

## People participation important to Marks

The successful regional council candidate in Ward 1 (Acton) will have to rely on help from the public to make sure council decisions reflect the real needs of the community, Peter Marks, candidate for the position believes.

"Any influence I have had on council decisions over the past five years has been a direct result of the hundreds of concerned people and service organizations of Acton who have offered suggestions and expressed their concerns to me," the Acton deputy-revee assures voters.

Mr. Marks believes all the experience and intelligence in the world is not enough to determine what the people in our community need and can afford.



PETER MARKS

He sees his responsibility as a regional councillor being

divided into two separate areas.

"Although we must look at the overall development of the region, I feel Ward 1 (Acton) has separate needs from Esquesing and Georgetown and this should be recognized," he maintains. "Residents of Acton are reasonably satisfied with existing services, so let's not create more services that people here neither want nor can afford."

**Need industry**  
Discussing industry, he says "Our elected representatives must ensure that Acton receives a fair share of clean manufacturing industry that will not overtax our available services and will provide jobs for local residents."

Mr. Marks says he is concerned about the ever

increasing costs of providing social services, such as public health, welfare and Children's Aid. He feels a human services council of elected representatives and volunteers from social agencies should be established to eliminate overlapping and duplication of many social organizations.

"This will help to provide adequate services and help eliminate inefficient spending," he claims. Commenting on increased taxes in other areas of Ontario where regional government has been introduced, Mr. Marks says he feels many errors made in other regions are a result of poor business practice in administration. He is hopeful his experience as a business administrator for a large Canadian service centre will

help the team of elected people when they are setting up various departments.

**Medium necessary**  
"It is essential that we set up departments just large enough to do their business efficiently but not too big for the public to deal with," he says. "Regional government will not do our citizens any good, if they have to line up behind 15 people at three different desks over in Georgetown to have a problem solved."

"I also feel," he continues "that my association with the labor force in factories and offices on a day to day basis helps me stay in touch with concerns of the average citizen, like myself."

Asked if the potential increases in councillors' salaries might significantly affect taxes, he replied that

he is hopeful all successful candidates will hold the line on increases.

"Existing salaries are more than adequate to cover expenses. With the number of regional councillors in Halton increasing from the present 14 to 24, Regional Chairman Masson has assured every candidate they will be able to service their wards very effectively without creating full time positions resulting in inevitable large salary increases."

Mr. Marks has a wide range of town and county experience, having served on most of the Acton Council committees over the past five years. He is vice-chairman of the community services committee of Halton County and chairman of Acton Council's administration committee, responsible for

## Two seeking regional seat

### Costs concern McKenzie



G. W. MCKENZIE

People have been expressing their serious concerns that Acton may be neglected under regional government, G. W. (Pat) McKenzie observes this week. I want to be sure Acton is not left out... and I feel it's important that Acton elect a man with the time and the experience to do the job.

Pat McKenzie is running for the one regional seat in ward one. He would represent Acton at both the area council in north Halton and at regional council for all of the county. He is presently reeve of Acton, sitting on both Acton council and county council.

**Cost is concern**  
I have worked on the formation of our regional structure, Mr. McKenzie points out. He supports the concept of regional government "but I have great concern about the cost of implementing it."

As Mr. McKenzie begins to outline committees he has particular interest in, it becomes apparent nothing's left. He thinks there might be five or six committees; with his experience and bubbling interest he concludes "I'd be prepared to serve on all of them" to give Acton and North Halton a strong voice in all regional matters.

And that's why he's a candidate for a regional seat. Has time now  
After choosing early retirement as principal of the Robert Little school, Mr. McKenzie now has the time to represent the people adequately. "If I were still principal I would have to withdraw," he admitted. Now he will be free to attend many meetings and, as well, be around town to listen to people's needs and consider their concerns. That way he'll be able to present a strong case in their behalf.

These councils begin with no budgets, Mr. McKenzie points out. "We mustn't let ourselves get carried away!" He had already expressed his concern at the sale of the present county council building at Milton to the provincial government. "I'll only support that sale if it provides sufficient funds to give us a new headquarters in a central location, without additional cost to the taxpayers."

