

# Tory blue predominates as chairmen take oath

By Hartley Coles

If you have never been to a swearing-in ceremony at Queen's Park do so by all means at the first chance that crops up. It can be impressive and dignified even though the political implications behind it might be dynamite.

It was so for the oath-taking by the four new regional chairmen of Halton, Peel, Hamilton-Wentworth and Ontario Tuesday morning in the small committee room number two in the Legislature.

Allan Masson, reeve of Oakville, and a power in the Progressive Conservative party got the nod as the Halton headman, backed by Jim Snow, who proved he throws considerable weight around in the cabinet with this appointment.

David Coons, the young maestro from Burlington, was number two on the list, but either Queen's Park figured he had many years more to pack experience under his belt or George Kerr's say-so was not sufficient. The pipe-smoking Kerr backed his former campaign manager all the way, filiberts said.

Since we arrived for the oath-taking a few minutes early it was in time to cavestrap as press representatives from Hamilton interviewed Mr. Masson outside the Legislature with the monument to Sir Oliver Mowat a mute witness. The Hamilton Spectator had already printed a leak the previous day that Mr. Masson would get the \$35,000-a-year job over Mr. Coons, so questions were straight to the point.

Along about this time we were surprised to see the Catholic Archbishop of Toronto, the Right Rev. Philip Pocock arrive in clerical suit and collar, and align himself with the family of Lou Parsons, who turned out to be the chairman of Peel region. Others tricked by whom we did not know and filed into the red sandstone building.

By the time nine o'clock arrived the committee room was almost filled with families of the chairmen-designate, friends and political allies. Noticeable by their absence was any representation from North Halton, an oddity which Andy Frame of Burlington remarked to this reporter.

Why do you suppose they weren't here? he asked.

"Probably, on holidays," was my reply. "Oh yeah!" came the cynical answer.

Anyway, the room was a myriad of Tory blue when Bill Davis arrived to start the proceedings. His arrival was slightly upstaged by the earlier arrival of attractive

Hamilton controller Anne Jones, whom it was rumored had got the job of chairman over all the outstanding male applicants such as Mayor Coppins, head lunch bucket carrier in the steel city now over-run with garbage. It was true.

Mr. Davis never stopped smiling during his introduction and took special note of the presence of the Right Rev. Pocock and representatives of his hometown papers, the Brampton and Bramalea Guardians as well as welcoming press representatives from the boondocks which included this reporter. The Treasurer, Mr. White, also spoke.

Then in brief ceremonies each one of the candidates took the oath of office — the most dignified part of the proceedings.

Afterwards the press went at it with questions and pictures, giving the new chairmen little time to compose themselves. Jim Snow shouldered his way through the throng to congratulate Allan Masson, his choice for chairman.

How come you're here? he asked with his eyes, enquiring verbally where friend Roy Downs was.

"Holidays," was my reply. "You representing both papers then?"

"Yep."

The shudder was obvious.

Earlier Andy Frame asked Mr. Snow with a twinkle why the Member for Halton East (Mr. Kerr) had not stayed long. There was no reply but Mr. Frame drew conclusions.

The group retired to another committee room where tea was being served. History continued.

Mr. Davis nodding to all on the way by, stuck a cigar in his mouth, dropped his Sunday school smile, and went off to more pressing matters, looking very much like the premier of a province.

I slunk out, awed by the blue machine's genuflections to the old traditions, and its determination to keep regionalizing.

I passed Sir Oliver again, descended to the subway, dropped in my token and sped to the Union station parking lot, figuring the entire ceremony had taken only 30 minutes.

Fifteen minutes later I was on the way home passing through two of the new regions wondering what changes would follow and whether they would be good ones or just the same old things in modern dress.

Only time will tell.

Anyway, good luck, Mr. Masson and as they say in this neck of the woods — You are going to need it.



OAKVILLE REEVE ALLAN MASSON, right signs the document that makes him the first chairman of the new Halton Region. His duties begin immediately. J. Young, clerk of the Executive Council, left, administered the oath of office at Queen's Park, early on Tuesday morning. —H. Coles Photo

# Churchill Holiday time

By Mrs. F. MacArthur

Sunday morning church service on August 5 will be held in Churchill Church at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. A. W. Fosbury will have the service when the Acton Baptist Church members and friends will worship with us each Sunday through the month of August.

Deepest sympathy of all the congregation is extended to Rev. and Mrs. Fosbury in the death of her oldest brother, the late Ivan Chalmers of Toronto. Funeral will be on Tuesday.

Mrs. Richard Hodgins of Powassan spent a week in Vancouver, returning home by Acton. She visited with her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Moore, Churchill, and with Mr. and Mrs. Don McIntyre and family in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer and Debbie were guests on Sunday at Leslie's brother's home in Guelph with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Swackhamer on the occasion of their daughter Brenda's birthday.

