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**30 YEARS AT BOYNE** as a teacher, Miss Black was honored at the opening of the new Boyne school on Friday evening of last week. Shown in the back row, Harold Douglas read an address honoring the teacher, D. Lawrence was chairman for the evening's program. E. James, chairman of Trafalgar School Area Board presented Miss Black with flowers honoring her and William Rayner presented Miss Black with a wrist watch. The new school was officially opened by R. Bornhold.

## County Council Approves Annual Equalized Assessment By-Law

With very little discussion members of Halton County Council approved the annual by-law to equalize the assessment for the county for 1955. This was accomplished by committee meetings at which members of the various municipalities attended. The by-law as adopted indicated the total assessment as \$91,013,778, an increase in the total rateable assessment of \$11,685,441 or 12.98256 per cent. over 1954.

The equalized assessments of the various municipalities are as follows: Oakville, \$15,270,284 or 16.7778 per cent.; Burlington, \$13,243,977 or 14.55162 per cent.; Milton, \$4,373,964 or 4.80583 per cent.; Georgetown, \$5,438,877 or 5.97589 per cent.; Acton, \$3,382,449 or 3.71642 per cent.; Bronte, \$1,613,955 or 1.77330 per cent.; Trafalgar, \$26,242,305 or 28.8333 per cent.; Nelson, \$14,790,904 or 16.25128 per cent.; Esquesing, \$4,735,581 or 5.20314 per cent.; Nassagaweya, \$1,921,481 or 2.1119 per cent.

Population indicated on the schedule prepared by the county assessor's office reached a total of 55,837. In various municipalities the population is: Oakville 9,111; Burlington, 8,064; Milton, 3,310; Georgetown, 4,111; Acton, 2,903; Bronte, 1,775; Trafalgar, 9,523; Nelson, 10,194; Esquesing, 4,768; Nassagaweya, 2,078.

### Members Voice Criticism

Members voiced criticism following the remarks of Hugh H. Donald, Inspector of Legal offices, who urged council to reconsider their policy of not extending or building a new registry office this year.

"I feel the Inspector's recommendation is premature. I think he should have waited until the plans for the remodelling of the building to make additional room is completed, before council is asked to reconsider," Reeve A. R. Service, Nassagaweya remarked.

The Inspector explained the Halton Registry office is the eighth in size in Ontario, including those in Toronto, Hamilton, London and Windsor. In 1939 the local office did \$5,100 business and last year business amounted to \$42,000. Five years ago business conducted in the office amounted to \$17,000, he said.

"Your office has got to such a stage the public should have a good place in which to do business in. There is not room for people to work, and it now is the type you would find in the more remote districts. Mr. Donald stated, adding there is only one other office in Ontario which is worse than this one.

### Hospital for North?

Reeve H. Adkins, chairman of the building committee, felt the Inspector's remarks were well taken and the committee would study them thoroughly. He felt the additional space being provided in basement rooms would be ready for occupancy next month.

In the hospital report Deputy Reeve Fred C. Atkinson, Burlington, said the committee had sat with representatives of hospital committees to see what programs were being considered. He felt further meetings should take place.

Reeve Service strongly urged a hospital should be built to serve all the northern municipalities. He said it was too much to ask the taxpayers to foot the bill should hospitals be built in Acton, Georgetown and Milton. "I would like to hear the views of Acton and Georgetown, as I feel it would be a terrific job to raise \$600,000 to build a hospital in Milton."

Deputy Reeve A. Norton, Georgetown, said he would be glad to take the suggestion back to his council, while Deputy Reeve E. Savin, Oakville, injected, "Why don't the county take it over? It would ease the burden on taxpayers and would give a better service to everyone."

## Residential Permit Cost Jumps By \$100, Effective Right Away

### Planning Board Finishes Proposed Milton Official Land Use Map

The Planning Board met Tuesday evening and accepted the proposed official land use map and recommended to Milton council they give it their formal approval.

If Council approves the plan, it will then go to the Minister of Planning and Development for his approval. This will result in a public hearing before the plan is finally approved.

The board's acceptance of the proposed plan followed a number of meetings with Planning Consultant P. Allan Deacon.

The board followed a council recommendation regarding purchase of land on Martin St. near the tracks. It was decided a land separation would be granted if the proposed house was set back 100 feet from the centre line of the highway to avoid creation of a hazard at that point.

The meeting adjourned shortly after midnight.

