



**CLOCKS WILL BE TURNED BACK** nearly 100 years next week, when Milton residents observe "Old Fashioned Days" for the second consecutive year. Many of the Main St. business owners, their staffs and other community residents, will be all decked out in the costumes of bygone days as the town prepares for the Fourth Annual Steam-Era display which will be held at Milton Fair Grounds on September 4, 5 and 7. As a special preview of the "big show", the Milton Chamber of Commerce is promoting "Old Fashioned Days" prior to the Steam-Era. Attractive Margie Pewtress of R.R. 1, Milton, got into the mood this week

by visiting the Halton County Museum and recreating some of the scenes that must have taken place a long while ago. At left, Margie is shown winding wool from an old fashioned wool winder and on the right, she is shown with an old lantern as she climbs steps to an upstairs room. Many special events have been planned for "Old Fashioned Days" including a Hofbrauhaus at the arena on Friday, September 4, a costume night and "Talent Night" on August 31, a special ball game on September 1 and an aquatic display at the community swimming pool in Rotary Park on September 3.

**AN OLD FASHIONED FIREPLACE** at the Halton County Museum in the Kelso Conservation area, conjures memories of days of yore. Margie Pewtress is one of the many people in town who takes "Old Fashioned Days" seriously and many residents have promised to suit up in "Old Time" costumes during the week-long "Old Fashioned Days" celebrations.

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## Halton Crops, Produce Worth \$13,000,000 Says '63 Farm Report

Halton County's \$13,163,342 worth of farm crops, livestock and produce set a new all-time high production record for the County in 1963, it was revealed this week.

Authoritative figures on Halton's farm value were released by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, in a special agricultural statistics evaluation. The survey revealed hundreds of interesting facts and figures on Halton's rural wealth. Figures were compiled by the Farm Economics and Statistics Branch, in co-operation with 60,000 Ontario farmers, manufacturers, processors, marketing boards and district agricultural representatives.

Altogether, the county had 628,570 head of livestock during 1963, worth a total value of \$6,676,032. This was an increase of 8,000 animals and \$184,000 in value over 1962.

There were 72,740 acres of field crops, which produced 2,093,540 bushels valued at \$3,508,000 — up \$568,000 from the 1962 figures.

And the county produced \$2,979,310 worth of fruits and vegetables on 6,257 acres in use for this commodity — an increase of \$430,000 over the previous year. (For the Department's purposes, the fruit and vegetable figure includes all of Halton and the north section of Wentworth County.)

Halton also produced 534,865 pounds of creamery butter during 1963, a slight decrease from the 651,740 pounds produced in 1962.

And the county's 14,700 dairy cattle were credited with a large share of the 39,529,428 pounds (valued at \$1,853,129) that was purchased from farmers in the counties of Halton, Peel and Dufferin. No separate figures were listed for Halton County.

The following is a statistical analysis on Halton, gleaned from the 132-page booklet:

LIVESTOCK		
	Number	Value
Cattle	30,850	\$5,409,300
Horses	700	119,000
Swine	16,000	457,500
Sheep and Lambs	4,700	102,800
Hens and Chickens	550,500	474,500
*Turkeys	23,261	106,071
*Ducks	1,132	1,891
*Geese	1,427	4,970
<b>Totals</b>	<b>628,570</b>	<b>\$6,676,032</b>

(\*Turkey, geese and duck figures are from the Dominion Census of June 1, 1961. All others in this column are 1963 figures.)

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			
	Acres	Bushels	Value
Apples	1,946	229,930 bus.	\$ 379,385
Cherries	93	313,850 lbs.	33,502
Grapes	233	622 tons	68,420
Pears	319	1,810,000 lbs.	76,031
Cantaloupe	48	6,240 bus.	14,040
Raspberries	75	94,500 quts.	39,217
Strawberries	320	475,200 quts.	100,742
Asparagus	300	405,000 lbs.	85,050
Beets	63	724 tons	32,580
Cabbage	336	5,376 tons	220,416
Carrots	140	1,400 tons	56,000
Cauliflower	68	34,000 doz.	45,900
Celery	60	54,000 crates	102,600
Mushrooms	13	2,316,000 lbs.	856,920
Onions	31	247 tons	19,276
Peppers	120	34,200 bus.	39,330
Rutabagas	350	2,450 tons	73,500
Spinach	52	234 tons	25,740
Radishes	125	125,000 doz. bchs.	43,750
Beans	52	31,200 11-qt. bskts.	21,372
Corn	130	110,500 doz.	25,415
Cucumbers	77	15,400 bus.	24,640
Lettuce	72	43,200 doz.	47,520
Onions, Bunching	25	36,250 doz.	14,138
Parsnips	27	216 tons	10,800

