



IT'S BEEN DOG-GONE HOT this week with temperature in the 90's and the humidity way past the discomfort mark. The weatherman predicts we'll get some relief tomorrow. (Staff Photo)

## Approve merger Halton, Peel unit

Amalgamation of the Halton County Health Unit with Peel Health Unit was endorsed by County Council Tuesday although there was no indication Peel was interested.

Reeve H. Hinton, Acton, warned that Peel would resist any such amalgamation because it was currently preparing a special bill to the provincial legislature calling for the designation of Peel as a region in itself.

Reeve Hinton reviewed in detail the programs being carried on in the Wellington, Dufferin, Guelph unit and the costs incurred.

"Before we get loose with amalgamation we should have a far more factual report than we have here," the Acton reeve complained.

Reeve W. Coulter, Nazsagaweya, pointed out the program implemented in Wellington had been introduced under the grant system which required the county to contribute 50 per cent. The new legislation requires the county to pay 75 per cent unless the unit is a regional one.

Reeve A. Ledwith, objecting to an amendment that would direct the proposed merger back to the Board of Health, said the Board had already been studying the merger for two years and now wanted county council direction.

He stressed the merger would save the county \$150,000 based on the present services and the provincial grants which would apply only if the units merged.

A recorded vote to delete the Board of Health's recommendation was supported only by Reeve Hinton.

Subsequently a motion was passed approving the merger of the two units and directing that Dr. M. Dymond Minister of Health be notified.

Milton representatives to county council agreed to withdraw a motion seeking county endorsement to setting the town's south limit, after annexation as the south limit of Derry Rd.

Reeve R. Harris explained this would clarify policing responsibility but several members of county council indicated there were other considerations since it was a county road and would require a connecting link agreement and other legal matters.

To suggestions that a divided road as a boundary existed in other areas of the county, Reeve Harris pointed out a divided road would place the Milton District Hospital as an island outside the Milton limits while actually being a part of the town.

At the suggestion of members, the Milton delegates agreed to defer action pending discussions with the county roads committee at its next meeting.

## Roast overdone Sunday

Acton Firefighters responded to two fire calls this week.

First was a grass fire at the Fuchs farm on the Fourth Line, Esqueving, around 6 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Sunday at 2 p.m. the brigade was called to the Thatcher residence in Warren Grove. Neighbors noticed smoke coming from the house and turned in the alarm.

Residents apparently left a roast cooking on an automatic timer and it failed to turn off at the proper time. The roast was overdone, the house filled with smoke but the heat damage was confined to the stove.

Half the doctors in Great Britain have stopped smoking cigarettes and doctors in Great Britain are the only sizable group in which the incidence of lung cancer has been reduced.



MARKING 25 YEARS of service as clerk and treasurer to Esqueving Township, officials Friday evening presented K. C. Lindsay with a desk set suitably engraved. Former Councillor Edwin Harrop paid tribute to Mr. Lindsay's

service noting the fact that he had served for 25 years was a compliment to him. Reeve George Currie, at right, presented the desk set on behalf of the township and officials. (Staff Photo)

## Postal strike will close Acton office Thursday

The Acton post office will be virtually closed by the postal employees along with fellow union members across Canada go on strike tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 5 a.m.

Postmaster Gord McKeown said only the box lobby will be left open for people to collect mail since almost all employees here are union members.

The strike will involve 24,000 workers across the country. The postal union is asking for an increase of 75 cents an hour for a contract that will expire September 30, 1969.

The union rejected a conciliation board report which recommended improved working conditions but made no mention of a wage increase. Postal clerks start at \$4,685 per annum and reach a maximum of \$5,735 in five years.

Union officials were critical of wage rates quoted in the daily newspapers which were top. "Not everyone makes the top rates," said one.

Rural mail carriers are not union members and hence will report for work the same as usual. Postmaster McKeown saw little work ahead for them, however. Postmasters and postal officers have received orders not to handle mail during the strike. It would be a hopeless task, anyway.

The customs office will remain open.

The Treasury Board negotiating wage rates with the postal union has reportedly said they will not back down from an inflexible position until the union reduces its demands. A strike was inevitable as this newspaper went to bed.

The Post Office placed an embargo on all classes of mail on Tuesday at 5 p.m. Communications minister Eric Klovans said the embargo would go into effect on second, third and fourth class mail at noon Tuesday.

This would mean there will be

no newspapers or magazines accepted by the post office. Will pickets be posted at the Acton post office? Postmaster McKeown doesn't know but said he has heard rumors of outside pickets being posted here.

In the event the postal strike is not settled by next week, Free Press subscribers may pick up their copy of this newspaper at Dills Stationery store on Mill St.

If the strike is settled subscribers will receive their Free Press in the usual manner.

Word was received Wednesday morning from Postmaster Gord McKeown that Rural Route mail deliveries were cancelled after today (Thursday).

In view of this word from the Postal Department, Rural Route subscribers to the Acton Free Press may pick up their copies at Dills Stationery Store.



