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Line Esquesing above Five Sideroad. It may have been caused Friday afternoon.

FLAMES ROARED FROM THE WRECKING-YARD owned by John by a spark from the exhaust of a crane used in the yard. The Watkins on Friday afternoon and it took firefighters from Milton barn containing some hay and straw was completely destroyed and Georgetown five hours to douse the blaze. The fire is be- and many of the wrecked cars on the lot were gutted. Firefightlieved to have started in the barn on the property on the Sixth ers are shown as they battle the fire which began at 4.45

#### Complete 30 of 126 pages

## Begin study of Plunkett review

Milton Council began a "serious consideration" Tuesday of the text and proposals for future area government contained in the Peel - Halton Local Government Review authored by Tom Plunkett.

At the outset of a special meeting, members set a 9 p.m. deadline for their initial study to avoid exceeding the "tiring" limit at the suggestion of Deputy Reeve C. Menefy. He pointed out the importance of the document, the necessity of having comments to Municipal Afember 31 and the need for ser-

ious consideration.

comments on the first two chap- ing populations which actually ters. By the deadline, 30 pages of the report had been cover-Among the highlights com-

Mayor S. G. Childs began

mented on, members noted the following: Milton's population had

grown 250 per cent between 1951

 Milton's assessment had increased 429 per cent during the

 The material presented as fairs Minister Spooner by Dec- basic in the report was all directed toward the end conclus-

## Assessor releases census shows rise in population

Milton's population and taxable assessment climbed to \$10,to new record highs again this year. The town's population of taxable property which may leaped 174 to 6,620 and the tax- be added to the assessment total able assessment climbed to \$10,- between the end of September 061,951 compared to last year's initial figure of \$9,448,296.

Those figures, as well as several others of interest, were contained in a report submitted to council last week by Assessor John Charlton. The figures were compiled following the annual summer census and assessment

survey The breakdown of the population figures shows: three and under, 494; four years of age, 146; five, 151; six and seven, 329; eight and nine, 295; 10 to 13, 574; 14, 143; 15, 107; 16 to 19, 459; 20 to 59, 3,187; 60 to 64, 158; 64 to 69, 148, and 70 and over, 429. The percentage of citizens in the over-60 bracket is particularly high in Milton, because over 200 residents of Halton Centennial Manor are included in the figures.

Taxes in 1967 will be based on the new taxable assessment figure, plus any additional pieces

and December. Some assess-

ments may be changed by the

Court of Revision. Milton's population has jumped over 270 per cent since 1950 when the population was just 2.405. For many years the town's population remained below 2,500 and then in the mid-1950's it began to rise with the addition of several subdivisions including Fallingbrooke, Forest Grove, Wakefield Rd. area, Kingsleigh Court and the housing develop-

ment north of Woodward St. Population figures show the increase this way: 1950, 2,405; 1951, 2,460; 1952, 2,540; 1953, 2,-676; 1954, 3,342; 1955, 3,935; 1956, 4,410; 1957, 4,603; 1958, 5,010; 1959, 5,257; 1960, 5,520; 1961, 5,-614; 1962, 5,834; 1963, 6,037; 1964, 6,384; 1965, 6,446.

### Halton population climbs to 151,327

Milton's population jumped 170 to 6,620 during the past year, helping the Halton County total grow 9,218 to 151,327.

The biggest increase was in Burlington, which, with the addition of 6,991 now boasts 65,453 people. During the year, 15 residential subdivisions were open-

Oakville added 1,227 to its complement, and now has 52,

Other population figures in Halton include Acton up 67 to 4,353, Georgetown up 200 to 11,-665, Esquesing up 436 to 7,599

and Nassagaweya up 127 to 2,776. Halton's total jump from 142,109 last year shows it to be one of the fastest-growing areas in the nation and planners speculate that the 1980 figure will

 Some contradictions betended to support the possibility of a metro area, although the report discounted it.

 References which pointed to no change in the south to north travel patterns although the Department of Highways earlier this year indicated Highway 25 would be a four - lane road in 10 to 15 years. It was also pointed out no references were made to the north and south travel patterns which might have supported a vertical boundary rather than the hori-

zontal split proposed. Milton's population per acre and per mile of road was the greatest in the county, indicating the need for more land, particularly to the south, for reasonable development.

 A suggestion that Milton's lack of land actually justified its annexation application that was thwarted by the very report under study.

