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together to share some services.

"I'm not advocating regional government," he said, "But, I can tell you we don't need a lot of fire chiefs. In Ameliasburgh, (Reeve Bill) Bonters and, in Thurlow, (Reeve Gerry) Masterson are stumbling

blocks to this kind of area concept, but it'll happen some day."

Belch says he plans to stay active in the community — he already is active, he noted, in his church, College Hill United, and in Rotary and curling circles.

"I'll be busy, but not for the first six months or so."

It was a heady ride for a kid from Stony Lonesome, a unique term applied to those who hail from the Hillcrest area of the city.

"I came out of Stony Lone-

some with guys like (Rev.) Ed Schamerhorn and (1994 defeated mayoralty candidate) Joe Cox without, really, a clue of what I was going to end up doing. To make it to the top administrative post in the city was really a dream come true.

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