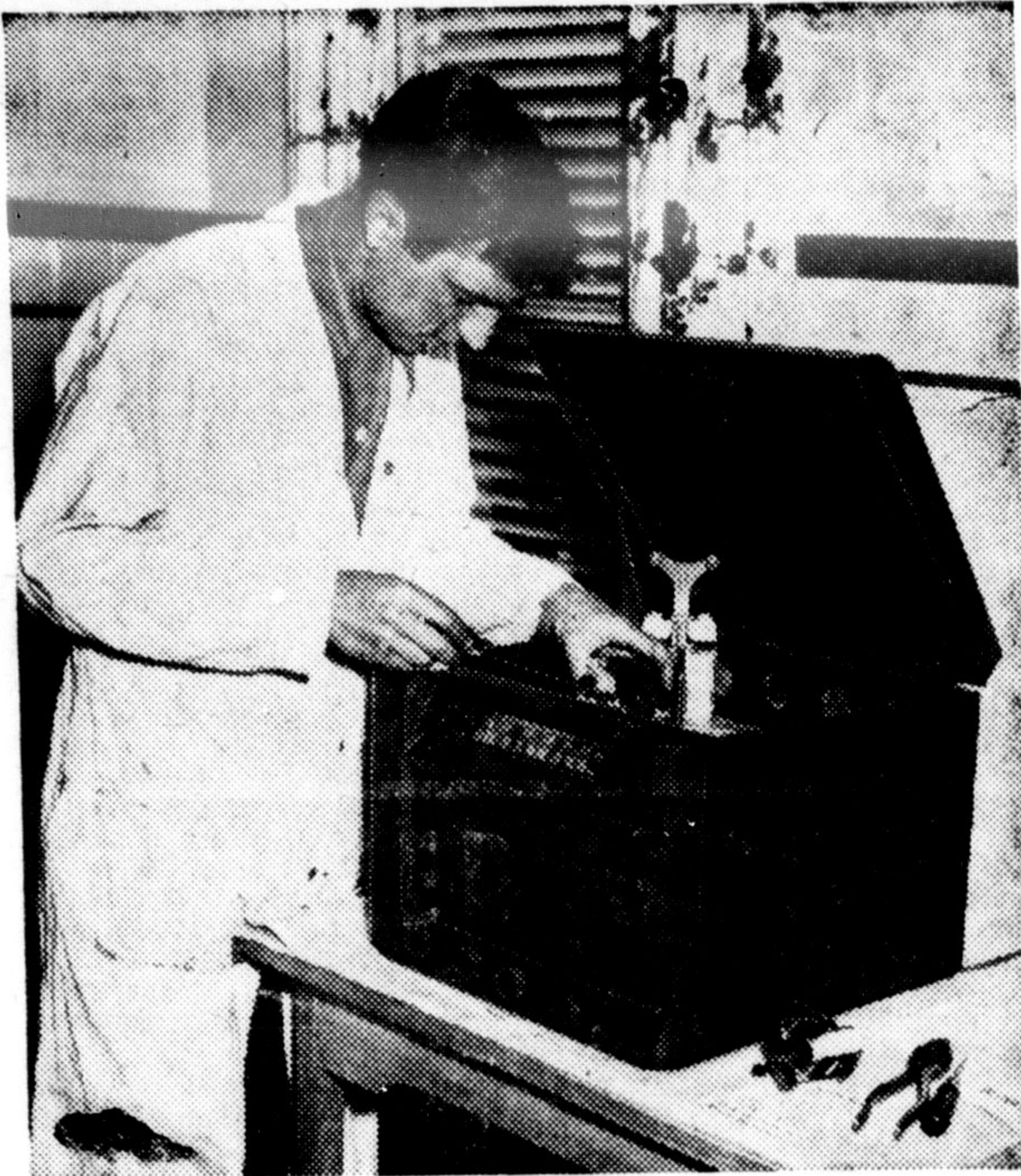


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**ONTARIO HYDRO'S** big "Operation Changeover" got under way in Milton this week—it was launched Thursday morning, February 3—and Hydro will be busy until February 14 bringing town customers the benefits of standard 60-cycle power. Among the many household items that will have to be changed over are record players like the one above, shown here being converted by a Hydro technician. For information and service on the "Big Switch", customers can call either 617 or 618.

