

# Six men at Acton monitoring station police air waves, against misuse

By Dave Pink  
Operating a monitoring station on top of a hill on the Erin-Esquesing Town Line, north of

Acton, six men continuously survey this area's airwaves. Working within an international framework, station manager

Mal Howson, assistant Win Hartlin and staff Bob Dunne, George Strongtharm, E.J. Cooper and Alan Nixon are all

employees of the Federal Department of Communications. Their job is to police the airwaves, ensuring radio frequencies, assigned to various users of the broad radio spectrum, are not misused or do not become polluted with too much radio noise or interference.

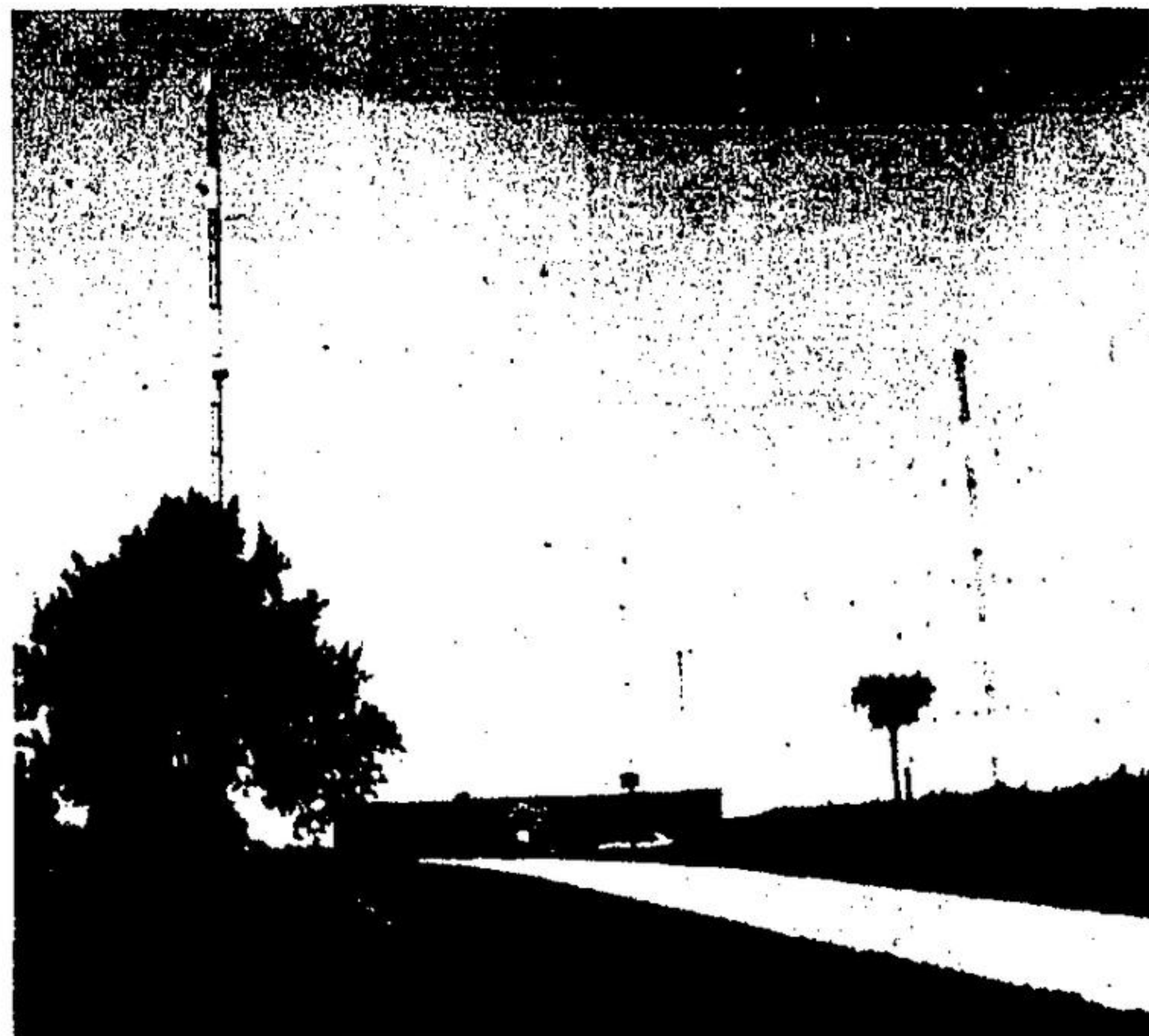
The location is 1,350 feet above sea level. A mobile station attached to this base and other Ontario stations at Almonte and Thunder Bay extends monitoring activities province wide.

The site of the Acton monitoring station was chosen because of this area's excellent VHF reception. It is an ideal location for the monitoring of radio broadcasts originating in the Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara areas, containing one fifth of the Canadian population.

Effect minimal. Though the effect on Acton is minimal, the monitoring station has a world wide commitment keeping surveillance on frequencies up to about 30 megahertz.

