The wood formed in the later thicker than those formed

part of the growing season earlier. This gives the annual ring usually has cell walls which are effect.

# "Serious" shortage of funds hamper projects

"There is much that must be done if we are to keep pace with the growing needs of our time," Chairman Barry Humphreys told members and guests Wednesday as he presented the annual report of the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Reviewing 1968 and forecasting into 1969, the chairman warned "serious" shortage of funds was causing a "retrenchment" which began last year and would carry over into the new year. The money shortage was so great, some schemes may not be proceeded with this year, he warned.

Ever-increasing costs of schemes and the tremendous forced the abandonment of the expansion in population were camp, but brought the blamed. The H.R.C.A. budget in 1968 was \$2,549,876-a far cry from the combined 1958 budgets of its predecessors the 12 and 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authorities, of \$17,000. "This should give a fair idea of how much the work has increased," said Humphreys.

"Certainly the role of the conservation authority in community affairs has increased considerably, and the needs for conservation work has also increased."

10 years since the first conservation authorities were formed in this area, more than 4,000 acres of land has been acquired for public use. "Yet the work of conservation is just needs of man and society Area. changing due to shorter work weeks and greater affluence, there is much yet to be accomplished.

Mr. Humphreys said one big project the Authority should undertake is a study into disposable solid wastes, perhaps in conjunction with existing local industries. "We can do a great service to our ever-increasing run-off. municipalities," he noted.

Reviewing 1968, he said completion of the Morrison-Wedgewood Diversion Channel in Oakville at a cost of \$2,507,000 and the acquisition of the Crawford Lake and escarpment properties were two major accomplishments.

The 14 Mile Creek channel improvements have not been started because of problems reaching agreement with the concerned landowners. The Hager-Rambo diversion channel in Burlington was set back when the federal government refused to contribute towards the

delayed due to land litigation, which delayed the letting of a contract. Scotch Block reservoir was also held up because of unsuccessful land negotiations coupled with a "dramatic" increase in the cost estimates originally prepared in 1965.

Water control advisory board members flew over the Grindstone Creek in Burlington to assess the flooding last spring, and although channel improvements are planned, no contracts have been let to date. The Authority is continuing its water pollution sampling in conjunction with the O.W.R.C.

Reviewing the conservation areas program, Mr. Humphreys said the Authority again operated five areas for public use which include the Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area, the Carlisle Community Pond, the Campbellville Community Pond, the Burns Wildlife Area, and the Kelso Conservation Area.

Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area saw continuation of landscaping and road development during the year. This area is becoming increasingly popular. Plans were made to allow horseback riding trails through the Rattlesnake area to Kelso.

Carlisle Community Pond which is a perennial favorite of picnickers and swimmers saw the beginning of the development of a new picnic area when the Authority began the excavation of a large section of the creek and the backfilling of low areas, in preparation of new park

development. Campbellville Community Pond has met with some difficulties in the past year or two because of the growth of pond weeds, and the Authority undertook a program of pond weed removal and also arranged for the County of Halton to construct a small parking lot for

the Community. The Burns Wildlife Area saw little development this year

other than some landscape planting. However, this area is ever-increasing in popularity.

The big event of the year for the Kelso Conservation Area, which now attracts more than 125,000 people per year, was the holding of the first annual Ontario Boy Scout Jamboree from August 17 to 24. A tent city was built to accommodate more than 3,000 Boy Scouts from all parts of North America, and the Authority assisted in the development of this tent city. The occasion will be memorable in the minds of the boys as on the second last day of the camp, a severe wind and rain storm community closer together through its generous assistance in looking after these boys.

Further development work that took place during the year included additional landscape planting, road and parking improvements, erosion control works and the acquisition of the food concession. For the winter program, the Authority undertook extensive renovation to the ski hill, improvements to the tow facilities and the extension of the snowmaking "The Authority has done equipment. The success of the much in the fields of flood programs of the Authority can control, pollution control, be seen in the fact that during greenbelt acquisition, wildlife the summer, more than 550 conservation and public students took part in the recreation," he continued. In the swimming lessons and during the winter, the increase in the number of skiers from 3,200 in 1967 to more than 6,800 in

Two other areas which the Authority owns but are not beginning." With the growth of open to the general public are urbanization, now a six per cent Mount Nemo Conservation Area per year increase, and with the and Esquesing Conservation

> At Mount Nemo the Authority completed the purchase of 38 acres of land from the Town of Burlington and further, worked out an undertaking with the subdivider to preserve the escarpment land.