## SCHOOLS TO SOUTH TAKE HONORS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Alan Shugg, Linbrook school, and Brenda Reading, J. A. Lockhart school, captured top honours in the Halton County public speaking contest sponsored by the Halton Principals' Association when the finals were staged in Milton High School on Friday evening of last week.

A total of 16 entrants represented the eight regions, delivered prepared speeches and impromptu speeches for judges Mrs. A. Dobson, Mrs. L. Skuce and Casey Wood.

Alan Shugg was presented with the Halton Women's Institute trophy for his school and a miniature trophy for himself. The presentation was made at the conclusion of the program by Mrs. Service, convener of the Education and Citizenship committee of the county Women's Institute and Mrs. Max Featherstone, president.

Brenda Reading, second place winner, received a dictionary from the Principals' Association.

The contest was open to students from grades six, seven and eight and the eight preliminary contests were viewed by more than 600 parents. From the 78 preliminary contest participants, two representatives from each district were chosen to speak in the final county-wide event.

The following contestants spoke in competition Friday evening, Burlington, Brenda Reading (J. A.

Lockhart), Roderick Dodds (E. Burlington), Esqueing, Penny Norton (Glen Williams), Donald Murray (Norval), Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Carol Biehn (Georgetown), Ella Jany (Acton), Nassagaweya, Lois Inglis, John Kennedy, Nelson Graded, Wendy Urquhart, Dennis Brannan, Oakville, Pamela Caine, Jennifer Weatherstone, Trafalgar Graded, Gail Cooper and Alan Shugg (Linbrook); Trafalgar Rural, Joy May (No. 7), Nora Beaty (No. 6 Omagh).

Inspector L. L. Skuce praised the efforts of the Halton Principals' Association in organizing the competition for Halton students and lauded the efforts of the committee in their arrangements from the preliminary competitions through to the finals.

The double trio from Georgetown, Linda West, Trafalgar, Barry Burne, Milton, Lynn Merry and others contributed musical numbers to the program during the evening.

In presenting the judge's decision on the contest, S. Casey Wood Jr., Oakville, praised all the contestants and urged them to carry on with this type of activity.

The high school auditorium was well filled for the occasion that brought representatives from all parts of the county.

## Cemetery Co. Has \$17,665 In Assets

Annual reports were given, trustees and committees named at the annual meeting of Milton Cemetery Company, on Tuesday, January 25. Trustees are president, Ed. Harrop; vice president, J. Willmott; chairman of the grounds committee, C. Martin. C. Lecocque is secretary-treasurer.

Members of the grounds committee are C. Martin, W. Randall, A. Dixon, W. Crozier, G. Morley and E. Harrop. Members of the caretaking committee are J. Willmott, E. B. Clement and G. E. Elliott.

The board approved an easement to the town of Milton for installation of a cemetery road of a sewerage line.

The financial report of the general account indicated receipts of \$3,130.49 and expenditures of \$2,810.12. In the perpetual care account, receipts amounted to \$2,172.27 with a balance on hand of \$477.31. Total assets are \$17,665.18, with the interest for continued maintenance.

## Mrs. Ida Jarvis O.E.S. Life Member

Mrs. Ida Jarvis, the first Worthy Matron of Halton Chapter 280, O.E.S., was honored by being made a Life Member of the Chapter at the monthly meeting held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Main St., Milton, on Monday, January 24. Mrs. Mable Clark, W.M., extended a welcome to visitors from Excelsior Chapter, Hamilton.

Several invitations were received from other Chapters, one being from Golden Rule, Oakville, in March for their 30th birthday party. Mrs. Rowney, convener of the lunch committee and her helpers served a delicious lunch.

## Church Guild Holds Successful Event

St. Stephen's Guild, Hornby, held another successful social evening on Wednesday, January 19.

The ladies' first prize went to Mrs. B. Galbraith, second to Mrs. Frank Peacock; gentlemen's first prize to E. Price, second a tie between Fred Douglas and Douglas Leslie. The consolation prizes were taken by Mrs. Jack Royce and Mr. Coulson. Lucky spot prize was won by Mrs. A. Bush.

### SCORES 200TH

Enio Scilisszi, former Milton boy now playing hockey with the Edmonton Flyers, was honored recently with a presentation when he scored his 200th goal.

