

Proposed readjustment of electoral districts puts North Halton in Wellington-Dufferin

A proposed readjustment of federal electoral boundaries announced last week would include Acton, Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya townships in a new Wellington-Dufferin district.

Oakville and Milton, including that part of the County of Peel contained in the towns of Mississauga and Streetsville, would constitute another district designated as Oakville. A Guelph riding would consist of the city of Guelph, the town of Fergus, village of Elora and the townships of Guelph, Nichol, Pilkington and Puslinch in Wellington County and that part of

the County of Wentworth contained in the township of East Flamborough and the village of Waterdown. Population of the district is 85,697. Burlington would constitute another separate riding.

The new Wellington-Dufferin riding would also include the town of Orangeville, the village of Grand Valley and the townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, East Luther and Mono in the County of Dufferin; the townships of Eramosa, Erin, West Garafraxa, Maryborough, Peel and West Luther and the villages of Erin, Drayton and Arthur in the County of

Wellington; and that part of the County of Peel contained in the township of Caledon and the village of Caledon East.

Halton riding would entirely disappear under the new set-up. Wellington-Dufferin would have 78,449 people, Oakville-Milton would have 76,395.

The new system will give Ontario 91 elected members, three more than present. The population of each electoral district in the province must correspond to the electoral quota for the province which is the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the province (1971 census) 7,703,106 by the

number of members of the House of Commons to be assigned to the province.

The Ontario quotient is 84,649. Special geographic areas in sparsely settled parts of the province or any special community or diversity of interests may diverge from the rules but in no case shall the population of any electoral district in Ontario exceed 25 per cent (105,814) or be more than 25 per cent less (63,487).

Public hearings are planned in February at various places to hear representations against the proposed readjustments.

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Mayor, M.P.s aim darts

The proposed readjustment of federal election boundaries has found little support among those actively involved in the political scene. Acton mayor Les Duby wondered why Acton would be put in the same riding with villages such as Arthur where

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Little Happy New Year!

PROUD MOTHER, Mrs. Peter Cripps of 64 Main St. S., Acton, looks at the other man who has come into her life. The little fellow, as yet unnamed, made his entrance into the world Monday at 10:24 p.m. at the Guelph General Hospital. Weighing in at eight pounds four ounces, the boy took second place in the Guelph new year's baby derby. He lost out to

Miss Christine Kontogiannis of Guelph, who made her appearance at 4:42 p.m. Happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cripps. This is the first grandchild for the Cripps, first baby for its parents. Dr. Wilson of Glenlea Medical Group delivered the child. —Photo by J. Jennings

Six false alarms warning issued

Police and firefighters join this week in expressing their concern over false fire alarms — six of them in the last week or so.

This is a very serious offense, police state, and there are no "warnings" when someone is apprehended.

Juveniles would be dealt with severely in juvenile court; persons over 16 would appear in criminal court. Both the judge and the O.P.P. consider this offense a very serious one.

The Bell Telephone Company has investigating personnel who will be called if any more false alarms are received, according to police. They have methods used to trace calls which could be used here.

Wednesday

The brigade responded at 2 p.m. last Wednesday to a call, reporting a fire at Home Hardware. The firefighters rushed to the store astonishing the owner, Mike Kinal, who had been watching where the fire truck was going.

The siren sounded at 4:30 a.m.

Dec. 29 when a call said there was a fire at Cedar Springs Motel. A phone call to the motel revealed no fire there.

When other alarms were phoned in, a phone call to the location indicated there was no fire there and the alarm was not sounded. Two were received New Year's Eve.

Six false alarms were totalled, with the brigade actually only going out with equipment to one of them.

Volunteer brigade

Fire Chief Mick Holmes reminds citizens the brigade is a volunteer one, brought out at considerable expense to the community. Volunteers leave their work to answer the call during the days. Much time is wasted whether the call is received day or night, with certain danger involved.

On the other hand, if the alarm is legitimate, valuable minutes are lost checking out the authenticity of the report before sounding the siren. These minutes can mean much in fire loss.

Alone at home?

Fire chief Holmes thought the callers sounded like children or young people. He surmised they might have been left home alone, during the school holidays, while parents were out.

Boxing Day crash claims second victim

A Boxing Day two car collision on the Seventh Line north of Ballinafad has claimed its second victim.

Norman Tobias, 36, R.R. 2 Hillsburgh, died yesterday (Tuesday) at Kitchener-Waterloo General Hospital, where he had been on the critical list since the day of the collision.

Mr. Tobias' 21-year-old wife Hinda was pronounced dead at the scene of the collision on Boxing Day.

The Tobias' lived on the former Don McFee property on the upper Ninth Line. Mr. Tobias was a bassoon player with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. The couple had no children.

Funeral service for Mr. Tobias was held today (Wednesday) from College Memorial Chapel in Toronto. Interment was at Roselawn Cemetery.

