



RE-ELECTED in a very close contest, Reeve Russell Miller, after the final results Esquing Reeve Tom Hill accepts congratulations from his challenger Deputy-reeve Russell Miller, after the final results were posted in Stewarttown Monday night. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Glen rescues Hill in tight reeve's race

Heavy support from his own village of Glen Williams rescued Esquing Reeve Tom Hill from the brink of defeat and carried him to a 204 vote victory over challenger Deputy-reeve Russell Miller in Monday's township election, one of the closest in history.

A single vote earned newcomer George Maltby a seat on council in his second political contest. Maltby edged Malcolm Freeman 900 votes to 899 for the final council seat. F. J. Cartwright trailed Freeman by 269 votes.

Incumbent councillors Dick Howitt and Wilfrid Leslie were returned to office with whopping majorities. Howitt polled 1632 votes, as he topped the list of five candidates at all but two polling stations.

Councillor Len Coxie will take over Miller's position as deputy-reeve, after an impressive 575 vote victory over former Councillor C. F. "Pat" Patterson. Patterson was able to outdistance Coxie only in Milton Heights and in his own polling area of Norval.

Inclement weather kept the percentage vote down to 34.3 per cent, but did not prevent a large number of ratepayers from showing up at the township offices to wait for results of the close races Monday night. Clear weather drew a record 38.4 per cent turnout in the last election in 1970. Spectators were kept guessing all evening about the race for

Maltby new councillor

reeve. Results from polling stations at Speyside, Limehouse and Silvercreek provided Miller with a surprising lead and when the deputy-reeve was able to gain almost a sawoff at the Stewarttown poll, it looked like the township might have a new reeve. Not until results from the large Glen Williams poll were posted was it evident Reeve Hill would be returned to office.

In his home area the reeve enjoyed a margin of better than two to one. Hill also ran well in Hornby, Norval and Quatrebras (Five Sideroad) results.

Councillor Coxie's election as deputy-reeve was never in doubt, although early returns from Milton Heights and Hornby

favoured Patterson. Coxie was able to recover with resounding victories in Stewarttown, Glen Williams and northern polling areas.

Neck and neck

Maltby and Freeman ran neck-and-neck in most areas, as they battled for the third council seat. Maltby made up for Freeman gains in Stewarttown with key wins in Limehouse, Speyside and Glen Williams. Cartwright ran well in the Hornby area, but placed a poor fifth in the Glen and the northern end of the township.

Howitt showed more balance than any of the candidates, as he racked up his impressive total of votes.

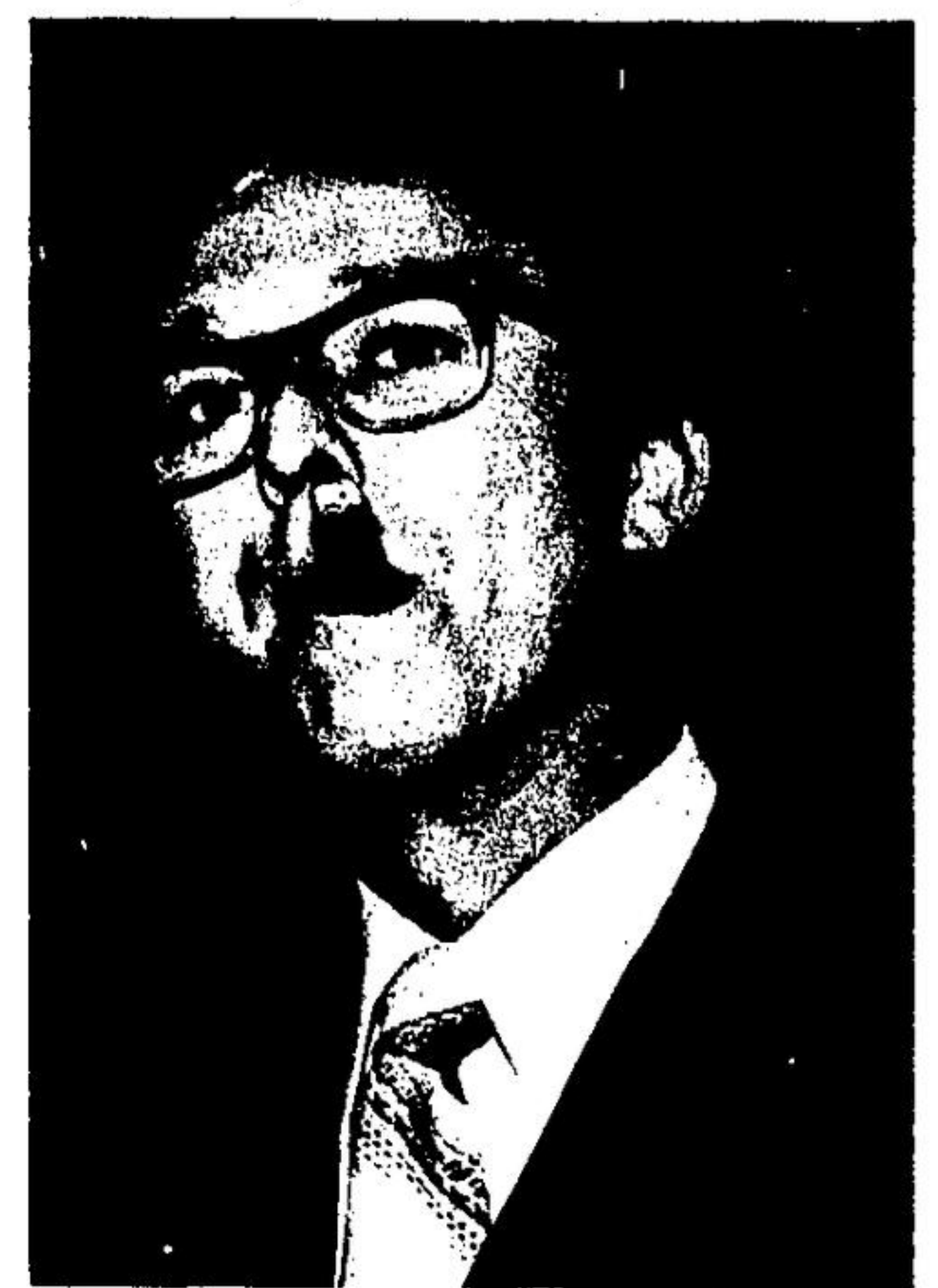
Norval and Glen Williams, traditional Leslie strongholds came through again for the veteran councillor, who will be starting his 15th year on township council.