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## Open Tenders Monday Pipeline Bids are Low

Fourteen tenders were received by Milton Council for the installation of the 14,000 foot, 12 inch pipeline that will carry the water from the new Kelso well source to the town, and these were opened at the regular meeting of council Monday.

Prices ranged as low as \$93,348 and as high as \$122,685, when the bids were read out at the meeting. Council and engineer K. Hyde had originally figured the job would cost \$120,000.

**Debate Types**

Bids were called on two kinds of pipeline — cast iron and asbestos cement — and council was awaiting the tender prices before making a decision on which type of pipe to use. Mr. Hyde attended the meeting and as soon as the prices were noted, he gathered up all the documents and took them away to study them.

He expects to return to council next week with a recommendation.

On cast iron pipe, prices went from \$97,788 to \$122,685. The asbestos pipe bids were from \$93,348 to \$120,930. Firms from Toronto, Weston, Hamilton, London, Thornhill, Rexdale, Brampton, Barrie, Oakville and Brantford submitted tenders.

**ALLOCATION LISTS**

The summer holidays are nearly over and anxious parents are beginning to plan for the back-to-school day, September 7. Next week, **The Champion** will publish allocation lists for the three Milton public schools, as an assist to parents, teachers and children. Be sure to check to see which school your child will attend for the coming year.

## Jean McKim — "Trailblazer" Earns Her Grade 13 Diploma Despite Physical Handicap

"I hope perhaps I have helped to blaze a trail for others who may be coming along behind me." The quote is from Jean McKim — trailblazer.

Despite a serious physical handicap she has borne since the day of her birth, and working against what might seem to others like insurmountable odds, Jean has succeeded in earning a Grade 13 graduation diploma at Milton District High School.

**The Proudest**

It took her five years to get through Grade 13. Last June she wrote examinations in the final two subjects that gave her nine papers for the upper school certificate. Others in her class may be happy, but Jean will be the proudest graduate in the group when she goes on the high school stage during Commencement exercises next winter, to receive her diploma.

Courageous Jean was born with Cerebral Palsy. Her speech has an impediment, but she can make herself understood amazingly well. Her legs are practically useless but she gets around in a wheelchair and takes short strolls in the back yard with a "walker" apparatus for support. Her arm movements are hard to control, but five years ago she mastered the art of feeding herself.