> At Esquesing the Authority rebuilt the dam on this property which had washed out due to

#### FISH AND WILDLIFE

One of the continuing success stories in fish management has been the stocking program of the Kelso Reservoir. The previous record for the largest fish caught was shattered with a new record of a 7-1/2 lb. Brown Trout. Four thousand fingerlings were added to the reservoir bringing the total stocking up to 21,500 to date. An additional 1,000 fingerlings were planted at Crawford's Lake. The Authority maintained its program of coarse fish removal.

The wildlife program at Hilton Falls reservoir was also Mountsberg was expanded to include two bears, a horse, a donkey, several foxes and a wolf. The number of pheasants and chuckers that were raised was increased to over 2,000 and attempts were made to put the program on a business-like basis. Further work was done on the habitat improvement and flocks of migrating ducks as many as 5,000 have been seen at one time, which serves to prove the success of this program. The area has become increasingly popular with visitors.

At Rattlesnake Point, the Buffalo and Elk added to their populations increasing tremendously the amount of public interest in that area.

REFORESTATION, LAND USE The Authority has been the leading exponent in Ontario for the needs of preserving the Niagara Escarpment. It wass responsible for a brief going to the Select Committee on Conservation in having the Select Committee recommend the Province wide policy of Escarpment land preservation. In 1968, the Authority took a major step in making this policy reality. It acquired the Crawford's Lake property, of 425 acres, which includes more than 21/2 miles of prime Escarpment land. This property had been considered one of the key properties in Ontario in Escarpment preservation. Unfortunately, the Province's policy which had been announced in 1967 had not been formulated completely and it was necessary for the Authority

subsidies. The Reforestation and Land Use Programs included the assistance in private tree planting of some 93,950 trees with an additional 65,550 trees being planted on Authority lands. This was the greatest number of trees planted in any one year and was done through extensive tree

to acquire this land without the

benefit of additional special

plantings in the fall. Studies are being undertaken to determine the comparable survival rates of spring planting versus fall planting. The Authority also prepared a new tree nursery and was responsible for collecting several thousand hardwood seedlings to augment its program. With the large number of acres of forest lands, the been busy with a Dutch Elm disease tree removal program. A small sawmill was purchased and the utilization of these tree products. A number of potential considering development of private dams and ponds.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

The main project of the Public Relations Advisory Board was the setting up of a "Conservation Week" which was held from July 8 to July 14. The purpose of this "Conservation Week" was to focus attention on the activities of the Conservation Authority and to involve people in Conservation. The week was considered highly successful and is, in fact, being considered for implementation throughout the Province this coming year.

Activities of the program involved the official opening of the Mountsberg Reservoir, a series of conservation tours, orienteering programs, essay and poster contest, a competition among youth groups in conservation projects, a skeet shooting program by the Halton Sportsman's Association, a dog derby, model airplaine Authority's forestry crew has competition, canoeing, swimming, etc.

#### EDUCATION

put into production to assist in Another major step forward was the setting up of a special committee under the leadership dam sites were surveyed for of C. C. Sweetman to examine private owners who were and recommend ways and means of implementing a Conservation Education Program in co-operation with the local school boards.

A pilot project with the Oakville Board of Education brought more than 5,000 children to the Moutsberg Conservation Area for study during the fall season alone. The Authority constructed classroom with facilities at Mountsberg in order to assist this day centre program. Board members attended several conferences dealing with this aspect of Conservation and considerably more activity is anticipated in the future.

A. S. L. Barnes, Director of

the Conservation Authorities

attended the Authority's annual

of the vice-chairman. Brock

harris of Burlington was

nominated for the seat but a 9-7

vote gave the incumbent

vice-chairman William Sargant

Several members of municipal

councils in the region sat in on

the annual meeting. A reception

followed the business session.

the seat.

### Sargant vice-chairman of conservation group

William Sargant of Brone was re-elected vice-chairman of the Halton Region Conservation Branch of the Ontario Authority for 1969, when the Department of Energy and group held its annual meeting on Resources Management, Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mr. Sargant is one of three meeting to conduct the election men appointed to sit on the Authority for the Province of

Barry B. Humphreys of Burlington, another provincial appointee, remains as chairman. The third provincial man on the Authority is H. H. Fielding. Other members are appointed by the nine councils which support the Halton Region Authority.

Three new members joined the 16-man Authority this year, Don Coverdale replacing Azel Bates for East Flamboro, Gordon Goodrow taking the place of James Redman from Burlington, and Don Middleton replacing Orley Gunby for Waterdown.