 Councillors observed that Milton's water supply under the proposed boundaries would be located in the southern municipality. Looking to a map of water sources, it was noted it would be many years before the southern municipality could extend water to north Burlington or Oakville, although that area was classed as one of high ur-

• It was suggested the report's suggestion that water and sewer service would eventually be required from the lake was a good reason for dividing the municipalities on a north-south basis rather than an east-west line. The north - south split would permit access to the lake without crossing municipal

ban development in the report.

boundary lines. Touching on fire protection service, the report pointed out sections of Nassagaweya and Esquesing were served by Milton, but ignored the fact large sections of north Burlington and north Oakville were also served by Milton.

• The present Milton District Hospital would be located in the southern municipality on the

basis of boundaries proposed. Members agreed the cost justice and jail should be assumed entirely by the prov-

 Councillors discussed the present proximity of the land registry office to the area served, while noting an east - west split stretched the distance considerably.

 Members questioned how reading the 126 page report and tween the definition cited for a the residents of the present hocouncillors took turns with metropolitan area and the exist- mes for the aged would be relo- its annual reunion in Milton cated in relation to the propos- Fair Grounds on Labor Day barn, flames spread to a nearby morning. Hunters noticed ed boundaries.

the report smacked of dictator- ited States, and they own hunship in saying one municipality could grow while another must not grow, even though the services were available to permit

Mayor Childs terminated the the sewage effluent be piped to vide a large building where ex- worked on the fire until Milton to drive to Campbellville to re-

"I'd rather drink the water from our wells," Councillor P. Barr observed.

A further hour for the continuing study of the report was to be taken at the next regular council meeting, members ag-

It was suggested citizens might be interested in sitting in on the study and would be welcome. Copies of the report were being directed to interested local organizations as they were available and copies were also to be placed in the local

#### Plunkett's study at local library

Thomas Plunkett's "Peel-Halton Local Government Review" —a new volume expected to hit the best-seller list in the two counties affected — is available now through Milton Public Lib-

Library members can take the 126-page booklet out on loan. A dozen copies are available at the

The books were secured through Milton's acting clerkadministrator Mrs. Audrey

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# Plan Provincial museum, for farm near Kelso Park hibited on a year-round basis to Discussions have also been located in the former Duff Alex.

The Archie Service farm near Milton has been selected as the the general public. Members feel site for a Province of Ontario the Milton Fair Grounds would agricultural museum, Minister of Agriculture William A. Stewart admitted on Friday.

The news was vaguely announced Friday, although no general press release was made by the Department of Agriculture. The announcement has been in the offing for more than a year, and details of the land purchase and selection of a site were known generally here for some time.

The Province is acquiring 80 acres of the 145-acre farm, through the Halton Region Conservation Authority, for a museum to perpetuate the tools, implements and pioneer methods of Ontario's agricultural past. It will also serve as a location for the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association to build a permanent home for many of their pioneer agricultural imple-

To be known as the Ontario Agricultural Museum, the project is expected to get underway some time in 1967. The next session of the legislature is expected to approve the plan. "I am confident it will receive enthusiastic support from both farm and urban people of the province," Mr. Stewart said.

The Service farm was recently purchased by Halton Region Conservation Authority, as an extension to nearby Kelso Conservation Area. The Province will be buying 80 acres at a cost of approximately \$40,000 from the H.R.C.A.

Negotiations between the Conservation Authority, Department of Agriculture and Steam and Antique Preservers have been going on for over a year. The Association, which sponsors weekend, has 200 members all dreds of steam engines, gas tractors, vintage automobiles, shingle mills, sawmills and other antique and agricultural imple-

study, pointing to suggestions. Steam-Era sponsors would pro- ade was summoned first. They 500 gallons) the firefighters had the lake and the water supply hibits could be stored and ex- arrived and Milton firefighters fill the pumper.

still be needed for their annual three-day reunion, mainly because of its grandstand which seats a large crowd.

A building at the Service farm would give members a place to hold their monthly meetings, and a place to store heavy equipment which is costly to transport to the annual show from members' homes scattered throughout the Province.

held with Department of High- ander barn and adjacent buildways officials on the possibility ings in the Kelso Conservation of making an entrance to the Area, originally touched off dismuseum property from High- cussions on the massive project way 401, which passes the pro- about four years ago. At that perty's northern boundary. No time the Museum Board applied decision has been made to date, to the government for designabut Department of Highways officials said some time ago an museum and although it was exit could be made from the never approved, the idea to inhighway at the Town Line over- corporate the Steam-Era group pass just a few hundred yards from the Service farm.

The Halton County Museum, since.

erature and a church parade are

keeping the local brigade mem-

Chief A. E. Clement reports

tion as Ontario's agricultural was launched. Lengthy negotiations have been going on ever

## Open house, school drills held in Fire Prevention Week

bers busy this week.

