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FIRE GUTTED a house and left five homeless in a Tuesday afternoon, North Burlington blaze that destroyed all the possessions of Mr. and Mrs. Laszlo Juhasz, their son and Mr. and Mrs. Mario Szabo. Mrs. Szabo, the only one in the house at the time of the fire, was burned slightly when the fire spread quickly and enveloped the house. She was treated at Milton District Hospital while Milton Area Firefighters battled the blaze.—(Staff Photo)

Fire destroys house five left homeless

Fire destroyed a north Burlington home, left five homeless and injured one of the occupants on Tuesday afternoon.

The blaze, of undetermined origin, gutted the home at 5137 10 Sideroad, between the Appleby Line and Bell School line. Owner Laszlo Juhasz, his wife, three and a half year old son and his wife's parents lost everything.

Mrs. Mario Szabo, who was cooking in the kitchen at the time the fire started, ran to alert her husband and son-in-law who were working in the barn some distance from the house. She suffered burns to her foot and was rushed to Milton District Hospital for treatment.

"What can I do now?" Mr.

Fire week

Next week is Fire Prevention Week in Milton and the local fire department is planning an open house Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9 and 10 at the fire hall on Main St. Awards will be given the classrooms bringing out the largest parent attendance.

A poster contest, school and institutional fire drills, distribution of literature and a church parade in Oakville will also occupy the firefighters' time during Fire Prevention Week.

Juhasz wondered as he watched Milton Area firefighters extinguish the stubborn blaze. Hungarian-born and an immigrant to Canada after the Hungarian revolution, he has no relatives in the country.

Cause of the blaze puzzled him as he ticked off the new electrical wiring recently installed, new appliances, new furniture, "everything new". The fire was believed to have started in the kitchen. Mrs. Juhasz, who works at the Ontario School for the Deaf was not at home at the time of the fire. The three and a half year old Leslie was with his father in the barn.

Milton Area firefighters responded to the alarm and had the blaze under control when Burlington firefighters arrived. The alarm had been sounded by Mrs. C. Hainer and Mrs. J. Wrigglesworth who spotted the fire as they drove past. They called the Milton brigade from a neighbor's house.

Passing motorists kept Mr. Juhasz from entering the house as shotgun and rifle shells exploded in the heat of the blaze. Mr. Juhasz had been working with the 25,000 chickens he raises in the barn some distance from the house.

The loss was partially covered by insurance, Mr. Juhasz reported.

No estimate of damage was available.



FUN AT THE FAIR—It's hard to tell which the happiest, little Helen Summerfield of R.R. 1 Moffat or the Nubian goat she's feeding. Helen was among an estimated 10,000 who visited the 117th annual edition of Milton Fair on the weekend, and her friend was one of the exhibits they went to see. This week's Champion carries many more photos and stories on the fair.—(Staff Photo)

Reeve chastized for approving revised boundaries for Halton

Milton Council isn't happy about the boundary lines drawn by Halton reeve for a regional government proposal and they made it clear to Reeve A. Ledwith Monday, when he acknowledged he had supported the plan in the county committee.

Generally the plan links Acton and Nassagaweya, Georgetown and Esquesing, leaves Burlington generally the same, and carves a larger Milton from north Oakville.

Milton would extend west to the Appleby Line in Burlington and south to the Lower Base Line in Oakville, over to the Halton boundary and north to Highway 401, following that line to the Fourth Line Esquesing and north to Five Sideroad, east to the Town Line and down to 401 again.

Nassagaweya-Acton would include all of the present township with the exception of the Kelso-Milton Heights area. Esquesing-Georgetown would include most of the township extending it south to Highway

401 from the Fourth Line east. The line jogs over to the Third Line north to 17 Sideroad and east to the Fourth, north to 22 Sideroad and north on the Fifth.

Reeve A. Ledwith told members the reeves met with MPP Jim Snow following a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs asking they detail their five proposed divisions of a single county. The reeve stressed there was considerable deliberation and "logic wasn't used. It was just a case of who was to get what".

He pointed out Nassagaweya decided to go with Acton, Esquesing decided to go with Georgetown, and "Milton was left to get what it could from its neighbors". The reeve noted he had not pressed the Milton boundary far enough west to include the town's water supply, in error, but expected this could be worked out with Burlington representatives without difficulty.

The reeve reviewed that Nassagaweya felt Campbellville should remain in the Acton-Nassagaweya area.

Questioned on the status of the map, the reeve pointed out it was a proposal from the committee of reeves that would be submitted to the next meeting of county council. All reeves had voted in support of it.

Mayor B. Best observed a lot of boundaries were obviously jogged around "so one person stays in Nassagaweya". He suggested that "the quicker county council realized it is dealing with the whole destiny of the county, the better".

Reviewing services in the Milton area, the Mayor reviewed the areas covered in the Milton telephone exchange, the fire area, the postal service, and the natural drainage areas. He noted maps were attached to the Milton brief to the county committee outlining these features, but Reeve Ledwith said the brief and maps were not reviewed by the committee.

Members attacked the various boundaries of the proposal. The mayor observed Milton was three miles from one boundary and seven miles from the other. "It doesn't seem reasonable".

