

# Estimated 21,000 in North Halton eligible to vote October 1st

When the estimated 21,000 voters in the new town of North Halton go to the polls to elect their first council and mayor on October 1, there will be several selections on the ballots.

Voters in all four wards will be asked to pick a mayor from a number of candidates and then to select a regional councillor and two other councillors in each ward, as well as a trustee for the board of education. Wards one and two (Acton and Esquesing) will elect a trustee in common while wards three and four (Georgetown) will elect another trustee.

Also on the ballot will be the question of a name for the new town which will be called North

Halton until voters decide on their choice of a name. There likely will be three choices selected for the ballot by the committee composed of councillors from the three municipalities of Acton, Esquesing and Georgetown which will make up the new town.

Separate school supporters will have a similar choice with the exception of voting for the board of education. They will vote for the separate rather than the public school board.

This has created some question for voters in Acton and parts of Esquesing where there has never been separate school supporters. However, there are those who believe that since Acton is

dissolved in the new town and part of a municipality where separate schools are established, there should be a choice.

G. D. Pritchard, clerk-administrator of Georgetown, who is also acting clerk and revising officer for the town of North Halton, told the Free Press that clerks of the three municipalities were also concerned and have written to the province for direction.

The chairman of the Halton County Separate Board, Dr. Leno Braida told the Free Press, however, that unless a separate school board is established in Acton, Catholics in Acton and district would still be classified as public school supporters. He

says the province will never answer the question because it is complicated to the point of being ridiculous.

Mr. Pritchard estimates there are almost 21,000 voters in the new town of North Halton, 11,000 of them in Georgetown, 6,000 in Esquesing and almost 4,000 in Acton. As chief returning officer for North Halton, he notes wards and places to vote, have been left the same as they were in the past under the old system.

"We want to avoid confusion," he said, "especially for the first regional government election."

There will be 46 polling stations in North Halton and 52 deputy returning officers who must turn in their ballots to a

central election depot at the Georgetown offices.

An advance poll is to be held at all three municipal offices on the Saturday preceding the election from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. but the votes will not be tabulated until the day of the election.

Nominations are spread over the three day period from September 6 to September 10. Returning Officer Pritchard notes all nominations must be received at the Georgetown municipal offices where he can personally accept them and mark the time of nomination down and number them sequentially.

Voters in Nassagaweya township have almost the same schedule to follow only they will

be included in Ward Three in Central Halton, which includes Milton, a section of North Burlington and North Oakville. Ward three includes the township of Nassagaweya south to Derry Road in Burlington.

Voters in wards one and three will be voting for two area council representatives and a common regional council representative as well as a common school board trustee and the mayor of the municipality. Central Halton will have two elected councillors and the mayor on the regional council and two trustees on the regional board of education.

North Halton has four representatives on the regional council and the mayor, as well as

two trustees on the board of education.

Nomination and election procedures in North Halton and Central Halton will be almost the same as in the last election. Those who are to be nominated must have the signature of 10 voters on nomination papers to be filed at the returning office in Georgetown or Milton.

North Halton's wards are broken up as follows:

Ward One is the Town of Acton. Ward Two is the Township of Esquesing.

Wards Three and Four are made up from the Town of Georgetown with the division decided on a population basis.

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## Fraud squad nabbed recover \$11,000 haul

Over \$11,000 worth of household appliances and furniture was recovered by Acton and Milton OPP Sunday evening when they raided a Speyside home where four men were caught loading the merchandise into two rented trucks.

Police have charged four Toronto and Welland men, ranging in age from 19 to 27 years, with possession of stolen property. One of the men was also the subject of five warrants for fraud from Metro Toronto detectives, involving about \$50,000 worth of goods obtained by fraudulent means.

Ironically, it was an anonymous tip-off that resulted in rounding up the goods and the suspects, police said. Someone called Const. Roy Wood of Acton OPP and reported some unusual activities at the Speyside property. He notified Milton OPP and Const. Al Jordan arrived at the scene in time to halt the transfer of the furniture from the shed where, it is believed, the stolen property has been stored for the past few months.

Bought on credit

Police are keeping some of the details secret, pending court appearances, but Const. Jordan

