

# Special Award to Halton For Fire Prevention Work

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 197 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.

Each group submitted a scrapbook of activities in the NFPA contest, and they were judged in competition with 275 other Canadian and US municipal and industrial fire department entries.

While he praised their fire prevention work, Mr. Turnbull warned their jobs are far from over. Ontario's 1967 total of over 22,000 fires, \$55,800,000 in property loss, 229 fire fatalities, and 837 injuries was not an enviable record, Mr. Turnbull suggested.

"I am sure all of you realize that most of this loss is needless loss — it can be prevented," he told 100 firefighters and ladies attending the dinner. Mr. Turnbull challenged everyone to work harder to improve the statistics — and "let us start with our own house first."

The three main causes of fires, he reminded the audience are careless smoking, improper uses 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 programmes, 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.

Halton Warden William F. Hunter, Georgetown, accepted

the Halton Bureau award from the deputy fire marshal, and presented it to 1968 Bureau chairman Jim Coulson of Milton Mayor Brian Best and Fire Department Captain Vernon Coulson accepted Milton's award, while Councillor Don Gordon and Chief Douglas Wilson "accepted Oakville's.

Warden Hunter praised the great liaison between municipal fire departments in the county through the Mutual Aid fire-fighting service. Chief Wilson, the Halton Mutual Aid coordinator, reminded the audience Halton had the first Mutual Aid service and was the first county network equipped with standard radio communications. It was also the first county to launch a fire prevention bureau.

Greetings on behalf of the Ontario Fire Chiefs' Association were extended by Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement, the OFCA president for 1968. Among the guests were representatives of Burlington, Acton, Georgetown, Milton fire departments, plus Mayor Les-Duby of Acton, Mayor Joseph Gibbons of Georgetown and Councillor W.A. Reeve of Burlington. Banquet chairman was Mutual Aid president, Glenn Stringer, Milton. The Milton Fire Brigade ladies auxiliary catered for the dinner, and a dance followed with music by Millar's Orchestra.

# Farm Council Boosts Reflecto Tags, Aid to Highway Safety

Would you spend 20 cents to save your life?

Halton Farm Safety Council hopes many farmers will see the proposition as a worthwhile investment. The Safety Council has launched a sale of pedestrian reflector tags designed to help keep pedestrians alive and visible under night time traffic conditions.

The "reflecto-tags" as they are known are small strips of luminous material which you hang on your coat or dangle from your pockets when walking in night traffic. They're only an inch wide and two inches high, but they light up "like a thousand fireflies" when picked up by a car's headlights.

They cost 10 cents each, and the Safety Council recommends you wear two of them at a time.

Gerald Carton, 1968 president of Halton Farm Safety Council, says the Council's aim is to protect the farm people but the sale of tags is not restricted to farmers alone. They're available at cost through the Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. The 10 cent price is the price the Safety Council pays to purchase them, though the Ontario Safety League.

"We are not trying to make money, we're trying to save lives," Mr. Carton explains. The Safety Council also sells fire extinguishers, slow moving vehicle signs and flag aid kits at cost, the main idea being the saving of lives and property.

The End-Safety Council vice-president Mrs. William Webb of Campbellville launched the sale of "reflecto-tags" Monday evening when they presented the first 50 tags to Stanley Allen, superintendent of Halton Centennial Manor. Mr. Carton said he has seen elderly Manor residents walking downtown from the Ontario St. S. Home for the aged, and he felt it would be a good idea if those who go for evening strolls were equipped with tags to make them more visible to traffic.

The Manor superintendent was pleased with the gift, and promised to distribute tags to any residents going out for walks in the evening.

The Safety Council is also distributing tags to 4-H Club members throughout the county. That will account for over 100 more of the Council's original purchase of 500 tags — but more are available if the demand is shown.

# Drive-In Theatre Proposed Chinguacousy Won't Rezone

## Sees Mass Sessions for Hiring Health Nurses

Health units and industries wishing to hire public health nurses will soon have to start holding mass hiring sessions, similar to those in Toronto at which teachers are hired, according to Dr. L. M. Stuart, the Assistant Medical Officer of Health for the Halton County Health Unit.

