



THE COUNTY OF HALTON

Formed in 1816 as an electoral and a militia district this County was named after William Halton, Secretary to Francis Gore, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada. In 1853 a Provisional County Council with limited powers was established and on July 12 held its first meeting in Thompson's Inn in the Village of Milton. Independence and full municipal and judicial powers were granted to Halton County on January 1, 1855. The County then consisted of the Townships of Esquesing, Trafalgar Nelson and Nassagaweya. New municipalities were created within the County by the incorporation of the towns of Milton and Oakville in 1857, the village of Georgetown in 1865, the village of Burlington in 1873, the village of Acton in 1874 and the village of Bronte in 1951. Amalgamations by Oakville and Burlington have now reduced the number of municipalities to seven—Acton, Burlington, Esquesing, Georgetown, Milton, Nassagaweya and Oakville.

Erected by the Corporation of the County of Halton
September 30th, 1972
James R. Swanborough, Q.C., Warden



A NEW HISTORICAL PLAQUE outlining the history of Halton County was unveiled at the Halton Administration Building in Milton. G. F. Thompson of Milton, left, who did the groundwork and suggested the plaque be erected, is pictured

beside it with Halton's 1972 Warden Reeve Jim Swanborough of Burlington, who unveiled it. Halton's history dates back to 1816 and the county was named after William Halton, secretary to Sir Francis Gore.

What council did:

At the regular meeting Tuesday, Acton council:

—Approved the request of the Chamber of Commerce for permission to run a parade prior to Candidates' Night on Wednesday, October 18.

—Decided to purchase six large planters from the City of Kitchener at \$50 each. The planters have been on the Acton business section all summer on loan from Kitchener and the Development Commission recommended council purchase them. They will be left in their present locations during the winter and possibly decorated during the Christmas season.

—Endorsed a proposal from the Bank of Montreal for a park bench next to the bank on Mill St. Deputy-Reeve G. W. McKenzie said he hopes the bench idea grows like the planters. "I'm thinking of the older folks who need a place to sit down for a few minutes", he said, also advocating that council seriously consider Councillor Greer's suggestion and provide washrooms downtown.

—Told the press that if the weather is favorable paving of Bower Ave. would begin almost immediately. There was some delay because of the extension of water services, the mayor noted.

—Elizabeth Drive sidewalks? It will be done as soon as possible. Councillors Greer and Masales assured Councillor Marks. There's a drainage problem and the sidewalk must be set to the grade of the road when it is changed. "Will you know in two weeks?" asked Marks. It might be done in two weeks, was the reply.

—Deputy-Reeve McKenzie's suggestion that council consider operating a bus one day a week since it was expensive for older people to travel downtown was referred to committee. The deputy-reeve said Milton does it at Christmas time successfully and council might consider a service for Acton.

—It was disclosed that council has been held up on a new sidewalk to Cameron St. because engineers are not sure where the road allowance is.

—Councillors expressed their delight in the "new look" seating arrangements and desks which were set up by Councillor Elliott. Council is now in a semi-circle around a raised dais on which the mayor sits complete with desk. On the wall are pictures of the Queen and Prince Phillip. "Changes are not complete," said Elliott, noting he has a few more items to brighten the council chambers including flags. "I hope regional government doesn't make it all redundant in a few months."

Murder suspect caught by police

A Burlington man, sought in connection with the murder of a Burlington woman and her son Sept. 29, was captured in Coldwater near Orillia Wednesday evening. Police apprehended him as he sat eating fish and chips in a dairy bar, culminating a province-wide search that had lasted four days.

The suspect was the object of an intensive search in the Milton area Monday afternoon of last week, after an intruder broke into the 10 Sideroad home of Mr. and Mrs. George Newell and stole some food. Mr. Newell told police he came home at noon and thought he heard someone leaving by a back door as he entered the house through the basement. A squad of 30 police officers, aided by a tracking dog and a plane, conducted an intensive search of the block of bush and farmland at the rear of the Newell home, to no avail.

Other sporadic searches had been made in the Rattlesnake Point and other north Burlington areas from Sunday to Wednesday when residents reported seeing strangers prowling around their homes.

The suspect, a 19-year-old Burlington man, had apparently driven a car to an area south of Barrie. Several boat thefts were reported in the Orillia area before he was captured in the Coldwater restaurant. A citizen had seen two women give a hitch-

hiker a lift and called police when the hiker got out of their car and entered the dairy bar.

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Want "tickets" for cyclists

Acton council has referred a motion to introduce a form of ticketing for young cyclists to committee for further study before making a decision.

The motion introduced by Councillor Elliott and seconded by Councillor Marks suggested the Acton O.P. detachment would issue young cyclists who break the laws of the road with unofficial tickets pointing out what they had done wrong.

"There would be no fine," said Elliott, "just a reminder to the youngsters they weren't obeying the rules of the road." He said the system had been introduced in other communities with some success.

Sheep club holds day

By Henry J. Stanley

Fifteen members of the Halton 4-H Sheep Club took their lambs to Georgetown Fair for the achievement day there. Judge was Ray Clarkson of Brampton. Members were scored on showmanship as follows: first—Alice Summerfield, Moffat 1; second—Jim Summerfield, Moffat 1; third—John Summerfield, Moffat 1; fourth—Glen Stevenson, Burlington; fifth—David Stanley, Rockwood 2 and sixth—Stephen Stanley, Rockwood 2.

In the ewe lamb class the members were placed as follows: Joseph Weeden, Oakville 1; Leslie Knight, Campbellville 1; Valerie Knight, Campbellville 1; David Stanley, Rockwood 2; Jim Summerfield, Moffat 1; Nancy McKinnon, Milton 3; Glen Stevenson, Burlington and Jamie Couper, Milton 6.

Winners

In the market lamb class winners were: Laurie Currie, Milton 5; Alice Summerfield, Moffat 1; Stephen Stanley, Rockwood 2; John Summerfield, Moffat 1; Harris Currie, Milton 5; Jim McKerr, Milton 3 and Keith McKinnon, Milton 3.

In the open sheep show class for breeding ewe lamb shown by a 4-H member, the winners were Stephen Stanley, David Stanley, Jim Summerfield and John Summerfield.

The councillor advocated more education for cyclists at a recent meeting after a close brush with disaster. He told council Tuesday that less than a week ago, he again came within a few feet of hitting a young girl cyclist who disregarded a stop sign. Police are conducting a program in the schools but it needs to be "beefed up," he asserted.

"There is not much work involved, and I'd like to see the program attempted. It might stop some youngster from showing up in the newspapers as a fatality."

Councillor Chapman noted that some judges were advocating fines for cyclists and reminded council bicycles come under the Traffic Act.

There was general agreement that a problem existed but councillors felt more study and consultation with police was needed before any decisions were made on a program.

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