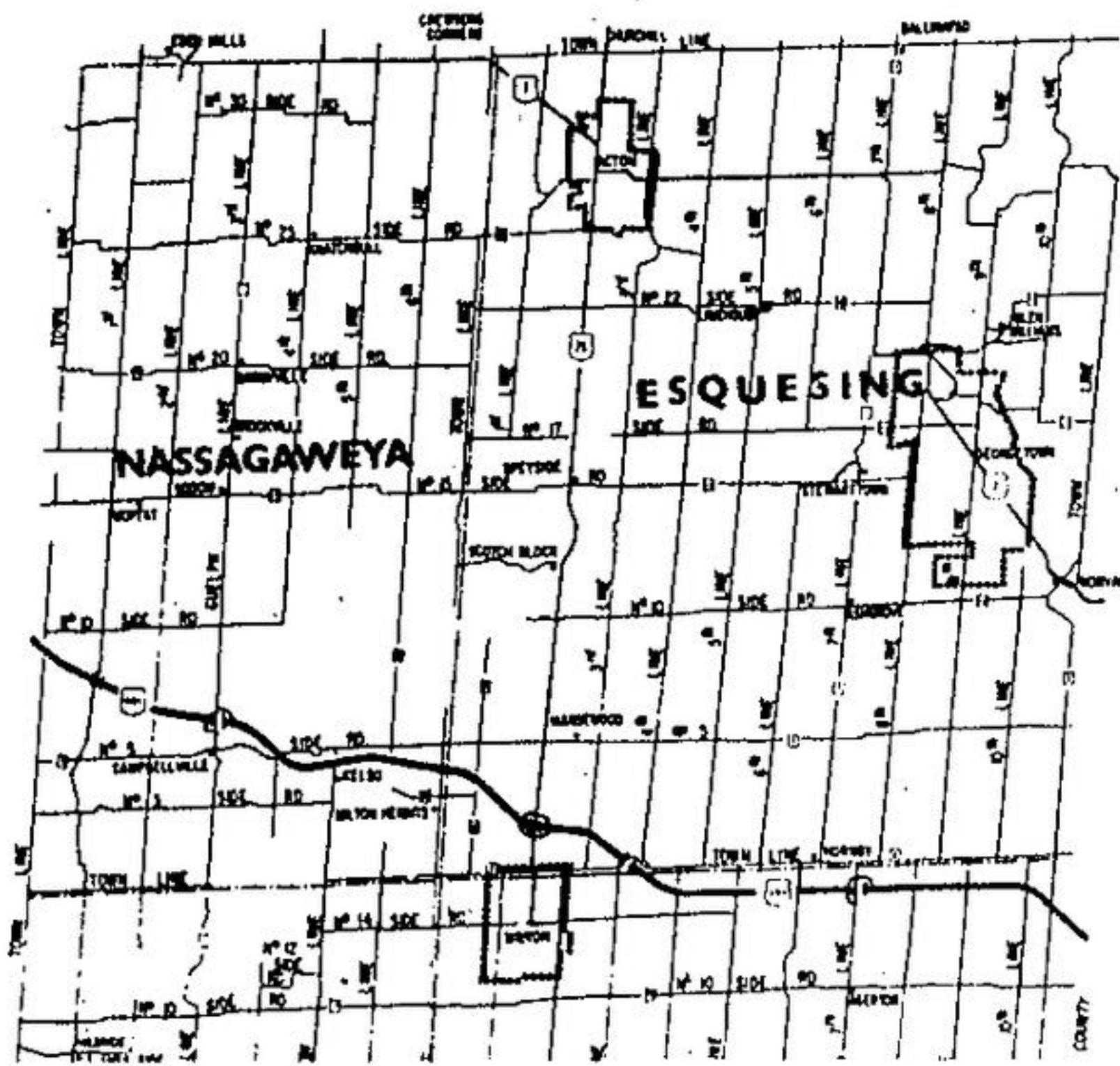


TECO says:

# Split Halton pie in three



ONE LARGE NORTHERN UNIT

A two-tier form of regional government, with a 21-24 man regional council overseeing three large lower-tier councils, emerged from an all-day meeting Saturday as the majority of Halton councillors' hopes for a future regional government in Halton.

Against strong opposition from Milton delegates, the councillors opted for a three-unit tier set-up lumping Milton with Acton, Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya in one northern Halton unit or borough. Oakville and Burlington would form the other two.

