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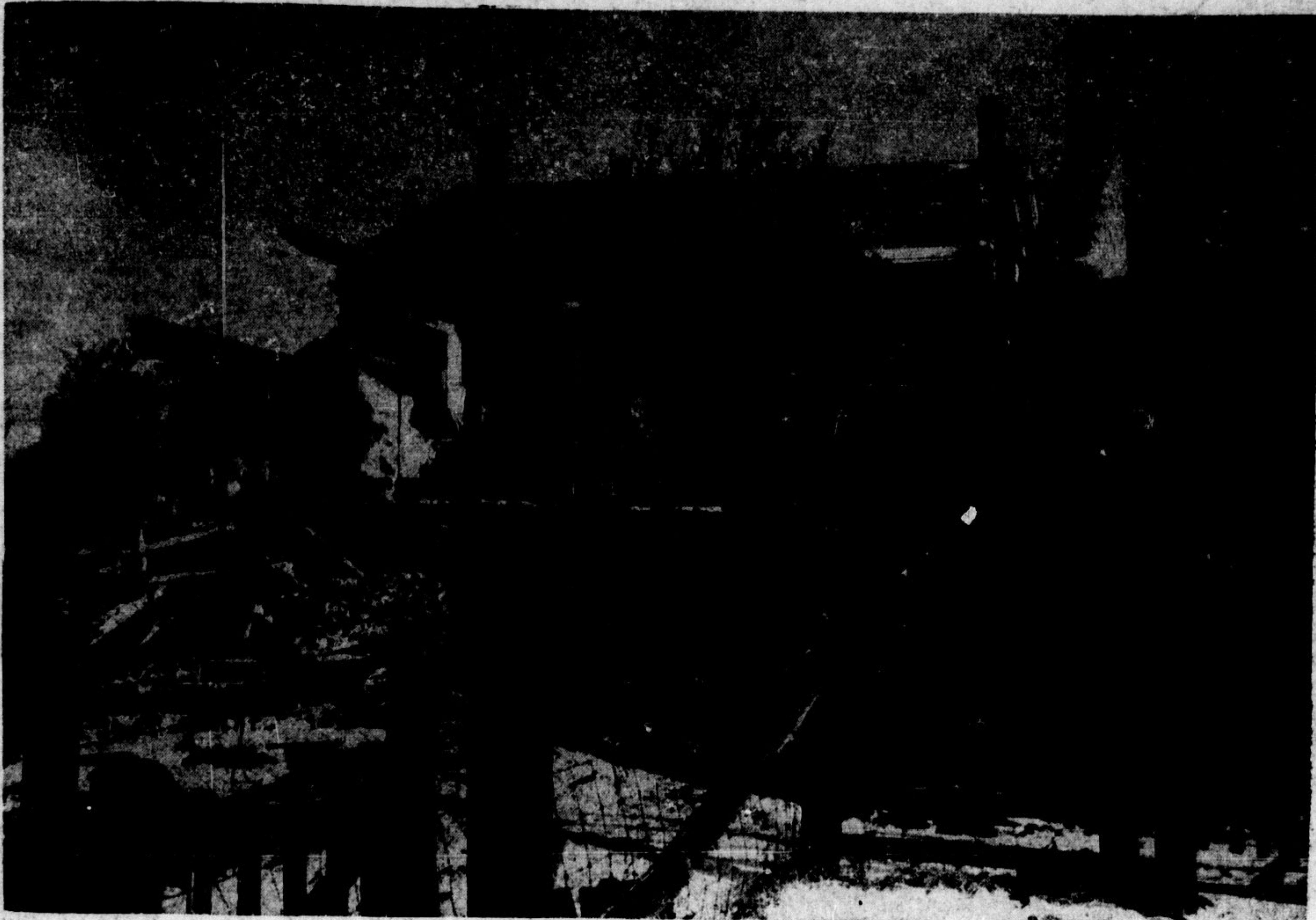
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THE AFTERMATH of the Salewski fire on Saturday was three rooms and a tool shed destroyed. Firemen were forced to return a second time to the farm south of Campbellville as a shortage of water prevented them from making sure the fire was completely out. With the assistance of a local company which supplied water in tank trucks, they were able to save the main portion of the house.

Speed Up Efficiency

Planners Predict Busy Year

Annexation, the town's taxation structure, the problems caused by several families in single family dwellings and by-laws concerning planning were set down as immediate problems to be tackled by the planning board.

