

## Nassagaweya agrees...

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correcting urban ailments; and even if the services such as water and sewage arrived in the woods—there would be an unnecessary duplication of facilities the rural residents have already provided at their own expense.

Division of Nassagaweya for redistribution to her neighbors was unanimously objected to.

Reeve Hoey suggested the secession of Burlington to Hamilton (a possible recommendation of the scheduled Steele Report) would leave Halton devoid of 50 per cent of her present assessment.

## Former mayor...

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A resolution that Mrs. Kernighan be appointed was also lost on a recorded vote and a final resolution that Sydney Childs be appointed was carried unanimously.

"I won't be attending any more committee of the whole meetings in the future", Councillor Fay declared later in the meeting. He expressed disappointment in the handling of the appointment, suggesting the mayor was instructed to see one man only and if he were willing to stand that would be the council's appointment. "There was only one man who had four votes at the committee", he recalled.

Councillor McCuaig took exception to the suggestion, recalling he had expressed his preference for Mrs. Kernighan and advised he would speak against the resolution presented.

Mayor Best pointed out that four members favored Mr. Johnson at the committee and

If the County were gutted in that manner, northern-most Nassagaweyans might take a second look at the Wellington County flag.

That would mean a change of circumstances and consequently different trends of thought on the Township Council's part.

"Why not say 'Give us the top of Burlington, and perhaps even the south of Wellington,' instead of expecting to lose land?" Councillor Gibson suggested. "Then we would have a united rural-oriented community."

It was even discreetly put forward the original Plunkett Review on regional government might have had a few valid points.

continued their support at the council. There was no change in positions.

"I take it from Councillor Fay's attitude that he considered the committee vote a cut and dried decision", Councillor Gordon Krantz observed.

The object of the council gathering as a Group was to thresh it out in private rather than cause any embarrassment to anyone, Councillor Smilie suggested.

Mayor Best noted there was no cause for embarrassment prior to Monday's meeting. He maintained he had an obligation to the ratepayers to discuss the matter with Mrs. Kernighan as well as Mr. Johnson.

Councillor Fay reiterated his stand that he wouldn't be attending future Committee of the Whole meetings. "It wasn't a committee of the whole", Mayor Best suggested.

"It was the same thing. All the councillors were there", Councillor Fay concluded.

## Secret plan...

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industrial uses, and decree an orderly fashion for their development. With projected "phases" of development outlined on the official plan's charts, the town can control the growth and control any imbalance between residential and industrial-commercial assessment.

Milton's new official plan is also expected to set out the allowable maximum density of population in the various areas. While apartments will be allowed in some sections of the expanded town, growth will be restricted to town housing, duplexes and single family homes in other areas.

At Thursday's February meeting, Milton Planning Board members reviewed the progress of their long-awaited plan, and decided to make the first public release in the newspaper on April 2. The board is planning a closed meeting in the week preceding that date to review the final plan with planning consultant Derek Little.

The general public, once it has digested the plan, is expected to have some questions and comments on such a controversial document. It will especially affect landowners and speculators with holdings in the town's newest 1,540 acres of land. Board chairman Norm Pearce is planning to make some slides to project at the public meeting to help explain the official plan to all interested ratepayers.

The Board expects the developers will be out in full force, and although Chairman Pearce indicated the Board will stand firm on its decision, any worthwhile submissions and comments will be taken into consideration.

To date only the planners, the council, the parks board,

industrial and recreation committee members are aware of what the plan predicts for Milton's future. The planners held closed sessions with each of these groups last month to review the proposals and solicit their comments.

Once the official plan is released to the public, the planning board will begin redrafting the town's zoning by-law to conform with the goals set out in the official plan. Discussions will start on the zoning by-law soon, chairman Pearce predicted.

## Jimmy door grab \$100

Roughly \$100 cash was stolen from Supersweet Feed Mills on Martin St. between 9.20 Friday evening and 7.50 Saturday morning, when thieves jimmied the office door and departed with contents of the cash box and petty cash box.

Sergeant J. K. Robertson of the Milton Police Force is investigating.