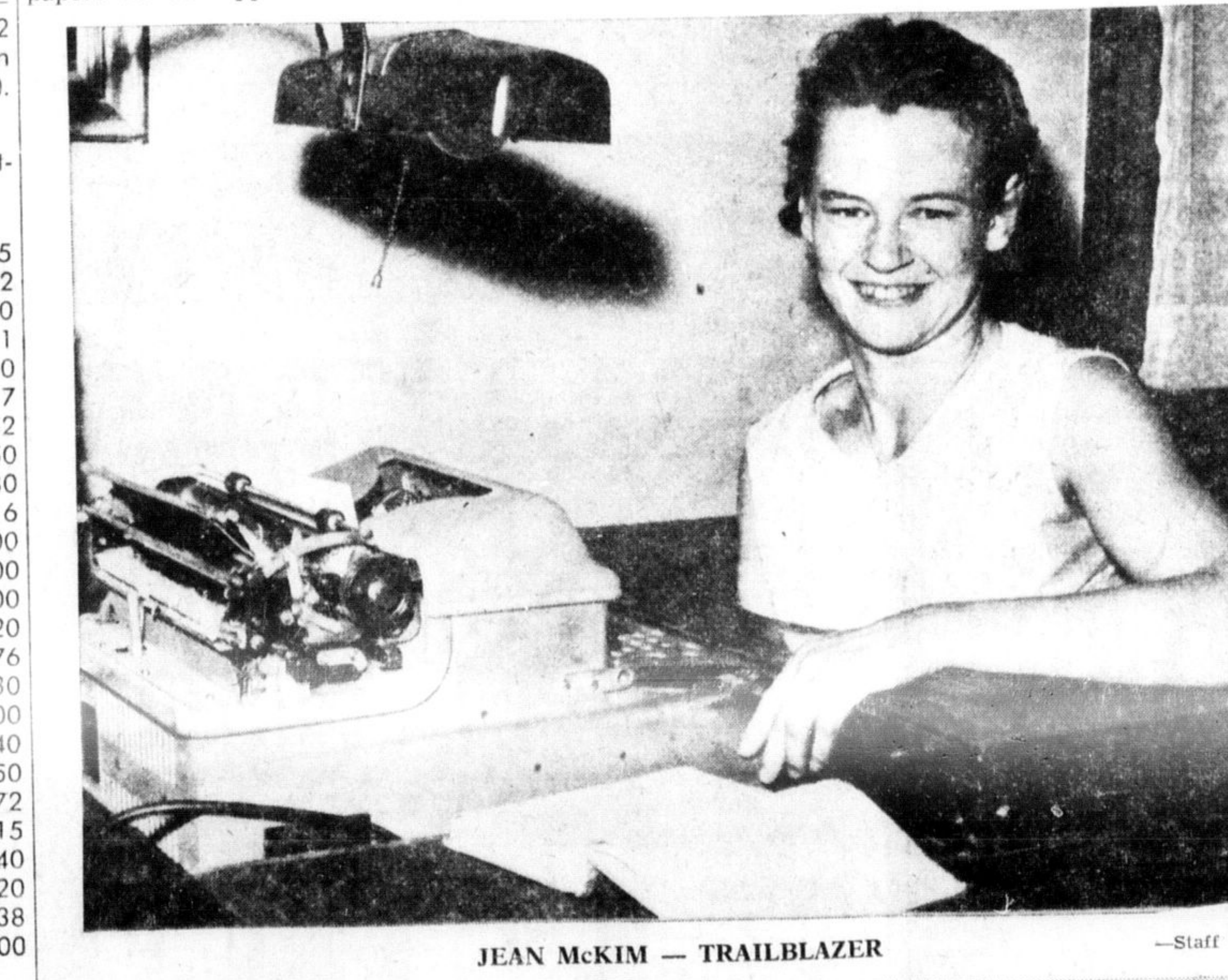
"Courage" is her middle name.

**Threefold Purpose**

Jean's main purpose in life is threefold. She wants to live with her handicap (for she will never overcome it) ... she wants to be a writer ... and she wants to help others who are handicapped.

With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKim of 401 Pine St., she moved to Milton from Dutton in 1947. Ten years old before she was ready for any formal schooling, Jean entered Grade Two at the Bruce St. public school, attending classes just half a day because it was too

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JEAN McKIM — TRAILBLAZER — Staff Photo

One of Milton's biggest Chamber of Commerce promotions will be ushered into being next Monday, as a week-long "Old Fashioned Days" celebration opens in town. Chamber past president Brian Best, who heads the Old Fashioned Days committee, said today he hoped all citizens and visitors would join in the celebration and make it "the best ever".

Old Fashioned Days program has something for everyone — of every age — and the activities include such items as a helium balloon contest, two band concerts, church fireside program, aqua-ma, bingo, western show, German-type "hofbrauhaus", steer roast, parades, costume contest and amateur show, antique car contest and many other features.

**Mutual Publicity**

The week-long event was first held last fall, as Milton's merchants, businessmen and citizens dreamed up the promotion to help publicize the town and the annual steam and antique reunion held Labor Day weekend by the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association. The Chamber sponsors the week of Old Fashioned Days prior to the weekend "Steam-Era" show at the fair grounds — and both groups benefit from the publicity and the gay, carnival atmosphere that pervades the town.

