

LAND BID GOES TO SECOND DAY

Oakville estimated the land Milton wants to annex would accommodate a population of 53,800 and introduced a plan of reduced boundaries to accommodate an estimated 19,100 in the opening day of the Ontario Municipal Board annexation hearing in Toronto Tuesday.

Milton's annexation bid in 1965 originally called for 598 acres from Esqueving and 2,206 from Oakville. In an interim decision the O.M.B. granted Milton 201 acres from Esqueving, 4 acres from Oakville. The final decision was withheld pending consideration of the Plunkett Report. In March the Board decided the report was of a long range nature and decided to permit a final hearing on the 1965 application.

The hearing is continuing today, (Wednesday).

The Board hearing Tuesday saw Oakville evidence from the

planning department, the engineer and the treasurer opposing Milton's 1965 application for annexation of an additional 2,202 acres.

Esqueving argued at the opening of the hearing on Tuesday that Milton had been granted 200 acres January 1, 1967 and had not acted to service that land for industrial development yet. Esqueving solicitor M. J. McQuaid acknowledged that property had been sold by the two property owners in Esqueving affected by the annexation, since the 1965 hearing.

Board chairman A. H. Arrell, Q.C., stipulated the Board was not considering an amalgamation proposal referred to by Oakville. Presentation of a resolution of Oakville Council, calling for staff meetings between Milton and Oakville to consider amalgamation was vigorously opposed

by the Milton solicitor D. McConachie. The Board ruled the resolution was admissible, acknowledged it would be considered by the Board and the Board might hold up its decision for a brief time. "We aren't going to hold up our decision for any length of time", the chairman acknowledged, noting any decision would not take effect until January 1.

Planning Director of Oakville, E. R. Cumming emphasized the development of Milton should be limited to its service capacity. He maintained there was no way Oakville could be assured the problem of development would not get out of control.

A map, introduced by the planning director, showed projected development of the town of Milton within the town's proposed annexation boundaries which he said would indicate a

population potential of 53,800. A second map was presented outlining a reduced area of 600 to 700 acres which he suggested would provide for a town of 19,000. The reduced area deleted any westward expansion of the town. It extended south to Derry Road and included the Milton District Hospital. On the east it extended half way to the Third Line from the Ontario School for the Deaf north to Highway 401. It deleted the corner immediately north of Derry Road and east of Highway 25. The east boundary was projected directly north to 401, cutting off a triangular area in Esqueving where 401 and the Base Line Road intersect.

Mr. Cumming maintained the problem of growth was really a regional problem.

Questioned on Oakville's development plans, the director

foresaw a compact urban area in the south of Oakville with open land north of Highway 5. "Oakville plans do not foresee growth in the area around Milton", he stressed.

When the chairman observed it would be unfortunate to leave those homes on the Given Road west of Milton in Oakville, the director conceded they could be brought into the Town of Milton.

Mr. Cumming noted, however, the western corridor fully developed would accommodate 10,000 people.

Questioned on the amount of usable lands in the reduced area proposed, the planning director indicated he had not made allowances for valleys and land that might not be suitable for development.

Milton plans for a trunk sewer system had also not been considered in developing the reduced

area or the institutional uses of the Ontario School for the Deaf and the Halton Centennial Manor.

Mr. Cumming stressed his main concern was the population increase, and not the annexation area.

An earlier witness, engineer Keith Reekie, dwelt extensively on the ability of the flow from the Sixteen Mile Creek to sufficiently dilute sewage plant effluent to avoid pollution of the stream that flows through Oakville.

He projected that by 1974 when the population reaches an estimated 10,000 there might be complaints regarding the discharge from the present treatment plant. He maintained construction of conservation dams now under consideration would be required to maintain the dilution factor of the stream through the town. Questioned regarding the

change from 1965 when Mr. Reekie suggested a population of 20,000 might be reasonable for Milton to his present evidence in favor of a 10,000 population, the engineer explained the difference was in the dilution factor which had now been increased.

A solution he suggested to the problem of sewage effluent was construction of an 18 inch sewage line to the lake from Milton. The cost he estimated at \$1,500,000 which would serve only the town, not the area in between.

"Before you should allow population to expand it should be related to natural resources. That's the only point I'm trying to make", Mr. Reekie stressed.

Oakville treasurer John White summarized combined mill rates of Oakville and Milton indicating amalgamation would reduce the Milton mill rate and raise the

Oakville rate. He also noted 11.7 per cent of Milton's rate goes for debenture payments while the percentage in Oakville is 2.7 per cent.

Questioned on representation it was pointed out Oakville's 55,000 people were in four wards, each electing two councillors. "Milton would be about half a ward then," the chairman mused.

