

Halton Health Unit

Dr. Ivan Hunter acting MOH

By Brian Ward

Dr. Ivan Hunter is a busy man, running his own private medical practice in Milton as well as serving as Halton County's acting Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Hunter took over the added duties as Halton's MOH on the first of September after refusing initial requests from the Board of Health.

He operates out of the Halton County Health Unit in Milton and serves as director of the staff which is divided into three basic services, the public health nurse service, environmental sanitation, and preventive dentistry.

In an interview about his job, Dr. Hunter said his and the Health Unit's main purpose is to "eliminate any untoward elements which are a health hazard."

family and helps them to decide on treatment. The county's health service has a number of public health inspectors whose job is to inspect restaurants for cleanliness, check sewer installations and follow up complaints on potential health hazards.

He said the preventive dentistry service is an important part of the overall public health coverage of the county with its main job being to cut down on the number of cavities and promote dental health and hygiene and education.



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The early treatment of a child's teeth by the dental service, besides being good for the child's health said Dr. Hunter, also cuts down on the high cost of dental bills the parents would have to pay.

Even though he is not thoroughly familiar with the intricacies of the Public Health Act, the provincial legislation which rules every county health unit, Dr. Hunter says he is really getting to know his job and the problems of providing a health service to the County of Halton.

"I don't intend to quit until they get a competent Medical Officer of Health to take over the job in a full time capacity," he said.

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Near \$3 million in construction in town in '69

Ray Olan, Milton's newly appointed trench, plumbing and building inspector and zoning administrator has released the town building Department's report for 1969 and among other things, it shows the value of construction in the town stood at \$2,999,253 for the year.

In his building report, Mr. Olan says 60 building permits were issued and 262 dwelling units were created out of these, including two apartment buildings. The first was for 87 suites and the second was for 160 suites although this larger project has not been started.

Four accessory buildings were built, three stores, three offices, six commercial renovations, one commercial addition, three industrial additions, four demolitions, one construction shop and two swimming pools also recorded with this office.

A total of four school additions were also processed through the building department.

There was a total of \$5,745 in building permit fees collected and capital levies paid by cheque totalled \$42,520 while levies paid by letter of credit added up to \$41,600.

The annual report of the Trench Excavator's Protection Act for Milton was also released and showed inspector Wilf Penson made 247 inspections on just over five miles of trenches within the town. Mr. Olan reported no one was killed while working on a trench and no work stoppage orders were issued.

Wearing the hat of a plumbing inspector, a job taken over from the Halton County Health Unit on October 6, Mr. Olan reported 17 plumbing inspections were completed with no rejections. Ten permits were issued and \$46 in inspection fees collected.

Six sewer inspections were requested and six approved, while two were rejected.

Praises "silent policeman" burglar alarm foils theft

"I wish more local business places had burglar alarms, it would prevent a lot of thefts," Milton's Police Chief Ray Andress told The Champion last week.

A burglar alarm had foiled thieves who attempted to break into United Co-Operatives of Ontario's Milton branch store on Bronte St. Sunday evening, Jan. 4. The thief or thieves had broken through a basement window and made their way into the mill but when they tried to pry open a door to the store, the burglar alarm rang and scared the would-be intruders away.

"That is one of the advantages of having a burglar alarm," said the Chief. "We could have lost quite a lot of expensive goods. It's just like having an extra policeman on your staff, and it's working 24 hours a day."

Police do make night patrols of all business places in Milton and most of them are checked twice a night. But the patrolling constables can't be everywhere at once.

Chief Andress said other area towns have suffered from a rash of this type of break-in, and thousands of dollars worth of small but saleable items have been stolen.



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going to be ready?" I set out to put the thing together, one way or another.

Well the first three ways I tried didn't work but we had some luck on the fourth try. It had a lean like a drunken sailor and there were seven pieces left over, but it didn't look too bad.

On the fifth try I discovered the error of my ways. Instead of placing clamp "C" under gadget "R" and bending frame "K" on a 45 degree angle to hook up with bracket "M" which screwed into leg "B" that connected to camp "EE" and widge "O", I should really have started with leg "B" and connected it to clamp "C" over gadget "R" which bend to frame "K" and connected to widge "O" beside clamp "EE".

Just then a kind neighbor dropped in and he was a big help. He brought his blowtorch, with which we separated some of the pieces on which I had bent the screws and camps, and with the help of \$4 worth of bolts and nuts and clamps from his basement, a few glasses of Christmas cheer from the liquor cabinet and his past experience in assembling jet fighter planes, we finally got the thing standing up fairly straight.

Mind you, the blackboard was upside down but the kids should never notice it. And there were a couple of chips out of the blackboard and a dint or two in the frame of the magnetic side (from father banging his head in despair).

The end result was a real work of art,

though. And it only took us four hours from the time we ripped the box open until we finally all sat down and had a good cry.

I see where . . .

* The Town of Oakville is planning a winter carnival complete with figure skating, teen dances and ice sculpturing in late February. Too bad Milton couldn't do likewise, as suggested here several weeks ago.

* The town's second annual tree burning ceremony was another roaring success. The pile of trees, the crowd and the enthusiasm were all bigger than ever. It's events like this that keep up Milton's reputation as "the friendly town" where things get done.

* County Councillors are a changeable bunch. Take Reeve Allan Day of Oakville, for instance. He was a member of the Child Health Committee which brought in a report in December advocating the set-up of a Family and Social Services unit on a county-wide basis, and he favored both the unit and the two men named to head it at that time.

Jan. 24-25 seminar to discuss pollution

Oakville's Holiday Inn will be the site of a conference on pollution, sponsored by the Oakville and District Labor Council. It will be open to the public.

The two-day conference is slated to begin Saturday, Jan. 24, with a discussion on "Mankind and Extinction by Stupidity", followed by a speech on "Air Management in Ontario" and an afternoon panel discussion of audience viewpoints. Sunday morning, a panel discussion will tackle the problem of "Industrial Environmental Health."

Among the guests for the event will be representatives from several universities and government departments.



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