

## Developers, landowners propose plan changes

### Siren wails

#### Blame short circuit

It was a short circuit, not a declaration of all-out warfare, that touched off Milton's emergency measures warning siren Tuesday morning.

Residents came rushing out of their homes, pedestrians stopped along Main St., and practically everyone in town wore a puzzled expression when the siren, mounted atop a 50 foot pole on Mary St., began moaning and growling around 9 a.m. Tuesday. The low wail lasted about five minutes.

Halton's E.M.O. Co-ordinator W. B. McGregor told The Champion it was probably a short circuit in the wires that touched off the siren—there was

no national emergency. He telephoned the C. nadian Army base in Toronto which controls the siren and had them pull the switch until repairs could be made.

"The Army is completely in charge, this office has no control over the siren," Mr. McGregor explained.

In case of an emergency the ringing siren would alert residents to tune in their radio or TV station for instructions. In the case of an accidental alarm—like Tuesday's—the E.M.O., police or fire departments have instructions to call the Toronto base to report the malfunction.

### Real cliffhanger

#### Boy stranded on cliff rescued by fire ladder

A class party at Kelso Conservation Area turned into a real "cliffhanger" Saturday night when police and firefighters had to help a young student down from a precarious perch 40 feet up a rock cliff.

Steven Deslaurier, 16, of 149 Mary St. Milton clung to the rock face for about three hours before he was rescued. Milton O.P.P. said the incident was not reported to them, but a patrolling constable noticed the commotion, investigated, and called out the fire department to free the youth.

According to police, the Grade 10 class of Milton District High School was having a year-end

class party at the abandoned quarry property on the escarpment at the south end of Kelso park, when Steven decided to try scaling a crevice in the 80-foot high rock face. He got about halfway, panicked, and decided against climbing any higher or returning to the ground.

Milton's fire brigade was alerted and six firefighters drove as close to the scene as they could with a pumper. Students were recruited to assist and they carried the 40 foot ladder to where Steven hung to the cliffs.

Steven helped carry the ladder back to the truck.



A FAMILY OUTING at the Kelso Conservation Area was the order of the day for Mr. and Mrs. Fowler of Oakville. The Fowlers, along with their children Susan, 11, and Mark 4, were picnicking at the foot of the control dam situated in the middle of the Kelso area. More photos of the busy area park inside today's Champion.—(Staff Photo)

## Board modifies, confirms sections of official plan

Submissions from seven developers or landowners were heard by the Milton Planning Board Wednesday as changes in the proposed official plan were sought. After consultation with the town planner agreed to some modifications, denied some submissions and confirmed sections of the official plan.

A meeting of council and planning board to review the final proposals was set for Thursday evening to enable the planners to make necessary alterations prior to final submission to council on July 7. It is expected the plan will then go to the province for the necessary round of approvals at that level before being subject to an Ontario Municipal Board hearing and final approval.

A change from low density residential to medium density was approved by the Board for land on the west side of Bronte St. from Main to Derry Rd. Ivan Armstrong and neighbors sought the change, pointing out the area "was constantly seeing the residential use attacked. He noted the establishment of a funeral home, the installation of an elevated railway and the establishment of a commercial use at the corner of Main and Bronte were attacking the low density residential use. He asked the area be zoned for high density.

Board Chairman Norm Pearce explained high density was being confined to the town's core area but medium density would permit apartment buildings.

The application of Christie and Woods for the change of a three acre parcel on Bronte St. from low density to medium density was denied by the Board.

The three acre parcel with 300 feet frontage on Bronte St., it was explained was close to the hospital, was on a main artery, has municipal services and is close to schools. It was suggested an apartment building in the area would appear quite reasonable.

An application from Murray Kernighan to have his six acres off Margaret St. zoned for medium density use was denied. The Board ruled the area would

be retained on the official plan as open space with the lands to be designated as a development zone in the new zoning by-law.

Mr. Kernighan had pointed out if the lands were zoned open space the town should be

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## Former inspector L. L. Skuce dies

L. L. Skuce, active in education in Halton County from 1938 until his retirement, died suddenly at his Sundridge cottage Monday evening.

Following his retirement from education work he was with the Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company and was manager of the Milton Branch from 1964 until 1968 when he was appointed a special representative.

Mr. Skuce came to Halton County and worked from Milton as Inspector of Public Schools from September 1938 until 1958 when he was appointed Superintendent of Trafalgar Township Public Schools. When Oakville and Trafalgar merged in 1962 he was named in that position until his retirement in December 1963. The Lorne Skuce Public School in Oakville was named in his honor.

In the fall of 1964 he was named manager of the newly-opened branch of Halton and Peel Trust in Milton and continued until 1968 when he was appointed special representative and business development officer.

Mrs. Skuce predeceased Mr. Skuce in 1967.

Well known throughout the county, Mr. Skuce was also active in the Oakville branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses. He was also a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Oakville and the Masonic Lodge

A private funeral service will be held in Lindsay, with interment at Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay.



L. L. SKUCE

## Fireworks, pageant at park on Tuesday

Canada's birthday will not be overlooked in Milton.

Fireworks and a brief lowering of the flag ceremony, coupled with a water pageant by the Milton Rovers are scheduled for the town's Centennial Park.

Initiated last year, the aerial

fireworks display and other events drew bank-lining crowds and the Milton Parks Board and Recreation Committee has decided to repeat the event.

The activity will begin at dusk, or approximately 9.30 on Tuesday July 1.