Lisa Bonnell is spending the summer months at her Aunt's farm in Lundar, Manitoba.

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, David and Juliann, were Mr. and Mrs. B. Luton of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hannah attended the wedding of a cousin of Mr. Hannah's, Miss Cathy Hannah and Mr. Lloyd McTrash, on Saturday afternoon at Lake St. Peter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Vincent of Peterborough were home with her mother, Mrs. Mary McEachern and Angus McEachern over the weekend.

Visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr, Jeff and Christine were Mrs. Mary Agnew of Toronto, her granddaughter Laurie Vreeland and Fred Wilson. Also Jack McMillan of North Carolina.

Over the past weekend Mr. and Mrs. Allen Money and Kevin of Windsor were guests with their friends Bob and Pat Kerr.

Mrs. Alfred Saunders has enjoyed the summer holidaying in Newfoundland and after returning home she has again enjoyed a motor trip to the West as far as British Columbia with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogers and family. She flew home from Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Harris Laurie and Karen of Croton visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur.

## O.P.P. report

# Police aid in drug seizure Guelph escapee returned

One break and enter, two thefts, two disturbances, one report of wilful damage and the recapturing of an escapee, were among the major occurrences investigated by officers of the Acton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, during the reporting week of July 22 to July 29, 1973.

There were a total of 43 general occurrences and two motor vehicle collisions during the reporting week.

Acton and Milton detachment officers were involved in a major drug seizure in the Guelph detachment area. While investigating another matter, officers located 213 suspected marijuana plants at the rear of a home in Erin township, Guelph O.P.P. detachment was called and took over the investigation. A toilet and wash basin were reported stolen from a vacant home in a new subdivision. The home was broken into through a basement window and the stolen property was carried out and loaded into a vehicle.

Other reported thefts included the loss of a ladies' handbag at a local hotel and the theft of an

aluminum ladder from a business premise.

Police were called upon to quell two separate disturbances within a half hour period. While investigating a complaint of fighting at a local hotel, a second disturbance broke out and resulted in a Toronto woman being arrested and charged.

There were seven charges of liquor other than residence and a local man was charged with being drunk in public.

An escapee from the Guelph Correctional Institution was spotted in Acton on the morning of July 27, 1973. An extensive search by officers from the Acton, Milton and Guelph O.P.P. detachments as well as officers from the correctional institute, failed to locate the escapee who had fled when spotted. On the morning of July 28, 1973, the escapee gave himself up to Acton detachment officers, after spending a cold damp night hiding in the bush. He was returned to the correctional centre.

The two motor vehicle collisions reported during the week, were both of a minor nature and resulted in little damage.

Other traffic investigations consisted of two charges for impaired driving and one charge of driving without insurance.

# PROCLAMATION

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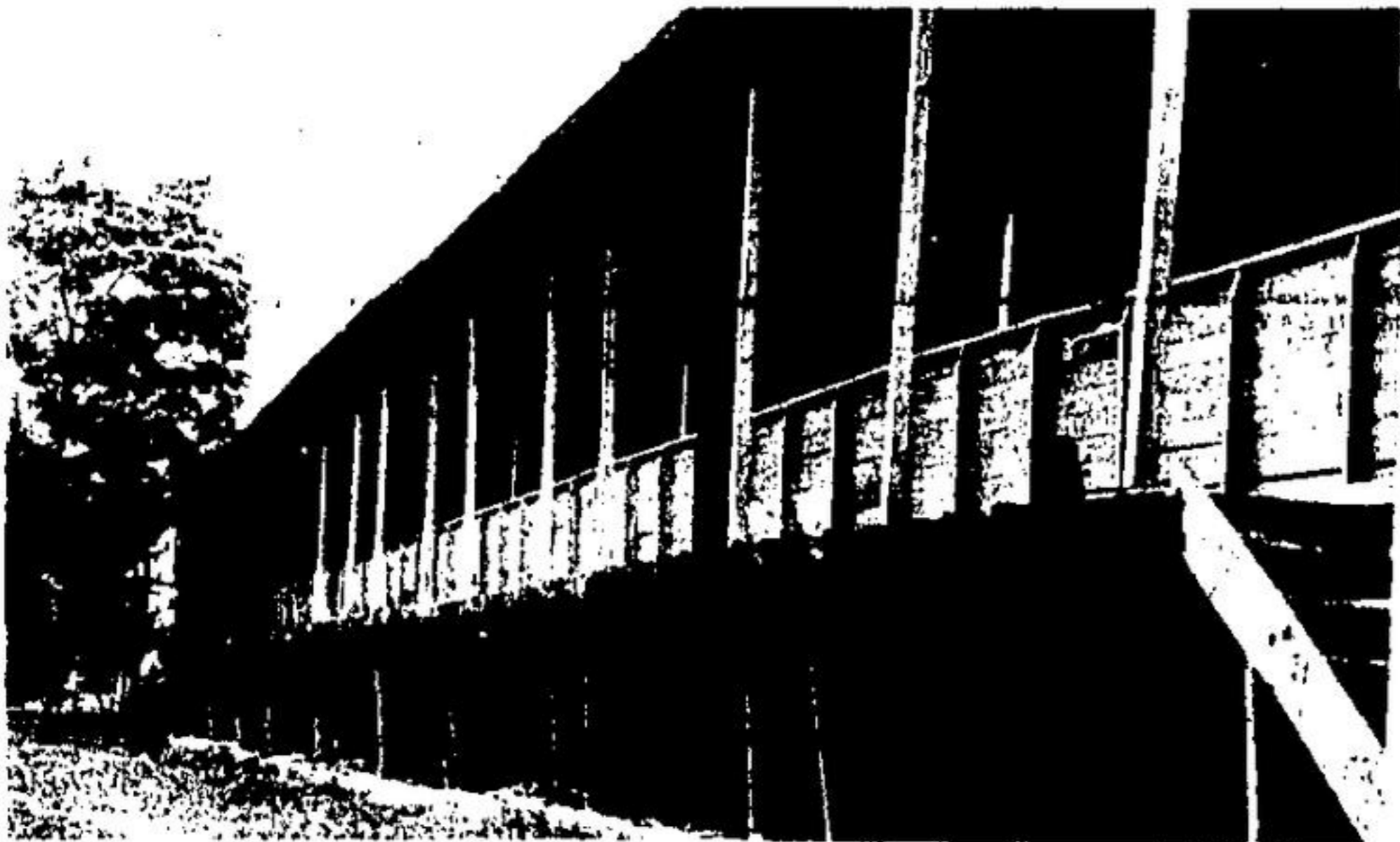
## Civic Holiday