Location? I wouldn't want to see it below the QE! He adds it's been stated a building is needed to house 1500 employees. "To me this is ridiculous!" The reason for forming regional government was to cut out overlapping services and make efficient use of staff.

**Interest in staff**  
I want to see our local staffs' abilities and capabilities considered, when they are being placed in area work, he says. He also wants to be personally involved in selection of staff, rather than leaving hiring to "experts."

He also would try to ensure that the local volunteer firefighters are permitted to continue their excellent services. A regional fire coordinator is already named. He expects Acton fire area would still include parts of Erin, Naasagaweya and Esquesing as it does now.

With the regional police force Mr. McKenzie has two main concerns - the cost of implementing it (in Niagara region cost has doubled) and the orderly phasing out of the O.P.P. He hopes the O.P.P. wouldn't leave Acton for four or five years - the people of North Halton are satisfied and well served by the present O.P.P. He adds Acton doesn't need as sophisticated a service as downtown Burlington or Oakville - "and I hope we wouldn't be expected to pay for it!" Certainly he expects a police office would be maintained here permanently.

**Recreation**  
He'd seek a fair share of tax dollars for recreation for Acton, adding council is now making good progress with arena, swimming pool and tennis courts. He looks ahead to better band facilities, instrumental music in the schools, consideration for senior citizens recreation.

While I was at school the Robert Little was always a strong competitor. "I know the youth and young people and I want to support their needs in better programming. Sports help develop confident and mature citizens."

Mr. McKenzie has served on Acton council seven years, was on library board, parks and recreation and committee of adjustment before that. This year he's chairman of finance and personnel for council.

For three years he has represented Acton on county council serving on Social and Family Services, Children's Aid, Roads and Administration committees and is presently chairman of administration. He is a member of the warden's committee on regional government.

He's active in Trinity church, Legion, lodge, Y's Men (charter member and past international president) honorary Rotarian and maintains a keen interest in many activities connected with education.

## Phone Free Press

First regional elections next Monday, and the Free Press will again have a phone service for the latest results. This has become a tradition on town election day, and this year expands to include all of north Halton and Central Halton.

Election central for the north is in Georgetown, but results will be phoned as soon as they are received to both the council chambers in Acton town hall and the Esquesing municipal building.

After 9 p.m., Each poll will count the entire composite ballot, from mayor down to the name question, before phoning results in to the chief returning officer Pritchard in Georgetown. This means no results will be available before 9 p.m., at least, an hour after the polls close. There are 52 polling subdivisions to be heard from in north Halton.

Mr. Pritchard hopes people will not phone his office, Acton town hall or Esquesing municipal hall asking for results and thereby tying up the lines.

Central Halton results will be phoned up from Milton. Phone the Acton Free Press at 853-2010 where there are two lines to serve you, as well as another line for incoming calls only.

He also would try to ensure that the local volunteer

### Leslie leaves

After 15 years of municipal service, Esquesing Councillor Wilfrid Leslie has decided to withdraw from political life. Councillor Leslie's name was not listed on the huge board in the Georgetown municipal offices when nominations for the October 1 regional government election closed.


"I feel I've put my time in, now I'd like some time to travel a bit," the senior member of Esquesing Council told this paper in a telephone interview.

Councillor Leslie indicated he has been very much opposed to the introduction of regional government ever since the provincial government made the announcement two years ago. During the past 16 years Mr. Leslie has served as deputy-revee of Esquesing for six years and a councillor for nine years. He was defeated only once, in a race for reeve. He will continue to operate his farm north of Norval.

### Trial

The trial of Thomas Bourke is being held this Friday in court at Milton, beginning at 10 a.m. Witnesses have been summoned to appear in the case.

Mr. Bourke is charged with capital murder in the death of his wife in the Maplecrest Apts. on Churchill Rd. S.



