

To burn or not to burn...

Leaf bonfires said polluting air

To burn or not to burn... that's the burning question around Halton County these crisp, fall days.

Technically, it is illegal to light a bonfire to get rid of all those pretty leaves Mother Nature deposited on your lawn. Officially, if your municipality does not provide some alternate method of getting rid of leaves for you, you probably won't be prosecuted under Ontario's new Air Pollution Control Act. Looking at the burning situation from a common sense viewpoint, however, leaf burning is a fire hazard to property and the smoke may also create a nuisance in your neighborhood.

Until this year, local municipal by-laws covered the leaf burning problem fairly adequately. Some Halton municipalities which have adopted the National Fire Code (Including Milton) prohibit any open fires without a written burning permit from the fire chief. Others have municipal by-laws covering the situation, and some have no restrictions on open fires.

Ontario's new Air Pollution Control Act, however, covers the entire province. It does not allow any open fires because of the pollution factor. Inspectors from the Air Pollution Control Service have ordered local fire chiefs to issue no further burning

permits, and request they refer any requests for open fires to their district office at Brampton.

A spokesman for the Brampton office reports "we are not giving permission to burn any leaves, but we are not enforcing the law on burning them. If we get complaints we would have to stop a leaf bonfire."

A public relations officer in the Toronto headquarters says "Open burning is illegal, but if the municipality is not providing an alternate means of disposal, we won't prosecute." (Some cities have vacuum trucks which pick up your leaves at the curb and dispose of them for you. None of the Halton municipalities use such equipment.)

Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement said common sense is the best yardstick to follow. If a leaf bonfire is lit quite a distance away from any buildings and is being well supervised by an adult, he doesn't intend to lay any charges. But if you light a bonfire and someone gets injured or some property burns down, he can charge you under the town's by-law which invokes the National Fire Code. And if your neighbors complain about the smoke polluting the air, an Air Pollution

Control Service inspector may drop around and force you to stop.

Don't expect your municipality to pick them up and burn them for you, either. The town has had to stop all bonfires at the garbage disposal site because the air pollution people say they're polluting the air, too.

So what do you do with leaves? chop them up by running your power mower through them, and spread them out on your garden say the horticultural experts. Decomposed leaves make fine mulch. If you have no garden, just grind them up into small chunks with your mower and spread them out on your lawn before the snow flies... they'll do your lawn sail a world of good.

That way, you won't be breaking any municipal by-laws, the National Fire Code, or the Air Pollution Act.

There's a slight problem here, too. If you live in a heavily wooded area and have plenty of leaves to get rid of, your lawn and garden will smother if you use them all for mulch. In a case like that... well, you're on your own. Get rid of them somehow!



HALTON COUNTY MUSEUM placed a display of about 50 antique articles from Halton's past in the county's promotion tent in the tent city at the International Plowing Match near Guelph last week. Thousands of plowing match visitors who toured the tent enjoyed seeing the exhibits displayed by Museum curator Maj. H. J. Newman, his assistant Erla

Brittain and museum board member Deputy Reeve Ron Harris of Milton. Halton Region Conservation Authority, United Gas, Halton E.M.O. and the Department of Agriculture added displays and the county's industrial promotion film was featured in one section of the tent.

(Staff Photo)



THE HALTON COUNTY TENT at last week's International Plowing Match north of Guelph featured an ornate entranceway and a large sign of welcome. Ron Cooksley, Oakville's industrial commissioner and chairman of the

county's industrial promotion committee, is pictured at the entrance with Jack Armstrong of Georgetown who played host in the county tent for the four days the plowing match was open.

(Staff Photo)

Tent, film at plow match

Halton puts best foot forward

Halton County put its best foot forward at the International Plowing Match held on the Gilchrist farm north of Guelph from Wednesday to Saturday of last week.

For four days thousands of match visitors wandered in and out of a large tent the county industrial display committee erected on Fourth Street of the "tent city", to view the displays of Halton's past, present and future.

The award-winning industrial promotion film, "Halton County—The Man and the Boy" was a featured exhibit, shown in an 100-seat theatre set up inside the tent at regular intervals through the day. County officials estimated roughly 1,000 saw the 26-minute color film that paints a very rosy picture of life and work in Halton.

Halton's past was represented in a display of approximately 50 antique items loaned and exhibited by the Halton County

Museum. Early plows were an ideal antique for the gala four-day event that is built around the plowing farmers, and the museum had two of the earliest on display. Other exhibits included many early farm tools and items reminiscent of the Halton of a century or more ago.

The present came to life in several of the tent's displays. Halton Region Conservation Authority had its scale model of the busy Kelso recreational complex near Milton set up just inside the front door—complete with running water, a dam, Glen Eden Lake, the ski hills, the Museum site and the pool. A sign reminded visitors Kelso was the site of the highly successful first Ontario Scout Jamboree last August. The Authority also displayed photos of conservation practices at work and the multitude of recreational and cultural aspects of Authority programs.

