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## Change Wards

Burlington's Ward One and Two will soon have a new name and new dimensions, following the announcement Monday the Ontario Municipal Board has approved Burlington's request to re-draft the ward system.

The two wards will be merged to cover all lands north of Highway 5 in one ward, with a population of 2,729. The new area will be known as Ward Three.

The overall plan cuts the town's nine wards to eight, and becomes effective January 1, 1966.



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**1,100 HEARTY-LUNGED SPECTATORS** were on hand Friday evening as the Milton Merchant Juniors won a best of seven series over the Georgetown Beavers in O.H.A. Central Junior "C" playoff action. Milton will be at home on Friday evening at 8.30 for the second game of the league semi-final series against ex-N.H.L. star Lou Fontinatto's Orangeville Hornets. First game

of the series will be played in Orangeville tonight (Wednesday). The 4-2 Friday night win over Georgetown gave Milton the series, four games to two. A happy band of Merchant players are shown "whooping it up" in the dressing room with coach Enio Scisizzi and assistant coach Murray Grenke, following the Friday night win.

## Expect 1½ Mill Increase In Town's 1965 Tax Rate

Milton tax ratepayers can expect a one and a half mill increase in municipal taxes this year.

This much was revealed in a Milton Council meeting Monday, when finance committee chairman Charles Menefy reviewed the first draft of the budget. The discussions on the budget ranged over the whole field of municipal operations and revealed some of the thinking that was incorporated in the budget.

All town's trucks and rolling stock will be placed under one committee in future and rented to other committees as required. It

was suggested this would insure grants available on machinery use would be obtained.

### Capital Costs

A capital program anticipated but not finalized would include renovations to the town hall estimated at \$50,000 with an additional \$15,000 for new equipment that would include \$6,000 for NCR Receiving equipment. The program also envisions \$15,000 for a works building in the sewer plant site where equipment would be stored and could be worked on. It would also be the centre from

which the work crews would operate.

Added to this capital program would be the main street resurfacing approved last week. The total expenditure of the town would be \$100,000 on which it is anticipated a 25 per cent forgiveness might be obtained under existing legislation.

A decision on this program was called for by next week.

### Expand School Land

The Public School Board was to be authorized to purchase the Smith Transport Land adjoining the Bruce St. school. This would

require a mill and a half this year and action on the purchase was necessary in seven days, the finance committee chairman pointed out.

Purchase of the two lots and rights to a third was approved, not to exceed \$18,000. Members noted the possibility of some income from an existing house and the warehouse to reduce the total cost.

The town agreed to call for 30 day options from five bond houses on the \$158,500 debenture issue required for the purchase and remodelling of the Martin St. school. The committee has been notified the purchase price would be required for the closing of the transaction in June.

The budget includes a 10 cent hourly raise for municipal employees.

The recreation committee's budget is down slightly.

Garbage collection costs are estimated lower, largely because \$6,000 was necessary last year for repairs to the bulldozer and this is not anticipated this year.

The town's share of fire protection costs is up \$2,500. Total fire protection costs over the area are \$34,000.

The parks committee that last year spent \$517 has a budget this year of \$3,957. Councillor G. Addison explained his hopes to get park work activity this year with some development work on Block E in the Fallingbrook area, some work in Victoria Park and some in Rotary Park, as well as the maintenance.

Both high school and public school boards reduced their rate this year because of surpluses last year, but it is expected next year the first payments on debentures of both schools will noticeably affect the overall rate.

Still subject to further adjustments, total expenditures are expected to be \$893,203.29 and the mill rate approximately 68.5 and 75.5. A full report and by-law are to be submitted to council next week.

## Reduce Tax Discounts

Discounts on early payment of taxes in Milton will be reduced this year, Milton Councillors agreed after a lengthy discussion on the subject Monday.

It was suggested the town's early payment discount was out of line with those offered in other communities. Under the revised schedule, a discount of one per cent would be allowed on the remaining three installments if the taxes were all paid on the due date of the first installment.

A one per cent penalty would be added on each installment on the first day of default and on the first of each calendar month thereafter while the default continues. Previously penalties were not added until November.

The possibility of introducing prepayment certificates which would earn up to a four per cent discount for tax payments in the first few days of January was discussed, but no decision was made.

Councillor G. Addison objected to the reduction of the two per cent discount to one per cent. He reviewed that banks and insurance companies who hold

mortgages on many homes take advantage of this discount by early payment and the saving is passed on to the home-owner. The early payment also reduces the town's borrowing requirements. "You're kicking a big percentage of the taxpayers in the pants," he argued.

