

Loss about \$100,000

# Barn, crops, calves lost



A LOSS OF \$100,000 was reported Monday night when this barn, two silos and outbuildings were destroyed by fire at the farm of Jim Brown south-east of Speyside. Three calves, crops and farming equipment were also

lost in the blaze. Flames threatened the nearby house but it was protected by Milton and Georgetown Firefighters.

(Photo by S. Dills)

A flash fire destroyed a barn, two sheds, crops, two silos, three calves and thousands of dollars' worth of farm equipment Monday evening at the farm of Jim Brown on Fourth Line below 15 Sideroad Esquesing.

The loss, partly covered by insurance, was estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

Mr. Brown and helpers were putting hay in the barn around 5.30 p.m. Monday when the fire broke out. They were able to save a herd of Holstein cattle except for three heifers, but all else was lost as the flames spread through the barn.

Milton and Georgetown Fire Departments answered the alarm but the barn was too far gone to save it. They concentrated their efforts on the nearby house as the wind was blowing flames and sparks toward it. However the wind changed and the house was soon out of danger. Sparks set off

several fires in the dry grass around the barn.

The owner said one of the silos alone was worth \$15,000.

Cause of the fire is still undetermined. Fire Chief A. E. Clement said it could

have been a motor or one of the elevators, but he couldn't be sure.

The fire tanker and three Milton firefighters stayed at the scene all night to keep an eye on the sparks, and didn't return

to the fire hall until 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Neighbors pitched in to help the Browns and milked the cows in a nearby shed while the fire raged. It was one of the largest barns in the area.

## Department lagging on assessment rolls

Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. J. MacArthur will ask provincial treasurer John White for \$20,000 to \$30,000 to make up for lost taxes unless the Halton-Peel regional assessment office makes up for lost time and puts people who have moved into the township during 1972 or 1973 on the tax rolls.

Mrs. MacArthur told council last week the township had issued

\$1,150,000 worth of permits for buildings during 1972 and 1973 that have still not been put on the tax rolls.

The reeve told council she had contacted Mr. Sproul at the Brampton office and said she would wait until Sept. 11 for the department to rectify the situation. She said a list with the owner's name, location and the amount the permit issued was submitted to the assessment department.

Acting clerk Sid Savage told council Mr. Sproul phoned back later to advise the township of the supplementary assessment it would be getting.

"I told him the reeve was aware of what we were getting, but what she was concerned about was what we were not getting," he said.

## Enrolment up

Canestoga College is expecting an enrolment of 1,484 students, an increase of seven per cent over last year. In addition there will be about 650 nursing students. The figures include students at Doon, Guelph and Clinton campuses.

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## Will name Halton councillor to Escarpment Commission

The Ontario Government is expected to choose one of three members of Halton County Council to sit on the Niagara Escarpment Commission at provincial cabinet meeting today (Wednesday).

## County council reverses decision on Norval road

Halton County Council reversed a decision it had reached earlier and decided to reconstruct the current Peel-Halton Boundary Road at Norval rather than putting a road through the village.

To date \$35,000 has been spent on the route approved earlier. The scheme originally decided upon was scheme B. The new scheme is \$200,000 more expensive.

Scheme B would have involved the reconstruction of the boundary road essentially in its present location. The Credit River Bridge would have been replaced and the road to the north would be realigned and graded down to comply with standards. The scheme was estimated to cost \$900,000 in 1970.

Scheme A is basically what the council accepted last week. Scheme A would see a road built along the unopened road allowance between the two townships and crossing the Credit River south of Highway 7. An overpass would be built and some grading would have to be done. Interconnection with Highway 7 would be by means of a two lane ramp in the south east quadrant. Total cost of that project would be \$795,000.

A petition with 70 names on it caused the roads committee to reconsider their earlier stand on the matter. Acton Deputy Reeve Peter Marks opposed the switch because he felt there was still some confusion about the matter. He suggested the bridge on Adamson street should be made

safe immediately but the decision should be deferred a month.

Acton Reeve Pat McKenzie joined his deputy in losing the switch. He recalled the petition's main argument had been the preservation of trees. He said there were only four trees and they wouldn't be interfered with by the work with either scheme but two of the four were dying and should be taken down anyway.

MacArthur, Burlington Reeve Les Preston and Esquesing Deputy Reeve Len Cox are the three nominees of Halton County Council.

The 17-member committee will include eight representatives of regions and counties through

which the escarpment passes, plus eight provincial appointees and a chairman. The chairman is expected to be a full time worker.

Official plan Halton East MPP and Minister of Government Services Jim Snow said the job of the commission would be to develop an official plan for the escarpment. Once the plan was developed and approved it would be worked in as part of the official plans for the eight regions and counties involved.

Snow said it was important that there was single balance on the committee with people from different interest groups. He said it wouldn't be good to have all quarry operators, all ecologists or naturalists or all politicians on the commission.

Three year term The commission is expected to sit for three years. All of the positions on the committee with the exception of the chairman's will be part time positions, while the chairman will be expected to devote full time to the job.

The commission being established is a result of a recommendation in the government's study on development planning for the escarpment.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The office of the Court of Canadian Citizenship will be opened in the Town Hall, 2nd Floor, Milton for the month of September on the following dates: Friday, September 7, 1973 and Friday, September 21, 1973.

A Citizenship Officer will be in attendance to take applications for Canadian Citizenship from 8.30 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

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