



HARVEY PETTIGREW of the Milton Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, was recently awarded a Priory Vote of Thanks for his work with the Brigade. Last fall Mr. Pettigrew organized the local St. John's most successful fund-raising campaign to date. Governor-General Michener, right, presented the award at a special ceremony held in London on June 7.

**A two-sided story**

**The great cookie crumble**

Have you ever sent a lovingly made box of cookies to a son or daughter who was away at summer camp or who was out of the country with the armed forces, only to learn that when they arrived at their destination they were crumbled to bits? If this has happened to you and you vowed to mail the post office a rather nasty note to tell them off—don't—at least not until you hear the full story.

A Champion staffer last week received a package of what once were cookies and they arrived at his desk in a very crumbled, crumbly state. He became very incensed at this destruction of his weekly CARE package and decided to do something about it.

He asked to see someone in charge at the Post Office and met with assistant postmaster R. P. Core. "This box of cookies is clearly marked fragile," said the staffer, "and yet they came all crumbled up and in a very sorry state. What happened, did you people use it for throwing practice or something?"

Taking one look at the rather fragile box, Mr. Core straightened the staffer out very quickly. "How do you expect a bunch of cookies wrapped only in brown paper and a rather flimsy box to get through without breakage?" he asked. On second look, the box did seem rather flimsy and the corners did seem rather caved in.

"What should people do, then, to make sure fragile things like cookies get through without breaking?" asked the staffer. Mr. Core explained that such things as cookies suffer from breakage even on their way from a store, but he did offer a few ideas to lessen the problem of sending them by mail.

"First of all, they should be packed in a solid box and not something like a shoe box. The box should be lined with crumpled up newspapers and then the fragile object can be placed in this and covered by another layer of papers," he said.

"Make sure the sides and corners of the outer box are firm and then place 'Fragile' stickers, which may be obtained at the post office, on the outside of the package. We certainly make sure it receives kid glove treatment," he said, "but the package will certainly arrive in good shape if it is packed properly."

"There are 30 bags of mail leaving Milton every day by truck," said Mr. Core, "and if a box of lightly wrapped cookies happened to be in a mail bag on the bottom pile, then it wouldn't stand much of a chance."

**Bank "inspectors" pull new swindle**

A new variation of the old "Bank inspector" swindle cropped up last week and another elderly citizen lost \$400. Local police ask citizens to beware of anyone purporting to be a bank official, unless they personally know the official.

In this new twist of the old game, a man phones the intended victim, identifies himself as a bank inspector, says he's checking for bad serial numbers on money, and informs the victim he has sent an employee to their home. He asks the householder to hold the phone because he wants to talk to his assistant when he arrives.

When the helper arrives and speaks on the phone, the victim is called back to the phone to talk again to the "inspector". While he or she is on the phone,

the assistant scoops up the money and disappears. The poor victim is kept on the telephone all the time, and there is no opportunity to call police.

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**Kelso swimming lessons keeping staff occupied**

Two hundred and fifty young people and adults have completed the first of three summer swimming courses offered at the swimming pool at Kelso says Jan MacEachern, head instructor at the pool.

This number was divided into 12 "Learn to Like Water" pupils, 48 minnows, 51 tadpoles, 57 beginners, 30 pre-juniors, 33 juniors, 15 intermediates, eight seniors and eight adults who were also taking swimming lessons. Miss MacEachern was pleased with the first session although she said two things plagued the staff. The first was cold water which bothered both staff and students, and the second was overcrowding of the

classes which kept the staff almost too busy.

The "Learn to Like Water" program was a great success, she said, and the youngsters taking part, mostly four and five-year-olds, had even learned to do a front float which is quite good for children their age, she went on.

Registrations are closed for the second set of lessons which have already started and go on until August 8, but Miss MacEachern says registrations are open for the third set of swimming lessons at Kelso pool, August 12 to 29.

One hundred and fifty have enrolled for the second session of lessons.

**Use big siren to alert men**

Don't be alarmed if the big siren mounted atop a pole at Milton Fire Hall starts ringing in the next couple of weeks. It's not an invasion from space, just a fire alert.

Fire Chief A. E. Clement said that for the next few weeks many of the regular firefighters will be away on holidays, and a crew of standby helpers has been recruited to take their place in the event of a fire. While regular firefighters are alerted by a telephone alarm system, the standby men have no such set up and must be alerted by the big siren.

So if the siren wails, it's just to notify the "summer replacements" to head for the fire hall to learn the location of the alarm.

**Friends hold presentation for Sgt. Donald Wilson**

Friends and co-workers of Sgt. Donald Wilson of Milton O.P.P. held a presentation party at Boyne Community Centre south of Milton Thursday evening. Sgt. Wilson is transferring to head up the O.P.P. detachment office at Kakabeka Falls near Fort William on August 1.

He came to head the Milton detachment a year ago from Long Sault. The Sergeant said it was "one of the best years of my life" and he really enjoyed working and living in Milton and made a lot of good friends here.

Replacing him will be Sgt. K. Spiecher of Mount Forest detachment. Sgt. Spiecher is presently heading up the 70-man summer police force at Grand Bend holiday resort and cannot transfer to Milton until Sept. 2. During August, Cpl. Kenneth Kingman will be in charge of the Milton detachment.

On behalf of his friends at

Thursday's gathering, Const. G. Terryberry presented Sgt. Wilson with a bronze desk nameplate and a set of bookends bearing the O.P.P. crest. Const. J. Hodson presented the sergeant with a wallet.

**NOTICE**

**Culligan Office Will Be Closed July 31, Aug. 1 & 2**

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**Five summer grass fires**

A total of five grass fires have been reported to Milton Fire Department over the past two weeks. Although weekend rains have dampened the tinder-dry grass, firefighters are still urging citizens to be careful with any outdoor fires through the summer.

Most serious of the grass fires was one that stretched out along four miles of CPR railway tracks in north Oakville on July 15. The fire ranged from the Sixth Line to the Tenth Line, hopped the county boundary line into Peel, and laid waste several hundred acres of grass, trees, stumps, fields and telegraph poles.

Firefighters believe a spark from a train ignited the blaze in the dry grass. Milton firefighters spent five hours putting out their portion of the blaze and

the Mississauga brigade was called out from Streetsville to assist when the fire leaped the boundary line from Halton to Peel County. "It cost us a lot of money to fight that one," Chief A. E. Clement said.

One was reported the same day at the town dump, one in north Burlington on July 19, and one in Nassagaweya July 20. On Wednesday afternoon of last week a stump caught fire at Rattlesnake Point Park and on Friday another grass fire broke out on Bronte St. near the CNR tracks.

A fire last Wednesday caused some damage to a truck from Ontario Pallet Co., Given Rd. E., which was dumping used wood at the town dump. The rear of the truck caught fire, damaging the body and some of the tires.

—Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association is making final plans for the annual Steam-Era reunion at Milton Fair Grounds on labor day weekend.

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