## Blaze Destroys Work Shop At Kilbride; Cause Unknown

A frame work shop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pegg, Kilbride, erupted into a blazing inferno that cast its glow for miles and showered the neighborhood with sparks, Monday about midnight.

Damage estimated at \$5,000 resulted as the 20 foot by 36 foot building was completely destroyed as well as a drill press, saw, motors and other work shop equipment.

Milton district brigade under Chief A. E. Clement and Deputy Chief George Bundy, poured water on the structure for half an hour.

Leonard Pegg was working on his truck in the building when the fire broke out from some unknown cause. The truck, acetylene torches and tool chest were all that was saved from the building located close to the house.

William Pegg, a brother, said he had just come home and gotten into bed when he heard an electrical fuse blow out and his brother yelling the shop was on fire. He dashed to the yard and cut electrical wires leading to the building.

Milton and Nelson Brigades were summoned. Water was pumped from the nearby creek.

Guns, one recently purchased, were lost in the blaze and a tobacco tin of ammunition kept exploding as the heat detonated it.

George Pegg suffered burns to the back of his hand and Fireman

Residential building permits were increased by \$100 when Milton Council met on Monday evening for its regular session. The action followed considerable discussion at this meeting as well as at previous meetings on how more revenue might be obtained for the provision of schools and other services that must be extended.

Councillor Johnson expressed concern about the balance of assessment with all the new residential construction and no balancing industrial assessment. Solicitor K. Y. Dick, discussing the suggestion with council, asked if Milton would be pricing itself out of the field when it was pointed out the present building permit rates were comparable with surrounding municipalities.

Reeve Martin suggested the housing had come fast enough without worrying about the continuation of residential construction. It was pointed out the cost of the building permit on a \$12,000 house would be \$110.

Solicitor Dick pointed out the action would have to be by way of an amendment to the by-law. The decision was, council decided, to take effect immediately.

"Beyond Repair" Trustees Deakin and Churn, representing the Public School Board, presented the engineer's report on mechanical services and structural condition of the Bruce St. public school. Pointing to the summary of the seven page report, the trustees emphasized, "Inadequate circulation areas, corridors and stairs, lighting and layout of classrooms are properties which are beyond repair or remodelling. Any repair made to the building will only add a few years to an already obsolete structure. It is impossible without total rebuilding to achieve even a close approximation of the standards set for modern schools."

Discussions with council the possible price of repairs, outlined, it was pointed out the cost of \$15,000 does not include any items that might be found in the course of construction and does not include the heating system.

"If we can get four rooms at the J. M. Denyes school, we will not necessarily need to make all these repairs at the Bruce St. school."

Present capacity of the more recent well, he explained, was 332,000 cubic feet for 24 hours. He submitted copies of the required information of issuance of the franchise and council agreed to consider the matter later.

Town foreman Bruce McKerr presented estimates for installation of a water line to the north section of town. Bids were called earlier with no results for the line proposed on Martin St. The clerk was instructed to contact the C.N.R. superintendent to investigate the possibility of running the line through a culvert under the C.N.R. rather than boring on Martin St. An earlier proposal to take the line through the flats was discarded but is again being considered.

Delay Approval Ross Davies of Davies and Davies Construction, applied to council for the re-instatement of his building permits, cancelled by council when they expressed fear the lots might be flooded since they border a creek. Straightening the creek, the size of back yards, the level at which houses would be built and the condition of the land during the hurricane were all reviewed.

The matter was climaxed with a resolution that since the council is concerned with the possible flooding in the area, a report be requested from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation on the land.

The resolution was protested when Mr. Davies pointed out C. M.H.C. had already approved the land as indicated in a copy of a letter submitted at the last meeting.

Reeve Martin concluded that citizens always feel the town is responsible when cellars are flooded and so the town should have some control over the land on which permits are issued.

Solicitor P. K. McWilliams reported to council the appeal against the county judge's order on expropriation of the Main St. tenement house had been dismissed last week with costs of the appeal assessed to the former owner and costs of the original hearing assessed to the town. Expropriation proceedings were initiated some time ago by the town for the use of the property as a fire hall site. The original award appealed from, was made by His Honor Judge W. N. Robinson in the county court of Halton.

One Plant Better A letter from the Department of Health sought additional information in the form of an engineer's report on council's decision to call for erection of a second sewage disposal plant rather than the expansion of the present plant. It was pointed out the department could not approve of the sewers in the new area until further information was received.

An engineering report from an independent engineer was to be sought on the proposal.