Others on the Authority include Ralph Sherwood of Puslinch, Brock Harris and Allan Wright of Burlington, Dr. C. A. Martin of Milton, George Currie of Esquesing, Mrs. Anne MacArthur of Nassagaweya, William Hall of West Flamboro, and C. C. Sweetman, R. J. "Kelly" New and Geoff Drew-Brook of Oakville.

The sub-committee structure of the Authority has been revised this year. The following are the comittees, with the first named being chairman and the second vice-chairman.

Public relations, Sherwood, Martin, MacArthur, Sweetman. Land Use, Harris, Sherwood, Currie, Drew-Brook, Goodrow, Fielding, Coverdale. Conservation Areas, Wright,

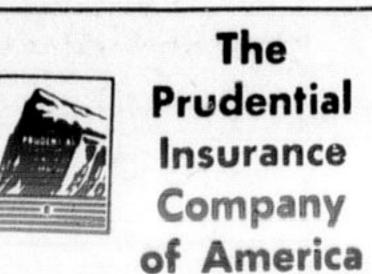
Coverdale, Middleton. Education, Sweetman, MacArthur, Wright, Fielding. Water Control, New, Martin, Drew-Brook, Hall, Middleton, Goodrow, Sargant.

Fielding, Harris, Hall, Sargant,

Personnel, New, Wright, Sherwood. Finance, Humphreys, Martin,

Sargant, Harris. Executive, Humphreys, Sargant, Sherwood, Wright, Harris, New, Sweetman.

The Authority's delegates to the Halton Museum Board are Mrs. MacArthur and Mr. Sargant. Three technical advisors engaged to assist the authority are W. Trotter, Ray Cripps and D. J. Corbett.



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## Cut down fire area? call special meeting

A proposal by Burlington Council to cut down on the size of the North Burlington area presently served by Milton Area Fire Department raised a few hackles when the Milton Area Fire Committee held its January meeting Friday.

A special meeting of the committee is to be called in the near future to discuss the Burlington announcement.

Milton Fire Department presently serves all of Burlington north of the Lower Base Line Road in Concessions One to Five, and the lands north of Highway 5 in Concessions Six and Seven. The assessment in this area last year was roughly \$5,000,000

The bombshell dropped at Friday's meeting when Burlington's representative to the Milton Fire Area Committee, councillor W. A. Reeve, presented a motion his council had approved in December, to alter the boundaries served by Burlington and Milton brigades. According to Mr. Reeve the assessment in the area Milton will serve in future is just \$2,300,000—indicating less than half of what it now serves. No boundary lines have yet been drawn but the fire area committee intends to investigate.

The Milton Area Fire Department is operated by a five-man committee of representatives from Milton and the four neighboring councils. The brigade serves the lower portions of Esquesing and Nassagaweya Township, and the upper portions of Oakville and Burlington in addition to the town of Milton.

Committee members doubted that Burlington could legally withdraw from the agreement that set up the fire area in the

At the same meeting, councillor Charles Fay was elected Chairman of the committee for 1969, with Nassagaweya representative A. R. Service as vice-chairman. Others on the group are Oakville representative councillor Donald Gordon, Esquesing Reeve George Currie and Mr. Reeve representing Burlington.

The daily route that the letter carrier takes is officially called a

## PEOPLE OF NASSAGAWEYA

## DOYOUCARE? WRITE NOW!



AS YOUR DEPUTY REEVE I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSALS FOR REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THEIR EFFECT ON NASSAGAWEYA. CITIZEN OPINIONS ARE EXPRESSED IN SUFFICIENT VOLUME THERE WILL BE NO HOPE OF PRESERVING THE TOWNSHIP.

It is proposed that Nassagaweya be split and scattered with one section attached to Milton and another to Wellington County.

#### DO YOU CARE?

The planning for land uses will be transferred to the regional level of government far removed from the people who know Nassagaweya and who have lived here for generations.

#### DO YOU CARE?

Halton has sufficient population now to be made a unit of regional government but instead of doing this the Minister of Municipal Affairs is forcing Halton and Peel to be merged.

#### DO YOU CARE?

Nassagaweya has a reasonable budget because councils have kept spending in line with community needs. Any advantage of this can be lost if we are attached to an urban area with different service needs.

#### YOU CARE?

I Hope You Care about these and other points cloaked in Regional Government. But caring isn't enough.