A DEEP BREATH AND THEN UNDER. Learning to swim isn't easy but with the help of Red Cross instructor Louise McElroy beginners get six weeks to practice in the park wading pool as part of the summer playground program. (Staff Photo)

## Esqueving honors quarter century of service

K.C. Lindsay, clerk and treasurer of Esqueving Township was honored Friday evening for 25 years of service, when officials gathered for a dinner at the Caravan Restaurant in Milton.

Former Councillor E. Harrop paid tribute to Mr. Lindsay's years of service. He suggested the clerk-treasurer had three main attributes for the position. First was absolute honesty in all his dealings, second was a willingness to work and third an ability to get along with people.

Reeve G. Currie, presenting an engraved desk set, reviewed the changes in the township during the last 25 years. He recalled he was the only living member of the council that had engaged Mr. Lindsay 25 years ago.

Longevity in public service is normal in Esqueving Township. Mr. Lindsay recalled he was only the fifth treasurer the township has had in its 118 year history.

He was immediately preceded by Norman Thompson as treasurer who served only three years but George Leble, the previous treasurer, had served for 43 years from 1897 to 1940.

Mr. Lindsay's roots are deep in Esqueving history and his interest in municipal affairs is quite natural. His great grandfather was the first deputy reeve of the township at its founding in 1849. Prior to that he had served on the school commission. His

grandfather was reeve of the township and in 1884 was warden of Halton. His father was a valuator for Esqueving in 1927 and 1928 and from those days Mr. Lindsay recalls the township paid about 25 per cent of the county rate.

The major change in the township that Mr. Lindsay sees is the growing urbanization. "Twenty-five years ago it was all farms and I knew 90 per cent of the people. Today I doubt if I know nine per cent of the residents," he reflected.

"From the 60 farms that were once located on the Seventh Line there are definitely not more than 20 being actively farmed by full time farmers now."

The course of Esqueving administration has been smooth. "Oh there have been minor differences of opinion among councilors but in 25 years there has never been any serious differences of opinion on council," he recalled.

Mr. Lindsay was a farmer for over 30 years before joining the township administration on a full time basis. He began his work with Esqueving in 1943 as treasurer. Prior to that he had served as a livestock valuator for nearly 15 years. In 1943 the treasurer's position was a part time job. In 1949 Mr. Lindsay assisted Assessor Art Benton with the first formal re-assessment of the township in its history. In 1953 he became acting clerk succeeding I.N. Bennett in early 1954.

## Honor W.J. Beatty on his retirement

Over 100 members of the Boardmore staff and their husbands and wives attended a retirement party in the Acton Music Centre Thursday evening, June 27, on the occasion of Mr. W. J. Beatty's retirement from the Company.

A cocktail hour was followed by a dinner and dancing.

R. L. Evolan presented Mr. Beatty with a leather bound book containing letters from close associates in the trade congratulating him and offering their best wishes. Other presentations on behalf of the staff were made by H. E. Ruppert and F. L. Racy. Judy Drey presented Mrs. Beatty with red carnations.

N. J. Braida introduced out-of-town visitors from Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dickson and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McLean. Mr. Dickson is Executive Vice-president of Canada Packers Limited, Toronto and Chairman of the Board of Boardmore and Co. Limited. Mr. McLean is President of Canada

Packers Limited, Toronto. Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bennett who were celebrating their wedding anniversary. Mrs. Bennett was presented with a bouquet of pink roses by Mr. Beatty.

Earlier in the week Mr. Beatty received gifts from the Machine Shop staff of the Company and also from the Foremen's Association. On June 21, he was honored at a dinner given at the Mohawk Inn. On hand at the dinner were 30 officials representing all the major tanners in Canada. They had earlier presented him with leather gifts.

Mr. Beatty continues to be a member of the Board of Directors of Boardmore and Co.

## Constable Campbell transferred

O.P.P. Constable Peter Campbell is being transferred from the Acton to the Burlington Detachment as of the first of August. He will take on the duties of Traffic Safety Co-ordinator in the Burlington traffic unit.

Constable Campbell has been in Acton for the past three years. He and his wife Liz have taken an apartment in Burlington.

## Police report two minor accidents

Two minor accidents were reported by Acton O.P.P. this week.

Saturday, July 13, a car driven by Willard John Halliday, 33 Queen St., sustained \$150 damage to the right rear when it failed to negotiate the curve at Yonge and Queen Sts.

The vehicle was southbound on Yonge, Police said, and knocked over a speed limit sign when it mounted the curb.

Constable Peter Campbell investigated.

Vehicles driven by Helen Osborne, 173 Perth St. and Michael Stan Joe, 211 Mill St. E., collided Tuesday evening at 9:05 p.m. (Continued on Page 3)



REMEMBER, A FEW MONTHS AGO the snow lay thick on the ground, the air was frosty and we were looking forward to an early spring. Perhaps this winter scene will help cool you off. (Staff Photo)

## Would drop per diem pay

Reeve H. Hinton, Acton, gave notice to members of Halton County Council Tuesday, he will propose that county-appointed members to various organizations not be paid a per diem allowance.

The reeve suggested the objective of getting the best man on boards is often negated by putting a price tag on their service.

The county currently appoints members to the various hospital boards, industrial committee Sheridan College and others.

The reeve noted the matter was being studied by a county committee but he felt action should be taken on the matter and he was outlining his views.