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White sticks with four unit Halton

Waterdown and East Flamborough will remain with Wentworth County, but the remainder of Halton will form a two-tiered regional government "substantially as originally proposed" Ontario Treasurer John White told the Ontario Legislature Monday.

White refused to reveal a definite date but rumors indicate legislation will be introduced in the house within two weeks which will bring regionalization to Halton, Peel, Hamilton, Wentworth and the area east of Metro Toronto on Jan. 1, 1974.

His announcement that the region of Halton will be similar to what the government proposed in January appears to mean a victory for the town of Milton in its battle to retain the central part of Halton as a separate borough in a regional government.

Although the other six municipalities in Halton pressed for a three-borough region, lumping Milton with north Halton, the Ontario treasurer appears determined to keep Milton and a central swath of Halton separate.

Plenty of help White praised "the extensive public contribution to the development of our original proposals".

"There has been universal recognition of the need for restructuring local government in this rapidly growing area of Ontario and there has been a fairly substantial consensus of how it should be done," he told the legislature.

In January White and his parliamentary assistant Arthur K. Meen announced proposals for regionalization in the area west of Metro and asked for local comments on the plans. Milton was satisfied with the idea of joining north Oakville and Burlington and parts of southern Esquesing and Nassagaweya with the county town in one borough; south Oakville and south Burlington in two more; and the remainder of North Halton in a fourth. All the other municipalities opposed Milton taking such a large swath through the centre of the county.

White and Meen explained the proposed parkway belt that will run east-west through southern Halton should be the boundary between the proposed Milton-based "central Halton" borough, Oakville and Milton. Latest word from Queen's Park is that the route of the parkway belt will be announced next Monday, June 4.

Keep together The four north Halton municipalities felt all of Esquesing and Nassagaweya should remain in the northern unit. Nassagaweya Council has maintained the entire township should remain as one unit and when it appeared half might go with Milton and half with the north, council wrote the treasurer asking him to keep Nassagaweya intact and join it all with Milton.

Southern boundary of the Milton-centred borough in Oakville was proposed as just south of Lower Base Line and Oakville has strongly protested the loss of 25,000 acres of open rural and park lands. In Burlington the south boundary followed a jagged line south of Kilbride and stretching south to below Five Sideroad.

Exact boundaries of the new Halton region will be delineated in the legislation, expected to be introduced soon in the legislature. The province hopes to pass the legislation in June, name a regional chairman in July and hold October elections so the region will officially get underway next Jan. 1.

Remanded Thomas Bourke, charged with capital murder in the death of his wife Colleen, appeared in court in Milton again last Wednesday and was again remanded.



POSTHUMOUS AWARD of the Eric Hamilton Silk trophy for long and commendable service was made at Burlington to Mrs. Helen Mason on behalf of her husband, Corporal Ray Mason, head of the Acton detachment of the O.P.P. for many years. Left to right are superintendent G. E. Code, Corporal Ronald Mason, Mrs. Helen Mason, Corporal J. Frosch O.P.P.A. of the Milton detachment, Corporal Bob Arbour O.P.P. Acton and Constable Nick Farion of Acton O.P.P.

Hill running for mayor N. Halton

Esquesing reeve Tom Hill is the first to publicly throw his hat in the mayoralty ring for the new North Halton borough.

In a brief statement at the conclusion of Monday's meeting of Esquesing council, Hill said he had made up his mind to run and now that the Hon. Jack White has made his announcement he was making it public.

Tom Hill, a native of Glen Williams, was first elected to Esquesing council in 1965. He served three years on council before being elected as deputy reeve, a post he held until 1970. Then he engaged in a two way race for

reeve with Malcolm Freeman, which he won easily, following the retirement of George Currie. In 1972 Hill defeated challenger Russell Miller in a close race for the township's top post.

Other contenders for the mayoralty include Mayor Bill Smith of Georgetown, former Georgetown reeve, now Councillor Bill Hunter. Acton mayor Les Duby has never publicly announced his intention to run for the top post of the North Halton area. He was not available for a statement. It is possible he could run for a council post.



TOM HILL Candidate for mayor

Esquesing assures Legion of help for new hall

Esquesing council assured three representatives from the Acton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion they looked sympathetically on plans to build a \$250,000 legion hall on property adjacent to the town's borders in the township but would have to study the legal position before committing themselves.

"Any way we can help we will," Reeve Tom Hill assured spokesman and branch secretary Gord McCutcheon, president Bob Angell and John Goy. The matter will be discussed in committee prior to next Monday's regular meeting.