A committee of 18 conveners has been busy for several months planning next week's celebration. They include:

**Chairman**, Brian Best; **vice-chairman**, Gordon Collinson (Aquatic display); **secretary**, Earl Black; **treasurer**, William Duignan (1/4 buck "Shin Plasters").

**Members** — Henry Servos, hats souvenirs; Bryn Cross, information trailer on fair grounds; Hans Stephan, Milton Hofbrauhaus; William Rowney, parking; Doug Guay, directional signs; Doug Armstrong and Bill Casson publicity; Ron Harris, window displays, costumes etc.; Keith Durnan and George Swann, public address equipment; Gordon Krantz, baseball match; Fritz Schicht, steer roast; Gus Mow-

## Hail Loss Meet Friday

A special meeting involving all district farmers whose crops received damage as a result of the hail storm of Friday evening at the Agricultural Hall in the Milton fair grounds. A committee of farmers in the district met with the Honorable William Stewart, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture on Wednesday morning and they will report to an open meeting on Friday evening, beginning at 8.30.

Crop damage as a result of that storm have been estimated at over \$300,000 and area farmers banded together in the hopes of receiving aid from the government. The Wednesday morning meeting was arranged by Halton M.P.P. George Kerr.

George Newell, a spokesman for the committee of eight reported the committee would not give the results of the meeting with Mr. Stewart until the Friday evening meeting.

The storm, which lasted for an hour late on the afternoon of August 11, was believed to be the most devastating to hit the county in over 70 years. The hail stones were variously described as being as "big as golf balls" and "larger than eggs".

The storm was believed to have started about the Cedar Springs Road in Burlington and to have ended about the Seventh Line in Oakville, cutting a swath of crops 12 miles long and half a mile wide.

## Youth "Lost" in Bush 8 Hours Sparks Intensive O.P.P. Search

A youth hiking the Bruce Trail in the Speyside area was reported to be lost early Sunday evening, and the report sparked an intensive five-hour search by area farmers and a squad of Milton O.P.P. officers.

The boy, 13-year-old Rickey Irvine of Clarkson, was found at 12:20 a.m. Monday on Highway 7 a mile west of Highway 10 — several miles east of Speyside, his shoes worn almost through. The boy was found walking along the Highway by P.C. Toth of Chinguacousy Township Police. Officers estimated he had walked 18 miles in the day.

**Call Out Police**

O.P.P. explained the youth was hiking along the Bruce Trail with his parents, brothers and sisters, and was last seen by other members of the group around 4 p.m. When he had not been seen again by 7 p.m. Sunday, they alerted police and three officers from Milton O.P.P. were dispatched to the area.

Police circled the area with their cruisers, blowing the sirens to attract attention, and calling on neighborhood farmhouses to see if anyone had seen the boy. Several nearby residents joined in the search.

**Fed, Re-United**

By midnight, with still no sign of the youth, three more police were called out and issued with parkas to protect them from the damp, cold night. It was just 20 minutes later the Chinguacousy police called to report the hiker had been found, and he was soon fed and re-united with his worried parents.

Police figure the boy had followed the cleared nature trail through the bush until it met Highway 7 in the Silvercreek area, then had walked along the highway toward Brampton.

## Seek Source of Strange Smell Blanketing Town on Wednesday

The source of an odour which blanketed Milton for several hours yesterday (Wednesday) morning, has not yet been discovered by the Halton County Health Unit or the Milton Works Department. Residents throughout the town complained bitterly Wednesday morning about an alarming odour which seemed to be noticeable in nearly every section of the town.

Dr. A. F. Bull, Halton County Medical Officer of Health, reports that several of his inspectors have unsuccessfully attempted to locate the source of the odour. They have checked all the usual sources and have found nothing out of order. He suggested that since the odour covered the complete town, it could have come from a great distance.

Town Foreman Bruce McKerr has also been unsuccessful in finding the source of the problem. All the usual spots including the sewers have been checked but the source has not yet been found.