THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deforest at their Milton home on Sunday of this week. The couple were married on March 13, 1895 in the old Knox Manse that is now the Oddfellows' Hall. They have lived in Milton for the past years and the immediate family all live in Milton.

Jail Employees Wages Increased, Unsettled

Wages of employees at the County Jail are still not settled after members of County Council approved a \$100 a year increase at their regular meeting at Milton Tuesday. A month ago employees requested council for an increase, and the committee headed by Reeve Harold Adkins had council approve of the increase.

Other grants included: Canadian

grant of \$500; Salvation Army \$700;

Court was to receive an increase.

Grant for Kilts

his salary being \$1,000 a year.

in the budget for this purpose.

Sunday evening. Rev. Normar

declared.

the Evening Branch W.A.

Sheriff W. J. Robertson informed members he felt he would not have a staff to take care of the 16 inmates if substantial increases were forthcoming. Mr. Adkins explained wage rates were set by the Department of Reform Institutions and allowed for an annual increase of \$100 \$500; Lorne Scots Regiment \$500.

per year. "The committee felt wages here in Halton were not equal to other places and we were liberal in granting an increase at this time," he said and adding employees could still enjoy the statutory increase next fall.

County Rate Down of the wage scale as paid in Peel for the men, which would have to new High School Building. Nassa- withdraw from the engineering ar- \$25 to the Red Cross. This was jous firms. County. The starting wage is \$1,940 be paid for by subscription. By con- gaweya representatives felt that rangement on May 1. with a cost of living bonus of \$420 to a local maximum of \$2,270. Wages at the Peel County Jail are about \$300 a year more than in Halton.

Council felt the matter should be investigated again by the committee made a name for itself and we feel who were to meet with employees we would like to dress our men in Mr. Skuce pointed out that to come to a final decision.

the county rate when members set areas," he said. made by finance chairman Wilfred grant of \$500 directed to the uni- while the matter was discussed by count of the drama festival. Bird. A total of five mills will be form fund of the regiment. required to raise \$395,000 to meet The building committee reported expenses for 1955. \$237,000 will be that by allowing for the purchase raised for general purposes or three of a micro-filming machine and remills while the road levy is two novations to the registry office, it mills to raise \$158,000.

Estimated expenditures were with a building program this year. \$291,855.40 with estimated revenue Reeve Harold Adkins, chairman of At a special meeting of Milton burden of educational expenditur- consider the whole site problem at \$54,855 largest amounts returning the committee, explained that by Public School Board Wednesday es. to this fund from the Registry Of- installing a micro-filming machine evening, principal Foster was askfice \$20,000 and Hospital accounts of much space now used for filing ed to conduct a survey to deteran additional \$20,000. While road could be saved. The filing of film mine the potential school populatexpenditures were estimated at copies of all papers will take less ion in the north section of town. \$300,000 only \$158,000 was levied for, space, the committee found. The The action followed the appear-

Combat Future Epedemic

In a report from the Health Unit vertise for a clerk typist to assist in it was agreed to increase the per the clerk's office. capita rate from \$1.20 to \$1.25. Reeve C. A. Martin said this addition gar township to lay 700 feet of sidewould provide a reserve to assist walk on the 8th Line, which is a combatting any future epidemic county road. which might be experienced. They further asked increased dental examination in the schools.

mination in the schools.

Members of the Health Unit had Presentation Made previously asked the Department to give permission to increase membership of the board to seven Howbership of the board to seven. However, it was felt if two members of council sat in at the meetings fur- Green preached his farewell serther council appointments could be | mon at Grace Anglican church. made in the future.

A number of grants were ap- members of the congregations proved in the budget, the following the United and Presbyterian being made: Halton Junior Farmers churches joined his own parishion-\$350; Halton Plowmen's Association, ers in expressing regret at his proposed school continued and the \$250; Halton Soil and Crop Im- leaving and best wishes for the importance of an auditorium was provement Association, \$100; Hal- future. ton Agricultural Society, \$300 with an additional \$200; Esquesing Agricultural Society, \$200 with an additional \$100; Acton Fall Fair \$200 with an additional \$100.