Efficiency was a keynote of the first meeting of the year. Thursday night's meeting which saw George Purdy re-elected chairman, quickly ran over correspondence and pressing business and ended at 10 p.m. The meetings will continue to end at 10 p.m. as a result of a resolution passed by the board requiring that meetings begin and end at a specified time. New starting time will be 7.30 p.m.

Two meetings a month will be held during the coming term of office. Special meetings following the regular board meeting will be decided upon by members when it is found that pressing business matters cannot be handled within regular hours. A committee was formed to arrange further efficient meeting procedure.

Planning Board Fees?

The Milton board received a letter from the Trafalgar Planning board requesting that Milton join with them in petitioning the Minister of Municipal Affairs to allow planning boards to charge fees for people wanting a land separation, rezoning and similar requests. A maximum figure of \$100 was quoted by the Trafalgar board.

Fees would not be required from people who are involved in rezoning that has been decided upon by the board in the interests of overall town planning. The board feels that the fee may act as a deterrent to speculators whose primary motive is to make money without considering the results of their actions.

Disagreement was voiced by the board over a clause in the letter which would require a landowner who requested a land separation to turn over the amount of land bordering the roadway to the planning board in the event of future roadway expansion. The amount of land to be designated by the particular board. The owner would not receive any money for the land turned over.

Board member A. J. Nichols went so far as to call this proposal "black-mail". Other members agreed that the clause would have to be changed considerably before they would agree to support the Trafalgar Planning

Board. The letter was tabled to the next meeting for further study.

Approve Septic Tanks

The Forest Grove septic tanks were agreed upon by the board over vigorous protests of G. C. Gowland. He warned that there was a chance the situation could get out of control, and urged the board members to hold onto the by-law as it was.

Robert Denmark, one of the new board members, agreed with Mr. Gowland's remarks. He feared it might set a precedent.



GEORGE PURDY
1961 Planning Chairman

N. S. Pearce pointed out that they had "inherited the situation" and felt that an amendment to the by-law stating that the Forest Grove subdivision alone would be allowed the septic tanks would be sufficient to keep them restricted. Mr. Nichols added that it wasn't fair to the town to restrict the building.

After considerable discussion, it was voted upon and passed with Mr. Gowland remaining opposed. Town council will make the final decision on the matter.

Verbal Treaty

A verbal agreement between the planning board and James Bell made when the zoning plan was drawn up, was received by the planning board.

Mr. Bell wants his property on the east and west side of Martin St. at the Base Line zoned for commercial use. He is reportedly considering a motel for one section of his land. If Mr. Bell's residential lot at the corner is rezoned for commercial use, then all the property fronting on the Base Line from Bronte Street to Highway 25 would all be either industrial or commercial. Only a small strip along Martin St. in the area bounded by the Base Line, Bronte St., Highway 25 and the two railways would remain residential. The remainder would be for the most part either conservation or industrial area.

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School Days
A member of the Milton Planning Board will be going back to school, at least on paper. The board expressed interest in a town planning night school course being held at the University of Toronto. They requested the notes on the course but found that only registered students were allowed

the notes. The solution? Register a board member. Although several members said they would like to take the course they pointed out that they didn't have the time. The registered member will not attend the course but it is hoped by agreement with the night school board, he will receive the notes.

Planning Board this year has two new members, Robert Denmark and Charles Menefy. One of them replaces Glyn Roberts. Along with the new members, the complete board consists of George Purdy as chairman, Norm Pearce as vice-chairman, Ross Pearen appointed secretary-treasurer, Mavor Childs ex-officio, councillor Charles Wilson, A. J. Nichols, G. C. Gowland and Charles Thomson.

—Survivors are working on the proposed route of the C.N.R. town by-pass these days.

Moves Court To Georgetown

Haltom Magistrate K. M. Langdon's threat last week that he wouldn't hold any more court cases in Milton until better facilities are provided, came true this week. He moved the Milton Court to Georgetown on Monday morning. Milton and North Halton O.P.P. officers transferred prisoners, accused and witnesses to the Georgetown chambers for some cases, and pleaded for remands on others.

Supreme Court this week is occupying the court chambers for the county building on Brown St. In the past, Magistrate Langdon has moved to Milton's town hall council chambers whenever a higher court takes his usual spot. However, last week he asked Milton council to provide better courtroom facilities at the town hall, or he would remand all cases coming before him.

Councillors refused, noting that only about 10 per cent. of the cases heard in Milton stemmed from Milton police.

Will Rebuild Hays Barn Levelled in Saturday Fire

Owner Tom Hays of Hays Sales Farms, Trafalgar, has ordered the rebuilding of his large cattle sales barn on Highway 5, following a \$250,000 fire early Saturday morning which wiped out the barn and 52 head of prized Holstein cattle.

