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Mississauga firemen battle house blaze on roof while furniture burns in the front yard. Two small children escaped injury in the incident.

## Council outlines new ward setup

A plan to revamp Mississauga's Ward system for a more equal representation by population was approved in principle by Mississauga general committee last week.

The plan, if accepted by town council and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board, may be implemented in time for this year's December election according to town officials.

It follows a move by council to seek OMB sanction for a change, largely as a result of Ward 3 ratepayers' approaches to council.

Ward 3 representatives criticized the existing setup on grounds that the 44,003 people there were represented by only one councillor — Caye Killaby — while other wards (such as Ward 4, population 2,226) had equal representation at town council level.

### THE PROBLEM

Each of Mississauga's seven wards is represented on council by one member.

The blueprint for change which general committee accepted in principle, Wednesday, would help even things out by expanding wards one, four and seven into Ward 3.

The move would chop nearly 20,000 people from Ward 3, bringing Ward 4 to a population of about 12,500. Ward 1 from 11,336 to 18,727 and Ward 7 from 10,597 to 17,780.

Ward 2 population would drop from 27,564 to an estimated 24,815. Ward 5 population would go from 13,286 to 12,706 while Ward 6 would drop from 23,258 to about 19,000.

The population of Ward 7 would jump from 10,597 to 17,780.

Main change suggested is the northerly extension of Wards 1 and 7 boundaries from the QEW to Dundas

Highway. Ward 1 would also extend westerly to Mississauga Rd. instead of at Hwy. 10 as it now is.

Ward 3's boundaries would then change from the QEW to the Base Line Rd., to from the Dundas to the Base Line Rd. and from Hwy. 10 to the Etobicoke Creek to Tomkin Rd. to the creek.

Ward 4's eastern boundary would then run north-

south along Tomkin Rd. instead of Hwy. 10. It would be also extended south from the Base Line Rd. to Burnhamthorpe Rd. along its western side and to Dundas along its eastern side.

### NO ANNEXATION

The changes do not propose a possible annexation of Streetsville, an applica-

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### CY SADDINGTON

## Mayor: 'no comment' on Port Credit future

Port Credit Mayor J.C. (Cy) Saddington has "no comment" about the possibility of the Town of Mississauga moving to annex his lakeshore community of 8,900.

"I have no comment at this present time," Mr. Saddington declared.

Mississauga Council last Monday passed a bylaw asking the Ontario Municipal Board for an order to annex the town of Streetsville.

Many feel the next logical move for Mississauga, which has applied for city status to the OMB now that regional government has been shelved, is to move to annex Port Credit.

"Someday in the future it will be discussed," Mr. Saddington said.

Next meeting of Port



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Credit Council is Monday, April 6. But Mr. Saddington didn't say it would be discussed at this time.

## Mississauga leaders criticize 1970 Peel County budget

Mississauga delegates outspokenly criticized Peel county's 1970 budget, set last week at \$3,860,787 for an increase over last year of \$269,000.

"We have to think of what taxpayers can afford to pay before selling their houses and moving out," snapped

Mayor Robert Speck.

The original budget estimate of \$3,955,200 was \$365,000 over last year's expenditure, he pointed out, despite a \$500,000 saving when the province took over the county assessment department, plus \$135,000 in other savings.

"I can't buy a one million dollar increase," the Mayor exclaimed.

### BOOST LEVY

Mississauga Reeve Chic Murray predicted the big budget would boost Brampton's county levy by nine per cent, Mississauga's by 10 per cent, Port Credit 11, Streetsville 14, Bolton 20, Caledon East 33, Albion 15, Caledon 3, Chinguacousy 18, and Toronto Gore 40.

But that was before county councillors got the shears out.

First to be slashed was the controversial health unit budget, from \$341,987 to \$300,078, for a saving of \$41,909.

Mayor Speck suggested the figure, based on a 30 per cent increase over last year's expenditure. At that rate, he said, the health unit would grow three times faster than county population and would soon be up to full strength.

Reeve Murray agreed that the proposed 46 per cent increase was too much for one year. "What do health nurses do?" he asked. "Why do we need to double the staff?"

### PROTESTS

Over the protests of Chin-

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### the mississauga scene

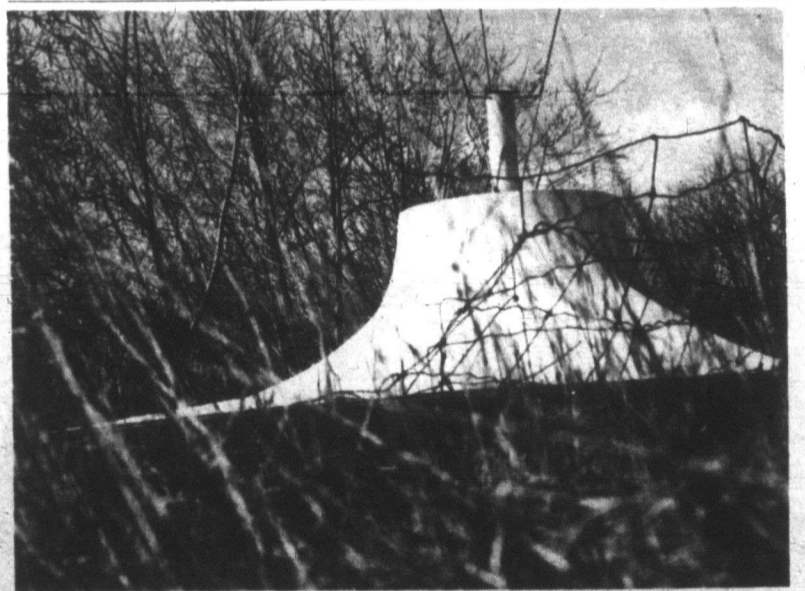
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## UFO SETS DOWN

Unidentified Flying Object which landed in Mississauga Monday escaped the notice of most residents but not that of News' photographer John Willis. John grabbed this shot just after the UFO set down in a deserted field. Needless to say he didn't hang around to greet the occupants of the weird-looking vehicle. For full report on the incident see page A5.