"It will be a long time before Acton has a water line down to Campbellville", Councillor G. Krantz speculated.

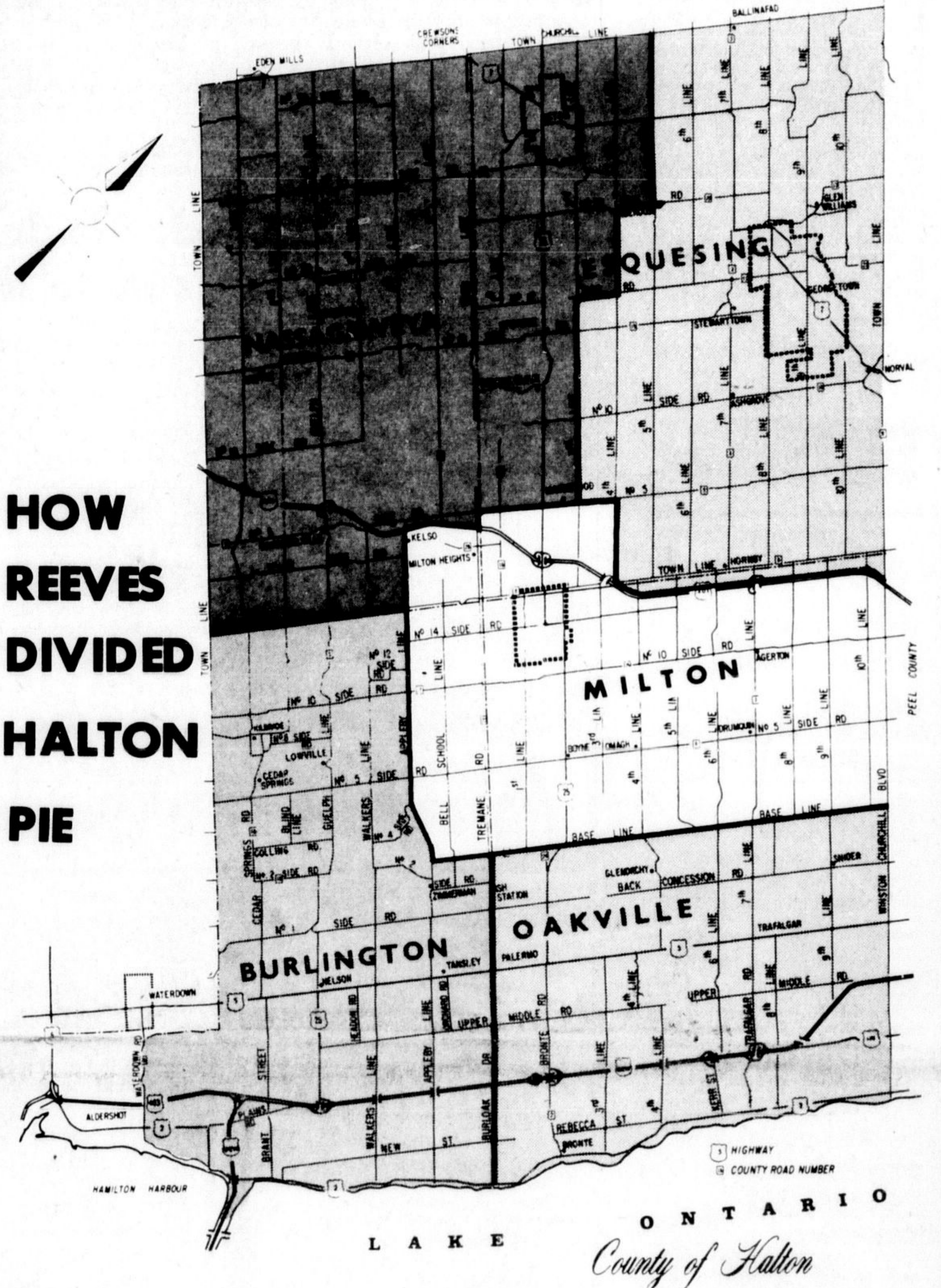
"I supported the proposal, maybe I should resign, but when you have five people just complaining and arguing you get fed up", lamented Reeve Ledwith.

"You can't throw in the towel just because you get fed up", Mayor Best chastised. He noted

he had spent hours studying services emanating from Milton and preparing maps for a graphic

presentation. "Apparently I just wasted my time".

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Milton Heights, Peru study water supply

About 80 residents of Peru and Milton Heights gathered at Ligny Hall Tuesday night to discuss a report on their water supplies prepared by R. V. Anderson and Associates. The problem of water for these two small communities has come to a head during the past few months as nearly 50 per cent of the homeowners in these areas have reported their own wells have become too polluted to use for drinking water.

The study, done by the engineering firm, states it would

be possible to buy water from the Town of Milton at twice the existing water rates for Milton's residents.

The report says it would cost a consumer \$179.56 per year to have water brought into his home in Milton Heights and a Peru consumer would have to pay \$185.56 for his water.

Nassagaweya and Esquesing councils split the \$1,000 cost of the report, which brought strong reactions from many of those present at the meeting.