On a trip to Argentina with a boatload of cattle, owner Hays heard of the disastrous fire over the weekend and told his general manager Les Millington to begin work immediately to get a new barn raised. Company officials, meanwhile, are conducting business from trailers and private homes.



GILBERT SINCLAIR
91 On Tuesday

Gilbert Sinclair At Manor Turns 91

Gilbert Sinclair, a resident of the Halton Centennial Manor is well on the way to his centennial year. Mr. Sinclair, although he doesn't show it by his lively conversation and ability to get around, was 91 on Tuesday.

He has been a resident of the Manor since he was 87. He formerly lived for quite a number of years just west of Georgetown.

The fire was discovered by two passing Trafalgar policemen around 4.30 a.m. Saturday, and flames were shooting from the roof of one of the barns when they arrived. Mr. Millington aroused Mrs. May Robertson, a Hays employee, who was sleeping in an apartment off the office, and then three laborers sleeping in a nearby bunkhouse. They managed to save 38 head of the 90 cattle in the barns before the remainder were surrounded by flames.

Short of the necessary water, Trafalgar's two fire brigades stood by to keep the fire from spreading but could do nothing to stop the blaze. The flames were fed by over 300 tons of hay (valued at \$7,000) which stood near the barns.

Hays Farms is renowned through many countries for its large cattle sales conducted at the farm, the Royal Winter Fair and the London Winter Fair.

Prompt Action Stops Car Fire

Prompt action by Milton Fire Department last night (Wednesday) saved a late model car from being consumed by flames.

The motor of the car owned by George Wood, 72 Barton St., caught fire in his driveway at 5.30 p.m. Wednesday and firemen were summoned. They quickly put out the flames and limited damage to the wiring around the engine.

Car Damaged
Fireman Glen Stringer set out for the fire but never got there. While driving south on Bronte St., his car collided with a west-bound motorist from Owen Sound at the Main St. intersection. Constable Keith Robertson of Milton Police estimated damage to Stringer's car at \$75 while Joseph Benninger, Owen Sound, received \$125 damage to his. Neither driver was injured.

Council Startled, County Still Asks Change in Parkland Use Designation

Milton Council members Monday night indicated some strong feelings when a letter from county solicitors McConachie and Gross asked consideration of a change in the land use designation of Victoria Park.

The letter to Milton council from the solicitors noted there had earlier been a refusal by the town to change the zoning of the block but asked consideration to amending the official plan. The change would be to allow the erection of municipal buildings by the county.

The solicitors warned that if no reply was received in 30 days, they would apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing on the matter.

Thought It Dropped
Reeve Mary Pettit, one of Milton's representatives to the coun-

ty council, expressed surprise at the action. "I thought the matter had been dropped with the purchase of the 10 acre site for new county buildings." She speculated that some committee had apparently brought it up as unfinished business.

Deputy Reeve John Charlton, also a town representative to the county council, noted nothing in reference to the matter had been before the county since last August. "Perhaps it was outstanding in the solicitor's file," he speculated.

Members agreed to leave the matter with county representatives for a week in the hope further information would be obtained.

There appeared little doubt the council would reject the requested change in land use from the present park designation to one to accommodate county buildings.

Second By-law
One reading was given a by-law to raise \$21,775 by debenture as the town's share in the cost of constructing the Kelso Dam. Some confusion appeared when solicitor K. Y. Dick reported the Ontario Municipal Board expected some change in the scheme. Further readings were delayed until the matter was clarified.

Deputy Reeve Charlton reported a second by-law would be necessary to provide \$4,248.64 as the town's share of the land purchase that totalled \$63,412.50. Approval of the Department of Municipal Affairs would be sought on this by-law when it was drafted.

No Easement?
A letter from Seymour, Lampard, Goldring, Young and Nichols, solicitors for R. D. Latham, expressed surprise that there was no easement agreement over Mr. Latham's Fallingbrooke property.

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Eight Flee House Fire in Zero Weather As Flames Gut Shed, Adjoining Kitchen

Eight people were forced to flee their home on the second line of Nassagaweya, north of No. 10 Sideroad, on Saturday as fire threatened to destroy their two-storey farm house.

Chief A. E. Clement said that the house would have been completely destroyed if it weren't for the assistance of the King Calcium Co. Lack of water hampered the firemen in fighting the flames so the insecticide company sent up a 1,000 gallon tank truck with water. Two loads were required before the firemen were able to check the blaze.

Neighbors Help
Neighbors, upon seeing the smoke, rushed over and helped remove most of the furniture from the house. They also supplied sandwiches and hot coffee to the firemen to help combat the freezing temperatures.