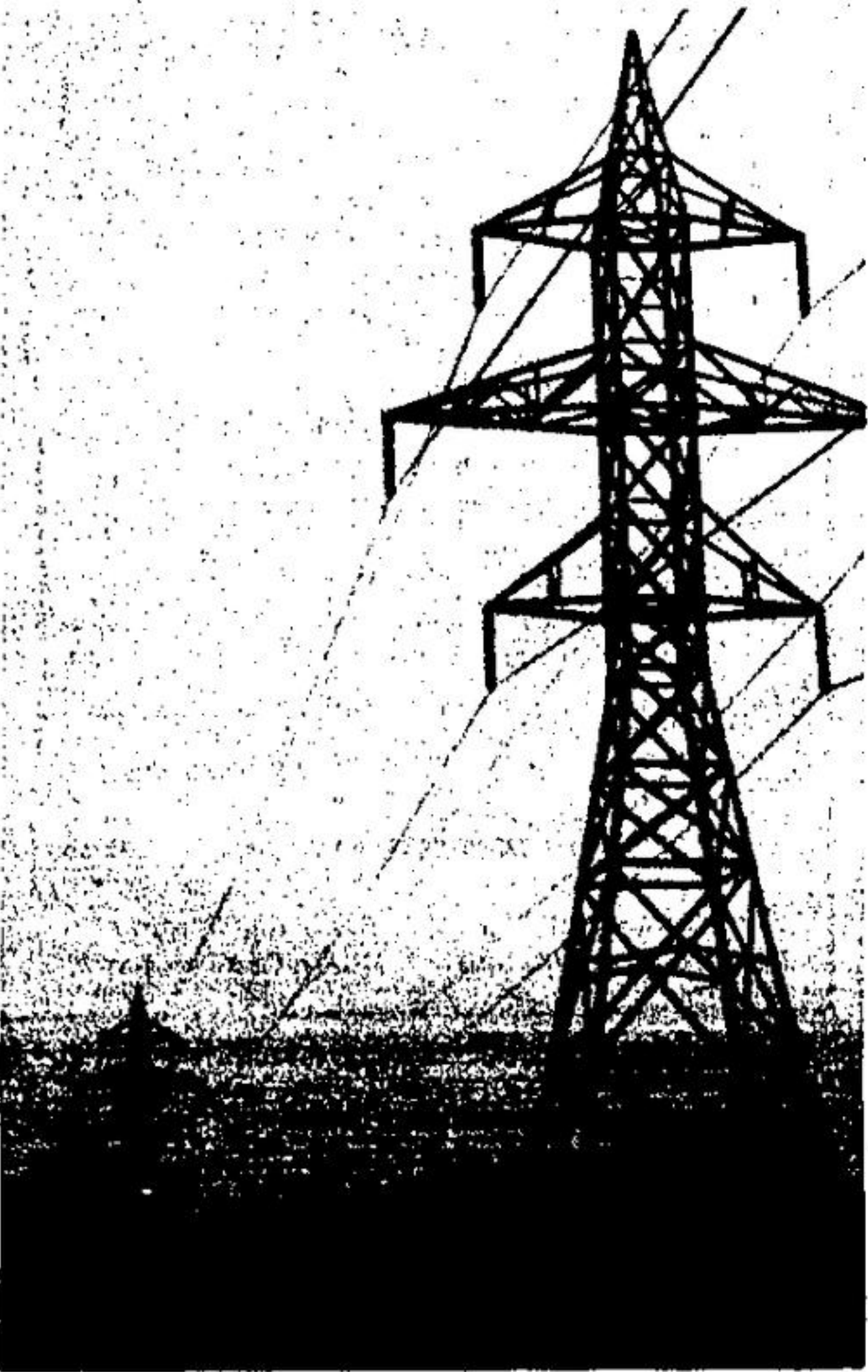
said it appears a 27-year-old Toronto man and his wife used legitimate credit cards to obtain thousands of dollars' worth of goods from a variety of large department stores and chain operations. Some of it appears to have been resold but the two truckloads of furniture were stored at Speyside. Metro police were seeking the man, and a concentrated search had been in progress for the past two weeks, after creditors complained. The man's wife was earlier arrested.

Sunday four men were busy removing the furniture from the Speyside building and loading it

into a pair of six-ton rented vans, probably for movement to another hiding spot, when the anonymous tipster and the police raid thwarted their efforts. Three were arrested at the scene and the fourth, believed to be the man responsible for the extended "charge-it" spree, was arrested there the following day.

All four were incarcerated at the county jail in Milton.

Const. Jordan and Cpl. Jack Frosch of Milton OPP spent all day Monday cataloguing the 103 articles confiscated in the raid. They estimated the value of the goods at \$11,281.



HAS the original hydro tower route been scrapped? See page 10 for story.

## Cheap Acton power

Hydro customers in Acton are getting their electric current at premium rates even though the Acton Commission is earning only a scant 2.1 per cent profit.

This was the finding of the commission at last Thursday's meeting where a profit and loss statement for the first six months of operation in 1973 showed the Acton operation netted only a 2.1 per cent profit.

"That's hydro almost at cost," suggested treasurer Audrey Urquhart, "but you are not making any money."

## Wieners up but profit the same

Arena booth profits for the months of May, June and July are the same as last year, in spite of the fact food prices have risen. Profit for the three months was \$1102.21.

Arena manager Harold Townsley said Monday night the last time he purchased a dozen wieners the price was 55 cents. They are now 69 cents a dozen.

Townsley predicted August will be a good month for the booth, if the Junior "C" lacrosse team continue to do well.

## Band to play at Ex

Again entered in competition at the C.N.E., Acton Citizens' Band will play Sunday, August 26. Their class is called for 9.30 a.m. and there are two other bands entered, Port Colborne and Cobourg.

Extra practices are being held with Ari Hilliard and he will be conducting at the Ex competitions.

The band has entered the past couple of years. The young players are included with the senior bandsmen and women and it's considered very good experience, even when top marks haven't been attained.

