



HEADS OF THE VARIOUS boards in Esquesing were recognized with Certificates of Achievement at the township Achievement Night at St. Alban's Anglican church hall in Glen Williams Friday. Left to right examining a certificate are Fred Helson, chairman of the Planning Board; Denny Charles, chairman of the Committee of Adjustment; Ruth Wilson, chairman of the Library Board; Reeve Tom Hill; Mrs. Isabel Bird, chairman of the Community Hall Board; C. E. (Bud) Snow, road superintendent, and Delmar French, clerk-treasurer of the township.



COUNCILLORS GEORGE MALTBY and Dick Howitt were among those honored with Certificates of Achievement from the township of Esquesing Friday at Glen Williams. Here they inspect a certificate with their wives.

Appreciation night for Esquesing in Glen

Almost 100 people attended Esquesing Township's Appreciation Night dinner and dance at St. Alban's church hall, Glen Williams, on Friday evening. It was the official farewell to the municipality of Esquesing which is being absorbed into the new town of Halton Hills at the first of January and the township council took the opportunity to present certificates of appreciation to members of the official boards and employees in recognition of their services to the community. Reeve Tom Hill, mayor-elect of Halton Hills, spoke briefly extolling township residents and employees for their participation in the township. The reeve presented the certificates which were hand lettered by township artist Dorothy Stone and deputy reeve Len Coxie presented Mr. Hill with his.

**Official
farewell**

Members to finish their term

Any effort by municipal councils in Halton Region to get citizen appointees off the Halton Region Conservation Authority and putting councillors on in their place, will have to wait until the present terms expire. Regional Council had thought that appointments made earlier to the Authority would be nullified by the creation of regional government. According to the HRCA and lawyer Murray Haesler, those representatives who were appointed to a term extending beyond Dec. 31, 1973 will continue to serve until their term of office expires.



Say cheese, Tom!

DEPUTY-REEVE LEN COXIE made the official presentation of a certificate to Reeve Tom Hill Friday night at the Esquesing achievement night. Both members of the township council are playing a leading role in the new town of Halton Hills which comes in January 1. Mr. Hill is the first mayor and Mr. Coxie is the regional councillor for Ward Two (Esquesing).

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Two hydro projects

James Bay Indians and Halton farmers face similar problem

A parallel was drawn between the Cree Indians threatened by the James Bay Hydro project in Quebec and the farmers in Halton county, at the largest-ever annual meeting of Halton Federation of Agriculture Wednesday evening. Close to 150 Federation members listened as Joyce Beaton of The Champion staff, Milton, described the James Bay project as a "public scandal originated by Premier Bourassa as a development scheme in an atmosphere of political enthusiasm." She went on to say, "Only passing acknowledgement was made of the fact that all the land in question was already occupied and used by Indians. No prior heed of any kind had been paid to the environmental consequences of such large-scale intervention in natural systems. Bourassa made the decision to go ahead before anyone had given any thought to the real implications of the project."

now and always has been occupied and used by the Cree Indians," she continued. "Hunting, trapping and fishing are of importance in the life of some 6,000 native inhabitants of the area, about 90 per cent of them Indians and the rest Inuit (Eskimo). About half of the native people of the area live within the zone affected by the La Grande complex." Same problem. Henry Stanley, Agricultural Representative for Halton County said, "The James Bay situation is the same problem we are facing here in Halton in our land use struggle." Mrs. Denzil Lawrence asked the Federation to support the Crees in their fight. "Farmers are used to being pushed around and should sympathize with the Indians. We are all environmentalists and we should stand up and speak. It's not just ourselves who are affected by this threat," she said. Federation member Gordon Kidd has been representing the association in its dealings with the Solandt Commission concerning the placement of

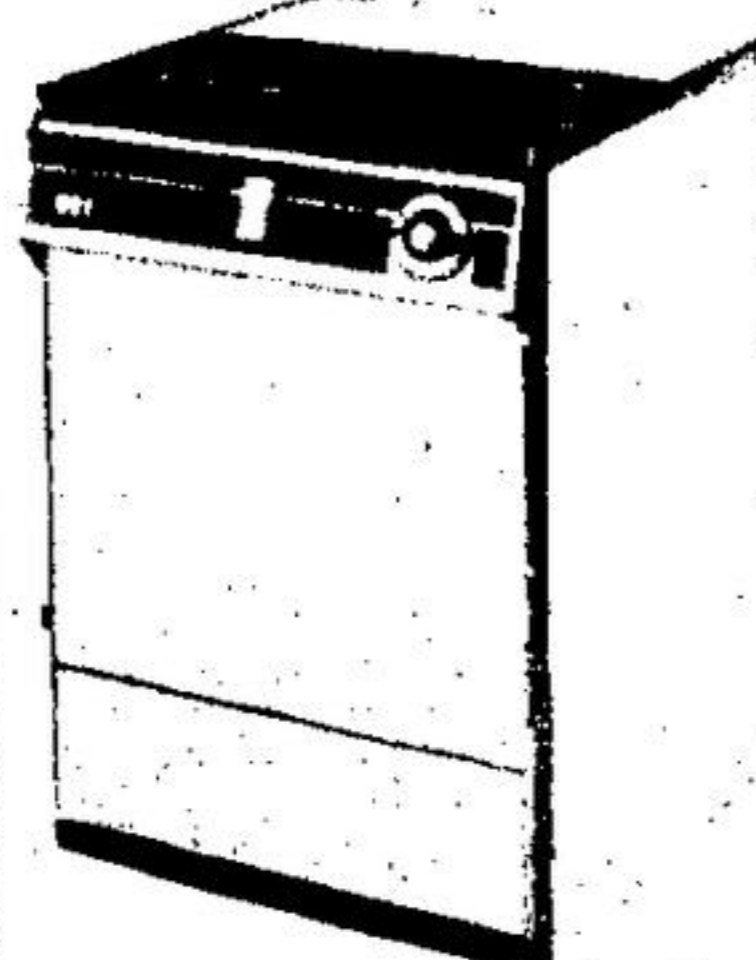
hydro corridors through agricultural land. He said the original environmental reports put out by hydro referred to farmlands as "open spaces" but that some changes have been made in this attitude. "Wide-spread problem. However," Mr. Kidd continued, "Lately I have been detecting a note of animosity by hydro and there is not the nice co-operative voice they used before. The hydro problem is wide-spread across the province among farm people and a serious threat to many people in Halton County." Federation president Bruce McClure described the hydro problem as a "frustrating experience."



MAYOR TOM HILL buys the first ticket in the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded lottery from Al Beene. The mayor said he was sitting in his lucky chair, the same one he sat in when he bought the winning Grey Cup draw ticket. Prize for this lottery is a two week all expense paid trip to the Barbados, plus \$500 spending money.

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