Milton solicitor D. A. McConachie opened his case at 3:30 p.m., calling engineer Glen Henry for evidence on the town's treatment plant and its operation. He suggested tertiary treatment of the sewage would be the next logical step for the town rather than a pipe to the lake. He acknowledged such a line might be considered after another extension to the present plant.

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Full approval of W.I. resolution "Rural Medical services poor"

A resolution to investigate complaints of inadequate medical service to rural areas in the country, received unanimous approval at the Halton District Women's Institute annual convention in Georgetown May 22.

Read by Mrs. D. Wendover, Palmer, the resolution claimed that, "difficulty has been experienced in critical emergencies requiring doctor's services, and that doctors refuse to come out to rural areas especially at night."

It concluded, "Be it hereby resolved that the Women's Institute do everything possible to bring this matter to those in authority for them to use their influence to create a better situation."

The resolution was originally drafted by the W.I. in Ballinacree under the leadership of Mrs. Jesse McEnery, R.R. 2, Acton.

Mrs. McEnery explained that while she did not have any official statistics or information as yet, she had based her conclusions on complaints of Institute women in her area.

She related one incident involving a Ballinacree lady whose husband was struck with meningitis during the night. "Her family doctor was out on a maternity case, and three or four other doctors refused to come out to the farm. She finally had to call a doctor she had never seen before."

"We are only 10 miles from Georgetown and five miles from Acton. What must the situation be like in areas further away?" she added.

Mrs. D. Murray, R.R. 2, Norval, agreed. "It's just impossible to get a doctor out. A year ago, I phoned for a doctor on a Sunday night for my mother-in-law and even the answering service refused to answer."

"You can make them come out

if you go into town and get them," commented Mrs. George Fryer, Acton.

Milton doctors came under less fire than those in the northern part of the country. "We haven't had any trouble that I know of around Milton," said Mrs. R. Wilson who lives along the Base Line at R.R. 4, Milton. "We got someone within 20 minutes. However, I know that they do have a problem around Georgetown."

The Institute agreed to accept

the resolution and to send it on to the area level.

An estimated 100 women attended the all-day convention held at St. George's Anglican Church on Highway 7, Georgetown.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Pat Kerr, R.R. 2, Acton, Past President of the Ontario Junior Farmers, explained the organization and purpose of the club and related the highlights of her experience as president.

Since no one applied for the

W.I. Centennial Scholarship offered last year, the convention voted to have the money put into the \$50,000 building fund for the expansion of McDonald Institute at University of Guelph.

President Mrs. W. Webb reported that the W.I. books did not balance for this year, and asked for ideas from the floor

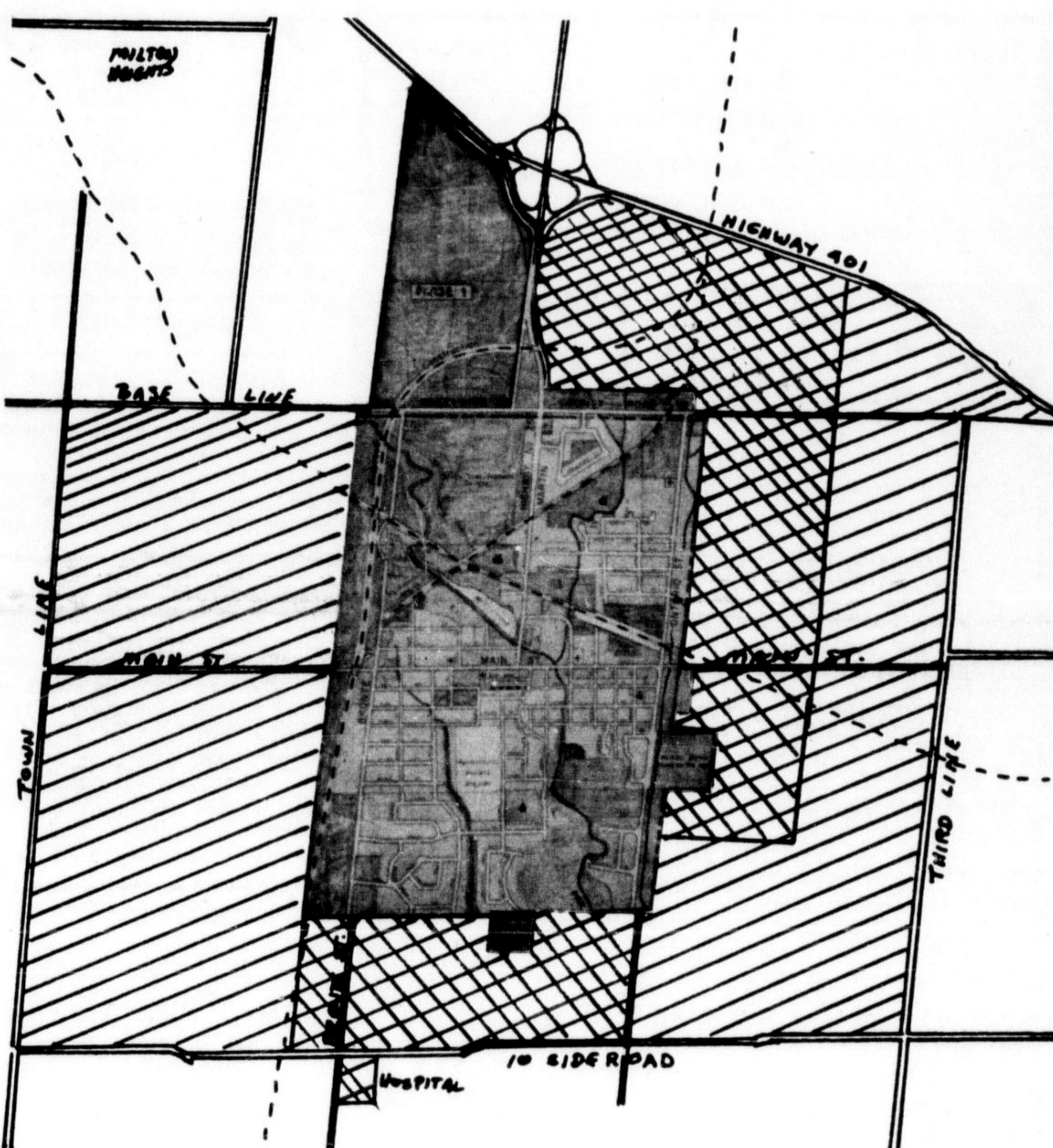
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More trout