Deputy-reeve Miller addressed the gathering in the township offices, as soon as the final tally was posted.

"I congratulate Tom, I know there are a lot of my workers just as disappointed as I am, but it was a good fight," he said.

"I've made more friends in the last nine years than I ever could have hoped to. I guess now I can start living a normal life again."

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GEORGE MALTBY smoked a victory cigar after edging Malcolm Freeman by one vote to become Esquing township's newest councillor Monday night. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

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Christmas bus service for shoppers

Shoppers in Acton will have a free bus service for 10 days before Christmas, council decided Tuesday night.

The service will be provided by Tyler Transport Ltd. at a daily cost of \$58, underwritten by council. In turn, council will request the Chamber of Commerce to share the cost on a 50-50 basis.

Buses will run throughout Acton to the shopping area on an hourly basis using the old town hall on Willow St. as a terminal. The service will start Wednesday, December 13 at 9 a.m.

"The town has been divided into three areas," explained Councillor Bill Coats, who sponsored the motion which passed unanimously. It will provide service to all sections of town.

Coats said discussion with Chamber representatives had brought no guarantee that the Chamber of Commerce would share the cost. It is possible the municipality will have to bear the entire cost of the \$58 day project.

In Coats' view it was time council did something to assist Acton business-

men and this way the "ball would be in their park" to do with it as they will. He felt the bus service would contribute to the town's services and help businessmen and residents at the same time.

The same type of service had been tried in Milton by Tyler's and found successful.

Councillor Jack Greer warned, however, that if the service starts this year then next year there could be a demand and the price could be twice the quoted figure as a result. He said he couldn't see how the service could operate at \$6.50 an hour, providing a bus and driver. Council must be careful not to get too involved, he argued.

Reeve Frank Oakes suggested the town should try it and evaluate the results, although he realized the cost was not in the budget. Most councillors shared this view and voted for the resolution.

Council plans a newspaper campaign to advertise the service which will start at 9 a.m. and finish at 6 p.m. each day. Bus routes will be advertised in next week's issue of the Free Press.



MAYOR LES DUBY, a founding member of the Central Ontario Regional Development Council, was presented with a silver tray by the president, Dr. Robert C. Williams, on behalf of the Board of Directors and in appreciation of his contribution to the

organization. The Council is a volunteer organization set up under the Provincial Regional Development Act to comment on major Provincial Planning Policies for the area including Halton, Peel, York, Ontario and Metropolitan Toronto.

Records, telex machine lost in late night fire

Trucking records and a Telex machine valued in the neighborhood of \$6,000 were among losses in a blaze which levelled a small office on Highway 25 south of Acton late last night (Tuesday). The office was rented from Neil Charette by a Georgetown trucking firm, CIM Express. It is located near Mr. Charette's home about 200 yards back of Reid's

Gulf Service Station. Nassagaweya residents Fred and Sheila Buchanan were returning home from bowling in Acton, when they noticed the fire. They notified the Charettes who called Acton Firefighters, then pushed a nearby truck, to safety. Chief Mick Holmes will examine the ruins of the office today (Wednesday). He estimates

total damage could rise as high as \$10,000. Cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

An adjacent cement block construction garage received no damage. Prompt action by the Acton brigade may have kept the fire from reaching the Charette house, which is located less than 50 yards from the office.