Mayor Brian Best of Milton led a delegation from Milton Council which demanded Halton be split into four regions — with Milton forming an enlarged unit in the centre of the county while the other four northern municipalities formed a separate region. The Milton proposal, the

only really contentious point made during the day, was soundly criticized by neighboring councils.

Second gathering Saturday's meeting was the second meeting of all Halton councillors reviewing the TECO (Technical Co-Ordinating) Committee Report which was issued in May of this year. The TECO group, clerks and treasurers and planning staffs of the county, had recommended Halton form a unit of regional government with five lower-tier boroughs. Their recommendations found little favor as far as boundaries were concerned although many of the ideas in the TECO Report were endorsed, especially those on the division of responsibilities between the regional and local councils.

TECO recommended taking portions of north-west

Burlington, Waterdown, East and West Flamboro and Puslinch to form a new borough council; lumping Milton with Nassagaweya for another region; grouping Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing for a third; and leaving most of what is now Oakville and less than half of what is now Burlington as the fourth and fifth lower-tier units.

A first meeting was held in June when the TECO Report was praised and criticized, and Warden Jim Swanborough asked each council to study the Report in detail and come back Sept. 9 with some recommendations. The four major briefs submitted Saturday and the subsequent discussions at two caucus meetings convened on the spot by local councils soon emerged with a decision Halton's future could best be served with a two-tier form of region; the three, not four boroughs won favor with most of

the delegates; and that the results of the meeting be forwarded to the provincial department of intergovernmental affairs for a recommendation.

Study three and four? Several councillors expressed the hope that either the TECO Committee or the province will come up with a cost study showing financial implications of regionalization. Warden Jim Swanborough felt it was the responsibility of the province. Milton pressed for a study on both three local councils and four, but a motion calling for such a two-part study found only five of the councillors in favor and was declared defeated.

Unique feature Saturday was the presentation of a joint brief by the four northernmost Halton municipalities, in which they agreed to stand together with or without Milton as a separate unit.

Councillors from Acton, Esquesing, Nassagaweya and Georgetown had met several times in recent weeks attempting to reach a consensus and they achieved their goal by presenting a brief calling for a northern borough including all the lands presently in each of the four municipalities.

Burlington submitted a brief opting for a one-tier region and abolishment of all local councils; however it included a rider that if the majority preferred a two-tier region Burlington would be satisfied to go north to 10 Sideroad (Derry Rd.). If East Flamboro and Waterdown want to be part of the region the western boundary should be Highway 6, but if they preferred to stay with Wentworth County the present east boundary of Burlington would be sufficient, the Burlington brief said.

### To Lower Base Line

Oakville's brief recommended splitting Halton into three areas — Oakville, Burlington and north Halton, with the northern boundary of both Oakville and Burlington at Lower Base Line Rd.

Further details on the various briefs and the discussions at Saturday's conference will be found on Page B1.

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All big guns

## PCs to kick off campaign at gala Oakville rally

Oakville will be the scene of the national campaign kick-off for Progressive Conservative candidates Sept. 21 as they head into high gear towards the Oct. 30 election. A large rally is slated for Oakville Arena.

The platform will include a shining array of the nation's top Tories. National leader Bob Stanfield, Paul Hellyer who defected from the Trudeau cabinet two years ago, Claude Wagner a former Liberal Justice Minister in Quebec, Ontario Premier William Davis and Ontario Justice Minister Allan

Lawrence will be on hand for the campaign kickoff as will PC candidates from the Metro and southern Ontario ridings.

Popular in Quebec. The acquisition of Wagner and Lawrence are the most recent of pleasant surprises for the Tories. Wagner is touted as being extremely popular in Quebec, a Liberal stronghold for the past several years. National PC's are looking to Wagner to help break the barrier and provide a boost for the party in Quebec. Even though Wagner has just recently joined the Conservatives as a

candidate, some political analysts have him marked as a successor for Stanfield.

Allan Lawrence proved his popularity within the Ontario PC organization when he ran a close second to Davis for the leadership race. The fact Davis is actively supporting Stanfield and the national PC's denotes a new solidarity between the provincial and national Tories.

In 1968 and in previous elections the national Tories received little public support from Premier John Roberts.

Halton Riding Conservatives are overjoyed to have the kickoff here and feel the event will boost Terry O'Connor's chances in the Halton riding.