Questions Fair Grants Reeve Robert Marshall argued the grants to local fairs should be substantially increased. "I don't think these grants have been increased in the past 20 years, and realizing the agricultural growth with the new

assessment we should increase these amounts to encourage further agricultural expansion in Halton," local clergy, expressed best wishes the purchase of school equipment, he said.

Reeve A. R. Service pointed out that officials from each of these organizations had requested increased grants, some for some specific purpose. Our committee felt that by ville. The new rector in Milton resolution asking that council congiving them the regular grant with will be Rev. David A. Powell of sider the imposition of a sum of an additional amount we were be- Harriston. He will arrive about money on dwelling construction ing generous," he stated. April 15.

Report Shows Town Surplus, 54 Tax Arrears Increase 33%

NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN H.S. BOARD Esquesing Opposes AND MILTON BOARD ON SCHOOL SALE Sale of High School

At a conference of the Milton each board separately. trict and L. L. Skuce, inspector of Milton Public School Board for the No. 2. presided.

Mr. Routley outlined the position the Boards for High School use of area. clearly and pointed out the deben- shop and home economics for a ture indebtedness on the present period not to exceed ten years." building. Mr. Johnston told of similar cases in Aurora, Leamington and Sutton where tranfers of pro- was arrived at after having perties had been made from one valuation set on the building and roads was accepted. 40 Board to another. It was pointed was below the valuation figure. out that sale price must be a rea- Mr. Ledwith thanked the High the press "that the North Halton sonable one to consummate the School Board for their attendance High School District Board is con-

Chairman W. J. Coon of the High | tion of the matter. School Board explained the diffi- After consideration of the pro- ton Public School, and building a port warned. municipalities were concerned and it was reported that the offer had on record as being absolutely op-

Public School Board. Opposition from Esquesing Board intimated that the price for the building would require to be below \$60,000 and that Public School accommodation must be available before September. An answer from the High School Board must not be delayed beyond two weeks.

Mr. Routley thought the deben-National Institute for the Blind. ture indebtedness against the school building fund, \$1,750 with a regular was \$60,000 to \$65,000 and felt the Halton Music Festival \$100; St. John Board would do well if this amount met in Milton Tuesday evening and Ambulance \$200; Lorne Scots Band was received for the building.

The secretary of the High School agreement on a bi-town basis. The Judge of the County Juvenile | Board said the debenture indebtedand \$22,000.

port and review the activities of the a copy of a resolution passed by neer for that town alone. ducting various activities almost the council would not agree to sel- At Tuesday night's meeting here. The Boy Scouts' drive for a scout or Sitzer representing Kenton

"Our band and regiment has for \$250,000 at present. P. S. Population to Double

kilts, so they could compete with there was evidence the Public There was a slight reduction in regiments from more wealthy School population would be doub- Farmers' play, Pink and Patches, men clubs in Canada. led in the next few years.

Offer Not Accepted The Board pointed out this price

culties of negotiations where five posal by the Public School Board completely new school, wish to go suggested an offer be made by the not been accepted and the Public posed to any such proposition until School Board proposed to acquire such time as the present school a new site on which to erect a new with the proposed additions proves Members of the Public School Public School building in Milton. | inadequate and until such time as evening in Milton High School.

Two Towns Carry On With Engineer

North Halton Urban Board representatives of Acton and Milton agreed to continue the engineering Last week, at a regular Urban

ness was at present between \$20,000 Board meeting in Acton, it was announced that Georgetown had newest service club in Milton, the purchased only if the surrounding ent high school. The meeting was Members of the High School decided to withdraw from the tri- Kinsmen, was held Monday at the municipalities in the fire area were being held this same night, he in-Col. Charters of the Lorne Scots Board who represented Esquesing town engineering arrangement in Milton Inn. President Fred Bennett willing to bear their share of the dicated. Regiment was present to give a re- Township had been furnished with favor of hiring a full-time engi- presided over the informal meeting cost.

council could assist with this fund. placement insurance was carried vices and expenses after May 1.