Peter McWilliams, solicitor for Milton Brick Co. suggested residents of the two areas consider putting in their own water system. The Anderson report said it would cost a total of almost \$200,000 for both Peru and Milton Heights to install water mains over a 30-year period.

Mr. McWilliams told them it would cost about \$110,000 once and for all to put in a well to serve both communities. "Your interests would be better served with your own well", he said. "You won't come second after Milton with your own well. The land on which Milton's well is located is in Nassagaweya Township and you have just as much, if not more of a right to draw water from that site."

Milton Heights resident Archie Service told the meeting there was a fly in the ointment, though. He explained the whole area might become part of Milton if regional government comes into being and told the meeting it would be a grave mistake to spend the money at the present time.

Esquesing Reeve George Currie said "If it can be arranged you could have your own well, you would really be independent." He remarked it might be better for all if residents drank beer and forgot about the water situation.

A landowner in Peru, David Green of Milton Equipment Ltd., put forward a motion which suggested both Nassagaweya and Esquesing Council ask the Ontario Water Resources Commission to make a survey of the area's water needs and to supply the estimated cost of a water system for the whole area. This was almost unanimously accepted by the people at the meeting.

Another successful fall fair

Blessed with almost-perfect fall fair weather, the weekend's 117th annual edition of Milton Fair was a standout success in many ways and the sponsoring Halton Agricultural Society directors were all quite pleased when the two-day affair ended Saturday night. Attendance was about the same as last year, with unofficial estimates running around 10,000 total attendance, and the midway, hall exhibits and livestock shows were up to their usual excellence.

The decline of farming in Halton is being felt at the fair, many of the directors admitted. Entries were lighter in some livestock classes although there

was no shortage of horses in the light or heavy horse shows. Where once the domestic and preserves, flowers, fruit and vegetables, arts and crafts displays were mainly dominated by farm women, the urban housewives are today making inroads and the prize-winning exhibitors at the 1969 fair represented a good cross-section of both urban and rural women.

While the sun beamed down for most of Saturday, the main day at the fair, cool winds forced fairgoers to dress warmly. A few drops of rain were felt in mid-afternoon but the promised thundershowers blew over

quickly and before long it was sunny again.

The Hon. George Kerr of Burlington, Ontario's Minister of Energy and Resources, officially opened Milton Fair at 2 p.m. Saturday in front of a grandstand full of people. Sharing the platform with him was Halton Agricultural Society's president George Readhead, who welcomed the visitors with the wish, "we hope you enjoy yourselves."

Mr. Kerr recalled the names of many families that have been associated with the fair down through the years—Readhead, Harrop, Crawford, Crozier—and congratulated the directors on such a wonderful fair year after year. He noted the vast array of agricultural exhibits and likened the Milton show to a proving ground for the Royal Winter Fair entrants.

Two pretty young ladies also shared the platform. Janet Nurse of R. R. 2, Georgetown was the 4-H Queen of the Fair, while Irene Kidd of R. R. 2, Rockwood was there as the 4-H Princess of 1969. The girls had been selected Friday evening in the second annual queen and princess competition, where they competed against four other girls for the honors.

To be eligible, the girls had to compete in at least four junior exhibit entries and have completed the last two 4-H homemaking club projects. The queen competitors, Miss Nurse and Laurene Rennick of R. R. 4, Acton, each gave a brief talk on

4-H activities to the judges on Friday evening. Others competing for the title of princess were Cynthia Cordingley of Hornby, Pat Bousefield of Milton and Judy Gordon of Hornby.

When fair president Readhead

presented a dozen red roses to Queen Janet, she replied "this is certainly a great honor for me." In several years of 4-H work she recalled making a lot of friendships.

"I have learned a lot and I am (Continued on Page 6)



TWO MEN DIED in a spectacular single-car, end-over-end collision on Highway 401 east of Trafalgar Rd., Monday at noon. First aiders, led by an off-duty policeman from London, help to minister to the victim in the foreground who survived the crash. This man later died. The other victim is seen lying partly on the road with a woman who knelt over his body until the ambulance arrived. Names of the deceased and details of the accident could not be released by the Milton detachment of the OPP since next-of-kin had not been notified at press time.—(Staff photo by Brian Ward)

Two unusual fatalities in mishaps along 401

Two unusual fatalities come from the blotter of the Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police in the past week.

A single-car accident on Monday, Sept. 22 on Highway 401 at the Base Line Road sent two passengers in the car to hospital, one of them a pregnant woman who later gave birth to a baby girl. The baby died almost an hour after being born, so the accident goes into the records as a fatality.

The car was driven by Julie Marie Brisebois of Toronto who

escaped uninjured while her passenger, Hillary MacDougal, the pregnant woman, received a broken right clavicle and broken hip as well as facial lacerations. Another passenger, Fred Parck of Toronto received lacerations to both his feet.

A Hespeler man, Stanley Boomer, was driving on 401 Friday afternoon, Sept. 26 when he apparently felt a heart attack coming on. He stopped his car near the Campbellville Sand and Gravel pits and was walking over to the gravel pits for help when he collapsed and died.