Local anglers took advantage of the ever-brightening prospects at Centennial Park pond on the weekend, and many went away with a good catch of trout.

The Department of Lands and Forests stocked the pond with 1,650 Speckled Trout and 500 Rainbow Trout Friday. The Halton Sportsmen's Association had donated 100 Rainbow earlier in the season.

One fisherman hit the bank about 2 a.m. Saturday



OAKVILLE PROPOSED reduced boundaries in Milton's resumed annexation application in Toronto on Tuesday maintaining the area sought by Milton to permit a population of 53,800. The present boundaries of the town are shown in the heavy area in the centre. The annexation application is outlined in the single hatched area surrounding the town and the double hatched area indicates Oakville's proposal to reduce the request to 600 to 700 acres of Oakville land. The application is for 2599 acres that would almost triple the size of the town. The hearing is continuing in Toronto today.

Charge of arson in Speyside fire

A Brampton couple, former residents of Milton and Speyside areas, have been jointly charged with arson following a fire that gutted a Speyside home they were renting on March 5.

Milton O.P.P. laid the charges this week. The couple appeared in court for a preliminary hearing and the case was adjourned until late in June.

Police suspected a fire at the Glenspey Farms home owned by Bruce Frame might have been deliberately set. It was gutted

and many possessions including a cat owned by the tenants were lost in the March fire.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office and Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement have been advised of the charges. Milton and Acton fire departments both answered the alarm. Const. Joseph Feldcamp is handling the investigation for Milton O.P.P.

Charged are Ron Wilson, 28, and his wife, 26, of 89 Mac-Murphy Ave., Brampton.

American-owned firm Procor buying P. L.

The Milton-based P.L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. may soon come under control of American owners, it was announced this week.

Directors of the Robertson firm have agreed to sell more than half their common shares to Procor Ltd., of Oakville, at \$35 each plus a large number of third preference shares at \$18.25. Procor is a subsidiary of Union Tank Car Co. of Chicago.

Union Tank Car announced it would extend the offer on the same terms to all shareholders, conditional on 70 per cent acceptance from common stock holders

and a 67 per cent favorable reply from third preference holders.

Founded in 1907 in Milton by the late Peter L. Robertson, a noted inventor and industrialist, the firm presently includes the Milton factory, the Toronto head office, a Montreal plant, and factories in Florida, Indiana and Puerto Rico. Mr. Robertson invented the socket head screw which carries his name.

Robertson common shares jumped by \$2.36 to \$31.36 on the Toronto Stock Exchange Friday, and trading was halted.

O. M. B. gives blessing to Nassagaweya zoning

Nassagaweya's zoning by-law has all but become law. The Ontario Municipal Board approved the by-law and said there would be no further hearings or objections.

