

KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS and suffering severe facial lacerations in a bus accident on Highway 401, Alma Buckley is comforted and treated by rescue workers. But the accident and the injuries were not for real - Alma was one of 35 high school students participating (as injured bus passengers) in Milton District Hospital's full scale disaster exercise on Wednesday. Her injuries were simulated. (Staff Photo)

# Shelter exemption might be \$51 here

Compounded by equalization factors and legislation that has not been finalized, the amount of the provincial basic shelter exemption, which is designed to reduce municipal taxes, has been difficult to determine locally.

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Milton treasurer Mrs. A. Brush indicated this week the amount expected to be paid by the provincial government to reduce homeowner taxes, based on the first \$2,000 of assessment, may be \$51. The amount will be equal credits.

no matter what the individual assessment is above \$2,000.

Under the town's recently set mill rate, which calls for an increase of \$28 on a \$4,000 assessed house, the homeowner would actually pay less municipal taxes than last year.

The provincial basic shelter exemption will be shown as a credit when tax bills are mailed and the municipality will invoice the province for the total of the



#### Await decision on radio

The application for a radio station to be based in Milton and serve most of Halton County was heard by the Board of Broadcast Governors in Ottawa Tuesday. Applicant Loren J. Cassina of London said a decision would not be handed down for at least a month.

Mr. Cassina and partners Ernest Hennessey and William Logan, both of Burlington, plan a 24-hours-a-day station here with a staff of 15 which could start operating in September, if the application is successful. Mayor Brian Best and Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris appeared at the hearing in support of the application. Radio stations in two neighboring towns entered opposition.

The same principals had earlier applied to the B.B.G. for a station in Burlington, which was turned down. They have property under option in Milton for a studio and transmitter. The directors plan to apply for the call letters CHBM.

#### Happy fifth birthday

A splendid fifth anniversary celebration was held yesterday (Tuesday) at Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton. A special birthday dinner was held at noon for all the students and the afternoon program included a carnival for the juniors and a tree-planting ceremony for senior students.

In the afternoon the shop instructors and students completed their Centennial project when park benches and picnic tables were presented to the Milton Parks Board for placement at Centennial Park on Martin St.

A staff dinner was held Tuesday evening, with an informal program which humorously traced the growth and history of the school.

Percy W. Merry School, Drumquin, made an excellent showing in Tuesday's division of the South Halton Music Festival. Competing against anywhere from three to eight other entrants, the Percy Merry choristers and songsters emerged with two firsts, a second and three third place prizes.

The boys' choir and triple trio won first place cups, while the junior choir received a shield for second place. The school's entries in the intermediate choir, senior choir and soprano-alto-bass choir competitions received certificates for third place wins.

Principal John Kobzey praised music supervisor Mrs. I. Slessor and choir leaders Miss Carole Wood, Mrs. Pat Clayton and Miss Gail Cherrington for their work in preparing the students for the festival. The groups will entertain parents and interested friends at a special "music night" at the school at 7:30 p.m. May 9.

# Residential rate up 7.07 mills council passes record '68 budget

this twice. "Under the Act we

"Councils have been objecting

to school board budgets for years

and they finally give in. It's time

we went to the Department and

argued people should live within

what is available. If boards did

not have the protection of the

Act they would be cutting their

budget," Councillor Barr argued.

Councillor Smillie quoted one

member of the School Board say-

ing that the budget could be cut

a further \$40,000. "If one man

can see \$40,000 to cut, what's

the matter with the rest?" He

said he had called the individual

who assured him it was still

there and noted there was \$9,000

Councillor McCuaig reported

that one member of the school

board abstained from voting in

that was his way of registering

Councillor Smillie pointed out

"There is a better way, like

In a rare recorded vote Coun-

cillors Barr, Krantz and Smillie

supported a motion to establish

the rate with \$35,000 taken from

the high school board budget. On

its defeat a new motion was car-

ried setting the rate including

the full high school board budget.

voting against," Councillor Mc-

favor of returning the budget.

of books to be bought.

his objection.

Cuaig suggested.

can't do otherwise," he noted.

# leave \$35,000 on high school total

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Record spending of \$1,298,758 is reflected in Milton's 1968 budget that will increase taxes on a \$5,000 residential assessment by

Council Friday evening, in a special session, adopted a mill rate of 85,54 for residential (up 7.07) and 95.34 for commercial (up 8.59).