Mr. McCutcheon outlined the Acton branch's plans for a building to cover half-an-acre of the 10 acre lot on which the Legion has an option. The land belonging to Cecil Nelles is situated on Fairy Lake, west of Cameron St. Three and a half acres of the lot

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Freak accident truck-car tow

Two accidents in town were investigated by Acton OPP during the past week.

An unusual accident occurred last Wednesday afternoon at 1:45 p.m. when a truck towing a car jack-knifed on Young St. Driver was Joe Kaczmarek, London, and damage was estimated at \$125. The car being towed struck the truck bumper on the turn, causing the freak accident.

At 8:10 p.m. a car and motorcycle were involved in a collision. Driver of the car was Guido Fournier, Georgetown. Motorcycle driver Steven Forty suffered minor injuries.

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Chamber solve stalemate?

In an effort to solve the current stalemate about the organization of the Acton centennial committee, the Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to arrange a meeting at the Dominion Hotel on Wednesday, June 6 to discuss the future of the committee and the centennial project.

Mayor Les Duby has verbally given his support to the meeting and said he will attend. The Chamber is sending out letters to all organizations in town with this information: "The Chamber of Commerce

some weeks ago met with the Centennial Commission and resulting from this meeting and further contact with most of the service clubs and the Mayor, it became obvious that there were great differences of opinion on what should be done as a centennial project and how it should be organized.

"The Chamber hopes you will be able to send one or two representatives who could represent the opinion of your organization and speak on your behalf. We hope to obtain from this meeting a project which will be acceptable to most of the organizations in town and what is equally important a plan to cooperate in the division of work and responsibility which we feel is too much for one individual to accomplish on a voluntary basis."

Posthumous award to Corporal Mason

O.P.P. Corporal Ronald Mason was promoted and posted to No. 3 district on the date his father, the late Corporal Ray Mason, was posthumously awarded the Eric Hamilton Silk trophy for long and commendable service.

Corporal J. Frosch, district representative of the Ontario Provincial Police Association made the posthumous presentation to Mrs. Helen Mason on behalf of her husband who headed the Acton detachment of the O.P.P., in a presentation at district headquarters in Burlington.

Corporal Ray Mason served a total of 35 years with the Ontario Provincial Police with postings at Oakville, Brantford, Milton and finally at the Acton detachment.

He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 1949 and assigned as detachment commander at Acton where his fair and dedicated administration was respected by many Acton and area residents. Corporal Mason died in July, 1972, after 22 years with the Acton detachment. His eldest son, Ronald, following in his father's footsteps, joined the O.P.P. and was promoted and posted to No. 3 district headquarters for duty at the Brantford detachment on the day of the presentation. Also present at the presentation were Corporal Bob Arbour, detachment commander at Acton and Constable Nick Farion, assistant O.P.P.A. representative from Acton.

Highest honor conferred on two Acton Guides



Canada Cords and pins were presented to two Acton Guides of the 2nd Acton company Sunday morning—Carol Grant and Diane Buckman.

Canada Cords are the highest honor in Guides and this was the first time that the cords have been awarded to members of an Acton company. Carol, Diane and Erika Heptner were awarded the second highest honor, the all-round cord, in a ceremony April 16.

The presentation of the cords followed a non-denominational guides' church service outside the scout hall Sunday morning. Acton commissioner Rose Hall put the cords on the girls with Company Captain Marjorie Strongitharm presenting the pins.

Sports day A sports day occupied the rest of the afternoon for Guides and Brownies attending the service. Carol, Diane and Erika, along with parents and guide leaders, were guests for supper at the home of Mrs. Strongitharm. There, the Scout and Guide mothers presented Erika with a spoon and Carol and Diane with guide rings.

After receiving their all-round cords Carol and Diane began to work on their Canada Cords. Part of the requirements were that the girls serve in a nursing home. Carol and Diane each worked in Kelly's and Waldie's homes in Acton.

Another requirement was that they earn their camp leader's badge by taking a patrol of Guides for a camping weekend and be responsible for all the details.

They also had to earn five Guiding emblems through the acquisition of a varying number of badges.

The girls have been involved in Guides four years.

—Photo by D. Pink CAROL GRANT and Diane Buckman were the first Acton Girl Guides ever to receive Canada Cords, the highest Guide honor. Acton commissioner, Mrs. Rose Hall presented the cords to the girls who are members of the second Acton company of Mrs. Marjorie Strongitharm (right) in a ceremony Sunday morning.