Clerk J. C. McIntyre said council would pass the necessary by-laws to have the Zoning By-Law implemented with the suggested minor amendments.

The by-law had been two and a half years in the making and enforces strict limitations on the quarrying industry. Among other restrictions, the by-law states no excavations will take place closer than 300 feet from the escarpment, and no closer

than 1,000 feet from a village zone.

A clause setting the minimum of 2,000 square feet for new houses in an agricultural zone caused many objections at the March 26 O.M.B. hearing in the Brookville Hall, but was passed without revision or alterations.

The by-law is a step toward implementing the township's official plan and will allow the township committee of adjustment to make decisions on minor variances. Up to now they had to go by the book.

The by-law includes setbacks for quarrying as well as a curb on poor housing planning.

Auditor reviews town's operations wind up year with \$2,141 surplus

The Town of Milton ended the fiscal year 1967 with a \$2,141 surplus on operations, according to the annual report of auditors Lever, Hoskin, Chagnon and MacGillivray filed with the council recently. The report was released for publication this week, and a summary of the report appears in an advertisement in this issue.

The auditors call attention to the town's outstanding taxes of \$91,982 which represents 10.86 per cent of the current year's levy, up .77 per cent over last year. (Council, since receiving the report, has had a "purge" on back taxes and at last report the figure had been reduced to \$32,000.)

The current debenture debt is \$2,397,169 of which \$68,707 is due from other municipalities, the report pointed out.

Council showed a surplus in 1967, even though it absorbed a \$20,591 deficit on 1966 operations during the year.

A report on "gains and losses from budget" shows 24 items cost under the budgeted amount, for a total of \$50,181 below estimates; while 15 items cost more than the estimates, for a total of \$48,040; leaving the surplus of \$2,141. Relief, sewer operations and the streets and walks committee made up some of the

of the under-estimating last year. Total expenditures of \$1,119,713 were noted in the auditor's report. This included: General government \$86,609; protection to persons and property \$97,895; public works \$118,495; sanitation and waste removal \$61,158; social welfare \$23,996; education including debt charges \$380,679; retarded children \$1,641; recreation and community services \$69,137; debt charges \$190,689; taxes written off \$2,548; water locals

Tax bills bring news — good, bad

Town of Milton taxpayers received some news — good and bad — from the tax department. The 1968 tax bills were mailed from the town offices on May 24. While this year's mill rate is up, the hike is offset by the provincial basic shelter grant which gives each homeowner a \$51 reduction on his first \$2,000 of assessment. The town bill notes that where the property is occupied by a tenant, the tax saving must be passed on by the land-

\$1,363; county rates \$59,451; capital expenditures out of revenue \$3,282; miscellaneous \$31; deficit from previous year \$20,591.

The town paid \$285,598 in principal and interest on debentures. Financial reports of town boards and commissions were also included in the report. Milton Arena had a \$2,583 surplus on the year's operations and has \$23,988 invested in the capital account.

The water department reported an \$11,038 surplus for the year, with a balance of \$65,225 in the surplus account to date. The water supply system sold \$100,703 worth of water during the year.

The Milton District High School Board had a \$35,736 surplus on total expenditures of \$578,498. It has \$78,104 invested in capital assets.

A surplus of \$30,731 was noted in the Milton Public School Board account, with expenditures totalling \$477,824. This board's capital balance sheet shows a surplus of \$35,736.

Treasurer Mrs. A. Brush said the Milton Separate School Board's books were not included in the audit, because they were not ready when the auditor made up his statement on 1967 oper-



80 FEET ABOVE MAIN ST., steeplejacks are removing and repainting the old steeple on Knox Presbyterian Church. While they've won the admiration of a host of sidewalk superintendents for their aerial derring-do, the "jacks" have not yet been swamped with offers to trade places with anyone on the ground. They're not finished yet, but already the old tower is gleaming in the sun with its fresh coat of paint. (Staff Photo)

Takes Halton, Ontario home

Halton's new industrial promotion film and the award-winning Expo film on Ontario will be travelling from England this summer when Milton Mayor Brian Best takes a holiday to his homeland.

The Mayor, his wife and family plan to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Best in Wareham, Dorset. Mayor Best has already made arrangements to take along a copy of the Halton industrial film, and is attempting to get the popular "Ontario-ari-ari-o" picture as well.

While his trip is a holiday junket, Mayor Best admits if any of Great Britain's rich industrialists want to see his films and discuss a move to Milton, well . . . he just might be able to find the time to do a little promoting, too.

Mayor Best said his father, a Wareham councillor, has talked the Mayor of Wareham into staging a reception in his son's honor.

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