

# Firefighters at school

A group of 46 firefighters from the five Halton fire departments went back to school this week, in a regional fire school being held in Milton Fire Hall under the sponsorship of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

The firefighters, including 15 from Georgetown, 12 from Milton, 10 from Burlington, five from Oakville and four from Acton, will know a lot more about firefighting and fire prevention when the week-long course ends. They'll be participating in an intense 40 hours of lectures, films, demonstrations and exercises before the week is over.

Some of the men at this week's training school are professional, full-time firefighters from the Burlington and Oakville fire departments. But most of the men are part-time "volunteers" who hold regular jobs but respond to fire emergencies in the Halton Hills and Milton areas. The volunteers have had to take a week off work to attend the training school.

Lots of subjects  
Three instructors from the Ontario Fire College at Gravenhurst are the main lecturers at the training school. Course supervisor is Garnet Schenk with assistance from OFC's resident engineer Don Bryan and instructor Cy Versteeg. Norm Atkins, the FMO fire services adviser for this area, is assisting and giving some of the lectures.

Lectures will cover a wide range of topics—the role of the firefighter in protecting the public, fire department objectives and how they are achieved, methods of ventilating buildings under fire conditions, report writing for in-service fire prevention inspections, types, operation and maintenance of breathing apparatus, basic fire ground hydraulics, friction loss calculations to obtain effective fire streams—these were the lectures on Monday's opening day agenda.

Lectures on other fire-related subjects continue all week but the program won't be all lectures. Part of the week will be spent at the town of Milton works department garage on Nipissing Rd. exercises will be given in ladders, rescue methods, protecting and salvaging goods, and fire extinguishers.

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ACTON FIREFIGHTERS Larry Frizzell, Howard Roszell, Bern Van Fleet and Wayne Kelly are pictured with instructor Garnet Schenk of Ontario Fire College, at a regional fire training school that started in Milton Monday. A total of 46 men from Halton's five fire departments are attending the week of lectures and demonstrations in Milton.

## Permit needed

Prospects of a 70-acre residential development near Campbellville may be shelved permanently, pending a recommendation of the Niagara Escarpment Commission. An Ontario Municipal Board hearing was adjourned when the commission asked for a deferral.

The board will not meet again unless the commission issues a permit freeing the developer from development controls.

W. H. Higgins has proposed a plan that would see the 70 acres used for estate type development with each lot exceeding five acres.

The development has been under consideration for close to five years now. It has the support of the Town of Milton, Halton Region Conservation Authority and the multitude of agencies all developers have to contend with.

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