

## 7 billion tons gravel needed

After showing sufficient concern for the preservation of the environment that it set up the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to protect that environment from destruction through gravel pits and quarries, the Ontario government now says that the escarpment must produce greater quantities of aggregate in future.

Government estimates prepared by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources have earmarked seven billion tons of aggregate for extraction up to the year 2001 - with another 40 billion tons as a "highly priority resource for long-range planning purposes."

The Ministry advised the Commission that the seven billion ton immediate target would require the production of at least 30 million tons of aggregate annually, increasing to about 70 million tons by the year 2001. The Niagara escarpment planning area produced 25.8 million tons of sand and gravel in 1975 and the estimate for 1976 is 29.1 million tons.

A recent report to the government from the Ontario Mineral Aggregate Working Party recommended that aggregate production from the Niagara Escarpment planning area should be "maintained in the future to the extent possible within the objectives and restrictions of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act and the objectives of the (proposed) new Aggregate Resource Management Act."

The NEC, however, comments that it is having trouble reconciling the Working Party's intent to relieve the pressure on existing supply sources by promoting production from alternative sources with the Ministry's calculation of ever-increasing production levels from the Escarpment.

The Commission aims to reduce rather than maintain aggregate production in its planning area and points out

that it was formed partly because of the threat to the environment posed by the present supply pattern.

The Commission also expressed concern over the Working Party's recommendation that the Minister of Natural Resources be given the power to amend municipal official plans or bylaws to allow for aggregate extraction in municipalities which refuse to accept responsibility for a reasonable output of aggregate.