The fire broke out around 11 a.m. in an adjacent storage shed that was being used as a tool shed. The flames spread and took hold of the rear portion of the main house, completely destroying a summer kitchen and three storage rooms containing clothes and food.

The firemen left the tool house smoldering because of the lack of water and returned to town. They were called out again to the farm at about 5 p.m. when the fire threatened to break out for a second time.

The farmhouse is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Salewski, their grandmother Mrs. A. Salewski and two children, Stephanie and Vallie. Two nephews and a niece were visiting overnight, along with their mother.

V. Shaparew, father of the visiting children, a professional engineer from Stratford, said he heard of the fire while he was in Toronto and drove all the way the same night to find out if the children were safe. He estimated damage to the houses at \$8,000.

The family is presently living in another section of the house that was relatively undamaged.

Rotary Club Collects \$5,593 For Retarded Children's School

Gerry Addison, president of the North Halton Association for Retarded Children, expressed the thanks of the retarded to Milton Rotarians on Tuesday evening after Ian Flemming reported club collections of \$5,293 for the Building Fund.

To the cash and pledges of local merchants and industry, the club added \$300, its second donation, to bring the club-collected total to \$5,593. Objective for the drive had been \$5,000.

President Addison explained that Milton, with the assistance of Kinsmen, Rotarians and members of the W.I., had definitely led the way in North Halton. He

anticipated equal success with spring campaigns in Acton and Georgetown to complete funds for the new school planned at Hornby.

Chinese Progress
The program was under the direction of Wally McCutcheon and included a film on China under Communism. It illustrated the progress of the Chinese in their co-operative efforts and the strength the state holds over the people.

During the business meeting, members agreed to provide copies of The Champion weekly to patients in Milton District Hospital.

Georgetown Mayor Urges Better Town Planning Claims Provincial Government Turning its Back

"The Provincial government is turning its back on planning, but asking the smaller municipalities to do it for them," charged Georgetown Mayor Ern Hyde as councillors from Milton, Acton and Georgetown met last week at the North Halton Urban Board's inaugural meeting.

Besides naming Acton councillor Les Doby as 1961 chairman and Milton clerk E. J. Costigan as secretary-treasurer, the Urban Board members held lengthy discussions on planning, dog control, ambulance services, high school boards and education, occupational lists on census rolls, and retarded children's maintenance grants.

"Mess of a Mass"
In berating Provincial officials for their nonchalance toward planning and the dangers of continued expansion by everybody, everywhere, Mayor Hyde called Toronto a "mess of a mass of humanity" and urged some strict

measures before every municipality loses its identity. Each municipality, he suggested, should decide on its maximum area and population requirements, annex the necessary land now, grow until the boundary is filled, then quit expanding. When new development is needed, the old should be destroyed and new construction should take its place. He also suggested a green belt buffer around the new boundary of each municipality to prevent encroachment by other towns.

If present willy-nilly planning continues, Georgetown's Mayor continued, things will be a real mess. He predicted Toronto will gobble up Malton, then Brampton and Bramalea will gobble up each other, and Toronto will eventually gobble up both of them. Acton, Georgetown and Milton could creep out past their boundaries, and eventually end up in the same mess too, he added.

Acton councillor Bert Hinton

urged the board to have local planning board petition the Department of Planning and Development to conduct a study of regional planning in Halton County. No action was taken, but delegates to the meeting promised to think it over.