Investigation is still continuing into a large theft of pay cheques from Ontario Tree Fruits two weeks ago, and the theft of a 1963 Valiant 4-door sedan from Johnson Bros. Garage last week.

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## 1,100 protest McKeough plan

Concern over the impending regional government is so great in Nassagaweya Township, a group of dissenters had little trouble getting over 1,100 names affixed to a petition of protest during the past week.

The petition gained the blessing of the township council at a meeting Monday, and its organizers hope to present it to Ontario's Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough later this week. Pat Redgrave who chaired the ratepayers committee of about 30 men and women reports 98 per cent of those contacted readily signed the appeal. Vice-chairman of the committee was J. Lloyd Chisholm, and about 30 volunteers quickly circulated copies of the brief to most ratepayers of the township.

McKeough's proposal for a regional government area covering the entire counties of Halton and Peel is not only "quite unnecessary," but also "entirely unacceptable to us," the petition reports.

The objectors protest the possibility of "some remote body completely ignorant of and unfamiliar with the problems peculiar to the township" having a ruling hand over a community steeped in local pride. "The proposed fragmentation of Nassagaweya robs these voters of

their basic right, and is tantamount to disenfranchisement," it says.

Experience shows that rural area taxes increase "disastrously" when they are amalgamated with urban areas, and the two-county merger proposed by the minister would "ring the death-knell of the farming community," says the petition. It also objects to the proposed appointment of "a high cost bureaucrat" to replace locally elected representatives.

The petition points out Nassagaweya is in sound financial state and has practically no debts, and expresses concern the ratepayers will have to absorb huge debts compiled by surrounding municipalities. Nassagaweya also fears a lack of local representation on a regional

council, as happened with the Halton Board of Education.

The benefits of regionalization of government are outweighed by the liabilities a small predominantly rural township would have to accept, the document warns. It calls regional government "an encroachment on civil liberties and the antithesis of democracy and progress."

Township council also got a look at a second, smaller petition at their meeting on Monday. Basil MacDonald, R. R. 6, Milton, has circulated a petition which mainly protests McKeough's proposal to split Nassagaweya in two and join one part to a Milton-centred borough with the upper portion possibly going to Wellington County. Mr. MacDonald reported he has 60 names to date.