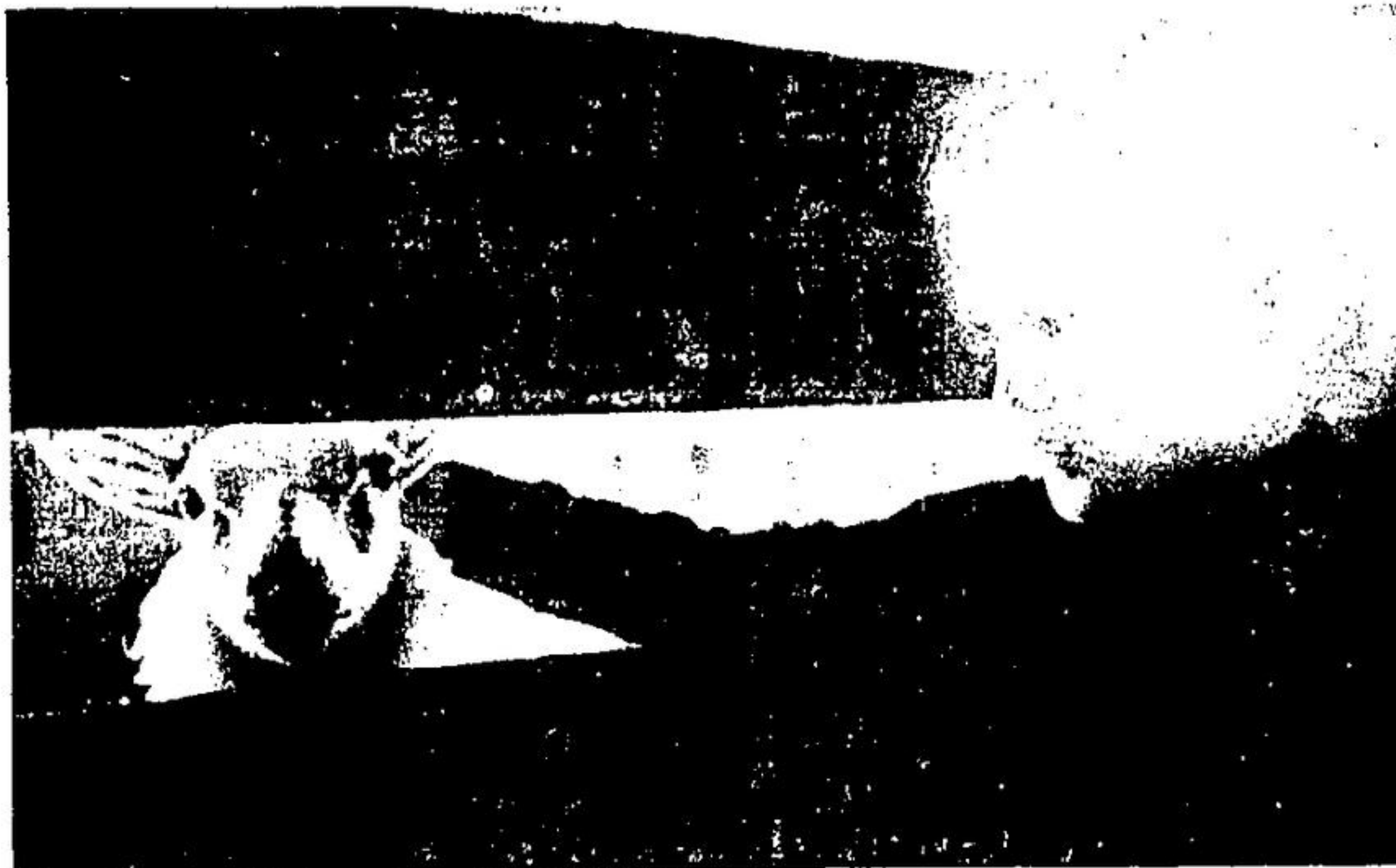
## Limehouse pits reopen

The Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) has issued permits for the re-opening of two wayside pits on the Sixth Line, Halton Hills council learned last week.

The gravel from these pits will be used in the widening of the interchange at Highway 401 and 10. Armbr, the company working on that section of the reconstruction, will start hauling from the pits any time Works Committee chairman Mike Armstrong said, and they should be finished by the end of the year depending on the weather.

Mr. Armstrong assumes that trucks hauling from the pit just above 17 Sideroad will follow the Sixth Line down to that road and then go east along 17 Sideroad to the highway. The probable route for gravel coming out of the pit just below 22 Sideroad is down the Sixth Line to 20 Sideroad and then east along it to the highway.

"It's a necessary project, of course," Mr. Armstrong points out, "but wish they'd given us better warning. The permits are set up by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and we don't have any choice."



## LAMB IS BOY'S BEST FRIEND

Four-year-old Graham Buckrell reaches through a pen to pet his own lamb, April. The Buckrell family have a sheep farm near Ballinacree and one of their lambs

recently fetched \$1,000 at a sale, a Canadian record. For story and more pictures, turn to page 3.

# BIA laws change

Legislation governing Business Improvement Areas (BIA), of which there is one each in Acton and Georgetown, has changed, says Doug Pritchard, Halton Hills clerk-administrator.

Mr. Pritchard made his remarks June 26 at an informal meeting of about 40 merchants and businessmen from downtown Georgetown who had gathered to discuss dissolving the Downtown Business Association, the effectiveness of an advertising campaign they have launched and the extra taxes the BIA is costing them.

The term of office of the members of the BIA board of management, who are all ap-

pointed by council, was one year and now becomes the same as council's term of office, two years, Mr. Pritchard said.

Original legislation for BIA stipulated that the board of management have seven members, two of whom council appoints from among its own elected members, the rest nominated by the businessmen. Now boards of management can be any size and council appointees are reduced to one.

Mr. Pritchard said that council retains the right to dissolve the board of management unilaterally by law without Ontario Municipal Board approval which is need-

ed, however, to establish the BIA. As well, the board of management must supply the clerk-administrator with minutes of its meetings.

The budgets of a BIA is raised by a surtax on the business assessment and not on the general population. The ceiling for the Georgetown group is \$25,000 a year of which they have budgeted for \$20,000, although all that may not be spent this year.

In Acton the businessmen have applied for the ceiling sum, \$25,000, which means each would pay substantially more than their Georgetown counterparts.

Barbara Shuttleworth, the "unofficial chairman" of the informal meeting, asked if the Downtown Business Association, which was formed with the express purpose of establishing the BIA, should be dissolved in favor of the board of management.