Collision kills father and son

A three way truck collision in Georgetown Friday morning claimed the lives of a Ballinfad area father and son.

Ken Howell, 31 and his 10 year old son Kent were pronounced dead at the scene, after their pickup truck was involved in a collision with a Toastmaster bread truck and a 7-up beverage truck near the intersection of Guelph St. and Armstrong Avenue, close to the town's eastern limits.

The collision occurred about 9:15 a.m. during a period of blowing snow.

Drivers of the other vehicles,

Charles Rayner of Georgetown and Charles Callaghan of Downsview were treated for shock at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

The collision caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to the three vehicles.

Con. McQueen of the Georgetown Police Department is continuing his investigation into the double fatality. No charges have yet been laid and it is not yet known whether an inquest into the deaths will be held.

Police cost up \$10,000

The cost of policing the town has gone from \$70,478 in 1972 to a new high of \$80,248, Acton council learned Tuesday night.

Council passed a by-law executing an agreement with the Attorney General of Ontario for policing the town with seven members of the Ontario Provincial Police, provided with uniforms and equipment, and was informed the new \$80,248 figure for 1973 would be closer to \$90,000 when all policing expenses were included.

Much of the increase was charged to a seven per cent increase in wages for O.P.P. personnel. Police committee chairman Orv. Chapman said there were other costs such as overtime, uniforms and additional benefits not included in the new figure. The 15c a mile cost of providing a police cruiser is another extra.

"The agreement between the

town and the Attorney General stipulates the O.P.P. must provide a cruiser at a cost of 15c per mile," the clerk explained. An additional cruiser for the Acton detachment being discussed by committee would have to be negotiated, he said in answer to a query.

Councillor Chapman said police operate the present cruiser about 3,500 miles a month and mileage was escalating. He said the need for another cruiser was only discussed briefly at a committee meeting and no recommendations had been made.

Despite the increased costs councillors passed the agreement by-law with little comment. Council has repeatedly said in the past the town's agreement with the OPP is of great value and saves the municipality expenses and headaches associated with a town-run force.

Elliott heads polls in light Acton vote

Bad weather and only a vote for council cut Acton's voters down to a quarter of those eligible Monday.—24.5 per cent. The six running for eight council seats hadn't managed to generate much excitement as the vote indicated.

Incumbent Norman Elliott headed the polls and other present councillors returned are Bill Coats, Orval Chapman and Earl Masales. They are joined by newcomers Barry Inscoc and Bill Yundt, both taking elected office for the first time.

A close loser, just 17 votes down, was Bob Drinkwater. Trailing the slate was John Coniglio.

The crowd in the town office was sparse—not many more than 20 at a time. Joe Hurst and Grant Usher posted results on a black board.

The first poll phoned in 36 minutes after closing—at 8.36.

Other polls rang in immediately after and within nine minutes all were heard from but one. The last was the scout hall which finished counting at about 9.10 p.m.

With a close conclusion before them, Bob Drinkwater congratulated Bill Yundt.

Asked for a comment, John Coniglio said in his opinion the election is not fair. To make it fair people should vote for all six

councillors, and not be allowed to vote just for one, Mr. Coniglio explained.

Answering service Phones jangled constantly at the Free Press office from shortly after 8 p.m. until 11.30 when the staff ran out between rings and went home. With Acton results finalized shortly after 9 p.m. there weren't the many return calls of other years.

Lake ice not safe

Police have issued another warning this week to children who are venturing out on the thin ice of Fairy Lake. The ice is not safe, they stress.



A SMALL CROWD of people in addition to candidates on hand at the town offices Monday night as the election results were received and tabulated. Defeated candidate

Bob Drinkwater, Esther Taylor and councillor Orv Chapman kept their own tally sheets up to date while councillor Norm Elliott checked results with Mayor Les Duby.

Icy roads blamed for two accidents

Roads were icy when two car accidents occurred in town this past week. Last Thursday there was a collision at 2.50 p.m. on Longfield Rd. Involved were John Vanderbrink driving a town truck and Teresa Simoes, R. R. 4, Acton, driving a car. Damage to

the car was estimated by Acton O.P.P. at \$100 with no damage to the truck or people.

On Monday at 3.10 two cars were in collision at the corner of Mill and Wallace. Drivers were Larry Lingham, Mount Albert, and Donald Bullock, R. R. 3, Orton.

How Acton voted

COUNCIL six to be elected	Adv. 1	Adv. 2	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-1	3-2	4-1	Total
Norman Elliott	2	9	124	101	86	90	113	89	614
Bill Coats	1	9	100	81	77	72	119	77	536
Barry Inscoc	1	6	112	75	81	72	111	78	536
Earl Masales	1	11	102	73	80	81	112	75	535
Orval Chapman	1	9	96	77	91	78	101	71	524
Bill Yundt	1	8	102	77	65	55	103	80	491
B. Drinkwater	1	8	86	90	55	67	96	71	474
John Coniglio	-	-	43	39	21	15	33	28	179