Halton's farming background was exemplified in a slide show featuring farming and 4-H work in the county. United Gas Company's display promoted the leisurely living in Halton, and the county's Emergency Measures Organization showed Halton was prepared for anything. Elsewhere through the tent large photos depicted Halton today—lush farm fields, modern urban centres, sprawling industrial complexes, fun and culture and recreation at its best.

John Armstrong of Georgetown was official greeter, or host for the four days. The special industrial display committee that arranged the tent was headed by Acton's clerk-administrator Joe Hurst, who worked in conjunction with the industrial committee of county council headed by Oakville's industrial commissioner Ronald J. Cooksley.

Several members of both committees and county councillors also staffed the tent to greet the crowds, answer questions, and point out Halton's many industrial opportunities. An adjoining,

smaller tent was provided for interviews and meetings with prospects.

The county staged an opening dinner on Wednesday at noon, to which councillors and press were invited. Problems with the erection of the tent delayed its opening until one o'clock on Wednesday but the crowds made up for it—by Saturday there were lineups to get inside as the plowing match crowds grew from 22,000 opening day to close to 50,000 on the last day. Problems were also encountered in the film theatre section of the tent—it was too bright to properly show the picture. County officials called in the tent rental experts for guidance, and soon large sheets of black plastic were rushed to the tent where they were draped around the walls and ceiling to bar the sunlight enough to show the film.

"We received a lot of favorable comments on the film," deputy clerk Clare McKay reported.

Halton Warden Hunter competed in the wardens' plowing match held Wednesday afternoon. There was a large field of entries in the contest and he failed to win a prize.

Rotary Club

International night

An international mood pervaded the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Milton last week as four members reviewed experiences in other areas.

Adding to the meeting was a letter from the Youth Band of Sunderland England expressing appreciation for their accommodations in Milton by the Rotarians. The letter termed the band's North American tour a "complicated international

experience" and praised the efforts of all the Rotary Clubs in Canada and the United States for making it possible.

On the program of the evening Dick Farley reported on Barbados, Jim Duffy on Ireland, Howard Griswold on St. Martin, and Dalton McQuaig on the Dominican Republic. All had visited their subject country and reported interesting detail.

Another letter presented by President Norm Pearce was from Sao Paulo, Brazil from a professor there asking that technical and other magazines be sent to him for use in his teaching. The executive is to investigate this possibility.

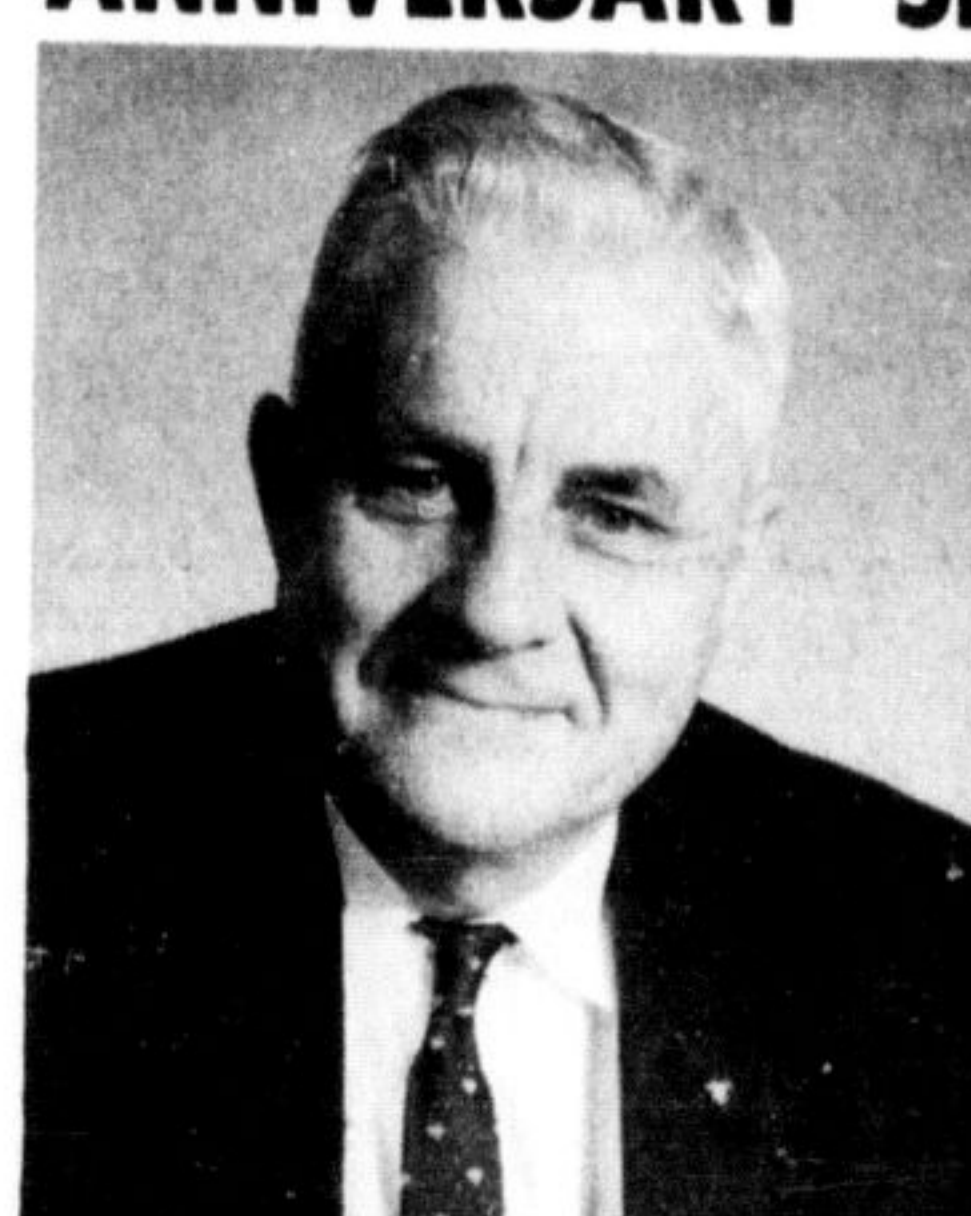
Esquosing, and the fee for each non-resident license shall be that prescribed by the Department of Lands and Forests from time to time.

