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SIFTING THROUGH THE RUINS of their new home, destroyed by fire Monday night, are Sharlene and Bruce McKenzie and neighbors Susan and Barry Pickett, with whom they have been staying since the fire. They recovered some of the silverware and ornaments in the ruins of the fire Tuesday morning.

(Photo by Pat Ford)

## Future city site

### Farming now, housing later

According to a representative of Ontario Housing Corporation, the province will encourage more intensive agricultural operations on the 2,300 acres of land the ministry has recently acquired in Milton.

R. W. Riggs, a spokesman for the corporation said the land would stay agricultural for the indefinite future. Beyond that however, there are plans for a new city with a population of up to 250,000.

The land was recently acquired by the OHC. While it appears plans for development are not imminent the area has been and still is designated as a growth area.

**Leased back**  
Lands that are currently being farmed are being leased or rented back to landowners while lands not being

worked will be rented or leased to farmers starting out or farmers looking for additional land, Riggs said. The future city is referred to as the North Oakville Centre in some government reports and is situated in what is now the south-east portion of Milton.

Asked about the long range plans for the area, Riggs said the plans were spelled out in several government documents and noted nothing the government is doing now contradicts earlier statements.

In all 2,300 acres have been secured, bounded by Fifth Line, Eighth Line, Derry Rd. and Lower Base Line.

Riggs noted the land being acquired was not in the greenbelt and was within a projected growth centre.

Former Oakville Councils and regional council have generally opposed any plans for a North Oakville Centre.

Recently the region's planning committee designated the same lands referred to as a future North Oakville Centre as a rural

area for farming use. Riggs claimed however that the region and the province were not contradicting one another. "Beyond 10 years your crystal ball is as good as mine," he said, referring to plans for the land.

He told the board the negotiations were affected by the inflationary cycle. The meetings were long and arduous, he said, noting there were three times as many meetings this year as there were last year before a settlement was finally reached.

**None at minimum**  
The salary grid provides for teachers to be paid from \$6,700 to \$16,500. Very few teachers receive the minimum salary, if any. Starting salaries for levels one, two and three range from \$6,700 to \$7,900 but all teachers coming into the profession now will receive at least \$8,000 because of the change in the qualifications for new teachers. No teachers coming into the profession will start below level four on the grid.

The settlement is comparable to the settlement Halton's public school teachers won several weeks ago.

**Halton Hills strikes budget**  
First municipality in Halton region to strike a mill rate after the region's budget was set last week was Halton Hills, an amalgamation of Acton, Esquesing and Georgetown.

Taxes went up but only moderately for Georgetown and Acton while Esquesing ratepayers face a stiff eight mill increase. The Acton hike was five mills and Georgetown taxpayers are about the same as last year with less than a mill increase.

Esquesing councillors Len Cox and Dick Howitt were unhappy with the rural rate increase because the large Esquesing surplus went towards a new arena located in Georgetown.

Most other councillors seemed satisfied with the first budget.

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**Clear air**  
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er, they said, because HRCA has skilled workmen in the Kelso area all the time. The problem of the double admission charge (it's \$2 a car at the Kelso gate plus 25 cents admission to the museum) could be cleared up if museum-only visitors received a refund at the gate on leaving. This system worked at a recent festival at the museum and conservation members said there was no reason it could not work 365 days a year.

**Move complaint**  
When the Friends delegates complained about a suggested relocation of the museum, closer to the new provincial agricultural museum at the east end of Kelso, chairman Harris said that was not a contract for workers at Milton Limestone Aggregates. In his recent brief to the regional council, "That idea did not come from any present member, the move was discussed as early as 1962," he said. The move suggestion was only put in the brief for "discussion purposes" he said, the brief was only intended to say "here are a number of things which have been

said over the years."

"We're almost on tranquilizers over this," shot back Friends president Mrs. Judith Goebelle of Georgetown. The museum main building is 130 years old and won't stand a move, she suggested. Friends also felt a new building would not sustain the rustic atmosphere for which the

museum is noted. Councillor Mannell felt the museum would be better administered by the conservation authority. At the regional committee level "it gets lost in the great bulk of business that has to be done," and has suffered in budget talks too, he said.

George Jackson of Milton, a trustee of Milton Library Board, attended the meeting as an observer. He said it was "a retrogressive step" to disband the museum board because that means nobody has particular authority for museum affairs. He recommended the administration should be sent "back to the people."

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## Give museum "back to people"

# HRCA, museum supporters discuss merger

Efforts to bring Halton Museum under the wing of Halton Region Conservation Authority (which owns the land at Kelso on which the museum sits) moved another step closer to reality Wednesday when members of a new

special committee sat down with representatives of the Friends of the Museum group to debate the museum's future.

The Friends, alarmed at earlier press reports about a proposed take-over resulting

from a brief by HRCA Chairman Brock Harris to Halton Regional Council, had held a meeting earlier and decided to fight the take-over. They had also expressed concern about any possibility of moving the museum from its location in the centre of Kelso Conservation Area.

Halton Museum was originally a county council project and operated with an advisory committee of citizens and councillors, responsible to the county council. When

regional government was introduced this year the museum was put under the regional council's Community Services Committee and the advisory board was disbanded.