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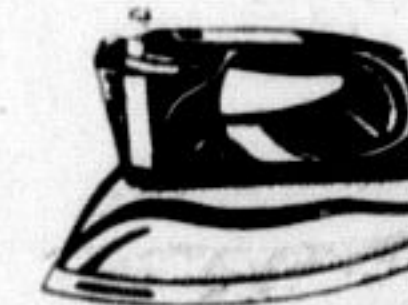
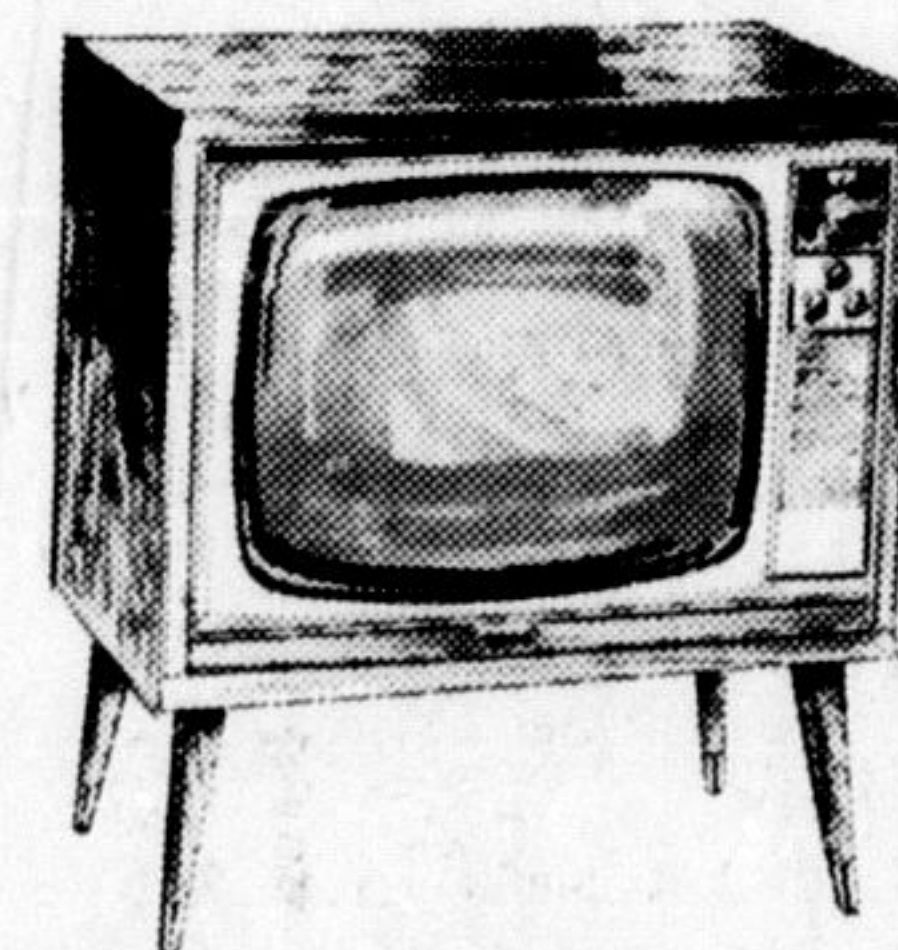
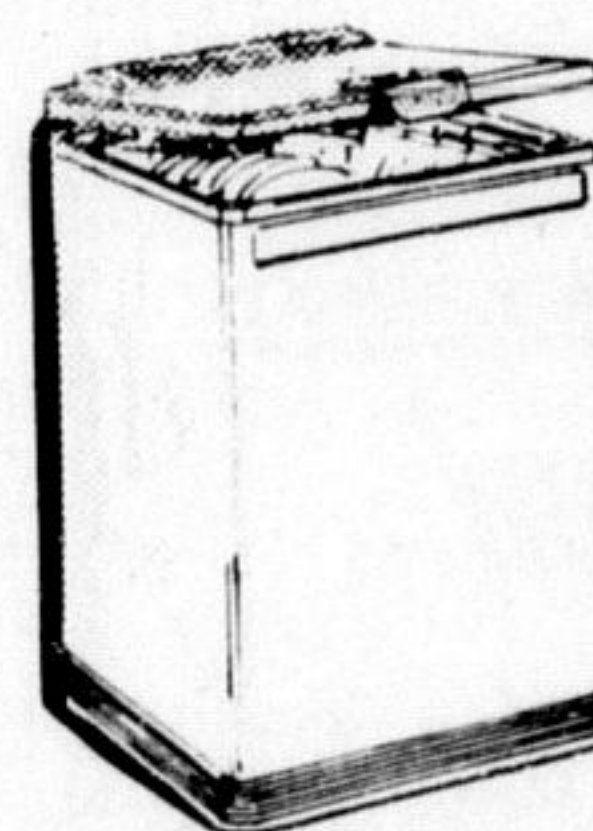