Milton Firefighters, who never miss an opportunity to "plug" fire prevention 52 weeks of the year, are going at a high-speed pace this week. It's Fire Prevention Week in Milton and dis-

all Milton and district schools have been drilled during the past week, with excellent re-School drills, open house at sults. Firefighters pulled sur-

the fire hall, distribution of lit- prise evacuation drills at each Three fires are poor start for Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week in Mil-stayed at the site five hours. ton got off to a poor start, with Besides the barn, a quantity of three fires over the weekend.

A barn and car wrecking yard Friday, a tree fire on Sunday and a vacant house blaze on Monday kept Milton Firefight-

ers busy. Friday's fire was a five-hour Esquesing farm of John Wat- cause. kins, and besides destroying the The third fire was Monday wrecking yard and did consid- smoke pouring from an aband-• There was a suggestion over Ontario and northern Un- erable damage to several cars. oned house at Lot 14, Concess-Firefighters think an exhaust ion 2, R.R. 2, Rockwood prospark from a crane in the perty of Miss Maggie Irving. wrecking yard might have caus- The home was demolished by ed the blaze.

The "permanent home" of the Brigade, the Georgetown brig- water (the truck only carries

hav and straw stored there was destroyed.

Sunday evening the brigade was called out again when a hollow tree at the Five Sideroad north of Burlington home of D. R. Rapson broke out in task for the firefighters. It be-. flames. Children playing with gan in a barn at the Sixth Line matches were suspected as the

the fire, but the brigade saved Although the farm is in the a couple of large barns nearby. area covered by Milton Fire Hampered by a shortage of

school, then inspected all school premises in a hunt for fire hazards. Only one serious defect was uncovered—at one school the fire alarm had mysteriously been disconnected and wouldn't ring when the fire brigade arrived for the drill. The situation was immediately remedied, and school officials were warned of the seriousness of the situation.

Times for the school drills are as follows: Martin St. Sr. Public School, 240 students, 50 seconds; Denyes School, 466, 80 seconds; Dick School, 201, 85 seconds; Bruce St. School, 178, 52 seconds; Holy Rosary School, 560, 66 seconds; Milton High School, 88 seconds; Campbellville, 126, 35 seconds; Campbellville kindergarten, 15, 10 seconds; Milton Heights, 57, 32 seconds; Pineview, 246, 64 seconds; and Percy Merry, 366, 69 seconds.

The Sunshine School for mentally retarded students was visited on Tuesday of this week. Milton Hospital's evacuation procedure was checked last week. Drills are scheduled for Ontario School for the Deaf and Halton Centennial Manor later this week.

Today (Wednesday) two Milton firefighters are attending a Halton Fire Prevention Bureau dinner in Georgetown. The county bureau is sponsoring a commercial "blitz" inspection in Acton and Georgetown, with local firefighters and insurance company inspectors taking part. Chief Clement who is Halton Mutual Aid deputy co-ordinator, and Captain Harold Coulson who is chairman of the county bureau for 1966, are guests at the noon dinner being held for the inspectors.

Friday and Saturday nights of this week are "open house" at Milton Fire Hall when school children and their parents will visit the Main St. hall for an evening of fun and education. Draws will be held for adults and free balloons will be given the children. Firefighters will be on hand to explain the equipment and demonstrate extinguishers and resuscitators, and two short films will be shown in the upstairs meeting hall.

The fire hall is open both evenings from 7 to 9.30 p.m. The elementary school class bringing out the most parents to the open houses will win an attendance pennant to be displayed in their school room.

Friday evening of last week the brigade members were out touring the town to distribute fire prevention literature.

Sunday winds up Fire Prevention Week, and Sunday morning local firefighters will be participating in the annual church parade of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau in Oakville.

#### Abandoned house burns in night

Fire this morning (Wednesday) destroyed an abandoned house on the Esquesing farm of Stan Waters.

The house, on the Sixth Line of Esquesing, had not been in use for 10 or 11 years. Milton fire brigade was summoned at a.m. when police noticed the blaze and it was feared the wind-blown sparks were threatening an adjacent five-acre bush.

One motorist driving along Highway 10 had also noticed the flames and arrived at the fire just as police got there.



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY was observed in local and district churches with special services, all of which were largely attended. At Zimmerman United Church on Appleby Line in North Burlington, the couples' club members decorat-

ed a table beside the altar with products of the harvest — pumpkins, fruit, vegetables and corn. Club president Donna Morden and member Beth Barnes are shown putting the finishing touches on the colorful display.