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VALLEYVIEW GARDENS development, a 109-lot subdivision in the south-east corner of town was officially opened Friday. Mayor Anne MacArthur and Italian Consul Giovanni Ceruti cut the ribbon as builder Carlo Veroni of Eastcrest Homes (left) and realtor Allan Brown (right) watched. The homes are in the \$90,000 bracket and feature larger lots and larger floor areas.

## Fire spread "like box of matches"

# New home destroyed

A four-year dream for the George McKenzie family fell apart in 10 minutes of smoke and flame Monday evening. The home they had been building on Steeles Ave. south of Campbellville caught fire and burned to the ground, with almost everything the family owned in it.

Sharlene, 17, said she was at home in the kitchen when she heard some crackling in one of the upstairs rooms. She found the fire and before she could get a jug of water to put it out, the flames spread and she was forced to leave the house.

"Like box of matches"  
It's not yet sure, but the fire was thought to have been caused by the afternoon sun magnified through a window onto some compressed insulation. The walls had just been put up and the outside brick was not yet on, so the

fire spread through the house "like a box of matches," said Bruce 15.

Their father, George McKenzie is a teacher at Conestoga College and had designed the house himself. The family had moved to Bronte St. from Hamilton two years ago and worked on the

house. They just moved most of their belongings in last week.

**Mother in hospital**  
On Tuesday they had the grim task of telling their mother, who has been in the hospital, the news.

None of the family were hurt, except the cat, Muffins, whom they had for 13 years. She was trapped in the living room while she was asleep and couldn't get out.

No estimates of the damage have been received yet, but construction of the two-storey house had already cost more than \$60,000.

**13.9 per cent increase**  
Inflation affects teacher contract

Teachers in the Halton Separate School System will receive an average increase of 13.9 percent for the 1974-75 school year. The agreement was reached at a meeting of the school board Tuesday of last week.

Superintendent of Business and Finance Brady said the increases were made up of 10 percent increases for all teachers and 3.9 percent in increments and fringe benefits.

The pact will cost the board in excess of \$375,000. Board chairman Leno Braida said the negotiation meetings had been friendly sessions.

He told the board the negotiations were affected by the inflationary cycle. The meetings were long and arduous, he said, noting there were three times as many meetings this year as there were last year before a settlement was finally reached.

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The separate school board employs 334 teachers and principals. Principals will receive from \$17,500 to \$22,000 and vice principals receive \$2,200 plus their salary depending on their placement in the salary grid.

## Inside today

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DEBBY BOYCOTT likes fresh raspberries at a reasonable price and she gets both when she goes to Glenmar Farms, five miles north of Milton. Its pick-your-own style attracts many people from the cities, especially Toronto, Hamilton and Burlington.

## Quarry out on strike talks at standstill

366 explained the demands workers are making.

According to the two representatives the union is asking for 75 cents an hour this year and 75 cents next year as well as cost of living bonuses and increases in the holiday pay. Workers now receive from four to six percent and are asking for up to 12 percent for employees with 15 years of service. Base rate for laborers is \$3.58 per hour. Rates range up to \$4.61 per

hour.

Still adamant  
According to Gaeton and Batten, the union is still adamant about its demands and the men won't return to work until they are met.

General manager George Wilson said workers had been offered 65 cents this year and 65 cents next. He noted that was similar to two settlements at other quarries in the area. Wilson said the firm

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## Mayor, Italian consul open Valleyview

Canadian and Italian flags fluttered over the entrance to Valleyview Gardens, Milton's newest and most prestigious subdivision on Friday, when the mayor of Milton and the Italian consul to Canada shared in a double ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the development.

Italian consul Giovanni Ceruti was present on the invitation of builder Carlo Veroni of Eastcrest Homes, and he shared the ribbon-snipping ceremony with Milton's Mayor Anne

MacArthur.

The 109-lot subdivision features larger homes on larger lots and introductory prices run from \$84,900 to \$94,900. They range from 1,670 to 2,343 square feet and each home has a single or double garage. The four basic models include backsplits, sidesplits, bungalows and two storey homes.

Two stages  
The development is located west of Highway 25 and just north of Derry Rd. near the

intersection of Laurier Ave. and the Commercial St. extension. Eastcrest is building 61 homes in the first stage with 48 to follow later.

Builder Veroni said "everybody has been scared to build a better quality home in Milton, but I wanted to do it." The sales office did not officially open until Saturday but both the builder and realtor Allan Brown report interest was running high.

Milton said he felt the main market for the homes was

right here in Milton, among the professional and business people who could afford to pay a little more for a quality home. The same homes in Toronto today would sell for \$30,000 more, he said.

Likes larger homes  
Mayor MacArthur welcomed the development to "our very beautiful town" and stressed the hospitality and friendliness of Milton. She said she liked the larger lots and better quality homes and suggested the more affluent people have been

discriminated against" with some of the recent housing developments which cater to a lower income people.

"Thank you for bringing this lovely subdivision to Milton," she said as she snipped the wide white ribbon and saved a piece for her growing collection of memorabilia.

Gino Veroni, son of the builder, presented the mayor with a dozen red roses. Refreshments and lunch were served to about 35 invited guests.

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