PLAY PICTURED

The cast of the Milton Junior making ideas from various Kinsis pictured in the latest Junior

Members of Esquesing township Public School Board, the North The High School Board after council met with representatives of Halton High School District Board | deliberation passed on a recorded | Nassagaweya and Erin councils in elementary schools of the Depart- considerable deliberation: "That town on Wednesday, March 9, to ment of Education, Mr. Johnston, this Board agrees to sell the pre- discuss an agreement with the town

All Esquesing council members the report indicated. were present and reeve Wilfrid "The water department shows an Bird presided.

3 Son to supply gravel on township

Council, having seen reports in at the meeting and their considera- sidering the possibility of selling the Milton High School to the Mil-The meeting was held Monday an increased assessment in the town of Milton makes such an undertaking more feasible than the present time."

George Currie, William Townsend and Wilfrid Bird were appointed to attend the meeting of the Urban-Rural Municipalities in Hamilton.

Projects Discussed By Milton Kinsmen

The first charter meeting of the

seconded by Bill Kress and carried. Town solicitor K. Y. Dick, solicit-

A bulletin committee was formed the rate, after hearing a report Council approved an additional The Public School Board retired Farmer News, beside a lengthy ac- consisting of Bill Vaughan, Art Melanson and Laurie Durnan.

H. A. Lever, town auditor, submitted the auditor's report covering 1954 indicating a surplus of \$6,347.86 on that year's operations, to Milton Council at their regular meeting Monday.

Unpaid taxes stood at \$31,792.65 at the year end, increased from \$20,528.77 at January 1, 1954. "I think this figure is too high and an effort should be made to reduce it," the auditor's report commented.

"The town has been undergoing +an extraordinary period of expansion which accounts for most and Mr. Routley, superintendent of vote the following motion after the council chambers at Stewart- of the differences from budget figures. This expansion period has brought with it many problems High School inspector for the dis- sent Milton High School to the of Acton and the Acton Fire Area particularly for new services and as a result the debenture debt of Public Schools for Halton, no sum of \$125,000 with possession to It was agreed that Acton Fire the town now stands at \$858,685 agreement was reached on the pro- be given when new accommodation Area No. 2 would offer to the town and will continue to increase. Howposal for Milton Public School is available for High School stu- of Acton \$200 stand-by time per ever, the assessment for 1955 is in to purchase the present High dents, subject to the approval of year and \$100 per fire call. They excess of \$4,200,000 so for the time School building in Milton. M. all municipalities in the North agreed to purchase a Scott air being at least, the town is well Ledwith of the Public School Board | Halton High School District, with pack, two pairs of asbestos mitts, a | within the limit which is considerarrangements to be made between gasoline can and a map of the fire ed maximum of a ratio of one to three of debentures to assessment,

> operation deficit for the year of The tender of W. R. Greenly and \$3,030.31. As the new rate structure came into effect October 1. 1954 some improvement here is possible. On the other hand water debenture costs increased by \$3,468 1955 and the final picture will be dependent on the amount of new water revenue obtained," the re-

Other report highlights show town revenue for 1954 at \$259,785.-36; public library revenue \$4,490.-51 with a surplus of \$476.44; hydro electric commission with revenue of \$165,595.85 and a surplus of \$19.753.07; public school revenue \$65,600 with a surplus of \$7,818.78; separate school revenue \$6,441.82 with a surplus of \$15.15.

