Ken Leitch acted as chairman and Mr. Mac Sprowl presented them with a lovely pole lamp. A buffet lunch was served bringing the happy evening to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Metcalf of Georgetown district.

Miss Donna Ledger has called on some of her Churchill old neighbors while she is holidaying with her parents in Erin.

Mrs. V. Stephen visited with Mr. and Mrs. Biggar of Alder-

shot and attended church with them on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Swackhamer and Bronda of Georgetown attended Churchill Church on Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer, June, Kathy and Debbie.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roszell, Acton in the sudden death of their little daughter Lori Christine, also to her grand-aunt Mrs. W. Roszell and to her auntie and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rotz of Churchill district.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McArthur visited on Saturday with their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin.

## Expropriation plan on jail is dropped

The joint Halton and Peel jail plan is officially ended.

During a special budget meeting Friday, Halton County Council approved a by-law dropping the expropriation plan on a Ninth Line farm near Hornby which was earlier proposed as the site for the two-county jail. Owner Joseph Simonyi will be reimbursed with compensation for the attempted expropriation.

The jail plan was dropped when the Provincial Department of Reform Institutions announced it would take over "all administration of justice effective this year. Since then the province has announced plans to build a maximum and minimum security regional detention centre in the Hornby district, to replace the joint jail project.

The province is still reportedly seeking a site somewhere in the Hornby-Milton area.

## Spring clean-up campaign launched by Halton Bureau

"It's time for a Spring Clean-up at your home," warns the firefighter on the poster. "Carelessness costs dollars -- remember, every fire call is an expense to your community."

A list of Spring do's and don'ts has been compiled by the Bureau members. They include:

- Be sure all flammable liquids are stored in safety-approved storage cans.
- Clean and check your chimney and heating systems. Make sure no stoppages are touching or near flammable walls or partitions.
- Clean out rubbish, papers, rags and clothes from the attic, collar or garage.
- Check your fire extinguisher (every home should have one) to make sure it is fully charged and ready for emergency.
- Use a covered container for burning rubbish, if outdoor incinerators are allowed under your local by-laws.

DON'T:

- Burn off any dead grass unless you have shovels, brooms, water and lots of helpers available to stop it from spreading.

- Use flammable liquids for cleaning clothing.
- Burn grass on a windy day.
- Throw cigarette butts away. Use an ashtray or grind out the cigarette with your heel.
- Burn outdoor fires within 100 feet of any buildings.
- Leave any fire for a minute.
- Leave matches where children can reach them.

"Follow these simple do's and don'ts. Check your home -- prevent fires," the Bureau urges everyone.

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