

# Georgetown Assessor Disputes New Method

## Says Town Would Lose 1/2 Million Assessment

The Assessment Committee of Halton recommended county adoption of the \$220,283,868 County Assessor's 1961 equalization report at a committee meeting held last week. County Assessor Ford Rogers described his total as the greatest in the province.

The total is an 8.55 per cent or \$17,357,979 increase over the 1960 actual assessment. A breakdown of the total shows each municipality's equalization figure as follows: Acton, \$5,559,873, 2.52 per cent of the total; Burlington, \$87,533,842, 39.74 per cent; Georgetown, \$14,209,525, 6.45 per cent; Milton, \$6,982,537, 3.17 per cent; Oakville, \$25,397,677, 11.53 per cent; Esquesing, \$6,677,666, 3.03 per cent; Nassagaweya, \$2,270,870, 1.03 per cent; Trafalgar, \$71,632,512, 32.52 per cent.

The County Assessor noted that Acton, Georgetown and Milton per cent of increase in commercial values through re-assessment will show considerable variation in those municipalities, but would finally increase the county total by a very low per cent.

"Re-assessment is continuing and much more near to completion in some municipalities than in others. The estimated final increase in assessment for Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Esquesing, and Nassagaweya would not change the apportionment of any municipality, more than a fraction of one per cent," Mr. Rogers explained.

**Larger Offices**

The Burlington and Acton assessors described the report as excellent and commended Mr. Rogers for his work. Oakville assessor Percy Spurgeon said his municipality has been using the government D.M.A. manual and felt that this was the reason for the close equality among the municipalities. Milton Reeve Mrs. Mary Pettit said she favored the use of the manual.

Deputy-Reeve Wilfrid Bird of Esquesing commended the county for going ahead with the

use of the manual, even though it has not been fully adopted across Ontario. He said that it appeared the assessment branch of the Ontario government seems to be in favor of full adoption of the manual. He also pointed out the increasing need for larger offices for assessment officials and recommended that sufficient room be set aside in the new county building for assessment purposes.

**One Dissents**

Joseph Gibbons, Georgetown, assessor informed the meeting that his municipality was 10 per cent over the D.M.A. manual's figure. He said that Georgetown would lose a million and a half of assessment if the manual was adopted. Mr. Gibbons said that they would continue with the same assessment book they had been using, feeling that there was a need for something more definite in the department manual. He congratulated Mr. Rogers on his report but declined to endorse its recommendation until Georgetown town council had studied it.

The Trafalgar assessor said that in some instances it is necessary to look further than the manual. He pointed out that Trafalgar was using the present manual along with the department manual to arrive at a better equalization in their assessment.

## Stresses Earlier Service In Children's Aid Work

"In the years ahead, we must put a priority on prevention and work toward earlier service to troubled families if we are not to pay an enormous social cost in family breakdown," J. Paul Jolliffe, executive director of the Children's Aid Society of Halton told the annual meeting last week in St. Paul's United Church, Milton.

**Main Problems**

The director suggested the three main problems in social welfare administration today—insufficient skilled staff, lack of services to families, and poor organization of services—should be turned into positive challenges for family and child welfare in the 1960s. They are "only possible through intelligent and courageous citizen leadership," the director concluded.

**Protective Service**

Mr. Jolliffe reviewed that over the past six months there were slightly more than 150 requests for protective service. 21 per cent were regarding inadequate care of children, 24 per cent were for children born out of wedlock, poor marital relationship accounted for 36 per cent, 12 per cent for economic or housing problems and six per cent from cases where one parent was not functioning in the home through incarceration or hospitalization.

**Often Helps**

"Day by day in our work, we see unhappy marriages, divorce, teenage unmarried mothers, parents unable to be parents, personalities twisted by malnutrition of love and children helplessly caught up in these circumstances. Your Children's Aid Society often helps, often fails, to prevent further erosion of human resources in these situations."

**All Must Share**

"The concern for human resources must be shared by all of us whether citizens, volunteers, municipal councillors, board members or staff members, and our concern must be translated into intelligent action together," Mr. Jolliffe stressed.

**Enlarge Staff**

Society president S. G. Childs pointed to the tremendous growth in the country. "In 1958 we had only one social worker for each 24,000 population whereas the provincial mean average for all societies was one social worker for 8,451 population. We have made aggressive efforts to enlarge our staff... with the result that we have doubled the social work staff since March 1, 1960."

