

Outstanding Georgetown Halton Fire Department Receives Award

Three Halton fire protection agencies received certificates of merit for their entries in the 1965 National Fire Prevention Competition. The competition, organized by the Canadian Council of Mutual Aid Fire Associations, is held annually during Fire Prevention Week.

Halton County Fire Protection Board received a special recognition for an outstanding effort; sponsored by Georgetown Fire Dept., won an honourable mention in the NFPA competition with \$1000 to 10,000 population. In both the Ontario and Ontario districts and the Ontario Fire Dept. won an honourable mention in the Class IV for communities with 5,000 to 10,000 population, both Georgetown and Ontario districts.

W. George Alexander, Chief of Fire Services in the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, Toronto, presented the certificates and complimented the firefighters for their year-round efforts in fire prevention.

He presented the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's certificate to Reeve John Elliott of Georgetown, who represented the county wards for the occasion, and Reeve Elliott passed the award on to Lt. Wm. Miller of Oakville Fire Dept., the 1964 City chairman of the Bureau.

Fire Chief Douglas Whalen and District Deputy Fire Chief George Wright accepted the Oakville award from Mr. Alexander. Miller's Mayor S. G. Childs and Fire Chief A. K. Clement accepted the Milton Fire Department award.

The prizes were awarded for percentage amounts of the various fire prevention bureaus' fire prevention work throughout the past year.

The Milton entry was compiled by Ray Dorey of Milton, public relations officer for the Bureau. Oakville's entry was



REVE JOHN ELLIOTT of Georgetown representing County Council, accepts a special award from George Marshall of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, while Georgetown Fire Chief Bruce Lewis, Halton Mutual Aid president, looks on. To the left is Lt. Wm. Miller of Oakville Fire Dept., the 1964 City chairman of the Bureau.

handled by Lt. Miller while Miller's was done by Chief Clement. Harold and Jim Coulson. There were 300 Canadian communities entered in the contest this year, along with hundreds of entries from the U.S.

The Milton brigade won a second prize during the evening. Chief Clement also accepted the James Black attendance trophy on behalf of his department, for the best brigade attendance at Mutual Aid Fire Association meetings during the past year. It was the second year in a row the attendance trophy had been won by Miller.

Chief Erwin Lewis of Georgetown, 1965 Mutual Aid president, presided over the dinner. Other guests who were introduced included Mayor Lee Du-

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KERR'S COLUMN

M.V.P. REPORTS TO GEORGETOWN FROM QUEEN'S PARK
BY GEORGE KERR

In submitting his 1966 estimates this week, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Wilfrid Spooner, drew the attention of the Legislature to some rather significant statistics. It is particularly significant because of the fact that certain municipalities in the Province and indeed in Halton County, have set their mill rate for this year and have indicated an increase in taxes.

These statistics reveal a substantial increase in revenue, population and assessment.

In 1965 the revenue of the municipalities across Ontario amounted to \$327 million; in 1966 it was \$374 million, an increase of 15 percent. In the same period net provincial revenue rose from \$364.5 million in 1965 to \$1.1 billion in 1966, an increase of 300 percent.

Statistics also show an increase in the number of municipalities from 946 in 1965 to 970 at present.

Special emphasis was placed by Mr. Spooner on the need for local, County and Regional planning during the debate on the estimates. Municipalities are realizing that if efficiency is to be maintained, if duplication of costs is to be prevented and proper use of land be established, planning is a vital necessity.

The Department has had considerable difficulty in getting municipalities to assume planning responsibility. As of January 1st, 1966, some 160 planning boards out of a total of 345 were inactive.

One of the principle obstacles to overcome in planning is the lack of co-operation among the various levels of government involved. In Ontario 970 municipalities, 120 counties, 30 regional planning commissions and 100 townships are involved.

no matter how simple, many bodies have to be consulted before a common plan can be decided. One can well realize how difficult it is to get even twenty or twenty-five chairmen to agree.

We have witnessed a steady growth in administrative regions by the various departments of Government, each with its own field representatives and with no boundary relationship.

Agriculture has maintained a regional policy-based on the county as a unit. On the other hand, Lands and Forests has 22 regions based on geographical and physical characteristics; tourism has 32, and a recent

development by the Department of Reform Institutions involves the establishment of district jails to replace the old county jail. We now have district high schools and Conservation Authorities whose authority is not restricted to county or municipal boundaries.

The one public body which is in position and has the authority in many respects to develop planning on a regional basis is the County Council, and in the days ahead, if the present policy of the Honourable Wilfrid Spooner and his department is followed, more and more responsibility will be placed in the hands of this level of government.

The advance prize lists for Georgetown Fair are Ready

The advance prize lists for Georgetown Fair, to be held this year on October 1st and 2nd, are now ready. A copy may be obtained either at the Herald Office or from the secretary, Mrs. G. M. Brooks.

There are several changes in this year's list, especially in the domestic science and ladies' work classes; also the junior girls' classes have been revamped.

Some excellent prizes are offered in these classes, as well as in flowers and the junior school prize list.

The boys' pie competition has been discontinued for 1965, but a class for best half lb. of chocolate fudge, made by the boy himself, has been added.

In the girls' section there are prizes for best 'brain muffins.' Another special is the safety poster open to both boys and girls. This is to be no larger than 12" x 18".

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kinrade are again offering special prizes for various types of stamp collections. See your prize list early and get your collection ready.

Another feature of the prize list is the provincial essay contest, arranged by the Women's section of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. The topic for this year's essay is "Why We Should Take Part in Canada's Centennial Program." Entries must be sent to the secretary not later than Sept. 30th.

Local prizes are \$6.00, \$4.00, \$3.00 and \$1.00. If your entry is chosen to enter the provincial contest you could win \$15 donated by Mrs. Monture;

New Books at Library

ADULT FICTION

- Witches - Hastings
- Baldwin, Paul - Tales
- One Thousand Islands
- My Walkways in the Street of the Old Town
- Project Model Boats
- Modern English
- Henry, Christopher
- The Victoria Border Region
- England Before War of 1815
- New York Province
- The Valley of the Thirst
- Book of Festival Holidays
- George and Elsie
- The New World of Computers
- Big My Book
- A Traveller's Guide to Ontario

ADULT FICTION

- Three
- Young Baronet
- Anthony Adverse
- The Land of Terence
- Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
- Fallen Traveller
- The Towers of the North
- The Fortune Hunters
- The Dark Side
- The Three Delights of Malady
- Garrison
- Hotel
- Europe Is Liners
- Hide in the Dark
- In the Days of Poor Richard
- Ways of Revelation
- The Chopping-Block
- Desire
- Wild Geese
- Purple Springs
- Snow's Way
- Path of Delicacy
- Godlessness Prefer Blasphemy
- Ferragino's Progress
- Our Adorable Betty
- Our Increasing Purpose
- The White Ladies of Worcester
- The Reverence of Pastors
- The Wayward Cross
- American Captain
- Bonanza's Row
- The Spider King
- Captain of the Medici
- William Cooke, Antique Dealer
- Blue Hurricane
- The Lady Royal
- Things As They Are
- Anyone Got a Match?
- The Spirit
- The Blood Glass City
- Ninth Life
- With a Strange Device
- Introducing B.F.
- The Gold of the River Sea
- Night of the Short Valves
- A Call from Austria
- Michael Shyne's Bold Case
- The Island Doctor
- Tranquill
- The Bright Feather
- The Arms of the Starfish
- The Year of the Deaths
- Sentences of Death
- The Purple Quest
- A Century of Science Fiction
- A Child Possessed
- Novels

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