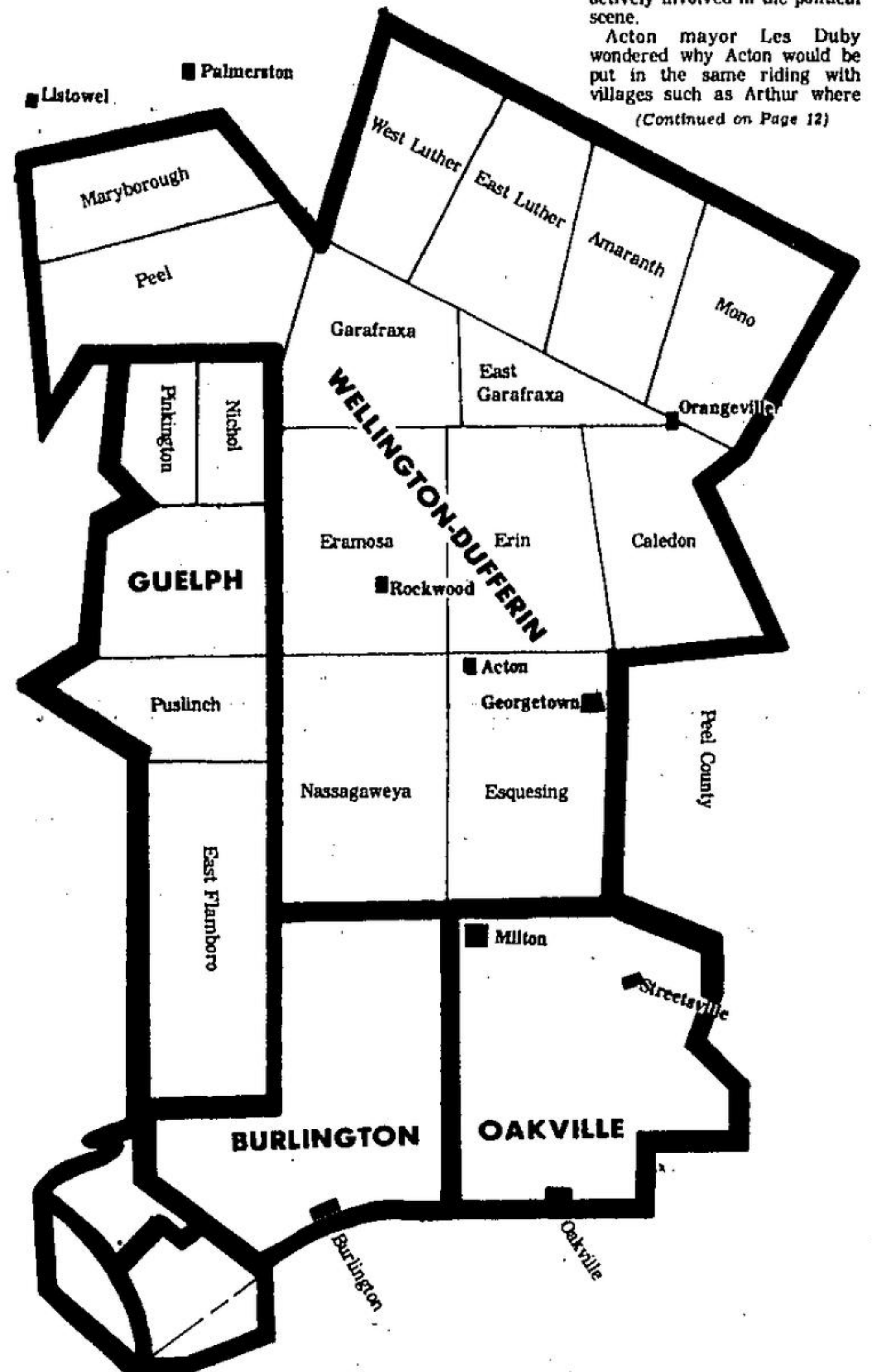
Sisters on TV show three days

Three sisters will all appear on television this next week in three different episodes of the game show Eye Spy on Channel 9. June Jansen of Rockwood, who won a top prize of a trip to Florida, will be seen next Wednesday at noon. Pat Kenner of Acton appears first, this Thursday and Lorrie Ryan of Limehouse on Friday.

They're daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Given, R.R. 2. The shows were taped a couple of weeks ago after the sisters were selected following an audition.

Regional proposals January 22

Regional government proposals for Halton and recommendations in connection with the Steele Committee Report will be announced by the province at a meeting scheduled for January 22 at McMaster University, it was reliably learned this week. A meeting in Mississauga scheduled for January 9, is expected to receive details on the plans for Peel County.



Anne MacArthur selected as 1973 Halton Warden

There won't be any surprises when the Warden is "elected" at the inaugural meeting of the 1973 Halton County Council next Tuesday, Jan. 9. The Warden, who will guide the council through what could be the last year of county government in Halton, has already been informally selected and the "election" next Tuesday is only a formality.

Mrs. Anne MacArthur, the outspoken Reeve of Nassagaweya Township, will be Halton's new Warden. Jim Swanborough, Reeve of Burlington, is the retiring Warden.

Mrs. MacArthur was unofficially elected as Warden on Thursday when members of the new council held a pre-inauguration meeting to name a leader and set up their committees for 1973. The details of the committee structure were not given out but it has been confirmed that Mrs. MacArthur was the choice for the top seat, a \$10,000 a year job.

