Esquesing protests - education tax for landowners higher than total tax last year Champion

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MOUNTAIN UNION WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 45th anniversary with a birthday celebration in St. Paul's United Church on Wednesday. One of the guest speakers Dr. Ethel Chapman, who is a noted author and speaker born

in Halton County, is pictured cutting the anniversary cake. Looking on at left is another speaker Mrs. E. Small of Essex, past provincial W.I president, while Mountain Union president Mrs. Velma Norris looks on at right.—(Staff Photo)

Town's brief to McKeough

Halton one regional unit

Milton Council will continue to press for establishment of Halton County as a unit of regional government, it was Monday as members reviewed a draft brief on the

Affairs, in his tentative proposals on the subject, had outlined a merger of Halton and Peel into a single regional unit.

Supporting maps to the town's brief, drafted by the Mayor after discussions at council outline the services originating from Milton to the surrounding rural areas. The areas of hydro, telephone, mail, fire and news services are outlined, in support of the proposed four lower tier units of

government.

government including the south the case of voting power each section of Nassagaweya to the 10th Sideroad. In Esquesing the line would be continued to Ashgrove and then dip down the Seventh Line to the Fifth

unit. Below Milton would be the

second tier elected members, on

Milton would form a unit of

FORD OF CANADA held a dinner for about 400 employees and

their wives in Toronto Thursday, to honor employees who have

made significant contributions in the field of community service.

Among 18 presented with plaques for services was Bill Taylor of

Kilbride, who has been active as a Scout leader for 14 years and

recently rescued a five-year-old girl from beneath a truck which had

overturned and caught fire.-(Staff Photo)

Sideroad and continue to the mayor elected at large, four east boundary of the township. councillors elected by the urban The southern limit of the area and one councillor from proposed Milton area would be south Esquesing, south the northern section of Oakville Nassagaweya, north Oakville and and Burlington above the Lower north Burlington. Base Line Road. county, above the Milton line form of safeguard must be would be the Acton-Georgetown

Burlington and Oakville units.

within its own resources and capabilities", the brief contends. Defending its contention that Halton should not be merged with Peel, the brief suggests the county is welded together as a successful entity by such things as hospital grants, Halton Centennial Manor for senior citizens, the county Planning Association, County Industrial Commission, County Child Welfare and Family Counselling Units, County Health Unit, County Museum Board and the influence of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, the Registry Office, and the County Board of Education.

"The present population of Halton County falls within the criteria established for Regional Government Unity,

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voting rights. The local or lower tier of government proposed for the Milton area would include a

municipality should have equal

"Regardless of what form of The northern section of the government is established, some provided so that a second tier government has the right of appeal to the Ontario Municipal Milton's brief suggests the Board or like body, in the event regional government should be that it is forced to stagnate or appointed to office by the refused capital funds. Each and every second tier government the basis of population, but in should be permitted to develop

No buses

No bus transportation is planned in Milton for grade 6, 7 and 8 students who will be attending the Martin St. Senior Public School next year, Assistant Director Douglas Lawless of the Halton County Board of Education confirmed to The Champion Tuesday.

Some parents who received notice of boundary changes at the elementary school level, interpreted a paragraph in the letter to mean bus transportation was planned.

Mr. Lawless confirmed no bus transportation is being planned within the town.

Dissent growing

Criticize province not us, says Armitage

"Rather than level accusations against the municipalities, is and criticism the Board and the calculated on a different formula municipalities should co-operate at the elementary and at the in a common concerted effort to secondary school level. Next urge those who are really responsible for our problems-that is, the provincial government-to implement effective remedies", County Board of Education Chairman F. Armitage said Tuesday.

The chairman was commenting as growing municipal dissent over education costs mounted.

"The Halton County Board of Education has established a budget for 1969 which it believes is reasonable and realistic, taking into account a significant increase in the number of pupils and increased cost of operation for 1969 when compared to 1968 costs", the chairman declared.

He stressed the board is responsible for its annual operating budget but has no control over provincial grants and the apportioning of the costs to the municipalities. "This done in accordance with legislation enacted by the provincial government".

The chairman also noted the Board is forwarding a brief to the provincial government outlining its concern and advancing recommendations on the grant structure.

The cost per pupil for elementary education in Halton is \$587 and for secondary \$1,027. "Costs per pupil in most large urban municipalities and metro areas, providing comparable educational programs in 1968, exceeded \$600 for elementary pupils and \$1,100 for secondary pupils," the chairman pointed out.