O'Connor's public relations agent suggested O'Connor's riding had been chosen for the kickoff because of his work in a policy research and election expenses study which Stanfield presented in the House of Commons.

The kickoff is planned for 7.15 and Stanfield will speak at 8 p.m.

## Foodland missing \$2,200

Approximately \$2200 was reported missing from the safe at Foodland store in a break, enter and theft there on the weekend. The incident was reported to Acton police Sunday morning.

Entry had apparently been made through the roof and the safe had been cut into.

Loss of bottles of liquor following a sportsmen's show dance was solved when four youths admitted to taking the liquor, and returned it.

Nine or 10 tapes were reported stolen from a car during the week, minor damage was reported at the Y when bulbs were broken and paint splattered, and a fence was damaged to the extent of \$10.

Flagpole bent The flagpole at the library was reported bent; damage estimated at \$20. (The flag was already missing, having been stolen some weeks ago.)

Acton police laid three charges of impaired driving, one of being drunk in a public place and another of having liquor other than in a residence.

## 15 night school courses offered here this season

Fifteen night school courses are being offered this fall at Acton high school. Some of them are classes which have proven popular before and co-ordinator Boris Shean is looking forward to a good registration Sept. 19.

A pottery class is being offered again, taught by high school art teacher June Levy. This year the class will last for 15 weeks. It bears the highest price tag of any course—\$30—which includes pottery clay, glazing and firing as well as the cost of instruction. Mrs. Levy taught this popular class last year.

Teachers instruct Acton's own bridge expert, high school teacher Bill Coats, will instruct the class in bridge. Gerry Brouillard, who teaches public school oral French

daytimes, will be back at the high school Monday evenings to teach conversation French to adults.

Clarence Rognavaldson is another teacher willing to return nights, to teach general shop and furniture refinishing to adults.

Bruce Andrews of the high school staff will instruct in Keep Fit for men and women. Home ec teacher Kathleen Hannah will instruct in sewing. High school staffer Jeff Sansom offers Theatre Arts and Drama.

Acton high's new home ec teacher June Campbell is signed up to take the hostess course.

Former staffer Betty Lou Bowden, formerly a secretary at Acton high school, will again instruct in typing.

(Typing and conversation French are the only two courses which last 20 weeks.)

Earl Jensen, who has done a good deal of work for Actonians and has instructed many, too, is back again to teach upholstery. This class is in the Y.M.C.A., so larger pieces of furniture may be left there.

Local craftswoman Mrs. H. Bessen will be providing variety in the two courses on handicrafts and needlecrafts. Her wide range of skills have been apparent at her booth at the country market, and Georgetown Arts and Crafts shows over the years. These classes were much enjoyed last year.

Instructor isn't determined yet for oil and water painting.

How about Super 8 film

making? Walter Shean, Orangeville teacher and professional photographer, will be in charge. (His brother Boris is night school co-ordinator.)

Registration night Registration is Tues. Sept. 19 at the school, and all courses begin the week of Oct. 2. (More details in an ad in today's paper.)

Anyone who can't make it up to the school to register may do so by calling the Adult Education office of the Halton county board of education Zenith 1-9220.

Mr. Shean is hoping for sufficient registration to carry on these varied and interesting courses in Acton this year. Last year several were cancelled due to insufficient interest.



SECOND ANNUAL All-Pro Nationals at the weekend, included were drivers of "funny Toronto International Dragway, three miles cars" such as this attractive miss. For more east of Acton, attracted large crowds on the pictures turn inside. —W. Stuckey Photo

## No charge for Band

An article in the Free Press of August 30 disclosing that the Acton Centennial Commission is looking into the possibility of an entry in the 1972 Grey Cup parade in Hamilton has been misinterpreted by several residents.

The article said that centennial commissioner Jack Carpenter was scratching his head for suggestions on how to raise the \$400 needed for a float in the parade and the possibility of Acton bringing the town band which would be another \$300.

Apparently some readers took this to mean that the band would charge the centennial com-

mission \$300 to represent Acton in the parade. This is not the case. The \$300 is the parade entry fee for a band. Entrants must pay the Grey Cup parade people to appear in their procession.

Free of charge Charlie Kingsmill, secretary-treasurer of the Citizens' Band points out that the Band's policy is to play at any parade sponsored by any Acton service organization free of charge as long as the parade takes place in Acton. For out-of-town parades all that is required is transportation and expenses when

Acton organizations make the request.