Criticism of the activities of the board of management and the identity of the downtown businessmen was heard. Some businessmen felt that there is no way they could make a meaningful objection to the board of management's policies if they disagreed and that the seven members did not represent the entire downtown.

Coun. Roy Booth, one of council's appointees to the board of management and a downtown businessman as well, suggested that a future meeting be held to review the board of management's progress.

Coun. Peter Pomeroy, like Booth a council appointee and downtown merchant, suggested that the group needed to improve its communications so members were aware of what is happening.

Halton Hills council feels it has a group - the board of management - representing the downtown merchants.

Coun. Booth said, "The question is do we still have a Downtown Business Association."

It is expected that a joint meeting of the board of management and the Downtown

Business Association will be held in September at which time the issue may be resolved.

Lawyer Monty Hyde, a member of the board of management, reviewed the brief history of the BIA in Georgetown and outlined how it is spending its \$20,000 budget.

Half of that sum was for promoting the downtown through advertising and special events such as Pioneer Days and sidewalk sales. There would likely be a surplus in the promotional account, he said.

The balance of the sum is split between \$2,500 management costs used to hire a person part time to do the work of the board; \$2,500 for consultants to come with an idea for the downtown and \$5,000 on actual improvements.

Mr. Hyde said the Toronto architect, Paul Martel, was selected out of four consultants to come up with a "conceptual-type plan" for the downtown that will go before council sometime in August.

Eight to ten parking islands featuring a tree and benches are in the design stage now for the downtown, Mr. Hyde said. Other improvements include better use of the downtown logo at entrances to the downtown and parking areas and on banners.

The businessmen were split over the effectiveness of their advertising campaign to attract shoppers and keep in the BIA, but an overwhelmingly majority felt that the campaign should change.

So far the campaign has been limited to an advertising supplement produced and distributed exclusively by The Herald, and merchants felt that actual signs and posters would be better used as a continual reminder, rather than a monthly supplement.

It was felt by some merchants that the front page of the supplement should not proclaim sales but promote the downtown in general with the use of the downtown logo. This matter will be taken up by the board of management at its next meeting.

## Orangeville Kiwanis canvass in vain

None of the business and professional men in Georgetown who were canvassed Thursday to form a Kiwanis club showed up at a meeting where members of the Orangeville Kiwanis, the sponsoring club, were waiting for them.

About six members of the Orangeville Kiwanis, itself only a year old but already boasting 43 members, pounded the Georgetown pavement in the downtown and the plazas in search of 20 men, the minimum needed to charter.

And although they felt that there was a potential of about 30 men who would join, to their chagrin, they learned that unlike their hometown where the shops shut up at 6 p.m., business and professional men in Georgetown work until 9 p.m.

They have rebooked a room at the North Halton Golf and Country Club for 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) and decided to use the intervening six days to continue their recruiting campaign.

There are about 300,000 Kiwanis in 54 countries, Jack Dyce, secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District told The Herald. The district has 240 clubs with 9,500 members.

Membership is open to all races, creeds and colors, he said, but is geared to the professional or independent businessman who can devote some time to the organization during regular business hours.

All the money that a local club raises in a community is put right back into that community and not sent out, he said. The cost of sustaining the organization comes out of members fees, which vary from about \$140 a year in large clubs to about \$25. No Kiwanian gets paid, he said.

# 55 MPH winds Fierce storm tears through Halton Hills

A Glen Williams woman removed her baby from the crib less than 60 seconds before a tree crashed through the roof during a fierce thunderstorm that swept through Halton Hills Sunday afternoon downing trees, power and telephone lines in its wake.

The tree made a six feet by eight feet wide hole in the roof of Don and Jodie Norton, 29 Tweedle Street. No one was injured but an adjoining bedroom has cracks in the walls and in the bathroom the tree pierced the ceiling in two places.

Winds during the storm were reported at 80 kilometres per mile (KPM) by weather forecasters. Visibility was reduced to less than 100 feet during the height of the storm.

At the rear of 2 Main S.E.S. in Georgetown, a tree crashed down on the car of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton and on a storage shed as well. The Hamiltons were absent when the tree fell, said their daughter, Mrs. Betty Williams.