In compliance with the custom which has prevailed for many years,

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6th**

will be observed as a Civic Holiday for 1973 and I hereby proclaim that day as a Civic Holiday for Acton and respectfully request that all our citizens observe it as such.

L. A. Duby, Mayor



PHASE FOUR of the Acton arena reconstruction program is well underway this week, as Dalton Engineering workmen have removed the outside wall on the north side. The wall is to be shored up and reinforced with cement blocks right up to the roof. A new fire exit and door will also be installed. Work is expected to be completed by September. (D. Gibbons photo)

## Rotary bants bomb Guelph

Matt Spehar netted four goals to lead Acton Rotary bantams to a 10-1 romp over Guelph in a Golden Triangle minor lacrosse game here last Wednesday night.

Rick Van Fleet and David Berry with two goals each and Scott Withers and Fred Allen with one apiece were the other Acton marksmen.

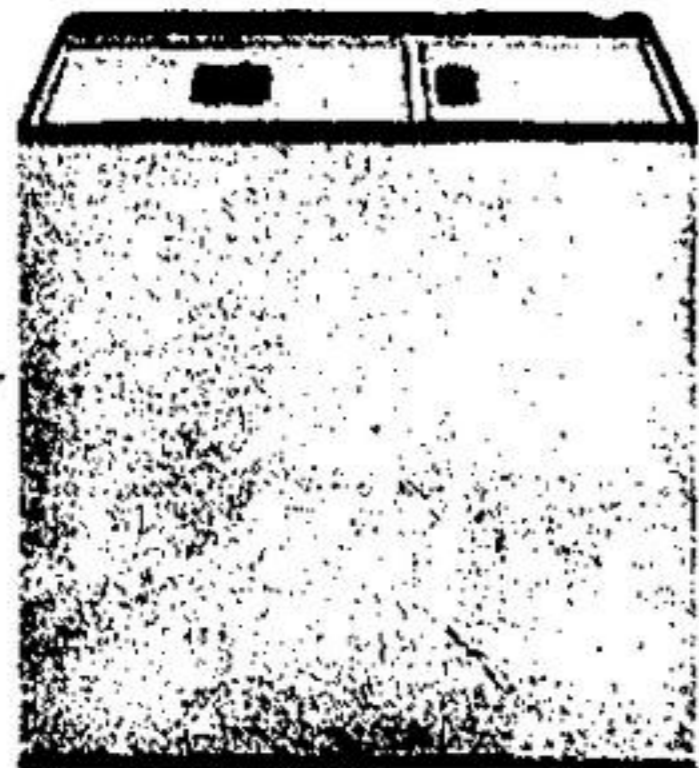
Acton assists went to Fred Allen, Matt Spehar, Rick Van Fleet, Mark Morrison, Mike Rippon and Scott Withers.

The number of leaves in a cluster is an important factor when identifying coniferous trees. Red Pine for instance has needles in clusters of two, while White Pine has clusters of five.

About one person in 10 in Ontario's manufacturing labor force is engaged in some aspect of the forest industry—harvesting, saw mill operations, pulp and paper production or other wood working processes.

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