Deputy Reeve A. Ledwith quickly calculated the loss would be about \$3.00 a year per taxpayer but the reduction in discounts would reduce the tax rate a half mill and this would equalize the discount loss on the taxes.

Councillor Addison acknowledged it appeared as fair for one as another, but he would oppose any plan for prepayment.

To meet the ever increasing demands for blood, the Red Cross must collect a donation of blood every 8½ seconds of every working day throughout this year.

## Ransacked for \$41.50

## Thieves Break Into Three Homes

Thieves broke into three Milton homes and escaped with an estimated \$41.50 in cash over the weekend, and Milton Police have launched an intensive search for clues to the identity of the thieves.

Police said they believe all three break-ins happened shortly after supper time Saturday. Neighbors were questioned but no one reports seeing anything suspicious.

### Church Funds

At the home of Oliver Hull, 33 John St., the intruders kicked in a kitchen door inside the sun porch and ransacked the home before finding \$3.50 that had been set aside for the church. The owner reported he was only

away from the house about two hours. The door was wrecked beyond repair, police said.

Later that evening, police were called by Gary Prestidge of 82 Miles St., whose house had been entered by forcing a side window and \$38 was missing. Here again, the thieves ransacked the entire house in their search for money.

Monday afternoon, the third theft was reported by Miss Irene Downs of 376 Woodward St., who had just returned home after being away for the weekend. There was nothing missing from her home but several drawers had been rifled in the search for money.

### Seek Prints

Constable Bill Patterson, who investigated the three incidents,

said fingerprint experts from O.P.P. Burlington headquarters visited the houses to look for any prints they might be able to trace. In each house, the thieves overlooked cameras, musical instruments and even a portable TV set, so it appeared they were only after money, he said.

Police warned residents who are leaving their homes for an evening to leave some lights burning to make it appear the house is occupied. They suggest if anyone is leaving for a weekend or a holiday, they should notify police so the house can be checked occasionally during their absence. They also warn citizens it is dangerous to leave money lying around in your home.



—Staff Photo

**CANADA'S GLORIOUS HISTORY** came out not-so-gloriously Saturday when the touring Canadian Players sextet visited Milton for a one-night showing of their humorous yet powerfully dramatic 1964-65 presentation, "All About Us". Actors Bruno Gerussi, left, and Jacques Zouvi are shown after the play, chatting with the sponsoring Sarah Martin Chapter I.O.D.E. project convener Mrs. R. A. Wooland and I.O.D.E. Regent Mrs. N. D. Martin as they look over the program.

## Department Speaker For Education Week Dinner Here

"In so far as education is the gateway to progress, I believe it will be an education which strongly holds to the values of the race, which strives to inculcate the ideals which experience has shown have permanent force and moral merit; and it will be an education which places emphasis on understanding, rather than on mere knowledge."

The speaker was J. Bascom St. John, chairman of the Education Policy and Development Council of the Ontario Department of Education, as he addressed 150 teachers, school board officials and councillors at an Education Week dinner in Knox Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening of last week.

### 300-Year-Old Idea

Tracing the development of education, the speaker noted it was over 300 years since the idea

that the whole population might be educated was conceived. He noted idealists thought with education generally distributed, the problems of ignorance, poverty, crime and war would disappear. "For most of the last 300 years, this dream has seemed illusory."

The partnership between education and economics was noted as Mr. St. John pointed out the educated countries are the wealthy countries. Discoveries of science led to new technologies and industrial growth through establishment of factories.

The other factor contributing to social expansion was self-government that required education of the voting public.

### Forced Development

"The two main forces of social expansion in the last century and a half — industrialization and democratic government —

both forced and facilitated the development of general education," the speaker reviewed.

Noting the currency of such developments as the automobile, airplane, radio and television, the speaker suggested the effect of all these things on society and on the very quality of life itself, is not yet realized by almost all.

These developments, however, have a consequence for education. What was once thought sufficient knowledge is now ridiculously inadequate. "The essence of the technological revolution is that it requires a higher and higher standard of intellectual attainment to make it work."

### Limits to Learning

Mr. St. John suggested there is a limit in teaching young people more and more, a limit in the time available and in the intelligence quotient of the population. "I think that this one

factor may slow down the rate of change in the future more than might seem likely now."

The speaker suggested the education of the future will take two paths. One will be that it will last a lifetime. "There will have to be a different philosophy of life . . . The pursuit of pleasure will have to become a great deal less alluring if any substantial number of persons elect the life of continuing study."

