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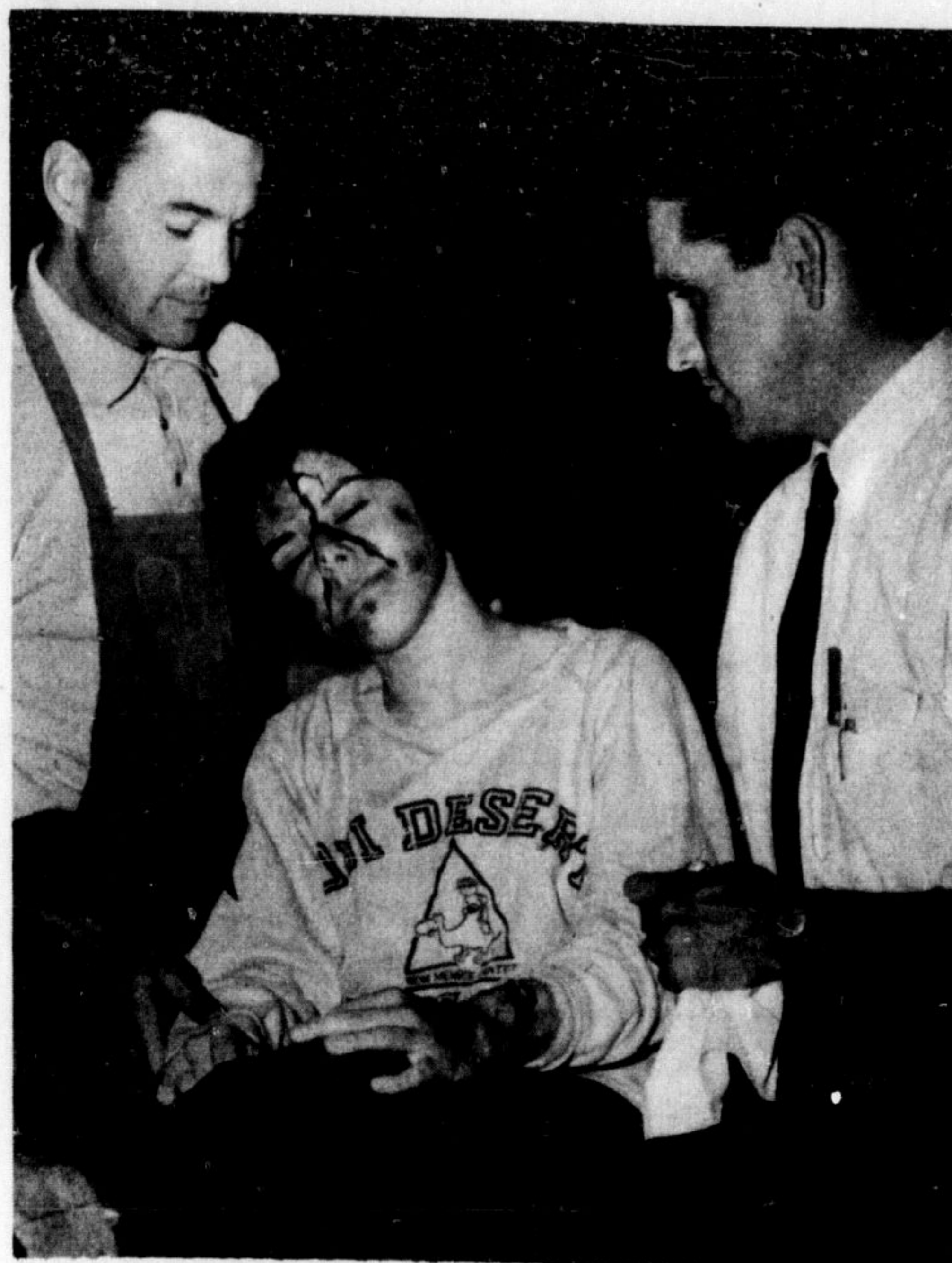
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KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS and suffering severe facial lacerations in a bus accident on Highway 401, Alma Buckley is comforted and treated by rescue workers. But the accident and the injuries were not for real — Alma was one of 35 high school students participating (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. 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

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 credits.

LATE NEWS in Brief

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.

Merry wins at festival

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 choir leaders received a shield for second place. The school's ensembles 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

Total spending hits \$1,298,758 leave \$35,000 on high school total

Record spending of \$1,298,758 is reflected in Milton's 1968 budget that will increase taxes on a \$5,000 residential assessment by \$35. 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 195,840 Public School 224,400 Separate School 26,427 County rate 72,503

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.

Conversation with one Board 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

for review. Council had done this twice. "Under the Act we can't do otherwise," he noted. "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 saying 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 of books to be bought.

Councillor McCuaig reported that one member of the school board abstained from voting in favor of returning the budget. Councillor Smillie pointed out that was his way of registering his objection. "There is a better way, like voting against," Councillor McCuaig suggested.

In a rare recorded vote Councillors 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 carried setting the rate including the full high school board budget.

Call tender on 7th line diversion job

Tenders for the relocation of the Seventh Line Esquecing 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 Esquecing at Hornby Tower Golf Course.

One house at the "T" intersection has been torn down to facilitate the roadbuilding program.

Lost . . . one hour

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 fall.

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

Nassagaweya calls dogcatcher

Wild dogs attack livestock

The Oakville Humane Society will be called in to help Nassagaweya 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 council, 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

end of the field on a tractor to rescue her.

Saturday while Mrs. Cragg was working in her garden, the pack re-appeared and one dog jumped into the barn where the calves are kept while another invaded the chicken pens. Mrs. Cragg said she loaded one of her husband's guns and fired a shot at one dog, then another tried to attack her and was finally driven off when her daughter threw a stone at it.

The same pack returned on Monday and got two chicks, she said. Mrs. Cragg supplied a good description of the pack, the leader being a tall, slender, black shiny dog. She stated the 80 to 90 lbs. leader was the dog that attacked her. "One is a neighbour's dog, and he knows it's in the pack," she added. 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."

Oakville revives amalgamation idea to counter Milton's annexation

A revived proposal for amalgamation between Oakville and Milton has been recommended as a counter-proposal to Milton's impending annexation hearing on 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 after. Oakville engineer Keith Reekie told Oakville Council Milton's

present water supply could service a maximum of 20,000 people, while the land the town seeks to annex could accommodate up to 50,000 including industrial and commercial development to support them. Oakville town solicitor John Depew and planning director Ed Cumming as well as a number of councillors said they were convinced Milton will get some land -- but the amount "should be as little as possible" to limit the amount of development which could take place.

Planning Director Cumming 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 OMB indicated the Plunkett Report, quoted in 1965 as the reason for delay, was not now a factor and the application could be finalized.

Federal election coming June 25, so who's in race?

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott 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 commitments 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, "I 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

Gas pipeline coming soon

Right-of-ways agents for Trans-Canada Pipelines are in Nassagaweya and Esquecing townships informing landowners a 36-inch natural gas pipeline will be tunneled 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 Esquecing 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 Esquecing Wednesday, a smoking TV set in town Sunday, and overheated stovepipes at a town home Monday.

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he would be speaking to the Liberal M.P., as soon as possible. Both N.D.P. president Albert Tuelch and Conservative president Douglas Latimer were unavailable for comment at press time Tuesday evening. Both parties are expected to hold nominating meetings in the near future. 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 ridings. 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, Esquecing 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.

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