



NORM WILCOX, one of Ontario's best square dance callers put the dancers through their paces. "We're lucky to get Norm," Pairs and Squares head Harold Denny admits. Norm hails from Brampton. (Staff Photo)



LESSONS WELL LEARNED showed up as graduates twirled, whirled, do-si-do'd to catchy tunes thymed off by caller Norm Wilcox at the Pairs and Squares graduation night Saturday at the Robert Little school auditorium. Twenty-one dancers received graduation certificates. (Staff Photo)



REV. AND MRS. HARRY DAWSON, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hunter were among the 21 dancers who graduated from the training course at the Robert Little school. Twenty lessons were absorbed and over 40 calls. (Staff Photo)



ALL CIRCLES GO TO THE WEST as the Pairs and Squares kick up their heels at Saturday's graduation exercises. (Staff photo)



ONE HUNDRED PER CENT attendance at the 20 week course in square dancing won Marg Dedman the honor of cutting the graduation cake. (Staff Photo)

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21 dancers graduate into intricate step

Graduation night for the 21 dancers who took the Pairs and Squares freshman course at the Robert Little school for 20 weeks was a gala occasion Saturday evening.

Graduates were presented with a certificate to show they completed the course, received a club badge and the ladies received a carnation.

Club president Harold Denny said the dancers will get adjusted to club routines for a couple more months and then they'll be ready to take their regular place with the square dancers for the fall program.

Norm Wilcox, called one of the province's finest

callers put the dancers through some exciting steps Saturday night for the benefit of the new members. There were six squares on the floor, some of the dancers visitors from Guelph.

Graduates of the course were Gail and Harry Dawson, Marg and Don Dedman, George DeVries, Sherry Douglas, Jack Ferguson, June and Dave Hunter, Beryl and Syd Newton, Dorothy Newton, Sandra Van Fleet, Steven Van Fleet, Alice Sherwood, Joanne Sherwood, Doreen and Roger Mahon, Anne Mahon, Christine and George Stevenson.

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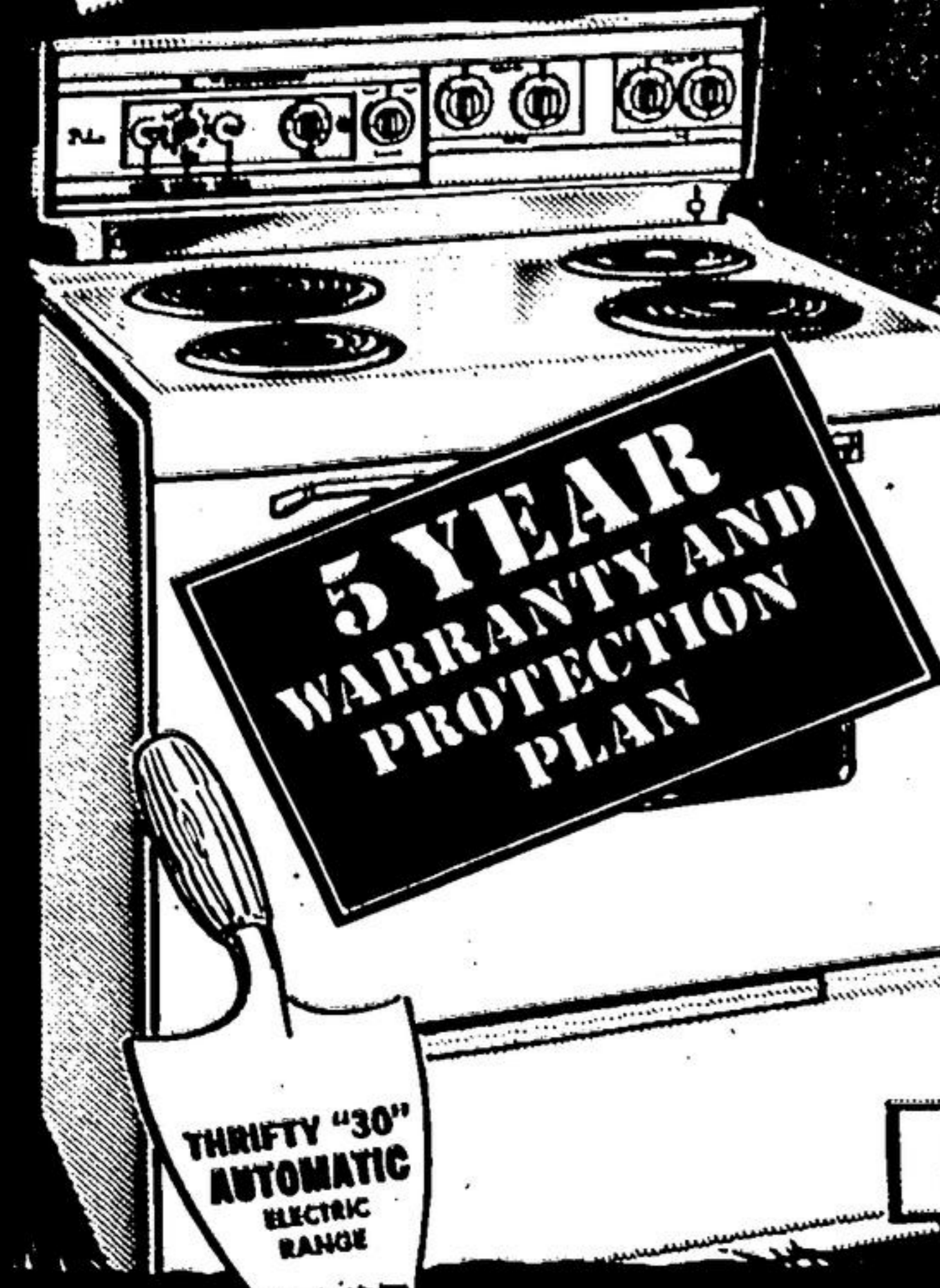
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Special meet for township