A representative of the John Susin Construction Co. appeared to discuss the installation of services in the Kingsleigh Court subdivision where the firm is working. The mayor questioned him on whether the man-holes were leaking (they would be fixed in the final stages of completion, the strength of cement (6-1 although there was a difference of opinion on the number of shovels in a bag).

No Misunderstandings The rectangular and round man-holes were discussed, reinforcing of man-holes over a 12 foot depth and specifications in general. The representative explained he

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Bray Hagen, Nelson, received a cut finger while fighting the fire. A first aid station was set up in the kitchen of the house.

Constable Jack Jefferey, Nelson, directed the traffic on the Cedar Springs road during the blaze.

Mrs. Mae Rusk District Officer

A total of 46 district deputy presidents were elected here today by the 30,000-member Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F., during the annual session currently underway.

New president of the women's organization, largest in Canada, is Mrs. Sue Leacock of Windsor.

Officers representing Central Ontario districts include Mrs. Mae Rusk of Milton, Mrs. Idella McCullough, Oshawa; Mrs. Lenora Smith, Port Hope; Mrs. Margaret Adair and Mrs. Elsie McKee, both of Toronto; Mrs. Ethel Townsley, Sutton; and Mrs. Emily Taylor, Oakville.

### Urban Board Agrees

## Promotion Booth Is Success at C.I.T.F.

Success of the North Halton Urban Board's tri-town promotional venture at the Canadian International Trade Fair was voiced Tuesday evening when members heard a report on contacts made, publicity achieved and public relations established during the Fair's two week duration.

Board chairman E. Tyley congratulated E. E. Barr, Acton, who represented the three towns in the North Halton booth, for a "wonderful job" and urged that the booth be continued. Georgetown mayor J. Armstrong expressed that the board couldn't have found a better man to represent their interests.

Mr. Barr made an extensive report. After thanking all who aided the effort by contributing cars, staff, promotional material, clerical information, booth decorations and flowers, he reported that although no industry came back to

the area from the fair, a host of contacts were made which could bear fruit at some later time.

Good Will and Publicity He listed the contacts separately and urged that the board write follow-up letters to each.

Publicity coverage of the fair was achieved when the Trade Fair News, a daily issued each day, carried a story on the North Halton selling scheme, Mr. Barr revealed. As much good will as possible was made in talking about North Halton, he added, and said many who had never heard of Halton were interviewed or given information.

The booth was definitely worth while, Mr. Barr summed up, however he suggested that in future years changes be made in the provision of promotional literature and an attempt be made to interest the industry of the three towns in a greater, joint promotion effort.

As general satisfaction was expressed, it was noted total expenses were only \$1,772. Remaining brochures are to be divided among the three towns. A list of the contacts made is also to go to each council.

To Interview Engineer Earlier, in the meeting held in Milton, regular accounts totalling \$217.99 were passed for payment.

Qualifications and experience of two engineers, contacted about the post of engineer for Acton and Milton following the resignation of Ross Simmons, were reviewed and it was agreed to interview one applicant from Ottawa as soon as possible.

A County Health Unit plumbing inspection by-law, adopted this year by Acton council, under consideration in Georgetown and one file in Milton, was discussed for some time. While opinions on the merits of the by-law were aired, no board decision was adopted.



OFFICIAL OPENING and dedication of Emmanuel Baptist Church was held on Sunday as the congregation and friends gathered to hold the first services in the new building. An unlocking ceremony was staged prior to the beginning of the full day's program and officials are shown here as Robert Draper unlocked the door.