On Beaver Street in Glen Williams the wind storm toppled a great branch of a Maple tree, knocking out power lines and breaking a hydro pole into three. The tree, which marks the property line between the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Moeschter and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Kayf, narrowly missed a home across the street where the residents were out.

Mr. Moeschter said the storm "was like a small hurricane" on their street. Mrs. Moeschter added that the rain was so hard it came in the house between two closed doors.

Streets and roads throughout Halton Hills were littered with tree branches and debris from the storm and police were out in force.

Along 22 Sideroad west of Highway Seven Halton Regional Police worked until after midnight, directing traffic, since a tree blocked the road.

Officers answered numerous calls in Acton where wires were down on Frederick Street, Poplar Street and Church Street.

In Nassagaweya along Sixth and Second Line, wires were down and a tree blocked the Fourth and Fifth Lines.

A spokesman for the police said Ontario Hydro was working steadily and also worked on Monday, to fix damaged lines.

Heavy winds blew the roof off Ian Carmichael's barn, R.R.1, Georgetown, and parts of the barn were found scattered along the Eighth and Ninth Lines. Firefighters were called, but there was no fire.

Firefighters answered several minor calls after the storm Sunday, deputy fire-chief Bob Hyde said Tuesday. One was to extinguish a small tree on fire at Mrs. H. J. Moulden which had fallen against the hydro line. Another was at Pickland Farms where a tree had fallen against the hydro line and a third at George Henderson's Lot 22 and Seventh Concession.

A Georgetown Hydro spokesman said residents in Glen Williams were without power for about two hours, after a tree on Beaver St. fell on a feeder line. A small number of residents in Glen Williams were without power for four to five hours when a hydro pole was broken. Since it was a long weekend Georgetown Hydro faced a manpower shortage, the spokesman said, and firefighters were a great asset to the hydro workers.

A fallen tree on Queen Street that broke a feeder resulted in residents of Queen and King Streets in Georgetown being without power for about 1 1/2 hours.

Workmen of Ontario Hydro will be making permanent repair to a hydro line on the Fifth Line, the spokesman said Tuesday. A fallen tree caused severe damage to the line and workmen couldn't finish the job on Sunday, he said.

Although damage was extensive throughout Halton Hills no injuries were reported. A window of AIP Supermarket in Georgetown was blown out during the storm, police said Tuesday. Trees blocking traffic were also lying across the Ninth Line and Tenth Sideroad and a large chunk of a tree on the Seventh Line was still there Monday night, he said.

## Picked Up in Passing



ROBERT ANDERSON

## "In critical condition"

Robert Anderson, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson, 88 Weber Dr., Georgetown, remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit of The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, a hospital spokesman said at press time.

The boy's condition has remained critical since July 29 when he was struck by a car on Duncan Street. Robert and his twin brother Chuck had just finished Chuck's paper route and were on their way home. The boy's were students of Centennial School and Robert is well-known for his ability in wrestling.

## Site F alternative?

Halton Region council will discuss after-use alternatives for the Site F garbage dump today.

A special council meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. will hear a consultant's report on site planning of the proposed dump at Britannia and Tremaine Roads.

Regional chairman Ric Morrow said Friday the meeting will be asked to recommend an after-use for the site - one of three alternatives: recreation, agriculture and forestation.

He said agriculture appears the likely choice of those members of council he's met with and should be approved then the University of Guelph will be approached for liaison.

## Cobalt seeks aid

Halton area municipalities will be asked to consider providing disaster aid to Cobalt. Regional administration committee members felt last week that any similar action by the region would only be duplication. Oakville two weeks ago provided \$4,200. A May 23 fire swept through the northern Ontario town destroying \$5 million worth of homes and businesses. Insurance coverage only accounted for about half the value. Ontario has agreed to provide \$4 for each \$1 collected by the community.

## Major park review

If you use any of the facilities of Bronte Creek Provincial Park on Highway 25 between QEW and Highway Five, the Ministry of Natural Resources wants you to "talk back." The park is in its fifth year and the ministry has hired the research firm of G.D. Boggs Associates of Oakville to carry out a major review of the project. To this end it is providing all users of the park with a tabloid sized questionnaire of 32 questions. Deadline for the questionnaires is August 30 and the summary of the findings is expected to be ready for publication about the end of the year.