The \$915,026 to be raised by taxation will be spent as follows:

| General rate    | \$395,856  |
|-----------------|--|
| High School     | A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH |
| Public School   |  |
| Separate School | 26,42  |
| County rate     |  |

A proposal to cut \$35,000 from the Milton District High School budget, after the Board refused, was defeated by Milton Council when it established the 1968 mill rate Friday.

The special council meeting heard finance chairman Percy Barr propose the cut. He pointed out the board "had an average of \$25,000 surplus" of recent years "and this year will be no exception." He argued "It is ridiculous these businessmen, or so-called businessmen, say they cannot find \$35,000 in this." He observed the School Act says council must raise the funds but he suggested council cut the \$35,000 and let the Board go to the O.M.B. to get the funds. "If we have to raise it at the end of the year we'll do it . . . It's time someone started talking back to the school boards," he

concluded. Mayor B. Best noted the \$26,-000 playing field should have been capitalized but since the Board had let the contract and work had proceeded it was too late now to go to the O.M.B. for approval.

Councillor R. McCuaig challenged Councillor Barr's reference to "so-called businessmen" on the Board. He noted councillor Barr had been a member of the council that appointed them. "They are public spirited citizens," the councillor concluded.

Deputy Reeve R. Harris suggested the members were responsible citizens and they had gone over their budget two or three times, explaining to council the difference of \$100,000 in this year's and last year's figures. "You can't expect them to go much lower," he observed.

Pointing out the town had cut its spending and may incur a deficit which could be added to whatever the public school board may ask of the \$10,000 it has cut. Councillor C. Fay suggested another \$35,000 deficit "could be very serious." He reported a

conversation with one Board for review. Council had done member, however, who felt the budget could be cut.

Councillor C. Smillie concurred with the suggestion of Councillor Barr to cut the budget.

Councillor R. McCuaig noted the greatest increase in the budget was for salaries and "the parents and public demand the best teachers." He pointed out the playing field, which was not suggested for debentures, was in last year's budget presented to council and there had not apparently been any suggestion it be debentured.

Councillor W. Ferguson felt the council's only avenue of protest was in returning a budget

#### Call tender on 7th line diversion job

Tenders for the relocation of the Seventh Line Esquesing at Hornby East intersection, have been called by the Halton County Roads Department.

Bids are due Thursday, May 2 on the job. Estimated cost of the project is \$300,000.

Two miles of the Seventh Line will be relocated northward from the "T" intersection at Trafalgar Road Oakville and the Base Line, with the new construction to run in a north-westerly direction, joining the present Seventh Line of Esquesing at Hornby Tower Golf Course.

One house at the "T" intersection has been torn down to facilitate the roadbuilding pro-

## Lost . . . one nour

Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening.

Daylight Saving Time officially arrives in Milton and district at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 28, and will last until October 27. You'll lose an hour's sleep Saturday night, but you'll gain that hour back again in the

If you can't remember which way to turn the clock this weekend, remember the formula, "Spring forward, Fall backward."

# Budget breakdown

The following table indicates some of the major areas of expenditures with the amount of last year's budget, the amount actually spent and the amount budgeted for this year. The figures are rounded in some cases and because some amounts, such as in the debentures total, are covered in applicable areas, may not produce an accurate total for the tax rate. The table is an indication of expenditures only.

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|                                     |                    | 2001              | 2000               |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                                     | Budget             | Actual            | Budget             |
| Sewers                              | 28,585             | 39,653            | 34,360             |
| Garbage                             | 28,500             | 22,229            | 24,750             |
| Streets and walks                   | 102,875            | 116,915           | 120,250            |
| Fire Protection                     | 15,564             | 15,564            | 16,246             |
| Street Lights                       | 17,000             | 17,079            | 17,500             |
| Police Protection                   | 64,938             | 65,251            | 69,915             |
| Industrial promotion                | 100                |                   | 100                |
| Planning and annexation             | 5,300              | 4,725             | 7,000              |
| Town Hall, properties               | 9,610              | 10,501            | 8,885              |
| Contingencies                       | 5,774              | 7,798             | 7,950              |
| Welfare                             | 270                | 240               | 150                |
| Relief                              | 11,620             | 25,191            | 20,000             |
| Public Relations                    | 300                | 52                | 300                |
| Parks                               | 6,895              | 6,787             | 8,760              |
| General Purposes                    |                    |                   | 500                |
| Arena                               | 7,000              | 7,000             | 7,200              |
| Parking Authority                   | 1,000              | 1,000             | 700                |
| Committee of Adjustment             | 600                | 600               | 900                |
| North Halton Urban Board            | 300                | 300               | 300                |
| Ambulance grant                     | 4,000              | 4,000             | 4,000              |
| Library                             | 19,793             | 19,793            | 20,793             |
| Conservation Authority              | 9,598              | 9,598             | 9,818              |
| Recreation Committee                | 13,800             | 13,800            | 12,995             |
| Retarded Children School            | 1,641              | 1,641             | 2,305              |
| Dog Control                         | 2,530              | 2,530             | 3,200              |
| Debentures Recovered from others is | 253,001<br>177,335 | 253,001           | 290,344<br>189,814 |
| County Rate                         | 59,014             | 59,451            |                    |
| Public School                       | 230,598            |                   | 72,503             |
| High School                         |                    | 232,272           | 195 840            |
| Separate School                     | 120,679<br>26,355  | 121,611<br>26,796 | 195,840            |
| Separate Bollooi                    | 20,000             | 20,100            | 26,427             |
|                                     |                    |                   |                    |