There is a tremendous demand for public health nurses now, he said, and it will get worse in the future as industries try to hire more.

Already advertisements in public health journals and nurses journals must include salary figures and fringe benefits to get any response at all, he added.

"The nurses are in great demand and industrially, he said, because they have the necessary background to examine psychological problems that may be bothering an employee. Because the nurse can often solve these problems by visiting a person's home the absentee rate may be cut down — and the company saves money.

The nurses working for health units can, of course, perform the same services with children who might show signs in class of having a special problem. The Unit has a special form which the nurse fills out in analyzing such a problem.

The extra year of training that a public health nurse takes in school enables her to make such a diagnosis when a normal registered nurse would not be able to, Dr. Stuart said. It may soon take two extra years of training, he added.

An application by Ucan Amusement Ltd. for permission to erect a drive-in theatre on No. 17 Sideroad in Chinguacousy Township will not be considered by township council. They decided in a three to two recorded vote last week to turn thumbs down on it.

But Cr. Al Ferri, of Norval, who with Cr. Jack Wallace voted against the motion, made it quite clear he felt council was giving the Ucan company an "unfair deal."

"These people were asked in February to come back and make a presentation to us and now you dismiss them without a hearing," he said.

Earlier, township clerk Robert Holmes said a petition objecting to the drive-in had been received with the signatures of 75 residents of the area.

"I would say the fact that 75 people have signed is enough objection," said Reeve Clark.

Councillors Wallace and Ferri voted against the motion to not rezone. Reeve, Clark and Cps. Williams and Murray Judge voted in favour. Deputy Reeve Ed Blair and Councillor Harold Wilson were absent.

"Council's decision today has denied us the opportunity it promised on February 5," said the company's solicitor P. E. Dale. "We were promised we would be notified when we could be heard. This denied us that right."

On February 5 council granted Ucan Amusements Ltd. deferral of a decision on its application for rezoning as it would have time to present facts and figures to show the advantage of a drive-in theatre.

One must be poor to know the luxury of giving.



GEORGETOWN HAD A SHARE in the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's "special recognition" certificate received in the National Fire Protection Association's annual fire prevention competition for 1967. William Hyde of Georgetown Fire Dept., was chairman of the county bureau last year. Deputy Fire Marshal of Ontario, John Turnbull, is shown presenting the certificate to Mr. Hyde as Georgetown Reeve William F. Hunter, Warden of Halton, looks on at right. The Warden represented County Council at the Mutual Aid dinner in Milton Saturday, where the award was presented.

## HORNBY Silver Pins Honour Church Guild Heads

Rev. Canon J. E. Maxwell had the pleasure on Sunday, April 7th, of presenting silver pins to 10 members of St. Stephen's Anglican Church Guild who had held the office of being a president. The pins were made by Mrs. John Mills of Georgetown. The ladies received their pins at the altar.

A very enjoyable evening was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKay on Wednesday evening, April 3rd, when thirty neighbours gathered to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Robinson who have sold their farm and will be moving to their new abode in Milton on April 22nd. The first part of the evening was spent playing euchre with the prizes going to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cunningham and Mrs. Jim Brooks. Following cards a beautiful buffet dinner was served with Mrs. Jim Brooks assisting the hostess. Roy Wilson was in charge of reading the farewell address and presenting the gift of a lovely Pole Lamp to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. Bob Moffat, presented Peter with a wallet. Sincere thanks were extended to all by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and son Peter for the very useful gifts and such an enjoyable evening which they will always remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hamilton and Susan of Milton, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ian Cook of the Ninth Line.

Ronald and Clifford Break participated in the Variety Show at the White Oaks High School on Thursday and Friday night.

Birthday greetings to Donna Marie Waters who will celebrate her birthday on April 10 and Kevin Howden on April 11.