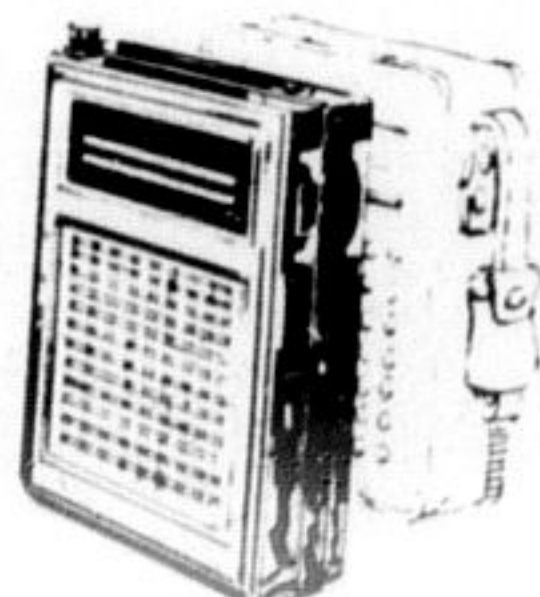
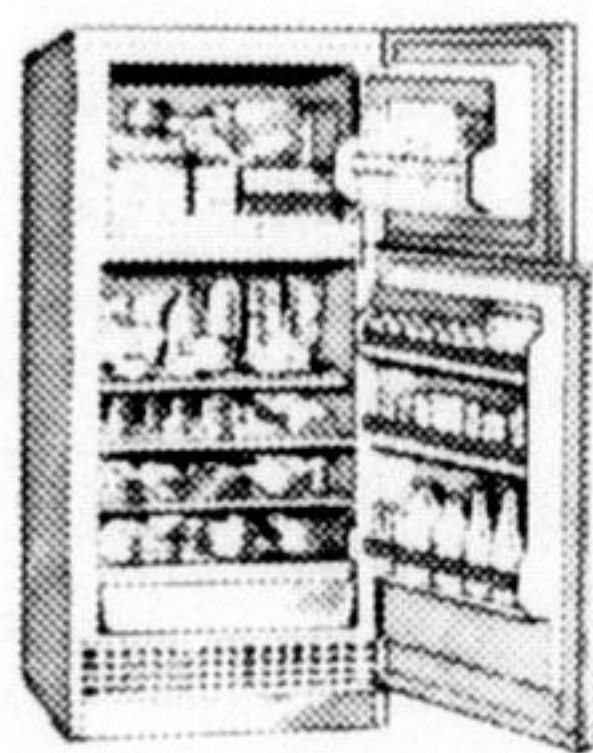
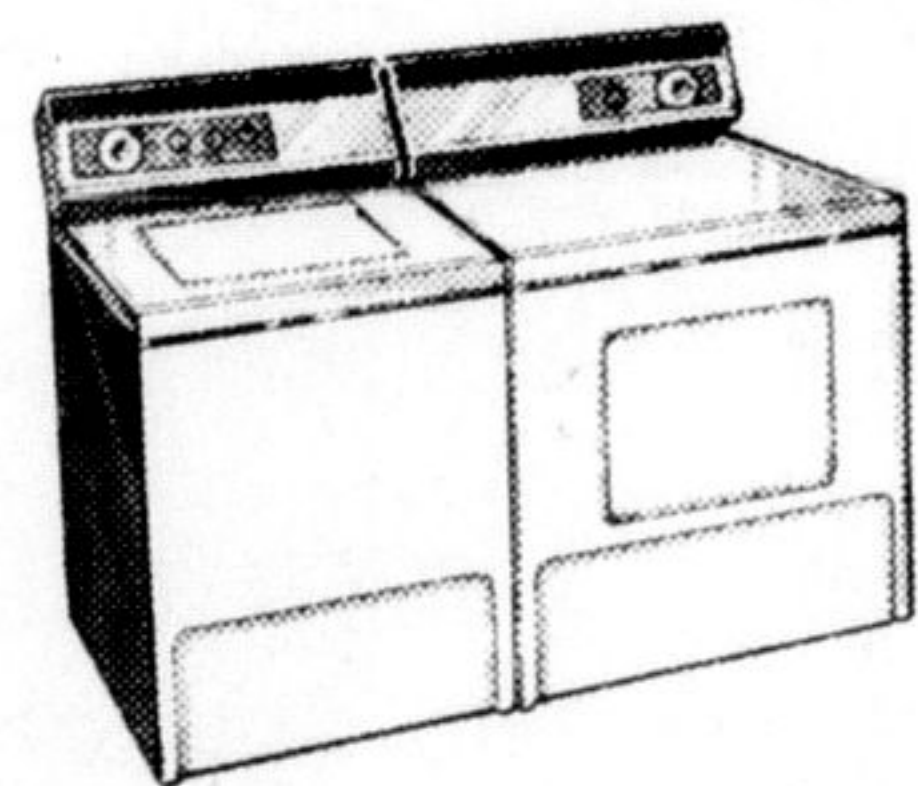
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