## Play Bingo, Euchre At Forum Meeting

The Mount Nemo farm forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coverdale on Monday night with 31 present. There was no discussion.

For the program, the night was spent playing bingo and court whist. The winners for court whist were Mrs. W. McCarron and Elmer Heatherington. A vote of thanks was extended to the host and hostess.

## ANSWER ROLL CALL WITH SUPPER MENU

The fifth meeting of the Omagh Cooking Maidens held January 22 at the home of Ruth and Joyce Robertson opened with the Institute Ode, the vice-president, Joyce Robertson, in the chair. The roll call was answered by a supper menu planned at home. Discussion followed on salads, vegetables and cereals for supper and supper menus.

# Changeover Begins Today In Milton; District Completed

## FARMERS' MUTUAL SHOWS DROP IN LOSSES AT ANNUAL MEETING

There was a fine attendance and a keen interest shown at the annual meeting in Acton on Monday of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. The annual report showed a successful year of operations with a year end surplus of \$138,582.11. Losses this year were \$50,564.20 which was below the previous year.

There were 2618 policies in force with insurance in an amount of \$23,407.64. Net insurance in force at the end of the year was \$21,308,632. There was a gain in surplus of \$44,964.44 over that of the previous year shown in the annual report.

James Fisher of Esqueing township becomes a director of the company succeeding M. T. McNabb, who has retired this year. Officers for 1955 are: Cameron Kitching, president; James Fisher, vice-president; A. T. Moore, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the board of directors are T. G. Brownridge, Cameron Kitching, Daniel Gray, Leslie Kerns, E. F. Ford, J. E. Pearce, Victor Hall and Charles Readhead.

## "Good Shepherd" Message Subject

Mrs. C. A. Wood opened her home Tuesday evening for the February meeting of St. Paul's Evening Auxiliary. Mrs. Robert McKim, the newly elected president, opened the meeting with a brief worship service and conducted the business period, outlining a very interesting program for the ensuing year.

Reports of the treasurer, Miss M. Tretheway, and of the various secretaries, Mrs. E. B. Clements, Miss Gemmill, Mrs. T. A. Hutchinson and Mrs. Woodley, were given. Mrs. Harry Brown, in charge of the devotional, used as her theme, The Good Shepherd, and left with the members an inspiring message. The fourth and fifth chapters of the study book, tracing the growth of the early Christian church in India up to the present day mass movement for Evangelism were presented by Mrs. S. Featherstone, assisted by Mrs. John Purdy.

A social hour followed when the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Woodley and Mrs. Foster.

## Icy Roads Cause of Area Accidents

Police reported two accidents in this district over the week-end, directly or indirectly caused by icy road conditions. No serious injuries were reported from either mishap.

Saturday evening Robert Coates, Miles Street, parked his car on No. 25 Highway at No. 10 Sideroad, near the Glenspey Farms, to check traps in the bush. A car driving south, controlled by John McLeod, Toronto, was unable to stop as it approached the Coates vehicle and skidded into it, causing damage estimated at about \$500.

Sunday morning a car driven by Mrs. Joy White, Dunnville, went into a skid on a patch of ice on the Ashgrove sideroad, hit a snowdrift and rolled over on the roof. Damage to the late model car was estimated at about \$500.

### I.O.O.F. AIDS HAZEL FUND

The Ontario Independent Order of Odd Fellows recently turned over a cheque for \$16,025 to C. C. Hoffman, Hurricane Hazel Fund administrator. The local branch of the I.O.O.F. contributed through the Central CP and T Committee.

H. R. Willis is the new manager at the Bank of Nova Scotia. He comes from the Toronto branch at Kingston Road and St. Clair.

## Ontario President Tells I.O.D.E. Duties

The provincial president of the I.O.D.E., Miss J. Knapman, was guest speaker at the January meeting of the John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E. held at the home of Mrs. T. A. Hutchinson on Friday, January 28. The regent, Mrs. F. McMaster, presided. It was decided to accept the invitation of Mrs. A. G. MacNab to hold the pot luck supper and annual meeting at her home in February.