**Mr. Childs outlined several changes introduced and expressed the hope a child welfare service second to none, sanely and soundly administered could be developed in Halton.**

**Biggar is President**

Harold C. Biggar was named president of the society during the annual meeting, succeeding Sydney Childs. Mrs. Jean Willis was named vice-president and Albert Walsom secretary. Omer K. Van Sickle was returned as treasurer.

The meeting approved a change in by-laws, allowing one representative rather than two from each municipality with the balance of the 18 member board appointed at large.

## Four Mill Increase In Milton Tax Rate

An increase of \$18 will be required in municipal taxes on the average Milton house this year, following Wednesday night action by Milton Council in increasing the residential mill rate to 71 — an increase of 4.5 mills.

The commercial, industrial mill rate was set at 74.8 — up 4.8 mills from last year's 70. Major expenditures in the budget are \$188,398.05 for debt service payments and \$112,459 for public schools. Cost of high school operations jumped from \$67,467.07 last year to \$82,734.25 this year.

The rate was set after two pre-budget sessions when members began the chopping of the original submission that totalled rates of 74.8 and 78.5. The budget was finalized Wednesday night in a two and a half hour session that saw revenue estimates increased by \$2,050, and a further cut in estimated expenditures of \$3,000.

"I think that's the best we could possibly hope for," Deputy-Reeve John Charlton concluded as he presented the resolution to adopt the 71 and 74.8 mill rates. He asked the clerk to write letters to the groups whose budgets had been cut, expressing regret, but hoping they would carry on their programs as well as possible.

A mill this year is based on the town's assessment of \$6,962,292.

## George Andrew Fisher Was Lifelong Esquesing Farmer

A lifelong resident of Esquesing Township, George Andrew Fisher, died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, on Thursday, March 30th, in his 85th year.

Born on January 5th, 1877, Mr. Fisher spent his entire life on the farm where he was born, Lot 9, Concession 5, Esquesing. He was the fifth son of the late William Fisher and Mary Miller. He attended Quatre Bras and Waterloo schools, and was a member of Boston Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were married on January 3rd, 1906, by the Rev. J. R. Waits, then minister of Boston Presbyterian Church, Mansewood. Mr. Fisher fell at his home on their 55th wedding anniversary and had been in Toronto General Hospital until March 21st when he was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Toronto.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Ann Campbell, and three sons and two daughters, William C. at home, R. Gordon of R.R. 5, Milton; Jean who teaches at Givins School in Toronto, Irene L. (Mrs. James Rae) of Brantford, and George W. of R.R. 5, Milton. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Currie. Five brothers and one sister predeceased him. Dr. John Fisher of Brandon, Man., Dr. Peter Fisher of Bourlameque, Que., Mary A. (Mrs. Walter Lawson, Sr.) of Stewarstown, William W. of Esquesing, Dr. Robert O. of Toronto, and Thomas J. of Georgetown. His seven grandchildren are Robert, Paul, John and Elizabeth Fisher, David and Mary Fisher and Suzanne Rae. The pallbearers were: Walter Lawson, William Lawson, James Fisher, Lloyd Fisher, his nephews and Neilson Stark and Douglas Currie, neighbours.

## Music, Speaker at W.A. Daffodil Tea

The W.A. held a very successful daffodil luncheon in the church at one o'clock on Thursday, April 6th. The guests were greeted at the door by the W.A. President Mrs. Robert Cunningham and Mrs. J. M. Wickson. After all had partaken of the food from beautifully decorated tables in the basement, everyone went upstairs where a program was held.

All sang a hymn then duets were rendered by Nancy Hunter of Glen Williams and Joan Beattie of Milton, cornet solos by Robert Wrigglesworth of Georgetown were accompanied by his mother Mrs. B. C. Wrigglesworth. Mrs. Lloyd Davison favored with instrumental

plano numbers after which Mrs. Cunningham introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. McQuat of Milton who spoke on the Menonites of Waterloo County. Mrs. Chas. Austin thanked the entertainers for making such a pleasant afternoon and Mrs. Arthur Ruddell presented each with a small gift which concluded the happy occasion.

The Young People enjoyed an evening of bowling last Wednesday night at the Brampton mall.

Neil, Sylvia and Faye Graham of Milton visited their grandmother Mrs. R. J. Graham in the Easter week.

