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FALLOUT AFFECTS MILTON according to the chart superimposed on the map of southern Ontario. Bruce McGregor, Emergency Measures Co-ordinator, left, Mutual Aid Fire Co-ordinator Doug Wilson and Medical Officer of Health Dr. C. A. Bull, right, survey the damage caused by the nuclear explosion simulated during the Tocsin exercise held all across Canada on Friday of last week.



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THE BOMB HAS DROPPED and it is immediately necessary to get a "fix" or pinpoint the place where the explosion took place. Radio operator Peter Tomelin, who is the chief warden of Beverly Township received the message at his post in the Milton E.M.O. office and passed it on to the Wentworth County Co-ordinator Harold Thompson. It was learned through reports that the bomb had dropped at 2.45 p.m. on Highway 2 in the vicinity of the Joseph Brant Hospital.

British military authorities in the Boer war instituted concentration camps in 1901 with the object of disheartening fighting troops by collecting non-combatants.



EMERGENCY CONFERENCES must be held as each situation develops. Messages received must be sent on to the proper officials who must make decisions and pass them on to be carried out by means of radio messages. Each government official is a specialist in particular emergency operations through his regular government training. Seated at this section of the table are, left to right, Harvey Tasker, assistant county assessor; R. F. Smith, county engineer; Dr. A. Taylor, assistant to Dr. C. A. Bull, Medical Officer of Health; Bruce McGregor and Warden F. A. Phillips.

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Emergency Measures Plotted In County Defence Exercises

On Friday morning at 11 a.m. enemy planes were discovered approaching the Canadian border. Sirens sounded and telephones started ringing, resulting in a simulated mass population movement that had to be controlled and channelled immediately.

Thirty high level county officials theoretically gathered in Georgetown (all Tocsin exercise activity actually took place in the Milton E.M.O. office) and ordered all volunteers and fire-fighting equipment to gather in the north county team. At the same time radio operators went into action as they received messages from mobile radio units describing the population movements.

Traffic Re-routed
As the reports from these units were received, they were plotted on large maps covering the walls in the headquarters rooms. Traffic co-ordinators sized up the situation and issued messages re-routing traffic where necessary by deploying mobile cruisers to the jammed areas. Alternate routes for fast movements of headquarters' equipment were continually plotted.

Messages such as the one received at the Milton office were continually pouring in. This particular message read that saboteurs had started a grass fire in a large field near Oakville. Mutual Aid Fire Co-ordinator J. D. Wilson received the message and conferred with Police Director F. W. Oliver. Together with County Engineer R. Smith they checked the map, discovered the best route to the fire and then with the aid of police who sent out messages and blocked off traffic, sent out units to quell the blaze.

Government Specializes
Every government official was able to take over specialized tasks of all forms. Assistant county assessor Harvey Tasker, with his knowledge of the housing situation in Milton and in the county, was able to arrange emergency housing or lodging far outside the anticipated bomb drop area.

At 2.45 p.m. two separate towns and several mobile units observed a nuclear explosion and gave the directions. By checking each direction given by means of the radio messages, the bomb drop was pinpointed as around Highway 2 in the vicinity of the Joseph Brant hospital.

Fallout Affects Milton
All cruisers and equipment were immediately evacuated and mobilized in order to prepare to

send them back into the zone for reconnaissance and rescue work. Messages continually began to pour in, assessing the damage and checking radiation levels. Milton was found to be in a dangerous fallout area. Radiation in the town would last a minimum of 48 hours and might last up to seven days.

The army would be mobilized for rescue work, but in the meantime, the Halton headquarters at Georgetown was right on the scene and prepared to go ahead with rescue work.

Mobile units and medical teams began to move back into the area utilizing special equipment on hand for protection against radiation hazards. All information was continually relayed on the radio to sub-regional headquarters in Toronto and passed on to the army, who would begin a mass movement into the area.

Operation Practice
This described the sequence of events that took place and had to be dealt with from the office of Halton's E.M.O. co-ordinator, Bruce McGregor. The most important reason for the simulated attack was to follow events and situations that were likely to arise through radio and telephone, take messages as they were received, pass them on to the proper authorities and then have them looked after in the shortest possible time.

The exercise was also important since it was a milestone in the operation of emergency measures in Wentworth and Halton. This was the first time that so many high level officials had joined together at one time to work on a disaster of this scale, in the two counties.

Mr. McGregor emphasized the importance of the step that had been taken and pointed out the fact that the organization could swing into operation again at any time in the event of a natural disaster. "The same method would be used in the event of another Hurricane Hazel," he said.



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THIS MOBILE UNIT is operated by Sgt. Leonard Wheeler of the Hamilton Police Force. He is in contact with Ancaster and the Stoney Creek Departments and Chief Charter of the Hamilton Fire Department who is also operating a mobile unit. Sgt. Wheeler maintained contact with the county headquarters and relayed information to the other units during the exercise.

CAMPBELLVILLE

Ladies Want Film on Lifesaving

By Mrs. George Inglis
The May meeting of the Campbellville Women's Institute was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening in the form of a pot-luck supper. A variety of dishes both hot and cold were enjoyed by 22 ladies who answered the roll with their telephone number. Mrs. William Webb presided over the business session. Mrs. Murray McPhail gave the secretary's report, and Mrs. A. T. Moore the treasurer's reports and Mrs. George Inglis the cheer report.

Invitations were accepted to a welfare meeting at the Brant Inn, Burlington May 11, also to the Milton Hospital Tea, May 12. Mrs. Lloyd Crawford was honored to present the new Campbellville Women's Institute shield at the Halton County Music Festival, to Stewarttown choir. It was decided to have a film strip on Life Saving, because of so many swimmers at the village pond.

Pick Delegates
Delegates to the Halton County District Annual on May 23 at Georgetown will be Mesdames Lennard Andrews, Frank Quinlan, Lloyd Crawford and Ernest Walton. A book will be added to the library of each of the following schools, Brookville, Campbellville, S.S. No. 6 in June. Homes were offered for the meetings of the coming year and Mrs. Lennard Andrews reported on the course, Choosing and Using of Fabrics, in the Masonic Hall recently.

Mrs. Omar VanSickle offered to be assistant secretary for the coming year. Mrs. Alfred Peterson showed pictures or Bermuda, and Florida trips she enjoyed. A cup and saucer were presented to Mrs. James Wallace from the Campbellville Women's Institute, to bid her farewell.

Log House Gone
Mrs. Joseph Ferrer and family have moved to their new home and torn down the old log house on the Guelph Line.
Mr. and Mrs. David Beveridge of Zephyrhills, Florida spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Inglis and family.
Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace

and Ann moved to Lansing, Michigan, on Friday after they first put their son Mac on the plane at Malton to fly to Edinburgh, Scotland for two months' vacation. The community presented them with a purse of money before they left.

The Campbellville Boy Scouts of the Burlington District who camped two weeks ago for their Forestry Badge, received it last week, and the Campbellville Troop was classed first in tenting routine out of 110 Scouts who camped.

Rally Here
The Hamilton and Galt sports car rally came through Campbellville on Sunday and drivers ate at Dad's Restaurant on the Guelph Line.

The Girl Guide variety concert and play at Brookville School on Friday was a decided success. Congratulations to all the Guides and instructors.
Mr. and Mrs. David Beveridge of Florida and Murray Crawford of Toronto were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford on Friday evening.

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