Total expenditures are estimated at \$1,298,758.41. Revenues will reduce this amount by an estimated \$383,731.59. The amount to be raised by taxation then is \$915,026.82.

# Oakville revives amalgamation idea

gamation between Oakville and vice a maximum of 20,000 people, Milton has been recommended as while the land the town seeks to a counter-proposal to Milton's annex could accommodate up to impending annexation hearing on 50,000 including industrial and OMB indicated the Plunkett Re-May 30.

The amalgamation proposal will be Oakville's case against annexation, a special meeting of Oakville Council agreed recently. The action was opposed by north Oakville councillors Donald Gordon and Geoff Drew-Brook.

The amalgamation suggestion is not a new one. It was first proposed by Allan Masson when he was mayor several years ago. It was further advanced by Mayor McLean Anderson when the two towns were discussing the possibility of amicable annexation of 100 acres of industrial land. Talks were terminated shortly

Oakville engineer Keith Reekie told Oakville Council Milton's

A revived proposal for amal- present water supply could sercommercial development to support them.

> Oakville town solicitor John Depew and planning director Ed ized. Cumming as well as a number of councillors said they were convinced Milton will get some land amount of development which

could take place.

told Council that if the towns were amalgamated development could take place in the south "where it belongs" and Milton would still get the benefit of added assessment.

Milton's efforts to annex additional land go back to 1960 and subsequent reports and OMB

hearings are expected to be finalized when the Board has a hearing on May 30. At a hearing earlier this year "for direction" the port, quoted in 1965 as the reason for delay, was not now a factor and the application could be final-

## Gas pipeline coming soon

Right-of-ways agents for Trans-Canada Piplelines are in Nassagaweya and Esquesing townships informing landowners a 36-inch natural gas pipeline will be tunnelled through the

area before long. Reports indicate the line, beginning in Sarnia, will enter Nassagaweya in the Moffat area, follow the No. 15 Sideroads of both townships on a route heading in the Toronto direction.

### Grass fires are subsiding one this week

The grass fires seem to be subsiding across Halton, following one of the worst Spring fire seasons.

Milton Fire Department reported just one grass fire call in the past seven days. It happened Saturday on C.P.R. property near the Milton Brick plant in Esquesing Township.

Just a week ago, the fire situation had nearly reached a state of emergency, as every one of Halton's five firefighting brigades was inundated with fire calls. Grass fires have cost the county taxpayers over \$40,000 so far this year, Fire Chief A. E. Clement estimated.

The past week's other fire calls included a log pile burning in Esquesing Wednesday, a smoking TV set in town Sunday, and overheated stovepipes at a town home Monday.

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# --but the amount "should be as little as possible" to limit the amount of development which Federal election Planning Director Cumming Coming June 25, sold Council that if the towns so who's in race?

Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau removed all doubt for election speculators when he announced late Tuesday afternoon the country would have a general election Tuesday, June 25.

But the big question mark hovers over Dr. Harry Harley, Halton's present Liberal M.P. Contacted in Ottawa Tuesday, Dr. Harley said he hasn't yet made up his mind whether to run again or not. "I am thinking very seriously about it, I have made no committments one way or the other. There are a few problems to be sorted out first."

He explained it was "personal and family considerations" that affected his decision. Asked if the new Prime Minister Trudeau had anything to do with his current indecision, the M.P. emphatically replied he did not. "The new Prime Minister has nothing to do with it at all," he said, have every confidence in Mr. Trudeau and I am giving him all my support."