The small red brick building, surrounded by receiving antennae, houses \$250,000 worth of

Some major functions of a monitoring station are to ensure users of the radio spectrum are reported, to investigate and try to alleviate interference and to check emergency frequencies periodically for misuse and interference.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS Monitoring Station along the Erin - Esquesing Town Line is one of 11 across Canada. The small red brick building houses the equipment to monitor any radio broadcast in the Toronto-Niagara area. (D. Pink photo)



USING a polaroid camera, Alan Nixon photographs a wave pattern of a radio signal on an oscilloscope as Win Hartlin looks on. The Department of Communications Monitoring Station near Churchill patrols the airwaves using \$250,000 worth of equipment. (D. Pink photo)

## County decides to keep Milton office for region

Halton County Council decided yesterday (Tuesday) to recommend to the incoming regional government the present county building in Milton be retained as regional headquarters. The building would be used during the transitional period and later might be extended to meet space requirements.

centrally accessible from all parts of the county and is close to the new works garage. One problem with the present building is the shortage of office space for all the regional departments. In order to make room for the regional police force, the Halton Region Conservation Authority and the Board of Education, the courtroom space and registry office presently leased by the provincial government will have to be eliminated. The province would have to inspect new building sites

for a regional court. Burlington Deputy Reeve Dave Coons asked if the committee recommendation was based on a sufficiently detailed report for county council to be able to make the recommendation to the new regional government. Reeve Les Preston of Burlington assured him the study had been thorough and emphasized the recommendation could easily be rejected by the new regional council. The details of the committee's report will be released later this week.

## Champion judges named at Halton competition

By A. Mac Armstrong  
A total of 105 contestants took part in the annual Halton Livestock Judging Competition on Tuesday, July 3. Everyone met at the farm of R. Gardhouse, Milton for classes of Shorthorn bulls and sheep, then went to the Rock Ella Farm, Hornby for dairy cows and a class of Yorkshire sows provided by T.J. Brownridge of Georgetown, and then to Les King's for a class of horses.

The competition was under the leadership of Nino Braida, President of the Halton 4-H Club Leaders. Other leaders assisting as judges were Jeff Nurse, Doug McDonell, Art Lawson, Al Brownridge and Mrs. Roy Ions. The winner of the Junior section with 44 contestants was Dianne Dorsey with 270 points out of a possible 300; second, Annamarie Asp, 267 points; third, Gina Butchers, 266 points; fourth,

Margot Anger, 263 points; and fifth, Cheryl Buchanan, 262 points. Intermediates The winner of the Intermediate section with 39 contestants was Stephen Stanley with 446 points out of a possible 500; second, Valerie Knight, 440 points; third, Bob Robinson, 432 points; fourth, Lynne Stewart, 431 points; and fifth, a tie with Steven Harris and Bruce Anderson with 430 points. The winner of the Senior section with 22 contestants was Ken McNabb, 477 points; second, Cathy Lasby, 468 points; third, Marg Robinson, 466 points; fourth, Valerie Ella, 455 points; and fifth, Paul Stewart, 452 points.

Trophy Winners were champion livestock judge, Ken McNabb; champion beef judge, Cathy Lasby; champion dairy judge, Valerie Ella; champion sheep judge, Ken McNabb; champion swine judge, Bill Stokes; champion horse judge, Valerie Ella.

C.N.E. Shield (High Novice) went to Steven Harris and Ken McNabb won the Norval Junior Farmer Trophy (high score in combined seed and livestock judging).

PUBLIC MISCHIEF Two Georgetown teenagers face charges following a car accident Milton OPP investigated last week. One 17 old was charged with public mischief and the other with obstruction, police said.

## Several collisions reported

The Milton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 14 accidents during the past week in the large area they cover in North Halton, including some collisions in this district involving local people. A single vehicle collision Sunday, July 16 on County Road 32, west of the Ninth Line, Esquesing, caused \$2,000 damage to a vehicle driven by Paul Hayward, 25 of Frederick St.,

Acton. Mr. Hayward sustained injuries in the crash.

There were no injuries in a two vehicle collision on the Tenth Line, north of 27 Sideroad, when vehicles driven by George Davidson, Ceharles St., Georgetown, and Robert Tyler, R.R. 5, Georgetown, collided last Wednesday. Damage was estimated at \$75.

Damage in a two vehicle collision on the Fifth Line of Nassagaweya township, south of County Road 34, amounted to \$200 last Wednesday. Involved were Alice Todd, R.R. 2 Rockwood, and David McIntyre, R.R. 1, Acton.

Two Acton area drivers collided the next day, Thursday, July 19, on the Sixth Line, Esquesing, south of county Road 32. Damage to vehicles driven by Robert Bonus, R.R. 2, Acton, and

Barry Buchanan, also of R.R. 2, was estimated at \$1,000.



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BY HELEN ALLEN  
THE TORONTO SUN SYNDICATE

Jack, 10, enjoys school tremendously. He is finishing Grade four in an open area setting and has above average academic ability. He is articulate, imaginative and creative, alert and responsive.

Naturally with these qualities Jack is also good at thinking up ways to get into mischief, but both his work and his behavior are good when he is with firm, understanding teachers and foster parents. He has a temper which he is learning to control.

Jack is handsome and healthy with big black eyes, brown hair and medium brown complexion. Robust and athletic, he likes sports, especially basketball, and loves camping or any kind of outdoor activity. Fishing is a special interest and he is fond of animals, big and small.

Jack seems to have considerable mechanical ability. He likes to fix all kinds of things, from toys to household gadgets. Jack likes to draw, his favorite subject being racing car models. He is fond of music and hopes to have lessons on either piano or guitar. He attends church regularly with his foster family and is never absent from Sunday School.

A family where love and firmness are combined, where there is much activity and where there is a strong father to be imitated and admired, is needed for Jack.

To inquire about adopting Jack, please write to Today's Child, Box 808, Station K, Toronto M1P 2J2. For general adoption information, please contact your local Children's Aid Society.



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