With awareness and concern for Acton and its needs, I seek your consent to voice Ward 1's opinions and desires on your behalf.

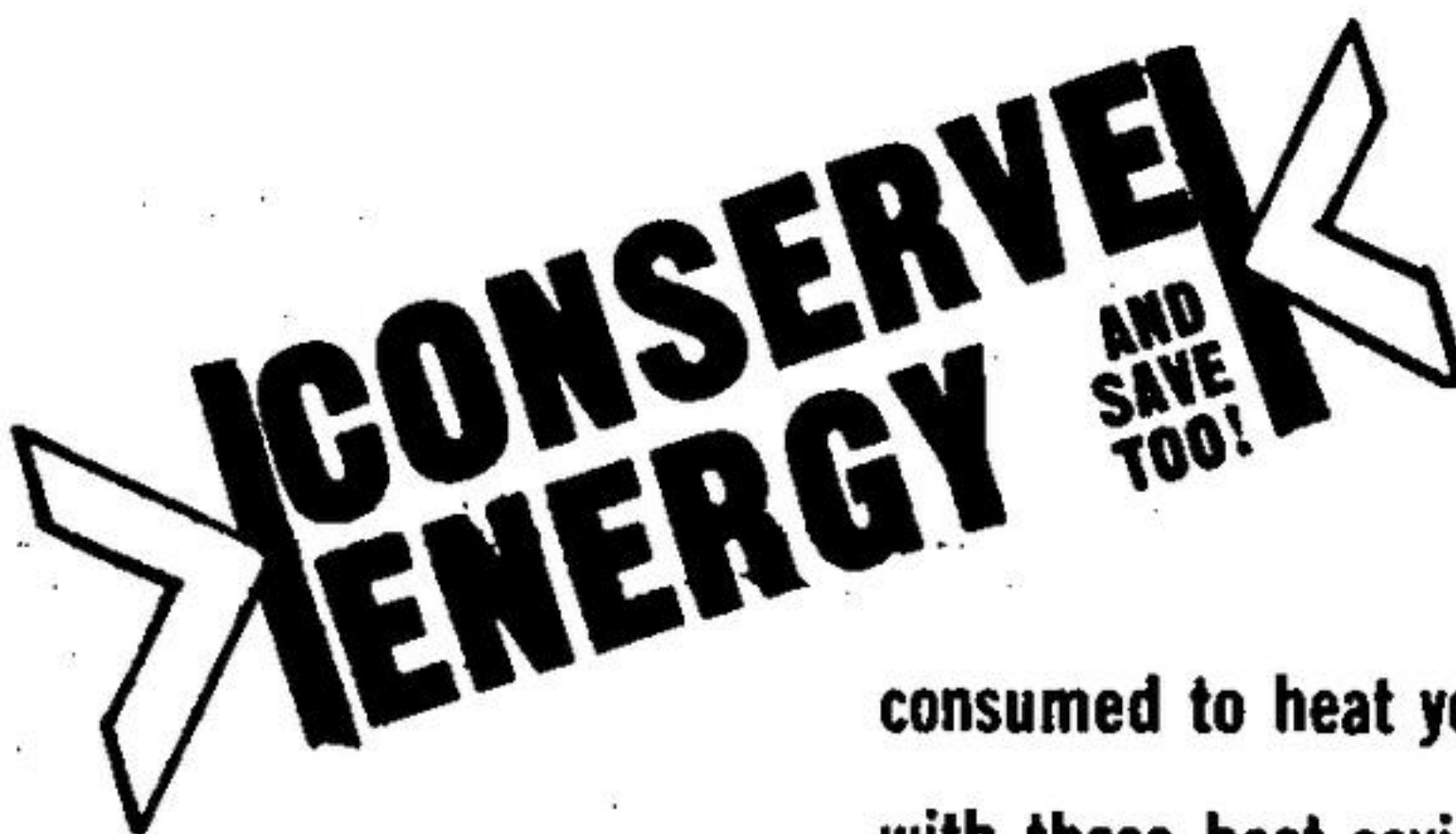
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