On Easter Monday morning, Fred Barnes with two other young fellows left to motor to Calgary and then on to the west coast, returning by jet the following Sunday to Milton airport.

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The Young People held their meeting of Sunday evening at the home of Verna and Doris Pickett. Mrs. J. Wickson showed a film "Seek Ye First".

## FARM NEWS

**Delmar Ford Winner County Seed Judging**

By J. A. F.

Delmar Ford, of Milton R.R. No. 1, was the high competitor in Halton's Annual Seed Judging Competition.

The Seed Judging event was held on April 6th, in the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fair Grounds. The Competition is sponsored by the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association and under the direction of the Extension Branch, of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and the Halton 4-H Club Leaders' Council.

Each competitor judged and gave reasons on a class of Oats, Wheat, Alfalfa, and Red Clover, in addition to judging one class of hay, and identifying 10 weeds, and 10 forage plants. Delmar Ford had High Score, and is the winner of the Royal Bank, Burlington, silver trophy. In addition, Delmar was the high competitor and Trophy winner in the Hay, Weeds and Forage Plant identification.

Bob Merry, Milton R.R. No. 3, was the Trophy winner for both Coarse Grains and Small Seeds.

The winners in each section were:

**JUNIORS** — Harold Thompson, Milton R.R. 2; Bill Simons, Burlington R.R. No. 1; Jeffrey Nurse, Georgetown R.R. No. 2; Murray Dawson, Milton R.R. No. 6; Charles Twiss, Campbellville R.R. No. 3; Ken Wilson, Milton R.R. No. 5; Donald Harris, Campbellville R.R. No. 3.