The three hour meeting was held behind closed doors at the county administration building in Milton Thursday. It was called an "informal" meeting.

Also in the race for the Warden's seat were Oakville Reeve Allan Masson, Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow, Esquesing Reeve Tom Hill and Oakville's Deputy Reeve Terry Mannell. Burlington Deputy Reeve David Coons, also believed to have been considering the job, announced earlier last week he would be too busy with committee work in 1973 to accept the job as Warden.

Mrs. MacArthur refused to comment after the meeting. A veteran Nassagaweya Township councillor, she was re-elected Reeve of her municipality in December, polling 651 votes against 378 for challenger Don McMillan, who was Deputy Reeve. A third contender, former Deputy Reeve Gordon Agnew, polled 61 votes.

Reeve since 1969 The Warden-elect served as a councillor in Nassagaweya, then Deputy Reeve and in 1969 she was named Reeve when William Hoey, who held that office, died suddenly on a holiday trip. She held the post ever since. For the past 26 years she has been a teacher of home economics and history at Milton District High School.

Reports emanating from Thursday's meeting indicate Mannell, Masson and Hill were dropped from the balloting, in that order, leaving councillors to vote finally on MacArthur and Morrow. The result was 8-4 in her favor.

Halton's only other woman Warden was Mrs. Mary Pettit of the former Nelson Township, who held the post in 1949. Mrs. MacArthur is a strong proponent of keeping her Nassagaweya Township intact in a regional government. She has constantly fought attempts by Milton to lump the southern portion of the township with the county town in a second tier borough.

Bill Coulter, who was Warden in 1967, is the last Warden to come from Nassagaweya. County Council will include seven new members this year. New members are Reeve Les Preston of Burlington and Deputy Reeves Mrs. M. Poyas of Milton, Ernie Sykes of Georgetown, Jim Watson of Nassagaweya, Terry Mannell of Oakville, Peter Marks of Acton and Len Coxe of

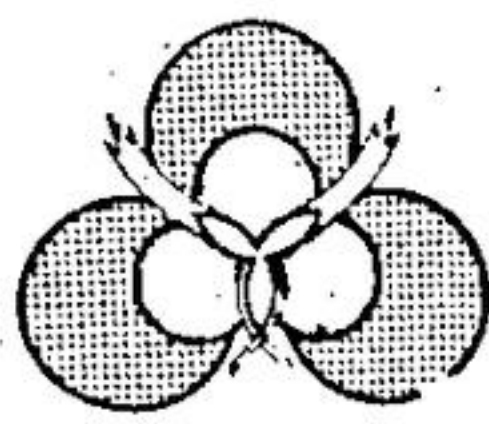
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Flying half mast two flags stolen

Two of Prime Minister Lester Pearson's Canadian flags - flying at half mast in his honor - were stolen in town last week. The Maple Leaf flags introduced by the late minister were flying at the library and at the post office when they were taken, one Saturday and one Sunday. The theft was one of the last incidents investigated by police in 1972.

In each case, it's the third or fourth flag stolen from the same place, but the first time it was flying at half mast.

Just put up Theft of flags at the library before resulted in a decision not to fly the flag there all the time. However it was agreed the flag should fly again last week in honor of the Prime Minister.



362 DAYS LEFT UNTIL ACTON'S CENTENNIAL

Car destroys saplings

A dozen saplings were mowed down in the park this week, most likely by a car. The new trees were planted in the fall in the north-west corner of the park. It's believed the trees must have been knocked over and broken off by a car, since a snowmobile wouldn't have the weight required to do so much damage.

Police investigating what they term "wilful damage" ask anyone with information to get in touch with them. The incident was reported last Friday but it could have happened a day or two before.

2,434 use Christmas bus service

By Dave Pink Acton's 1973 council will evaluate the town's first Christmas bus service in committee session January 8. The bus system was provided by Tyler Transport at the expense of the town. It was aimed to bring Acton shoppers into the downtown area during shopping days between December 13 and 23.

Bus driver Ken Budd, using a stop-by-stop tally sheet, counted 2,434 passengers throughout the 10 day service. Route one, the area encompassing Glenlea subdivision and the eastern section of town, was the most popular of the three bus routes averaging 149 passengers a day. Route three, consisting of Main St., the western section of town and

Lakeview subdivision, averaged 50 passengers a day. The bus was most used December 21 and 22, the Thursday and Friday before Christmas, with passenger counts well above the 300 mark. Saturday's totals fell into the mid 200's. Ted Tyler Jr., spokesman for Tyler Transport, pointed out that the bus service accomplished

more than it set out to do. Statistics kept while the bus was in operation indicate that a large number of people used the bus to cross town as well as get to the downtown shopping area. Mr. Tyler said he thought the bus service was "a good deal for the people", adding that he was looking at it from a self advantageous point of view. Mayor Les Duby said council

would have to evaluate the bus system before he could speculate on the possibility it would be continued next year. He thought the bus system was good for Acton.

Assistant clerk Grant Usher said the system was a "worth-while program for the Christmas season", but doubted that it could be run all year.



Anne MacArthur