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Lt.-Col. John R. Barber, former commanding officer of the Lorne Scots Regiment, presents a trophy each year to the top cadet at Georgetown High School. Here, left, he presents the cup to Lt.-Col. Barry Timleck, who won this coveted award this year.

### DR. ALAN THOMPSON JOINS DR. WILLIAMS IN LOCAL PRACTICE

A new doctor joins the local medical fraternity on July 1st when Dr. C. Alan Thompson becomes associated with Dr. C. V. Williams in his medical practice at 34 Main Street South.

Dr. Thompson is a B.A. graduate of the University of Western Ontario, London, and a member of the 1954 graduating class of the university medical school. He has just completed two years internship at Hamilton General Hospital. Born in Penetang, he has spent most of his life in Hamilton, where he attended Westdale Collegiate. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thompson live in that city.

He was president of the Hippocratic Council, governing body of the medical students in his senior college year, and also president of Delta Upsilon fraternity. He is married to the former Erica Thorne of Hamilton. She is a graduate of McMaster University and has been a high school teacher in Milverton and at London South Collegiate and Hamilton Central. They are members of the Anglican Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Thompson and their son John Paul, 3 months old, will be living in the Halton Manor Apartments on Edward Street.

### High School Division Inevitable Says Fact-Finding Committee

A division of North Halton High School district is inevitable eventually, but premature at present. Such was the gist of a report presented to county council last week, and adopted by council without comment.

The report resulted from a consultative committee established to view education requirements for county high schools and a public hearing, which the committee held recently. The report, signed by D. A. McConachie, chairman, and L. L. Skuce, secretary, recommended the district be left as it is at present, but that the problem of division be reviewed within a period not exceeding two years.

The decision was based on the following considerations: (a) The extent and direction of growth in the North is hard to predict at the present time, and its effect on future educational needs equally hard to foresee. (b) An equitable division of the territory which might comprise each new district would at present be difficult to make and might prove unsatisfactory in a very short time.

(c) As it is claimed that there will be no need for further capital expenditures before 1960, the need for dividing the district is not immediate. If in the meantime a major capital expenditure becomes necessary, a new Consultative Committee should consider the advisability of continuing the district.

(d) According to the evidence submitted to the committee, the North Halton District Board has worked well together in the past and no doubt will continue to do

so for the present.

In the meantime, the committee feels that it is their duty to point out that the adjustment of claims should not prove a serious obstacle to division and that such adjustment can be affected without undue difficulty either at present or at a later date.

Reviewing the establishment of high school areas in the county, it was found also that North Halton received 75 per cent grant, Oakville - Trafalgar 65 per cent and Burlington 60 per cent.

"On the basis of the present grant scheme, if division was made, the towns would receive only 50 per cent of the approved capital expenditures and of transportation costs (if any). An alternative division was suggested: Georgetown and part of Esquesing; Acton and part of Esquesing and Nassagaweya; Milton and part of Esquesing and Nassagaweya. No serious attempt was made at the present time to outline boundaries and secure actual assessments for the suggested districts."

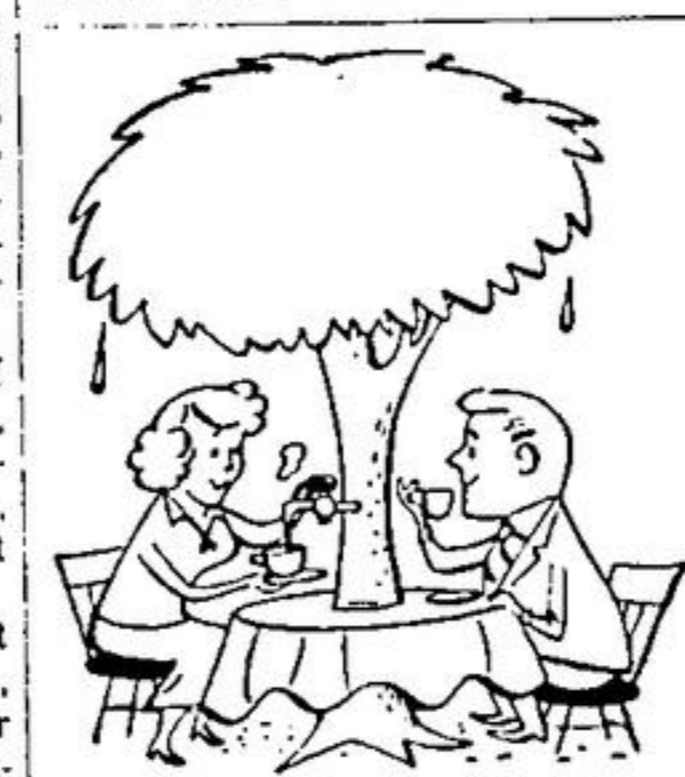
Arguments advanced in favor of division of the district: (a) Originally the North Halton District was formed chiefly to enable the establishment of one central school—and such a school was not and will not be established. (b) The increase in both total population and in school enrolment (actual and potential) since the formation of the area.

(c) The difficulty of securing agreement among five municipalities when capital expenditures are involved. (d) A smaller and more efficient Board with seven or eight instead of 14, from only or at most three municipalities. (e) If local residents have more direct control over their school, the resulting greater interest and pride may insure improved efficiency in instruction. (f) Such a separation would eliminate certain rivalries whereby each school is at present anxious to receive identical treatment with others under the present board. (g) The fear that one municipality may be excessive or unrestricted growth make recurring demands on the others without compensating benefits.

"On the other hand it was felt by the committee that the following objections of Esquesing and Nassagaweya to division of the District should not be overlooked.

(a) It would be difficult to adjust debture indebtedness of the five participating municipalities on a fair and equitable basis, if the present setup were discontinued. (b) There would be a loss in grants from the department if the pupils in home economics from the Acton school had to be sent to another high school district for their classes, and similarly if the pupils in shop work from Georgetown had to go to school in another district for their classes. (c) The township would have a minority representation on three different high school boards and would be more or less practically impotent on any of them. (d) Present accommodation, together with the proposed addition to Georgetown will continue to be adequate until there is a much larger population. (e) In view of these considerations Esquesing and Nassagaweya "strongly recommend that the Status Quo be maintained for the next five years, when it can be reviewed unless in the meantime some very drastic changes make an early revision necessary."

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