Guest speaker for the evening was Miss J. Knapman, provincial president of the I.O.D.E. Mrs. Knapman outlined the duties and responsibilities of each branch of I.O.D.E. work. She stated that they must not forget that their main duty was to raise money for I.O.D.E. projects and not to use all the funds to help other fund raising organizations. In big projects, all the chapters across Canada must unite.

One such project of last year was the sending of an X-ray machine to Korea, complete with supplies for its use. Another I.O.D.E. project is the War Memorial Fund, which provides bursaries for students across Canada.

Miss Knapman also told in detail of the part played by the I.O.D.E. at the citizenship court she had attended in Toronto. Miss Knapman closed by saying that there was work in the Chapter for each member and it was the member's duty to find their own particular niche.

Mrs. Davison thanked the speaker for her address. Mrs. Cameron, provincial secretary, was also present and spoke a few words. Nomination of officers for the coming year followed. The meeting closed with a social half hour.

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## Obituary

**Mrs. R. Harbottle Interred by Church**

The funeral of Mrs. Rachel Harbottle was held from Lowville United church on Wednesday, January 26 with C. F. Waite officiating, assisted by Rev. E. G. Riddolls, Thorold, and Rev. Pelley of Copetown. Mrs. Harbottle had been a member of the church all her life and was a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Interment was in the Lowville United church cemetery with Charles Butts, Arnold Coulson, Eurge Gunby, Rev. Elwood Morden, Kenneth Ottman and Arthur Harris acting as pallbearers. The community extends sincere sympathy to the Harbottle family in their loss.

From today until February 14, Milton homes and hydro users will be converted from the 25 cycle to 60 cycle hydro electric power in the area-wide conversion program already completed in the rural sections and neighboring towns.

By calling a local number, Ontario hydro customers in Milton can now get information and service regarding 25 to 60 cycle changeover direct from the hydro's big conversion centre in Islington, which will serve as headquarters for the switch in the Milton area.

A hydro announcement said that Milton customers can call either Milton 617 or 618 and will be connected directly with the Islington changeover office.

Frequency sensitive electrical equipment has already been listed in homes and other premises, but hydro officials anticipate some customers will have added 25 cycle appliances since this inventory was made. They urge that any such added items be immediately reported to the hydro, so that preparations can be made to alter them for 60 cycle operation at the same time as other equipment.

While the A. W. Manby Service Centre in Islington will be Ontario hydro's main base for changeover in this area, mobile field offices and workshops will be set up in Milton. They will be based in

the fair grounds, where hydro has already established a clock and fan exchange depot.

**Customers Can Help**

Customer co-operation plays a big part in the smooth functioning of changeover. Most important to hydro is that some responsible person be home to admit technicians on "cut day." If a home is found unoccupied, hydro is forced to cut off the power supply in order to prevent possible damage to customers' connected 25 cycle appliances when the 60 cycle frequency is on.

This could cause delay and inconvenience to the customer, since he would have to get in touch with hydro's frequency standardization office to arrange for his service to be re-connected and also experience delay in the conversion of his equipment for 60 cycle use.

The actual "Changeover Day" for the customer gets under way early in the morning, when hydro technicians visit all homes and business premises in the district being standardized and ensure that all frequency sensitive appliances are disconnected.

Work is then begun on 60 cycle changeover of these appliances and by 10 a.m. when the power in the street lines is switched over from 25 to 60 cycles, the technicians will generally have already finished the conversion on smaller items

such as record players.

The 10 a.m. switch in the street lines involves only brief interruption in power service to the home. The 25 cycle power is disconnected and within 30 minutes—sometimes in less than a minute—the new 60 cycle current is switched on for the first time and goes into the house at this higher frequency.

This means that except during the brief period of cutoff, the customer can make normal use throughout the day of the lights and of all other equipment not affected by the change in frequency—such as stoves without timing devices, toasters and so on.

**All in One Day**

Generally, all frequency sensitive equipment in the home will have been converted to 60 cycles within the one day, although in some cases it may be necessary to hold over conversion of certain types of appliances such as washing machines and hobby machines. These will be completed within a few days.

Most equipment is altered right on the premises, but again in certain instances some types of appliances may have to be removed to hydro standardization workshops. Where this may cause inconvenience, hydro makes every effort to supply a replacement unit on loan while that of the customer is at the workshop.