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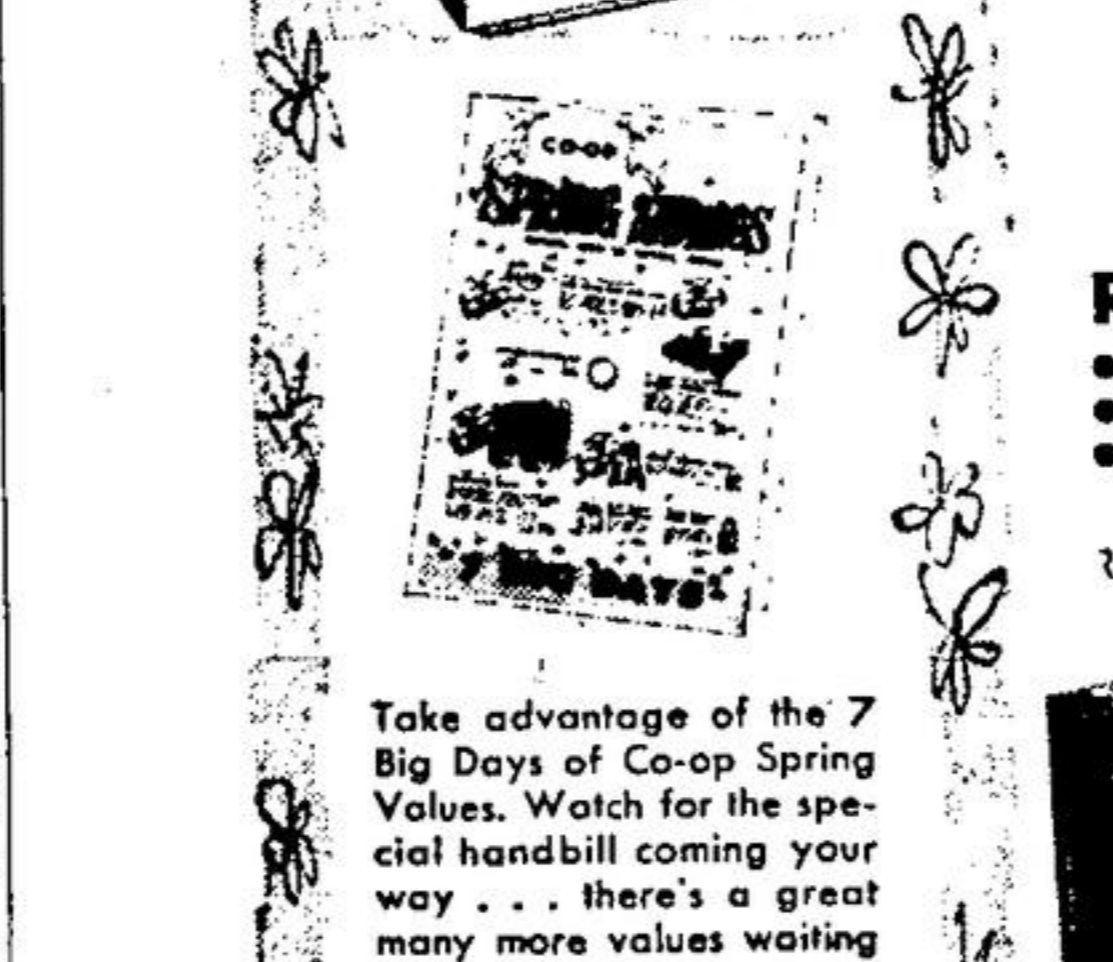
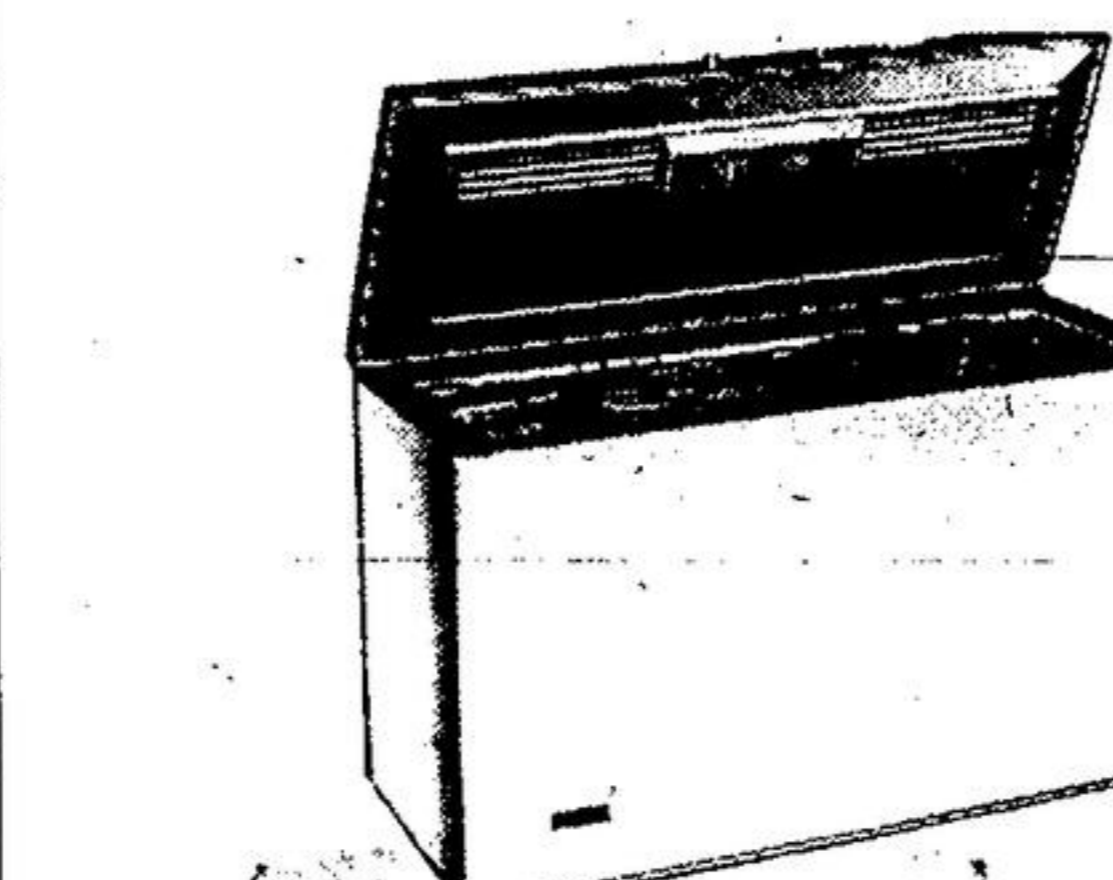
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Charles VanSickle, Palerme, Michael Survin, Palermo.

**INTERMEDIATE** — Delmar Ford, Milton R.R. No. 1; Bob Merry, Milton R.R. No. 3; Courtney Agnew, Milton R.R. No. 6; Bruce Sinclair, Burlington R.R. No. 1.

**SENIORS** — Harold Patterson, Milton R.R. No. 1.

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