## Damage To Cars In Three Mishaps

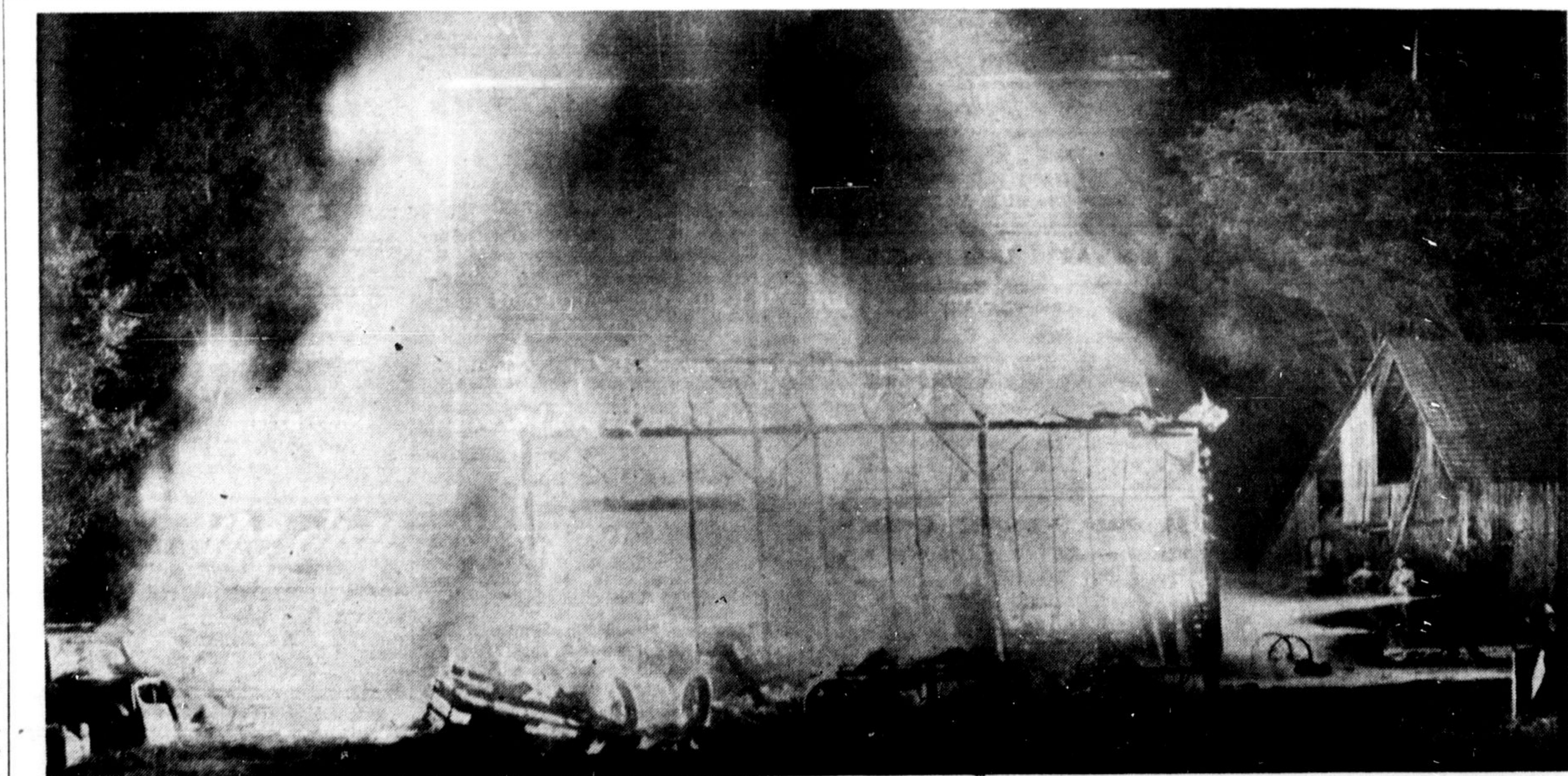
Three minor accidents in Milton district were reported this week by police. Damage to property was common to them all, but no injuries were reported.

Last Thursday night Wolfgang Golz, a Canadian resident of only two weeks who works at the Canadian Mushroom Co., ran off the road on the sixth line of Nassagaweya near the Beaver Dam and caused \$100 damage to the truck he was driving when it hit a fence.

Saturday night, at Boyne, a three car accident occurred when William Shepherd, Milton, stopped suddenly and headed a bump-up as William Johnson, Milton, and Charles Bundy, Milton, who were driving in cars behind Shepherd, collided from the rear. Damage to the cars was \$10, \$250 and \$200 in that order.

Also Saturday night, at Moffat, a car driven by C. Perkins went out of control when the wipers stopped working in a rainstorm, collided with a parked car owned by Frank Rinehart. Damage to the Rinehart car was \$75 and to the Perkins vehicle \$200.

"We regret that due to a heavy influx of late news, all articles do not appear this week. They will be included in next week's issue.



FLAMES COMPLETELY DESTROYED a frame work shop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pegg, south of Kilbride on Monday as the blaze raged through the building levelling it in half an hour despite the efforts of Milton District Brigade. The loss was estimated at \$5,000 and was partially covered by insurance, it was reported. Showers of sparks went skyward as the midnight fire casts its reflection for several miles. Cause of the fire is unknown.