#### WRITE NOW TO

Mr. George Kerr

Hon. John P. Robarts

Hon. Darcy McKeough Mr. Robert Nixon and Mr. Donald McDonald

ALL CAN BE ADDRESSED AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S PARK, TORONTO, ONT.

Make Your Concern Known Now While there is Still Time WRITE NOW!

Sincerely, ANNE MacARTHUR

#### Canada Pension Plan A Field Officer from The Department of

National Health and Welfare will be available for interviews the THIRD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON each and every month beginning February 19th, 1969 at the Municipal Office. He will answer your questions and assist in completing applications for Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement Pension.

> THE TOWNSHIP OF NASSAGAWEYA J. C. McINTYRE Clerk - Administrator



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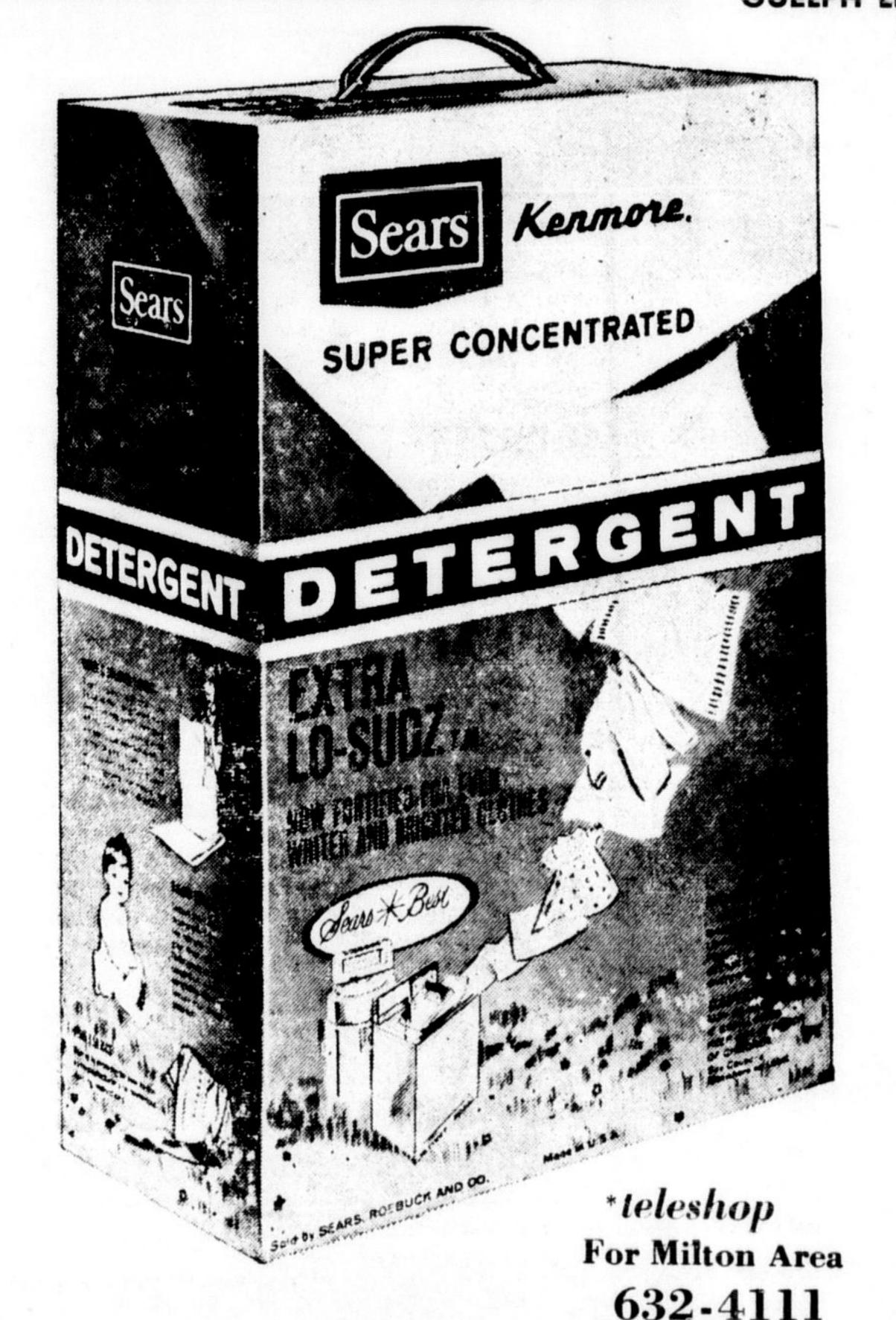
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