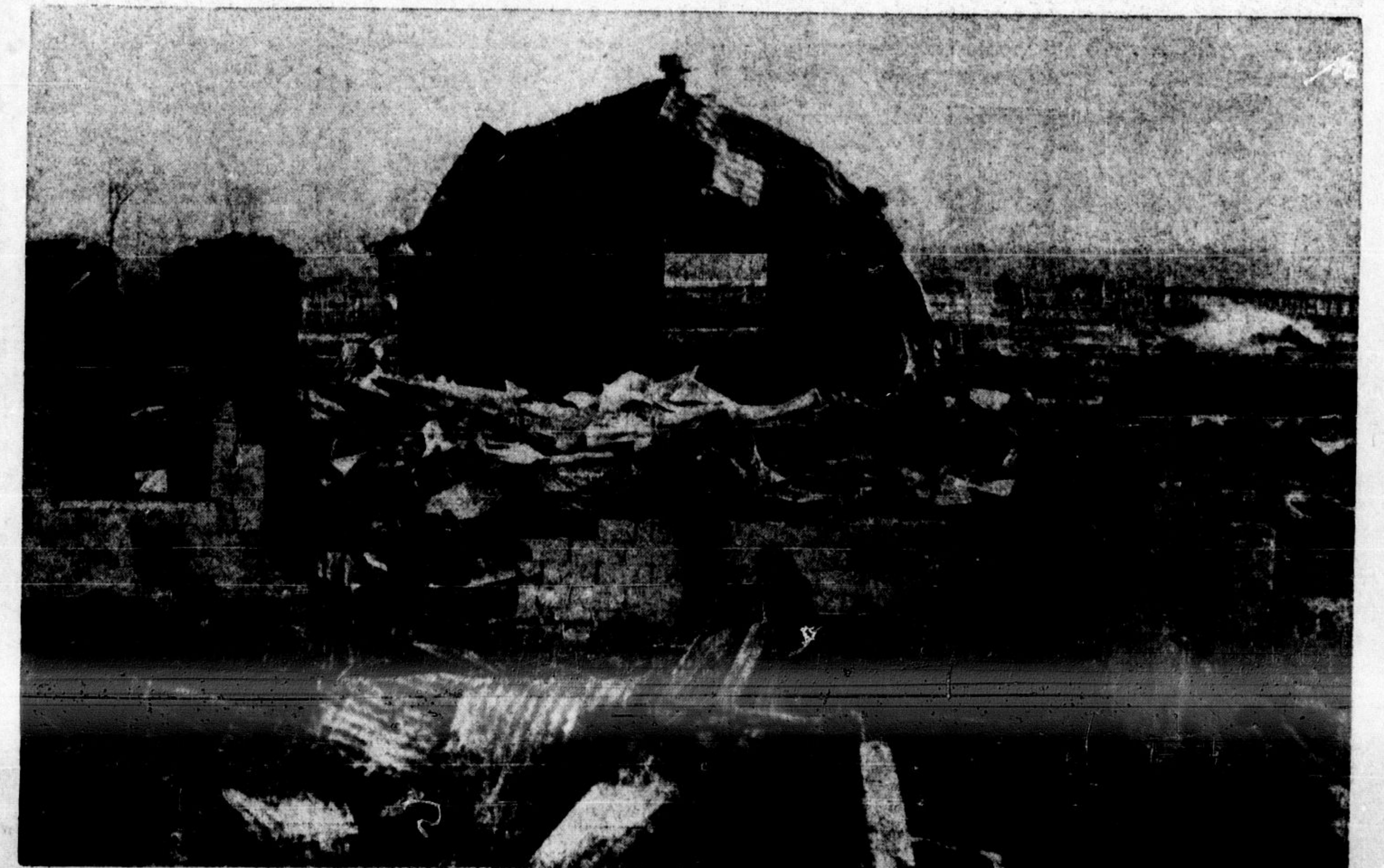
Elected . . . Appointed?
A discussion followed on whether or not high school board trustees should be appointed by councils, as is presently the case, or elected by the public in the annual elections, as has been suggested by another Ontario county.

A motion favoring the present system was dropped when councillors felt they were not ready for a decision on the matter. Acton representatives favored an election system, but Milton spokesmen urged continuance of the appointment system. A general discussion on education — including costs, controls, salaries, standards and government spon-

sorship — followed but no concrete action was taken.

Georgetown councillor Jim Emmerston wondered why census takers couldn't list the proper occupation of ratepayers on the tax rolls, thus providing an excellent list of the potential labor pool in a town. He said present classifications such as "machinist" or "laborer" should be detailed enough to give a prospective industry a good idea of what labor force is available in each town. The local industrial commissions were asked to study the matter.

A request to Georgetown from the North Halton Retarded Children's Association for funds for maintenance of the Sunshine School, was passed on to the Urban Board for discussion. Councillors agreed each town should share the costs by granting an amount equivalent to that spent on a normal child's education in each town.



—Staff Photo
A \$250,000 LOSS, the large barn sales arena, office, bunkhouse police, and Trafalgar's two fire brigades were summoned to and an apartment of Hays Sales Barns were levelled by fire early Saturday morning. Lost were 52 head of prize Holstein cattle valued at over \$30,000, all sold and slated for shipment to Mexico and Cuba. The fire was first noticed by passing Trafalgar

Charlton Heads '61 Arena Board

Jack Charlton was appointed chairman of the Milton Arena Board at their inaugural meeting on Thursday of last week.

The board will remain the same as last year, with Bruce McKerr as secretary-treasurer. Other members of the board are Howard Griswold, Bob McCuaig, Bob Brush and Charles Johnson. This first meeting of the year convened only long enough to appoint the chairman and prepare for the February meeting.