Dr. Harley campaigned for Paul Hellyer in the recent Liberal leadership race.

Halton Liberal President Terry Kennedy said he expected Dr. Harry Harley will try to retain his seat. "I have no indication he won't run, but if he should decide not to, it will put a whole new look on the nominating meeting." he said. Mr. Kennedy said

he would be speaking to the Liberal M.P. as soon as possible.

Both N.D.P. president Albert Tuchel and Conservative president Douglas Latimer were unavailable for comment at press time Tuesday evening.

Both parties are expected to hold nominating meetings in the

Dr. Harley defeated P. C. candidate Allan Masson of Oakville. N.D.P. standard-bearer Murray Kernighan of Milton, and Henry Timmins, and "Independent Conservative" from Georgetown in the last federal election for Halton on November 8, 1965. He was first elected to parliament in 1962 and was re-elected in 1963 and 1965.

This will be the first election to be held since local ridings were re-distributed. The old Halton riding has been split into Halton and Halton-Wentworth riding. The county is divided in half, vertically, with Nassagaweya, Burlington and Dundas teaming up to form the Halton-Wentworth Riding. The new riding of Halton includes Oakville, Milton, Acton, Esquesing Township, Georgetown and Erin Township.

-- About 1,000 Jehovah's Witnesses are expected for this weekend's district circuit assembly to be staged in Milton.

#### Nassagaweya calls dogcatcher

# Wild dogs attack livestock

will be called in to help Nassaga- rescue her. weya Council rid the township of packs of wild dogs which are roaming the township and endangering livestock and residents.

At Monday's April meeting of members authorized clerk J. C. McIntyre to telephone the dog control officer of the Oakville Humane Society, whenever residents report packs of dogs roaming loose. Nassagaweya has no contract for service from the Oakville organization, but the clerk felt a basis for payment could be worked out.

Previous discussions about wild dogs culminated Monday when Mrs. Gordon Cragg of the Fifth Line attended the council meeting to relate a series of incidents at her farm during the past week. On Thursday a pack of five dogs attempted to attack her young daughter as she played in a field near their home. Mr. Cragg had to rush from the far

The Oakville Humane Society end of the field on a tractor to Saturday while Mrs. Cragg was and in good condition.

are kept while another invaded said she loaded one of her husattack her and was finally driven off when her daughter threw a stone at it.

The same pack returned on Monday and got two chicks, sne he said, was \$1,000 per person. said. Mrs. Cragg supplied a good description of the pack, the 90 lbs. leader was the dog that the pack," she added.

attacked her. "One is a neigh- Reeve William Hoey, who also bor's dog, and he knows it's in raised sheep, said he often had Mrs. Cragg said dogs have wiped out their original 30 head of sheep. "They paid us, but that's no compensation for the

years of lambs we lost."

She said they were all owned harm. She agreed that if there dogs, not strays or mongrels, was definite proof for such action working in her garden, the pack can't sit down at that barn all re-appeared and one dog jumped days, protecting 300 chicks and into the barn where the calves all the calves." She feared for her daughter's welfare. the chicken pens. Mrs. Cragg called the O.P.P. in on Saturday.

Reeve William Coulter told of band's guns and fired a shot at a situation which occurred a few one dog, then another tried to years ago involving a \$1,000 claim on turkeys. The actual loss was \$2,500 but the owner's insurance paid for it. The maximum claim for poultry

Councillors reported one township resident had to give up a leader being a tall, slender, black good sheep business, because shiny dog. She stated the 80 to marauding dogs had destroyed so many of his animals. Deputyto shoot dogs molesting his flock.

In reply to a suggested patrol system, Councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur feared some gun-

against a particular dog, then naturally it should be taken, "We're going to feel pretty dreadful if in a week we hear of a child being molested. This is a very serious situation and we must do something about it." In order to prevent the killing

of just any dog, authorization will be in the hands of the clerk. his responsibility being to notify Oakville Humane Society. regular road patrol system, suggested earlier in the meeting, was vetoed with the argument they wouldn't be around when they were needed most anyway. By the time they got on the scene of the crime the damage would be done and the dogs long gone. Councillors also feared many tame, pet dogs might be impound-

In addition to the complaints of Mrs. Cragg, Council heard a rehappy people might shoot pet dogs which weren't doing any

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