This year 41 per cent of the total \$32,025,422 budget will be paid by the province. The balance of the costs, levied

J. Harkness architect for new library centre

Architects for the construction of a library resource centre at Milton's Martin St. Public School were appointed by the Halton County Board of Education during their regular meeting Tuesday.

The firm of John J. Harkness, Burlington received the commission. The same firm had been responsible for the addition of the auditorium.

The project was one of 10 for which architects were appointed on building programs to begin this year.

Halton Sportsmen

Stock 100 Rainbows in pond

Young anglers should have a hey-day at the Centennial Pond in Milton when trout season opens on April 26.

Today (Wednesday) officials of the Halton Sportsmen's Association are stocking the pond with about 100 Rainbow Trout, each 11 or 12 inches in length. Their gift should make for some "fine fishing" when the season is underway.

Don Kearney of Halton

Sportsmen made the arrangements for the stocking program. The fish were obtained from Ivan Cryderman's "Rainbow Ranch" at Moffat where the rainbows have been reared in spring-fed ponds from the egg stage.

Some of the speckled trout the organization stocked in the pond last year should still be around for fishermen, too.

Close Heights school

Change school boundaries

September was reflected in across-the-county boundary changes for elementary school students adopted by the County

Board of Education Thursday. The 100 students involved at

the Milton Heights School will attend the J. M. Denyes Public School in Milton from kindergarten to grade five. Those in grades 6 to 8 will attend the Martin St. Public School.

Dick, J. M. Denyes and Bruce St. School beginning in September. Previously the school had included only grades 7 and 8.

Assistant Director D. Lawless, in presenting the recommendation, noted the Martin St. school had accommodation for 400 and was presently only occupied by about 200 students. "By adding the town grade six pupils and those from the area, full use will be made of the school", he suggested.

Campbellville area will attend classes at Brookville Public School and no kindergarten will be operated in Campbellville. The kindergarten is presently operated in rented quarters in the village.

Those pupils living on or near the Nassagaweya-Esquesing either for audio visual material town line, north of No. 10 sideroad will attend the Speyside living on the town line south of Oakville schools only.

The closing of the two-room Milton Heights school in include grades 6 to 8 for all will attend the J. M. Denyes pupils in Milton from the W. I. Public School in Milton or the Martin St. Public School, depending on grade.

Mr. Lawless told the board no consideration was being given to extending the south boundary of the Milton District High School at the present. He noted additional accommodation would be required by 1973 in the north of the county and it will be necessary to decide how the increase will be handled by that time.

Present grade 6 and 7 students enrolled in Percy W. Merry, Sniders, Falgarwood, Munn's Sinningdale, Lorne Skuce and Palermo Public Schools will enrol in grades 7 and 8 at Montclair Public School. This shift will affect an estimated 410 students.

He suggested the Milton Heights school would be used

or for administration offices. Changes in secondary school Public School. Those pupils areas affected Burlington and

night, letters of protest are being sent to Education Minister William Davis, Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough, Halton East MPP Jim Snow, Opposition leaders in the provincial legislature, members of the Halton County School Board, and all municipal councils in Halton.

Esquesing Council is not about

Following the regular meeting

in council chambers Monday

to accept proposed 1969

education tax increases without

a fight.

The motion came after Clerk K. C. Lindsay reported taxes up a total of \$204,972 over last year, largely due to increases in the education budget under the new county board. He went on to cite actual figures on a number of farms and lots in the township under new assessment.

For a 300 acre farm where total taxes in 1968 were \$1,670.54, this year's education tax alone is \$1,839.66, an increase of \$169.12 over total taxes a year ago.

On a 100 acre farm, total taxes last year were \$773.77. This year the education tax alone is \$796.25, which is an increase of \$22.48 over total taxes last year.

For a lot with a house of average assessment, total taxes last year were \$425.95. The education tax alone this year is \$419.15, a difference of \$6.80. Total taxes in 1969 will be \$558.89 or a 31.94 per cent increase over last year.

"Quite obviously they are throwing the tax burden on the land owner," snapped Reeve George Currie. "How long are

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Total cost \$250,000

Seeking road improvements

A \$250.000 road improvement program has been submitted to the Department of Highways for approval by Milton

year legislation calls for the

elementary costs to be

apportioned as the secondary

costs are this year.

