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**THE MILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT'S** 1964 fire prevention activities won the brigade an "honourable mention" certificate in the recent N.F.P.A. competition, and at the fire hall on Saturday George Alexander from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office presented the certificate. Mayor S. G. Childs, left, looks on as Mr. Alexander presents the award to Chief A. E. Clement. At right is Harold Coulson, chairman of Milton's fire prevention committee, holding the scrapbook that won the award.

Halton, Milton, Oakville

Present 3 Fire Prevention Certificates

Three Halton fire prevention agencies received certificates of merit for their entries in the 1964 National Fire Protection Association fire prevention competition, during the annual banquet of the Halton County Mutual Aid Fire Association in Milton Saturday evening.

Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau received a "special recognition" for an outstanding county-sponsored campaign; Oakville Fire department won an honorable mention in the N.F.P.A. Class "B" contest for communities with 25,000 to 100,000 population, in both the Canadian and Ontario divisions; and the Milton Fire Department won an honorable mention in the Class "D" for communities with 5,000 to 10,000 population, both Canadian and Ontario divisions.

**Year-Round Job**  
W. George Alexander, Chief of

Fire Services in the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, Toronto, presented the certificates and congratulated the firefighters for their year-round efforts in fire prevention.

He presented the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's certificate to Reeve Elliott of Georgetown, who represented the County Warden for the occasion, and Reeve Elliott passed the award on to Lt. Wes Miller of Oakville Fire Department, the 1964-65 chairman of the Bureau.

Fire Chief Douglas Wilson and District Deputy Chief George Wright accepted the Oakville award from Mr. Alexander. Milton's Mayor S. G. Childs and Fire Chief A. E. Clement accepted the Milton Fire Department award.

**Enter Scrapbook**  
The prizes were awarded for scrapbook accounts of the various fire prevention bureau's fire

prevention work throughout the past year. The Halton entry was compiled by Roy Downs of Milton, public relations officer for the Bureau. Oakville's entry was handled by Lt. Miller while Milton's was done by Chief Clement, Harold and Jim Coulson. There were 286 Canadian Communities entered in the contest this year, along with hundreds of entries from United States.

The Milton Brigade won a second prize during the evening. Chief Clement also accepted the James Black attendance trophy on behalf of his department, for the best brigade attendance at Mutual Aid Fire Association meetings during the past year. It was the second year in a row the at-

tendance trophy had been won by Milton.

**President in Charge**  
Chief Erwin Lewis of Georgetown, 1965 Mutual Aid president presided over the dinner. Other guests who were introduced included Mayor Les Dudy from Acton, and Charles Wilson of Milton, chairman of the Milton Fire Area Board.

The Milton Rebekah Lodge catered for the banquet. Over 100 firefighters and wives enjoyed the dinner and dance which followed. In lucky draws, George Alexander of Toronto and Vernon Coulson of Milton won ashtrays, Bill Hyde of Georgetown won a fire extinguisher, and Mrs. B. Beck of Oakville won a cigarette lighter.

—Time to put away the shovels and get out the rake and the lawnmower.

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**REPORT FROM QUEEN'S PARK**

— BY —  
**GEORGE A. KERR**  
HALTON M.L.A.

In submitting his 1965 estimates this week, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Wilfred Spooner, drew the attention of the Legislature to some rather significant statistics. It is particularly significant because of the fact that certain municipalities in the Province and indeed in Halton County, have set their mill rate for this year and have indicated an increase in revenue, population and assessment.

land be established, planning is a vital necessity.

The Department has had considerable difficulty in getting municipalities to assume planning responsibility. As of January 1st, 1965, some 150 planning boards out of a total of 385 were inactive.

**Principal Obstacles**  
One of the principal obstacles to be overcome in planning is the multiplicity of governing bodies. There are in Ontario 979 municipalities, 39 counties, 30 cities, 8 separated towns 150 towns, 154 villages, 575 township municipalities, 20 improvement districts, 11 districts, 3,053 school boards and thousands of other boards and commissions with the result that for improvements, no matter how simple, many bodies have to be consulted before a common plan can be devised. One can well realize how difficult it is to get even twenty or twenty-five chairmen to agree.

We have witnessed a steady growth in administrative regions by the various departments of Government, each with its own field representatives and with no boundary relationship.

Agriculture has maintained a regional policy based on the county as a unit. On the other hand, Lands and Forests has 22 regions based on geographical and physical characters, tourism has 32, and a recent development by the Department of Reform Institutions involves the establishment of district jails to replace the old county jail. We now have district high schools and Conservation Authorities whose authority is not restricted to county or municipal boundaries.

The one public body which is in a position and has the authority in many respects to develop planning on a regional basis is the County Council, and in the days ahead, if the present policy of the Honourable Wilfred Spooner and his department is followed, more and more responsibility will be placed in the hands of this level of government.