# To Guarantee Water Line 2 Years for Town Approval

Following the expressed dissatisfaction of the town inspector and town foreman on the manner of installation of the water service from Bronte St. to the J. M. Denyes school on Heslop Road in the new subdivision to the south, the engineering firm of Armstrong, Kingston and Hansen submitted a report to Milton council on Monday evening.

The report showed dissatisfaction on their part and indicated the contractor had agreed to guarantee the line for two years during which time it would be inspected frequently for leakage before the town would be asked to accept the line as part of the municipal system.

Complaints noted in the report were that the pipe had been placed on frozen soil to bring it up to grade and settlement might cause undue strain on the pipe. The pipe has been supported inadequately along each pipe length producing uneven stress on adjoining sections, the report continued.

**Pipe Was Dropped**

A section of 80 feet of pipe was left open in the trench. No freezing occurred and the pipe was covered with granular fill. It was also pointed out the pipe was dropped into the trench instead of being lowered. One pipe broke but the other pipe may be weaker because of this treatment, the report concluded.

The John Susin Construction Co. Ltd. offered to guarantee the line for two years before asking the town to take it over.

Arising out of the discussion as to who owned the property came a recommendation the letter be answered and the development firm of Milton (Canada) Industrial Development Co. be asked to post the bond required under the subdivision agreement as well as Loudon Home Builders, who recently purchased over 200 lots in the area. The bond was also to be requested from J. J. Thistlewaite or their associates. Building permits in these areas were forbidden until the necessary financial security was posted.

The Armstrong, Kingston and Hanson firm of engineers was also to be notified regarding the replacement of the three hydrants on

by the Halton Health Unit required payment of \$10 for each inspection on new houses and construction. A by-law would also be required designating the necessary authority. The by-law was to be investigated.

## Concern Re Fire

A letter from Ontario Steel Products asked if plans were being made for the increase of a water main on Martin St. from the present four inch to the more standard eight inch. The letter indicated the present pressure was satisfactory but concern was expressed in the event of a fire. The firm hoped this length of four inch pipe would be replaced before further expansion of the services was undertaken in other areas. The town foreman was instructed to check the pressure at the plant regularly.

The Model Knitting Mills filed notice they would appeal their assessment on the business tax since discontinuing spinning operations on Court St. and the building on Commercial St. had not been used for two years. The letter was to be turned over to the assessor to report to the clerk.

Deputy-reeve S. Childs reported the garbage truck had been purchased and the box and hoist were being installed.

A by-law to regulate sewerage and drainage was given the required three readings and approved.

Reeve Martin reported the Cemetery Co. was willing to co-operate in providing an easement to install a sewerage line along one of the roads. The rental of the town compressor for work in the cemetery was to be reduced from the standard fee of \$6 hourly to a cost basis.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Town hall, sewers	\$128.97
Printing, contingencies	28.24
Waterworks	436.75
Fire, light, police	1213.96
Streets, walks	668.87
Finance	1844.67
Capital	248.93
	\$4,321.46

## O.E.S. Card Party Is Well Attended

At the annual O.E.S. euchre and bridge party in Milton high school on Wednesday, January 26, a good crowd had a most enjoyable time and lunch, convened by Mrs. Gladys Booth and Mrs. Marie MacMillan.

The euchre winners were Mrs. Anna Cairns, Mrs. J. Robb, J. Cunningham and A. Armstrong and in bridge I. Sillars, L. Needham, Mrs. C. Laundon and Mrs. F. Servos. The door prizes went to three lucky ladies, Mrs. Flora Irving, Mrs. Needham and Mrs. Lunan.

### NEW ORGANIST

Paul E. Neville of Hamilton begins next Sunday as organist and choir leader of Grace church. Miss Maxted, whose work during the past year is much appreciated by the congregation, is retiring from the position.



**PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONS** were presented with their awards in Milton high school following the county-wide competition sponsored by the Halton Principals' Association for students in grades six, seven and eight. From the left are F. Hughes, principal of Linbrook public school receiving the Halton Women's Institute trophy; Brenda Reading, second place winner in the contest, holding the dictionary awarded her; Alan Shugg, winner of the contest, holding his miniature trophy of the Women's Institute cup; Mrs. Service, convener of the Education and Citizenship committee and Mrs. Max Featherstone, president of the Halton Women's Institute