3—Any by-law or parts of a by-law which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. The by-law goes into effect immediately.

—Fire broke out in the ignition of a car driven by Donald Mitchell, Glen Williams, on Highway 25 near Speyside Monday morning. Police report about \$50 damage was done to the ignition system and heater wires.

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HALTON COUNTY E.M.O. Co-ordinator W. B. McGregor explains an emergency supplies kit to visitors Mrs. Florence Martin and Billy Martin, R.R. 2 Campbellville, in the Halton County display committee's tent at the International Plowing Match. At the right is Joe Hurst of

Acton, chairman of the display committee which prepared the exhibits for the match. The Halton Film "The Man and the Boy" which recently won two awards in international competition, was featured at the tent and about 1,000 saw the film.

(Staff Photo)

Want more information

Urge register new lands

Milton Council wants more information and some detailed costs before acting on a proposal from local lawyers to put the newly annexed lands under the Land Titles Act.

A representative of the Master of Titles is to be invited to outline the procedure and costs to council and the local lawyers and property owners are to be invited.

Town solicitor T. M. Holden was asked to outline the advantages of such a council move, but was unable to quote costs. He suggested now would be the time to introduce the system on the land to be annexed, because it is presently held by about 16 property owners. When it is divided the necessary surveying would be much more costly.

Major advantage of the system, it was suggested, is that the searching of titles would be facilitated and previous inconsistencies resolved. A complete new survey is made and new lot numbers attached. Mr. Holden suggested the job is almost half done now because surveys are necessary to determine the annexation boundaries. Costs for the project are subject to grants of 25 per cent by the province and 25 per

cent by the county. It was noted the adoption of the system in Bronte some years ago cost about \$100,000.

"Ten per cent of that frightens me", Councillor Gord Krantz exclaimed. "I wonder if the owners concerned would be interested in participating?" Councillor Percy Barr wondered.

"Here you're going to assess the people of the old part of the town 50 per cent of the cost for the benefit of the new section only. It is no benefit to anyone but the lawyers and those who would be selling the new land.

Hunting restrictions set in Esquosing township

The number of non-resident hunters in Esquosing Township has been officially limited to 200 following a special meeting of council last week.

The move came after Council received numerous complaints from farmers in the area, of hunters invading private property and injuring livestock. The new by-law reads as follows:

1—There shall be no limit on the number of resident hunting licenses issued, any bona fide

This council has no spare money," Councillor Charles Fay insisted.

Deputy Reeve Ron Harris suggested the property owners be invited to attend council and hear the outline of the Master of Titles on the system, and council accepted this proposal. A date of November 18 was proposed, subject to the necessary representative being available.

resident of the Township may obtain a resident hunting license by paying the fee prescribed by the Department of Lands and Forests from time to time.

2—The number of non-resident hunting licenses issued shall be limited to 200 per township. A non-resident shall be issued a license unless he has produced a letter from each of two resident farmers, each with at least 50 acres, either owned or rented in the Township of

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