**Revenue Increased**  
In 1953 the revenue of the municipalities across Ontario amounted to \$327 million; in 1963 it was \$874 million, an increase of 167 per cent. In the same period net provincial revenue rose from \$364.5 million in 1953 to \$1.1 billion in 1963, an increase of 200 per cent.

Grants paid by the province to municipalities, boards (including school boards) and commissions during this period increased from \$137.5 million in 1953 to \$438 million in 1964, an increase of 218 per cent. Assistance to local municipalities will be further increased in 1965 by 48.6 million to a total of \$620.4 million. This represents 47 per cent of the province's net ordinary revenue compared to 39 per cent in 1953.

Statistics also show an increase in the number of municipalities from 966 in 1953 to 976 at present.

Special emphasis was placed by Mr. Spooner on the need for local, County and regional planning during the debate on the estimates. Municipalities are realizing that if efficiency is to be maintained, if duplication of costs is to be prevented and proper use of

**SEND FOR BOOK**  
If you are one of the sufferers from hay fever, your chief enemy is probably ragweed pollen. Since this weed is widely spread throughout the country, susceptible persons should try to spend their vacations in areas where the pollen count is lowest. An excellent booklet that provides up-to-date information on pollen conditions in all provinces is available free on request from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa.

**ATTEND CLASSES**  
The expectant mother should have medical attention throughout her pregnancy. With the approval of her doctor, she should attend prenatal classes where she will be given informative talks, exercises, advice on diet and health check-ups. Information on these classes may usually be obtained through the local health department.

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**Manor Auxiliary Planning Bazaar**

The Halton Manor W.A. met on Wednesday, April 7. Mrs. Allen opened the meeting and had the Manor Prayer said in unison.

Mrs. Allen thanked the ladies who took the block printing course, and a special thanks to Mrs. A. Wilson and Mrs. Lockie for their work on Summary Day.

A letter was read informing the ladies of the convention to be held in September at Fort Williams.

Plans for the spring bazaar were discussed and conveners appointed for the penny table, handicrafts, homebaking, candy and tea tables. Donations for any of these tables, especially baking and candy will be appreciated.

Mrs. Childs and Mrs. Randall offered to be lunch hostesses for the next meeting. After the meeting Mrs. Hill served refreshments.

—The Retail Committee of Milton Chamber of Commerce will be handling the local Cancer Society canvass among merchants this year. Retail Committee chairman John Bartlett is in charge of the canvassing.

—You can FIGHT the cancer disease with a cheque for your neighbor when he or she canvasses you during April, and a cheque up at your doctor's.

**Ontario Contest Halton Girl's Poster Winner**

A Halton County girl, Eva Anisimowicz of St. Mary's Separate School, Oakville, has been judged one of the two top winners in the Ontario Fire Chiefs' Association's third annual fire prevention poster contest.

Miss Anisimowicz submitted the best girl's poster of the 30 in the competition, and she and the top boy, Brian Dave of Ingersoll, will both receive a certificate and a \$100 Canada Savings Bond for their efforts. The awards will be made at the University of Toronto April 29, during the O.F.C.A.'s annual conference.

**Third Halton Prize**  
Fire prevention posters drawn by Eva Anisimowicz and Gary Ross of Burlington were recently judged winners of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau's annual poster contest, and the two winners' posters were forwarded to the Ontario competition by this Bureau. In previous years two Halton children won \$10 honorable mention awards in the Ontario-wide contest and Halton Fire Prevention Bureau officials were especially pleased this year to learn a local poster had won top honors in the Ontario division.

Fire Chief A. E. Clement of Milton is chairman of the O.F.C.A. competition, and he reports this year's poster entries were the best seen in the three years the Ontario contest has been held. A panel of judges chose the two top winners, and also gave 10 honorable mention awards. These five boys and girls will all receive a certificate and a cheque for \$10. They were:

Nicholas Lobodycz, Kitchener; Penelope Schaffter, Mount Hope; Ute Kinzel, Brampton; Katharine St. Aubin, West Ferris; Darlene Brown, Durham; Irene Dorey, Kingston; Randy McMillan, Cornwall; Chris Rose, Frankford; Paul Paradis, Port Arthur; and Algis Zilyytis, Ryckman's Corners.

**Urge You Recharge Fire Extinguishers**

If you have a soda, acid or foamite fire extinguisher in your home or place of business, it might be wise to check the date it was last recharged.

"Many people never think to get them recharged, and they should be done once every year," according to Milton firefighter Al Waldie, chairman of the Milton Fire Department's five-man fire extinguisher committee. "It will be too bad if they need to use one some day, and it won't work," he said.

Right now the committee keeps a list of known fire extinguishers, and each month a few of them are recharged or refilled as their renewal date comes up. Owners whose extinguishers need charging can contact the fire brigade office or any firefighter or bring it to the fire hall any Saturday.

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