Mrs. Irene Saunders was appointed as chairman of step number 2, which will be at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, in Hornby, for the Oxfam walk on May 4th. First aid will be given and music and refreshments supplied for all. The Oxfam walk will cover a 30 mile route from Brampton to Hornby, through Georgetown, Norval, Huttonville and finishes back at Brampton. There will be twenty such walks as this take place on the same day all across Canada. These are being staged in aid of the millions of humans in the world who suffer from malnutrition and disease. Members of the local churches will be asked to make tea biscuits to help out with the refreshments. St. Stephen's Church will be the only stop off in Hornby. Donald Gordon and Geoffrey Drew-Brook have offered their help with this worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace returned recently from a month's vacation in Antrim, Ireland, where they visited with friends and relatives.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Abe Neilson, who is a patient in the General Hospital in Toronto recovering from a serious operation.

Mrs. Joe Sammit was a dinner guest on Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Duncan of Georgetown.

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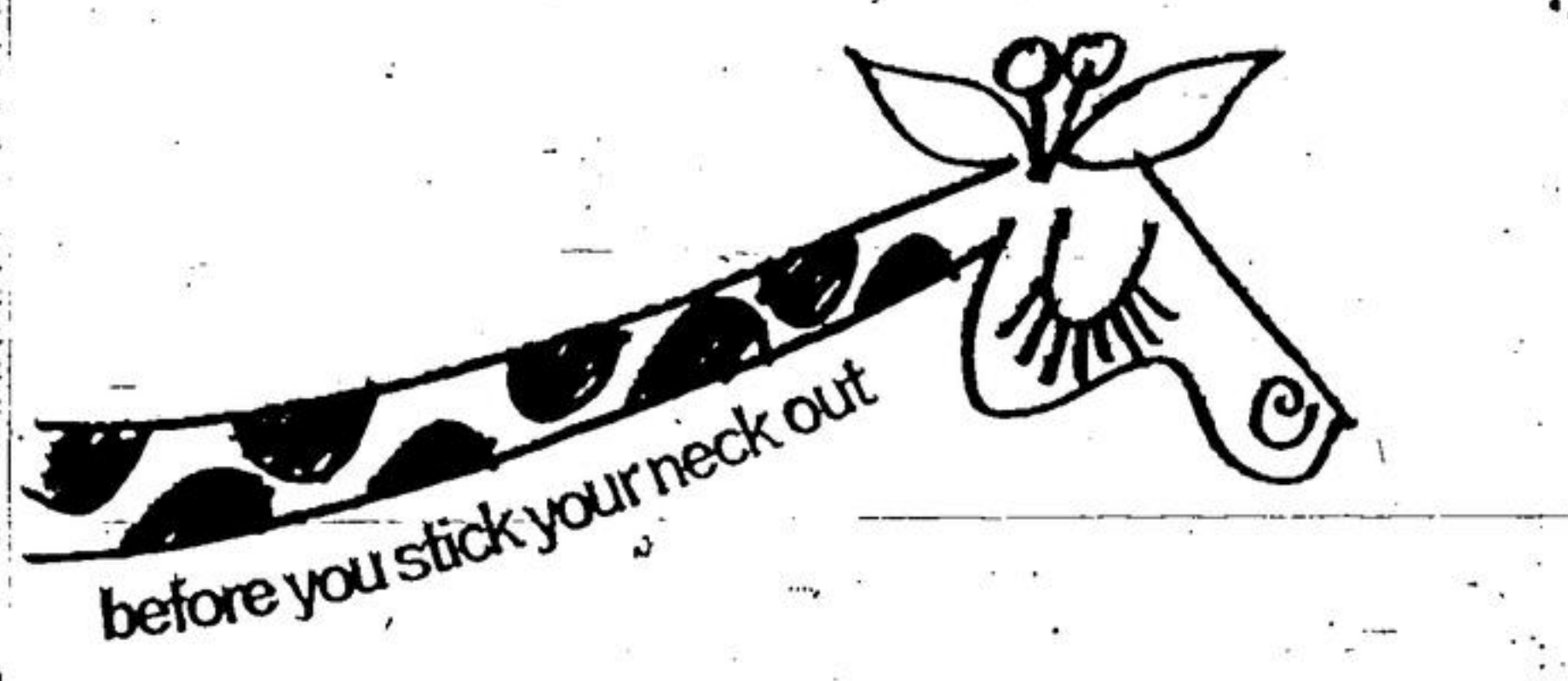
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