The other path will be a moral emphasis. Mr. St. John noted the original inspiration for education was from religious people, and the idea that education should serve a moral purpose, as well as practical ends, has existed since the beginning of modern organized education.

### Knowledge Remains

"What we need in this day of confusion and doubt are young people who have hold of prin-

ciples which time has proved that humanity can trust. They should have a knowledge of values which remains after all the fads have been forgotten, and they should be able to think and to adapt and to grow with the changes of time."

"Education cannot alone maintain the values that have made our people great in history, but it must stand by them, or disaster is in store. Such is the burden and the challenge that is laid on teachers. The people are looking to you for leadership," the speaker concluded.

The speaker was introduced by public school inspector L. McNeil and thanked by high school teacher L. Darby.

Chairman of the event was supervising principal E. W. Foster, who welcomed the guests. Rev. Father J. J. Murphy asked grace. Music during the evening was provided by Tommy Renzetti.

## Don't Like Names

## Seek East, West Halton Designations

County Council Tuesday delayed action for a week on a resolution calling for designation of the provincial ridings — as East Halton and West Halton.

A report on the redistribution of provincial ridings released recently called for the splitting of the present Halton riding. Designations suggested in the report were Burlington and Oakville.

Acton Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin, who introduced the resolution, suggested every effort should be made to retain the name Halton in the designations. Burlington Reeve G. Gallagher suggested notice of motion

should be served on an item of this type.

Deputy Reeve Goodwin noted he had heard considerable discussion on the subject outside county council and he felt action should be taken. He expressed no objection to a week's delay in presenting the matter.

## Still Studying Regional Jail

Halton County is still investigating the possibility of establishing a regional jail in co-operation with adjoining municipalities and a report is expected "in the near future."

Reeve W. Coulter, Nassagaweya, reported to County Councillors Tuesday on visits to minimum security jails in Brampton and Simcoe County. Still being investigated is the location of the proposed jail, the ownership of the land if a jail is jointly constructed, and facilities for transferring prisoners between the courts and the jail.

The reeve indicated the committee was enthusiastic about the work being done on a camp-type minimum security operation.

## Allan B. Sprague Is Halton Judge

Halton's new county judge, Allan B. Sprague, O.C., of Belleville, will be officially sworn into office at a ceremony on Friday, April 3, it was announced by officials of the Justice Department in Ottawa.

Judge Sprague, who fills the post recently vacated by the death of Judge George E. Elliott, was named to the position last week. He will take over his duties on March 22.

Judge Sprague has practiced law in Belleville for 27 years and is senior partner of the law firm of Sprague and Cameron.

### Connections Here

A lifelong resident of Belleville, Mr. Sprague was born there in 1911. He has a connection, by marriage, with this area. His wife is the daughter of Joseph Lake of Powassan, who lived in Georgetown when he was a young man. And her mother, the late

Mary Abraham, was a native of Acton.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Queen's University and studied law at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia where he received his Bachelor of Law degree. He later attended London University in England for post-graduate studies.

### Active in Groups

Judge Sprague is a past president of the Hastings and Prince Edward Law Associations. He is the past president of the Belleville branch of the Canadian Cancer Society and past chairman of the fund raising campaigns for the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and other organizations.

He is a member of the Belleville Rotary Club and of the Bridge Street United Church. Judge Sprague is married and has three children.

## Chamber Protests Apartment Freeze

Difficulty in understanding the town's decision to prohibit apartment building construction, was expressed by the Milton Chamber of Commerce in a letter to Milton Council Monday.

The letter from the Chamber expressed an appreciation that control was needed on residential development, but could not understand the prohibiting of apartment buildings.

Councillor C. Johnson noted council had discussed the situation at some length and understood the contribution one developer was prepared to offer for

additional services would not cover the cost involved.

Clerk - manager R. Reynolds noted the Chamber had protested the by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board as had two other groups. An OMB hearing on the by-law is expected to be held.

Council agreed to acknowledge the Chamber letter, pointing out the freeze on apartment house construction was necessary because of the uncertainty of annexation and the unknown extent to which services in specific areas would have to be developed.



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**EDUCATION WEEK** activities included a dinner Tuesday evening attended by 150 teachers, school board and municipal officials last week. Among those attending the dinner were Mayor S. G. Childs, High School Principal R. C. Hunter, guest speaker J. Bascom St. John Chairman of the education policy and development council of the Ontario Department of Education, Sister Antoinette of the Holy Rosary Separate School and Supervising Principal of the Milton Public Schools E. W. Foster.