## Yeggs crack Zeller's safe

Police said about \$1,200 was stolen from a safe in Zeller's store on the holiday weekend. The job had the "earmarks of a professional," a police spokesman said at press time.

The safe-cracker used a "pry and peel method," instead of using explosives, and entry to Zeller's was gained by removing four cement blocks in a rear wall of the building said police who are investigating.

## Student militia at Camp Niagara

Students training with the Lorne Scots (Hamilton, Peel, Dufferin) will meet nearly 600 citizen-soldiers from Hamilton Militia District at a summer camp at Niagara on the Lake. Hamilton militia will be perfecting their weapon skills August 6-14, whereas students of Lorne Scots will be at the camp for a month. The Lorne Scot students will return for a final week of training at the Georgetown Armoury in August.

## Go Transit bans smoking

Non-smokers have won another battle. Smoking on GO transit buses and trains will be prohibited January 1. In the GO's transit's 10 year lifetime smoking privileges have ranged from smoking anywhere on the train, to a ban of smoking back to smoking in selected areas, until the new policy prohibiting smoking again.

## HAND CHEMICAL CO.

# Fireworks shed explodes

An explosion and fire ripped through a storage shed at the Hand Chemical Industries plant in Milton Thursday giving afternoon shoppers in a mall 200 yards away a fireworks display which rivals the best holiday celebrations.

Witnesses at the Milton Mall on Highway 25 said the explosion and fire sent fireworks

skyward "in the biggest Fourth of July display" ever seen.

The fire which broke out about 3:45 p.m. caused an unknown amount of damage. Milton fire officials said it is unknown whether an Ontario Fire marshal's Office investigation will be launched into the cause of the fire.

The shed contained display fireworks and military pyrotechnics which Milton Deputy Fire Chief Jim Coulson said caused minor injuries to a firefighter and forced his men to concentrate on saving nearby storage sheds containing similar materials.

Plant purchasing agent Arthur Stewart, a company official who had been into the

shed only moments before the blaze, said he couldn't discuss the types of pyrotechnics contained within the building because such information could be classified by the Canadian Military Armed Forces.

He stressed, however, that the material was not ammunition.

Military pyrotechnics are usually considered to be materials used for training or exercise purposes to add a realistic element. They include smoke grenades, thunderflashes and artillery stimulator materials.

Fire Chief Albert Clement said the pyrotechnics stored inside the building were a type used by the air force as practice bombs. They contained phosphorus.

Chief Clement said he was concerned about his men being struck by flying projectiles which are "just like an aerosol bomb and they fly all over the place."

Firefighter Al Welke "went up through the air like a kite" as an explosion occurred when firefighters arrived on the scene. He was treated and released from hospital for bruises.

Firefighter Bob Kerr, one of the first on the scene, said he had to learn toward the blaze to provide protection from his helmet against the exploding practice bombs. "It was like dodging Spitfires," he said.

The blaze was under control within an hour. The fire marked the first time the Milton Fire Department had to employ an elevated platform apparatus since it was purchased last year.

Curious on-lookers flocked to the scene from the nearby mall and housing development. Traffic was backed up along the town's main thoroughfare for almost half a mile. Smoke could be seen in Hornby four miles away to the east and on Highway 401.

Deputy Chief Coulson said the plant had a similar fire about two years ago which levelled another storage shed. The cause of that fire was tied to a malfunctioning oven used to dry the phosphorus in some pyrotechnic materials. He doubted that a similar cause is linked to the Thursday fire since no oven was reported in use in the shed.

Hand Chemical Industries is on vacation and the plant was manned by a skeleton staff.



Milton fire fighters used a "floating platform" Thursday to douse the flames which destroyed a storage shed at Hand Chemical Co. The "floating platform", some-

thing like what the Hydro linemen use only bigger, allowed an aerial attack on the fire. It was purchased a year ago for about \$170,000.