The program for 1969, on a Lydia. cost-sharing basis with the Department, would see Highway 25 redesignated along Ontario St. and the Base Line Rd., rather than through the downtown area of Milton. It would include installation of the traffic signals reconstruction of Main St. from prohibitive.

Bruce to Martin. undertaken on Queen St., Mary

from Hugh to Thomas, Brown St. from Main to King, Hugh St. from Mary to Robert, Sydney St. from Thomas to Commercial, and Garnet St. from Thomas to

In day-long discussions with representatives of the Department, Councillor Colin Smillie outlined the town's acceptance of the redesignation of the Highway 25 route as one of the proposals outlined in a at the Main-Ontario St. feasibility study. He noted costs intersection and the of other proposals were

The re-designation will require Paving would also be an expenditure of approximately \$40,000 in improvements to

St. west, Thomas St., Sarah St. sections of the present road that \$61.50 on "average" home

Town rate is up 1.14 mills

A 1.14 mill increase for not have too much to complain residential properties and .67 for about except that it is up. commercial-industrial properties is anticipated as Milton prepares to finalize its general, county and education levies for 1969. Approval of the rates is expected to come next Monday. The increase would add \$61.50 in taxes to an "average" house assessed at \$5,400.

Council, meeting in committee of the whole and in full council, agreed to accept the County Board of Education budget levy and proceed to set its mill rate. Mayor B. Best observed that

residential mill rate for storm drainage. The paving, it is estimated \$10,000 as opposed to education would be 46.2 this suggested, will reduce surface an original estimate of \$8,000. A year compared with 41.77 last maintenance costs annually and new base map of \$700 required year. This county rate on provide better streets. residential would be 5.71 The Councillor pointed out previously drafted zoning by-law this year compared with 7.05 last that past practise has been for is estimated to cost \$2,000. year and the town's general or the town's maintenance costs to Mayor B. Best reviewed the operating rate would be 34.77 exceed construction. "If during estimates after discussions with compared with last year's 36.72. the next five years we reverse the planner as council saw its

general rate are made possible by most, if not all, of our town's above the estimates. Members increased assessment. The mill streets", he observed. This will rates expected to be confirmed in all probability be inserted in the current budget to would set the residential mill accomplished at no added cover the increase on the Official compared with the effect rate at 86.68 and the overall cost. education levies were having on commercial-industrial rate at some municipalities, Milton did 96.01.

are not standing up to traffic. The town's share of the work would be 10 per cent under the connecting link agreement. Concern was expressed over

the deteriorating condition of the Main St. from Bruce St. to Martin St. and it was stressed that reconstruction to the 40 foot width proposed by council was logical. This would not require purchase of any additional land. Estimated cost

50 per cent. It is proposed that no construction work be undertaken this year on Mary St. west of Charles since the development of possible off-street parking in the area is

of the project is \$150,000 of

which the town's share would be

unsettled. Outlining the plan for a start on paving of some streets, Councillor Smillie pointed out those chosen for initiation of the project either had adequate

The current budget does not allow for any expenditure on

extensive surface treatment such as oiling, Councillor Smillie noted, but work will be undertaken only on those streets that actually need it.

Estimated cost of the paving program on the selected streets is \$41,304, of which the town's share will be 50 per cent.

Council approved the application to the Department of Highways for a supplementary road allowance of \$206,000 for construction during the current year. The funds would be debentured and provincial subsidy would be paid as annual payments are made.

MILTON Municipal Council BRIEFS

Monday, Milton Councillors:

* Learned the town's new Under the figures revealed the surface drainage or existing Official Plan will cost an will be extra. Revision of a Reductions in the county and the formula we will have paved bills for the projects climbing indicated \$6,000 would be Plan, the Zoning by-law and the legal and board fees for finalization of the projects.



THE DRIVER WALKED AWAY, UNSCATHED, but the property damage toll went pretty high when this tractor-trailer dump truck loaded with sand tipped over in the centre of the narrow bridge on Highway 25 a mile south of town last Wednesday morning. Traffic was rerouted for several hours until the wreckage and the 20 ton load of spilled sand could be cleaned up. Driver Dorjan Luptak of

Muscillo Haulage, Oakville (shown at the left with the policeman) was unhurt. He said he managed to jump out of the cab as the trailer slowly tipped over. The vehicle struck the sides of the bridge and two tires were blown and the frame snapped in several places as the accident happened.—(Staff Photo)