## Say north end fire station Burlington's responsibility

Provision of additional fire fighting facilities in north Burlington should be the responsibility of Burlington, members of the Fire Area Board were advised in recommendations from the Milton Area Fire Chief and a representative of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

Councillor Charles Fay reported the recommendation to Milton Council Monday and asked a resolution of support for the position, which he would take to the next meeting of the Fire Area Board.

The councillor reviewed that a meeting of the Board was held with the finance committee of

Burlington. The committee presented two possibilities which would have the Milton Area Brigade looking after a truck and garage that might be established at Kilbride. The other proposal would have Burlington looking after it.

In a subsequent review with the Fire Chief and a representative of the Fire Marshal's Office it was recommended that if Burlington wanted better protection it should be looked after by Burlington.

Problems of enlisting enough volunteers who would be in the village 24 hours a day and the problem of training 20 or 30

volunteers at one time were difficulties envisioned by the Milton Area Board.

Councillor Fay noted much of the problem had developed over a fire fatality at Cedar Springs and this was a fire handled by the Burlington brigade since Milton was not called.

The councillor noted there had been no complaints from the residents of the area.

Mayor B. Best reviewed that under the present fire area agreement a municipality must withdraw totally on six months' notice prior to October 1 of any year.

Councillor G. Krantz, a member of the volunteer fire brigade suggested that north Burlington was a big area. "When you're talking about Cedar Springs it's different from up on the mountain." He suggested there was no way a brigade from Kilbride could reach a fire on the mountain quicker than a volunteer brigade from Milton.

Mayor Best noted the cost of fire service to north Burlington is about \$7,800. The area at

some points reaches Highway Five but generally is even with the Lower Base Line. He pointed out the costs would climb considerably if a new station is equipped at Kilbride.

Treasurer Mrs. A. Brush pointed out there were no arrangements in the agreement for financial compensation to a withdrawing municipality.

A resolution stating the council's position on the matter is to be drafted for consideration at the meeting July 7.

### Early deadlines

#### Tuesday holiday

The Champion will observe the Dominion Day holiday on Tuesday, July 1 and deadlines for news and advertising in next week's issue have been advanced to make it possible to have the paper out on time Wednesday, July 2.

Display advertising will be accepted until 3 p.m. Friday, June 27; church notices and real estate ads until noon Saturday, June 28; and classifieds and news until noon Monday, June 30. Any news items intended for youth, farm or women's pages should be received at The Champion office by noon Friday, June 27.

The Champion office will remain closed all day Tuesday.

### Held to July 7

#### Delays apartment permit

A building permit application to construct an 83-suite apartment building on Ontario St. will be acted on during the July 7 meeting of Milton Council, members decided in committee discussions Monday.

The application from Toretta Corporation drew reservations earlier on the proposed drainage plans for the creek crossing the area of the property. Reporting

for the works committee, Deputy-Reeve R. Harris noted his committee still had some reservations about the drainage plan submitted by the firm's consultants.

He proposed rerouting the creek 17 feet in from the road and cementing it with reinforcing where a right angle turn is called for.

Agreement had been reached

earlier on construction of a road east from Ontario St. and installation of a sidewalk in front of the building. Both were to be covered by a bond and the advice of the engineer was to be sought on the dollar value of the bond required.

It was expected the figures from the engineer would be available for council action on July 7.

### Principal here 36 years

#### Testimonial dinner fetes E. W. Foster

A testimonial dinner at Knox Church hall on Wednesday saw the teachers of Milton Public Schools pay tribute to a man who for 36 years has served as principal and supervising principal of the town's elementary schools.

Edgar W. Foster is transferring to Oakwood Public School in Oakville as principal in the fall. It is a modern, 20-room school with manual training and home economics classes and a new

special education program in which he is quite interested, and Mr. Foster reports the nt few years should represent quite a challenge to him. He plans to continue to live in Milton.

Milton schools will no longer have a supervising principal. Under the new county board of education set-up, supervision of local schools will come from the North Education Area office located in Georgetown. When the board eliminated Mr.

Foster's job, he was given the choice of becoming principal of an "A" type school elsewhere in the county, or becoming administration assistant in one of the board's offices. "In the office one would see nothing of the teachers or the pupils," he said, and rather than sit behind a desk "totting up figures and going gray" he chose the principalship.

About 75 teachers, former teachers and members of the former Milton Public School

Boards gathered for the dinner in his honor. Bruce St. school principal Raymond Morrison was chairman and Wesley J. Clow spoke on behalf of the local principals, Mrs. M. McEachern on behalf of the Milton teachers, Don E. Stinson on behalf of the former school board, and Miss M. Gemmell on behalf of the former teachers.

On behalf of the gathering, principal R. W. McCaw and teacher Mrs. E. Emms presented a beautiful occasional chair to

Mr. Foster and his wife.

"With change comes some good and some bad," chairman Morrison suggested. "Our loss is indeed a great one but it is a gain to the East Halton school system in Oakville." He jokingly wondered if this was Oakville's method of retaliating on Milton over the recent land annexation.

Mr. Clow reminisced about his own early years in Milton. "Wherever there were children, there was Mr. Foster," he said.

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EDGAR W. FOSTER, leaving Milton public schools after 36 years as principal, supervising principal and secretary to the school board, was honored Wednesday by the staff of Milton Public Schools. They presented an occasional chair which "Mr. Education" is pictured trying out. With him

are principal W. J. Clow who spoke on behalf of the local principals, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. M. McEachern who brought greetings from the teachers, and Don Stinson who spoke on behalf of the school board.—(Staff Photo)