An increased fee for the auditing firm from \$600 to \$750 was approv-

Approve Fire Signal Councillor Wilson introduced

resolution approving the purchase of a 25 watt radio signal system visit to the Department of Educfrom Rogers Majestic Electronics ation had failed to get the neces-Ltd. for use by the fire department sary aproval on the site pending a at a cost of \$7,407.55. The price in- meeting on the possibility of the cluded installation and was to be public school purchasing the pres-

attended by 21 members. The \$7,407.55 purchase followed Official notification was receiv-

half of the \$15,000 required had ling the building at the figure sug- Milton and Acton agreed to carry house was discussed and this was Builders and J. J. Thistlewaite apbeen raised, and he hoped county gested in view of the fact that re- the cost of Engineer Simmon's ser- to be brought up at a future peared to finalize an agreement providing for the installation by Peter McWilliams read the min- the subdivider of Kingsleigh utes of the last meeting and in- Court of a main trunk sewer to the cluded some projects and money- Woodward St. pumping station and enlargement of the force main to Martin St. if necessary.

> Would Reduce Supply Discussion veered off the agreement when Reeve Martin suggested water to serve the area should not

be taken off Martin St. since it would effect a reduction in water pressure that would make the supply to Ontario Steel Products insufficient. It was argued the plans for service installations had not been presented or approved by council. Mr. Sitzer indicated his understanding was the plans had been approved and since then the tenders had been awarded to begin

installation of services to this area. The service plans were located by the town foreman and the town engineer, on being contacted, indicated he had studied the plans but not finally approved them.

Returning to the necessity of an agreement, it was pointed out the bonding firm would not issue the necessary \$50,000 bonds until the agreement was prepared. Installation of services was estimated at \$48,500. Roads in the area are to be hard topped. The planning committee was asked to meet with the engineer and submit a report for the next/meeting.

Concerned About Option J. M. Ledwith, chairman of the public school board, appeared on request of council to discuss the purchase of the Pearson property

off Martin St. for la school site. Reeve Martin outlined the council was concerned about the option on the property which expired on March 15. "We fear the last available school site in the area is slipping out of our hands for either a public school or a high school," a the reeve emphasized.

The board chairman reported a

Local Police Force

Members did not suggest the em- regiment for the past year. He said Esquesing Council stating that Engineer Ross Simmons and the After a lengthy project discus- a number of tests of various equip- ed from the Ontario Provincial Polployees were highly paid men after the regiment had embarked on a township's objection to selling the board were notified at last week's sion. Roy Henry moved that the ment and several interviews by ice Commissioner that with the Sheriff Robertson informed council program to provide dress uniforms present building and building and building a meeting that Georgetown would Kinsmen Club of Milton donate council of representatives of var- recent change in provincial government policy, contracts with towns over 2,000 population would be terminated December 31, 1955 and a local force would have to be established or some other police protection arranged.

Councillor Charlton, chairman of the town hall committee, was instructed to investigate further the redecoration of the main town hall lobby. He explained painting costs would be increased by the necessity of repairing plaster. Plywood applications and tile were to be considered further. Council approved payment of

\$100 extra to the caretaker of the town hall for the additional cleaning required. It was reported that arrange-

ments to keep the rest rooms open on Sundays had last year been left with the police committee. No action was reported. A week's holidays was to be ar-

ranged with the present caretaker of the rest rooms.

Rental of the former kindergarten in the town hall was approved 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at a rental of \$5. Discontinue Water

Water arrears of \$932 were drawn to the attention of council and approval was given to notify all consumers with water accounts in arrears that if they were not paid by April 1 service would be discontinued.

A resolution was also approved to authorize the solicitors to take proceedings to collect the outstanding school taxes against the Milton arena. Property taxes are annually abated but school taxes cannot be abated, it was pointed out.