"However, for a parade such as the one that Mr. Carpenter is talking about, the band would be pleased and proud to play even if we had to foot the expenses ourselves," said Mr. Kingsmill. First of all we must be asked and require two weeks notice so the 42 volunteer players can arrange their time.

The Band consists of 42 players, most of them under 25 with school studies, part-time jobs and other interests but they try to be available for each and every parade requested.

# All set for Fall Fair Friday, Saturday

As agriculture seems to play second fiddle to industry in this part of the country, the annual Acton Fair continues to draw thousands of happy spectators each year. Entertainment and sociality are now perhaps more welcome than keen competition in such categories as draught horses or cattle, or home-made butter.

Entries in these domestic and livestock categories are undoubtedly down over years ago, with neighborhood herds dispersed, homes lining the roadsides in the fields of former fine farms, and women working all day in offices and factories instead of in their own kitchens.

The fair board has adapted its thinking to new ways, and this year's fair, Friday and Saturday, reflects all facets of its "1972" label.

Entertainment? Better than ever. Fine acts The highly-rated acts lined up for Friday

night show are to be interspersed with segments of the annual Miss Acton Fair contest. Brenda Bruce will be crowning the new title holder who this year must be 16 or over. This new regulation follows requirements of the C.N.E. to which Acton's winner proceeds.

The Queen's robes and prizes are on display in Carneo store window this week. Brent Marshall and his committee are making contacts daily to schools to line up entries, arranging for prizes, the contestants' dinner, and the many details connected with the exciting contest.

Same judges Judges are the same popular three as last year, chic Valerie Jean Hume who teaches modelling at Sheridan College, Mac Byard of Guelph radio station and John Cruickshank, Sheridan athletic director. The Acton fair president H.H. Hinton and Miss Acton Fair 1971, Brenda Bruce,

appeared Monday on the Elaine Cole TV show to promote the contest.

Saturday's parade is scheduled to move off from the station as soon as possible after noon, and John Hasson reports a good number of floats lined up.

Acton Citizens' Band will head the parade; they also march and play Friday evening.

Guest band Another parade band, the George Harvey secondary school band, Toronto, is really making a day of it at Acton fair. Some time during the afternoon they will play a two hour concert in the swings area. Later they'll be the guests of Acton Citizens' Band at the music centre for supper and a dance afterward. Quite a few are expected to come with the band, both families and friends of the players. Marching with the Hanover Hi Lites

majorities will be their trainer, Bonnie Carter, who is Ontario champion.

Guelph Royalaires are expected as well as a variety of entries including horses.

For their first project, the newly-formed Youth Council will have a clean-up project fair day, involving the general appearance of the town and fair grounds.

The midway is apparently bigger than ever, as promised to accommodate the high crowds which line up there for rides.

Space reserved All the commercial space in the hall has long been sold, as well as all space outside available to the fair board. Car and farm machinery displays are also planned for outside, as well as the mobile book trailer.

Erin square dancers will perform on the grounds. The Old Tyme Fiddle contest at 2 p.m. also draws appreciative crowds. By limiting the entrants this year to the immediate

townships, officials hoped to encourage local people to compete without the presence of top-notch fiddlers from a distance. At last report from secretary-treasurer Mrs. Irene Swackhamer, the new strategy hadn't paid off in entries, but they're accepted late. The trailer will be set up on the ball diamond, as last year.

Baby show in the arena at 2.30 p.m. has had a remarkable high number of entries in recent years, with prizes and coveted ribbons for the winners. Right after the baby show, Ontario Conservatory guitar and accordion, students will play inside the arena.

A change in schedule: the fair will be officially opened Saturday afternoon instead of Friday evening, by J.D. Tate, a past president on Ontario Association of Agricultural societies.

Outdoors, the town children and visiting city people will again be especially intrigued by the animals and poultry. Numbers of entries don't matter much when you can actually pat a lamb or gaze at a hulking cow.

The poultry building always provides enjoyment, as all the birds cluck back at the spectators.

As this area's emphasis shifts away from agriculture, many of the district newcomers keep horses for riding, and entries in these categories are good.

There'll be various booths, including the Lions barbecue. The Shaynes will be playing at the fair night dance.

With wrestling at the arena, workers started a day late under Bill Thompson, but have things well in hand. Judging starts Friday morning.

Now...for fine weather!