## Chicks are at C.N.E.

Fresh from a weekend trip to Lunenburg where they gained two ties in two games against the Hawkettes, Acton Chicks are in Toronto today (Wednesday) competing in the C.N.E. girls' lacrosse tournament. Chicks play their first game at 12:45 against Mississauga. Semi-finals and championship games are scheduled for the Coliseum tomorrow (Thursday).

## Free Press wins two awards

A special award for community service is being presented this week to the Acton Free Press, at the annual convention of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association in Calgary. The Hoodspith Publishing Co. Ltd. award, donated by The Times of North and West Vancouver B.C., will be presented by publisher Cloudeley Hoodspith to Jim Dills of Dills Printing and Publishing.

The articles which won the award for the town paper were a revealing series on nursing services of the county health unit. Editor Hartley Coles interviewed former public health nurse Alma Swetman, now of Montreal, to start the sharp questions and discussion at county council level that resulted in the formation of the new community services committee.

Mrs. Swetman and her colleague psychologist Isabel Davy had explained nurses in the north had an impossibly heavy

work load and were frustrated in their attempts to carry out programs and unable to use their professional training. When the matter was brought up at county council by Acton reeve G.W. McKenzie others agreed, and services improved.

Second place

The Acton Free Press also places second in the competition for best front page in the circulation category of from 2,500 to 3,999. In first place is the Parksville-Qualicum Progress of B.C. and in third spot the Grand Falls Advertiser, Newfoundland. Best all-round paper in the class is the Red River Valley Echo, Manitoba, with the Prescott Journal second and Parksville-Qualicum Progress third.

There is only one placing in the community service category that was won by Acton.

The wins ensure the Free Press use of another updated winner's emblem, which appears each week on the editorial page.

## Board praises playground

If the comments of Acton parks and recreation committee members at Monday night's meeting are any indication, the 1973 summer playground program was a huge success.

Councillor Barry Insoe, chairman of the program committee said he is exceptionally proud of the youths who organized and conducted the playground program this year.

"There were lots of activities and trips and they even took inventory of all equipment," Insoe reported.

Adding his praise, Councillor Orval Chapman said everyone he has talked to has had favorable comments about the playground.

"The people who operated it are to be congratulated," he said.

Chairlady Diane Spielvogel expressed the opinion this year's group of supervisors and leaders have left some big shoes for next year's leaders to fill.

Playground supervisors were Rick Kocher, Susan Mills and Karen Hillman. Leaders included Wynnie Kroes, Jill Pardy, Cathy Frizzell, Helen Robertson, Pat Marchment, Pat Jordan, Maureen Gerth, Tineke Vryenhoek, Val McGinn, Kathy Turkus, Colleen DeBruyn, Gary Campbell and Ron Moore.

## Two girls charged

Last Saturday afternoon two girls were charged by Acton O.P.P. with shoplifting. Four stores were involved in the thefts. The girls will appear in juvenile court.

Other incidents of theft reported to the police this past week involved small amounts, some from stores.

## Three more hats in ring

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BILL SMITH For Mayor



GEORGE MALTBY Council Ward 2



PETER MARKS Region Ward 1



MISS ACTON FAIR 1972, 17 year old Valerie Mitchell is in Toronto today (Wednesday) competing in the second annual Canadian National Exhibition Queen of the Fairs contest. Eighty girls from across the province are entered in the contest, which will produce one winner who will win \$1000 and be invited to stay over in Toronto for the duration of the C.N.E.

(D. Gibbons photo)

## Val Mitchell in C.N.E. contest

Miss Acton Fair 1972, 17-year-old Valerie Mitchell is among 80 girls from all over Ontario entered in the Canadian National Exhibition's second annual Queen of the Fairs contest.

A special taxi arrived at the Mitchell home on Poplar Ave. yesterday (Tuesday) and transported Valerie to Addison Hall on the University of Toronto campus which will be home away from home for the girls.

Judging today

Following a get acquainted day yesterday, the girls were to rise at 8 today (Wednesday) and take part in a morning program that included judging in short dresses and interviews.

A special luncheon was held at noon hour for the girls and their parents, the press and fair representatives. After lunch the girls were to return to Addison Hall to don long dresses for final judging at the C.N.E. bandshell at 3.15.

Cash prizes

First prize in the contest is \$1,000. First runner-up receives \$300 and the second runner-up \$200. The winner is invited to stay in Toronto, all expenses paid, for the duration of the exhibition. All contestants will be guests of the C.N.E. for three days.

Valerie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Mitchell are attending today's big event

## Start paving Hwy. 25 in two, three weeks

Work on paving Highway 25 from Acton to Ospringe and patching various locations along Highways 7 and 24 in this area, will likely start within two to three weeks, the general manager of Cox Construction told the Free Press this week.

Cox Construction Limited of Guelph has been awarded the contract for the work of hot mix paving and hot mix patching. The company was low bidder for the job.

William L. Hartung, general manager, said they had not received official notification of the award when the Free Press phoned Thursday but would start as soon as it was received.

Surveyors have been busy along all three highways in preparation for the paving and patching.