

Firefighters watched

... for home fire drills

Few residents tried to get out alive

The second annual Canada and U.S. Fire Drill was not the success in Milton the fire department had planned.

"We had several firefighters out in the trucks and they reported that there were few people participating in the drill," said Roger Clement, Fire Prevention Officer with the Milton Department. "What we needed was a little more media involvement."

The National Fire Drill, presented in conjunction with Canadian and American fire departments and

McDonald's Restaurants, was designed to increase public awareness of fire prevention. People were encouraged to devise and practise an escape route from their home.

Although few Miltonians participated in the drill, Mr. Clement said open houses, held after the drill in all three fire stations, were successful.

More than 200 people visited Central Station, on Steeles Ave., from 7-9 p.m. Thursday. That figure was the same for the station located on

Derry Rd., near the hospital.

"All our firefighters were on hand to take visitors on a tour of the station and explain the operation of much of our equipment and our trucks."

The trucks were a big hit with the youngsters in the crowd.

The department relied heavily on word-of-mouth from the children to stimulate interest in the open house and fire prevention week.

They contacted the schools earlier last week to inform children and

their parents about the drill and the fire station tours.

Firefighters visited 12 local elementary schools on Friday for an annual fire drill inspection.

"By law, the schools are required to hold at least five fire drills per year. We make a point of being on hand for at least one of those drills. This time around everything went smoothly. Most of the schools were evacuated within 45 to 95 seconds. Those times are good, considering the size of some of the student populations."

Bill Johnson is in hospital

Milton and regional councillor Bill Johnson is reported to be improving steadily in the intensive care unit at McMaster Medical Centre.

Mr. Johnson went in for surgery on a hiatus hernia six weeks ago and after the operation developed complications. He was on the critical list but was reported Thursday to be recovering rapidly.

Milton on AAA map

Milton is on the American Automobile Association map thanks to the Halton Region Museum.

The AAA has recognized the museum as a "significant area attraction" and will be set out as such in the AAA's Ontario travel booklets.



Milton residents dropped off more than 350 bags of groceries to the Milton Fire Department over the past week. The residents were answering a call from the Metropolitan Daily Bread Food Bank for food for the needy, as advertised in The Toronto Star. The food posed a problem because Milton was not one of the participating stations, but fire fighter Don Stewart made an arrangement with the Salvation Army to have the food picked up and distributed in this area. The food should supply the Milton area residents for the next two months. From left are: Jacqui, Heather and Julia Lynch, and firefighter Harold Penson.

Apple Days start tomorrow

When you buy an apple next weekend from a Milton District Boy Scout member, you'll be doing more than simply enjoying a snack.

Boy Scout Apple Day will be held Thursday and Friday evenings Oct. 16-17 and all day Oct. 18 (Saturday) throughout the town. Money will be raised to buy equipment, supplies and other special materials needed at all scouting levels and to allow them to participate in the scouting movement.

In the evenings, Scouts will canvass public places from 6:30-9 p.m. On Saturday, Cubs and Scouts will go door-to-door in addition to canvassing many public places. Prizes will be given for the best decorated baskets in the Scout and Cub sections. Judging will take place Saturday at 8:45 a.m. at the scout hall at Milton Fair Grounds. For more information call Bob Bryan, Milton District Boy Scout Apple Day Chairman, at 878-4481.

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