A completion certificate covering work done by Carroll Sharp Co. in installing sewers and water on Martin St. was received from engineer R. Smith. Concern was expressed on what arrangement was made to complete the ditching along the route of the work and confirmation that the work would

Councillor Pearen promised a report later on the request of the Department of Municiapl Affairs' request to formally establish Planning Board, received at the previous meeting. The following accounts were ap-

proved for payment: Town hall, sewers \$752.13

515.18

\$3,118.14

of a micro-filming machine and renovations to the registry office, it would not be necessary to proceed with a building program this year. Begin New School Planning 60th Anniversary

the balance consisting of available amount of \$8,100 was provided for ance of solicitor K. Y. Dick, who The clerk was authorized to ad-Department of Education approval possible purchase of the present Permission was granted to Trafal-Martin St. had been taken. He reported the necessary \$1,000 had been mailed as required under the

> Mr. Dick also pointed out a trunk sewer to Woodward Ave. was necessary to serve the Kingsleigh Court subdivision and an easement was asked across the property being purchased by the school board. A resolution was approved that the board would consider it with the plans to be approved by Afterwards, in the parish hall, the board in conjunction with ar-

> > chitects when they are engaged. Discussions on the size of the

U. J. Waters, the rector's war- The steps required toward conden, expressed the sincere sorrow struction of a new school were of the congregation. Milton was also outlined. better for his having been here, he A request by principal Foster

for the board's consideration to-Mr. Green was presented with a ward purchase of a film strip masterling silver individual commun- chine, screen and strip films, was ion set. Mrs. Green was given a approved. He pointed out the puplazy-Susan sandwich tray. K. Wat- ils' concert proceeds had been used son, the people's warden, made the to buy one set of this equipment presentations on behalf of the as well as two radios and a record player. Members objected to the Rev. Orsborn, on behalf of the concert proceeds being directed to to Rav. Green and regrets at his suggesting it was the board's res-Tea and cookies were served by to the entire purchase estimated at

Rev. Green is going to Beams- Board members also approved a that might be used to lighten the first page of the second section.

approximately \$400.

at the way the last meeting of the board on Monday night had dissolved. Following the meeting with notified the board the necessary the high school board to consider of the school site had been receiv- high school, a resolution to make ed and the first action on pur- an offer on vacant property was chase of the Pearson property off approved. When a resolution to re- night session.

was presented and before a motion At the beginning of the meeting of adjournment could be put to the chairman Ledwith expressed regret vote, three members left the meet- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deforest to All members of the board were present at the special Wednesday

LOOKING WITH PRIDE at their citizenship papers are two of a group Two Cars Collide of over 60 new Canadians from all parts of Halton county who atponsibility. The board then agreed tended a special court ceremony in Milton last Friday. Djodje Jovanovic, on the left, has been in Canada six years and lives in Oakville. Milorad Markovic, who has been here six and a half years lived formerly in Oakville and now in Hamilton. Both like Canada very much. The full story of the new citizens is on page 11, the

A surprise dinner was given for ing. With no quorum present the celebrate their 60th wedding anmeeting was suspended. "If there niversary at the home of her are any more actions of that type daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mcon this board, I'll be forced to re- Dougall, Sunday. It was attended sign as chairman," he warned. by her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. to the Pulsifer Guitar Supply from Bullen; her son, Mr. and George Deforest, another son. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Deforest and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDougall. Later 17 of their grandchildren and four of their eight great grandchildren arrived for a light lunch. Many friends called on them during the day. They received many flowers and

They were married in the old Presbyterian manse on March 13, 1895. Both were born in Nassagaweya and farmed there. They have lived in Milton for the past years and their four children, 22 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren all live here.

Cable Rolls Stolen Off Track Diamond

Police here investigated the theft sometime over the week-end be done was to be obtained prior of three 100-foot rolls of welding to payment of the account for cable which had been left at the CNR-CPR diamond. The cable, copper covered with black rubber, was valued at an estimated \$300.

No One Injured As

No injuries were reported by Parks, recreation local police following an accident Printing, contingencies Saturday afternoon at No. 10 side- Waterworks road and the town line, between Fire, light, police Trafalgar and Nelson townships. Streets, walks Involved in the collision were two Finance cars driven by Barrie Soles and Uwe. Gethlefsen.