Nassagaweya Council will meet early next Monday to hear Superintendent Bruce Findley of the County Board of Education outline the Board's 1969 budget. The meeting will be convened at 7 p.m. Reeve W. Hoey noted, to permit time for the review and regular business.

Out early

This Thursday, April 17, all public and high school pupils will be dismissed at 2 p.m. so all the teachers may attend a staff meeting in the high school here. All high school, Acton and Nassagaweya teachers will attend the meeting to discuss current concerns.

Never smoke on the trail. Rub matches and butts between fingers or douse in water.

Down from last year

County budget \$2,183,634

A budget of \$2,183,634 for Halton County was approved by County Council Tuesday. The budget is a decrease from last year's projected expenditures of \$2,357,305. Reeve F. G. Oakes, Chairman of the Finance Committee presided for the budget deliberations.

The County rate is made up of 3.38 mills for general purposes and 2.55 for roads.

The decline in county expenditures is attributed to the transfer of the cost of justice from the county to the province.

Estimated Road expenditures of \$982,500 are up from last year's projected \$979,396 but the surplus of \$43,500 reduces this year's levy.

An increase in the Family Counselling Service from last year's expenditure of \$26,763 to this year's \$44,718, results from

the opening of new offices in Burlington and Oakville and a consequent increase in staff.

Council and committee fees showed an increase from \$25,506 to \$39,830. Council members earlier this year increased their per diem allowance from \$20 a meeting to \$30.

The grant to the Halton County Health Unit went from \$235,000 last year to \$244,600.

An allowance of \$100,000 was included in the budget for payment on the extension to Halton Centennial Manor rather than debenture the amount.

Debtenture payments are estimated at \$609,310 compared with last year's \$598,175. No allowance has been included in the budget for a reserve for working funds. Last year's budget included \$50,000.

Revenue in the budget includes \$125,250 as rental from the Province for sections of county buildings used in the administration of justice.

Grants on the Emergency Measures Organization of \$14,766 come from the Federal Government and \$2,953 from the provincial government. The two senior governments pay 90 per cent of the costs of the organization.

Municipal contributions to the county levy for general purposes, roads and the construction safety officer are as follows:

Acton	\$ 46,675.63
Burlington	923,325.07
Georgetown	133,527.12
Milton	72,771.05
Oakville	888,067.45
Esquewau	91,206.93
Nassagaweya	40,238.76

\$2,195,812.01

Total road expenditures of \$1,971,200 were projected in the 1969 budget on which \$988,700 is paid by the Department of Highways and \$982,500 by the county. A surplus on last year's operations of \$40,000 reduces the levy this year to \$938,999.

The major portion of the road expenditures is in construction where \$1,339,000 is for roads, and \$64,000 for bridges and culverts. Maintenance of roads is estimated at \$383,000 and \$5,500 for bridges and culverts.

Set salary for board clerical employees

Policies and a salary schedule for clerical employees of the county Board of Education were approved Thursday, governing salaries ranging from \$270 monthly to \$520.

The schedule called for the monthly salary of a mail and file clerk, or general junior clerk to range from \$270 to \$325. The top bracket was for senior staff supervisors and staff assistants at \$410 and \$520 monthly.

The policies allow 10 statutory holidays and provide for two weeks holidays after two years, three weeks after five years, and four weeks after 15 years.

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