



Warden Lang and his wife

## Erin township reeve '74 Wellington warden

In 1897, Robert Lang, the first warden of Wellington County to be elected from Erin Township, unknowingly set a precedent. Of the succeeding wardens, more have been from Erin than any other township, the last being George Wallace in 1961.

On January 15, ceremonies were held to inaugurate Lloyd Lang, great-nephew of Robert, as Warden for 1974—the eighth from Erin.

An extra cause for celebration, for the first time in 50 years the inaugural was attended by the parents of both the new warden and his wife—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lang, and Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Parkinson, all of Hillsburgh.

Later, Warden Lang stated he felt one of the most controversial issues this year will be the proposed one-and-a-half million dollar bridge at Elora, where the Grand and Irvine Rivers meet. While the new bridge and the opening of the road allowance would reroute the traffic going through town at present, there is some concern for the wildlife in the area.

Another major decision concerns the

possible sale of the county council building in Guelph and the move to county-owned property near Fergus and Elora.

When asked about himself, Mr. Lang stated briefly, "There isn't much to tell. I never did a heck of a lot."

"I was born right on the family farm on the Fifth Line (a Century Farm which he still owns) and went to Coningsby school."

"I spent several years logging, several summers out west harvesting, and have lived here in this house for 20 years."

"I guess that's all there is to tell."

One might question the statement that Mr. Lang "Never did a heck of a lot." For the past 16 years he has been active on the school board and on Erin township council, the past four years as reeve. He has also served on numerous committees in various capacities.

Lloyd, his wife Mildred, and their family of four, Brian, Kevin, Laurinda, and Valerie, farm on the 17 sideroad where the Langs have a 40 cow milking operation.

## Mayor \$11,000 - council \$5,400

Mayor Tom Hill will collect \$11,000 a year for his job as mayor of Halton Hills, and \$8,500 as a member of Halton regional council, for a total of \$19,500.

Halton Hills council set the salary Monday night, and passed the bylaw without any comment.

Councillors voted themselves \$5,400 a year. The four regional councillors, G. W.

(Pat) McKenzie, Len Cox, Ernie Sykes and Ric Morrow will also receive the \$8,500 for attending Halton regional council.

The salaries will be paid in monthly payments. One third of the amount is tax free, as it is considered expenses.

The Halton Hills salary represents a big pay hike over the salaries received by the three separate municipalities

last year. Ex-Mayor of Georgetown Bill Smith was paid \$4,500 a year and councillors received \$2,500.

Acton's ex-mayor Les Doby was paid \$3,500 a year, plus \$500 car allowance. Acton councillors received \$2,000 a year.

Esquesing's former reeve Tom Hill, now mayor of Halton Hills was paid less

than a quarter of his present salary. He received \$2,700 last year.

Esquesing councillors were paid \$2,000 a year.

The reeves and deputy-reeves also received \$4,000 from Halton County Council.

Council also passed a motion to pay the council-elect \$35 a meeting for 11 meetings attended between October and December 31.

Staff members present at the meetings will also be paid. In addition, the steering committee, which held five meetings between October and December 3 will be paid \$35 a meeting, council decided.

The three former heads of the municipalities, Tom Hill, Bill Smith and Les Doby and the clerks and treasurers were members

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## Hold up recreation staff proposal

Halton Hills new recreation director's proposal to have two area program co-ordinators was held up for further study by the administration committee of council Tuesday of last week.

Doug Collison's existing staff already includes program co-ordinator Glen Gray who has been working recently in Georgetown. Mr. Collison had proposed another person be hired to cover the Acton and Esquesing area.

He attended the committee meeting in Esquesing township hall with administration committee members Roy Booth, Ric Morrow, Les Doby, Dick Howitt and mayor Tom Hill.

"Couldn't Glen Gray handle the total area?" Ric Morrow expressed the committee's feeling. "Expanding programs would decrease," Mr. Collison countered.

Present staff He had prepared a list of staff with job descriptions

which includes personnel presently working for Acton and Georgetown and these will be engaged by Halton Hills.

This includes Georgetown arena manager Don Gosling, arena employees Doug Vivan, John Knight and Dennis Allen, secretary Mrs. Ann Downton, with Cedarvale employee Mrs. E. Field.

In Acton, employees will be arena manager Harold Townsley with Bob Price and Mike Marcoux.

Mr. Collison has been in

Georgetown since August 1970 as recreation director.

Glen Gray was hired by Georgetown council last year as program co-ordinator.

New jobs Chairman Roy Booth pointed out the overall concept of regional government was to amalgamate and save duplication. "Everywhere we turn we are creating new jobs and hiring new people."

Councillor Morrow pointed out the two men in question are already the recreation staff in Georgetown.

"Recreation will be a prime leveler of Halton Hills," he said. How long before Georgetown will feel their quality of recreation is reduced?

Councillor Les Doby added that Acton would like to think they will get equal treatment. However he felt the status quo should be maintained till more study is made of the duties of the present program co-ordinator Mr. Gray.

Uplight A program co-ordinator for Acton and Esquesing could work out of the Acton town office, Mr. Collison thought. He would look after programs and deal with "intangibles," likely preventing problems. Secretarial staff would be available from the present staff. A courier system has been proposed between Acton and Georgetown.

Mr. Doby pointed out the previous parks and recreation board and arena secretary Mrs. Doris Townsley could assist with the program here.

Mr. Doby reported people in his area are "uptight" about it all and Mayor Hill echoed "You want to believe it."

All the people of Halton Hills have a right to all the facilities, said chairman Booth.

Mr. Booth and Mr. Morrow agreed Mr. Gray is already very busy and tended to agree with the need for another person. However they felt this person would not necessarily be assigned to the Acton and Esquesing area.

"You can't lump Acton and Georgetown together," Mr. Doby declared. "It's not the nature of the beast." If we were an urban centre there

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## Firemen - council pass peace pipe

Firemen of Acton and Georgetown areas and Halton Hills council took the advice, "Make peace not war" to heart, Thursday night, and did just that.

A committee of council, Mayor Tom Hill, and councillors Mike Armstrong, Ernie Sykes, Pat McKenzie, and Len Cox met with Georgetown firemen in the Georgetown firehall at 7:30 p.m. and with the Acton firemen at 9 p.m. in the Acton fire hall, Thursday night, and ironed out difficulties.

Mayor Hill stated after the closed meeting, "Everything was settled to the satisfaction

of firemen and council. I think confidence in each other was restored. It was good to get together and talk openly."

Councillor Len Cox said both firemen's associations indicated they were prepared to give the same service and carry on in the same way they have in past years.

There were 27 firefighters present for the meeting in Acton fire hall, with just two absent. Councillors assured them they wanted volunteer fire brigades and were 100 per cent behind them.

The meeting was very orderly and amicable.

## Constable gets man — and a \$175 surprise

Two men in a car, later charged with impaired driving, had been reported from Rockwood to Acton police last Wednesday afternoon, and Const. Bruce McArthur set out to meet them in the cruiser. He soon

located the car coming into Acton and began to follow it. In attempts to lose the cruiser the car turned a couple of corners and nipped into the parking lot beside St. Alban's church. There it came to rest

crunched into a parked car, and Const. McArthur got his men.

He got a little extra. The parked car - damage \$175 - was his own.

The two Georgetown men in the car were charged with impaired driving. While he was charging the original driver the second man owner of the car, started to drive away and was charged too. Corp. Bob Arbour arrived to assist. A citizen from Rockwood had informed the police of the erratic driving procedures making the arrests possible.

The McArthur car had been left in St. Alban's parking lot by Const. McArthur's wife Marilyn who was at work in the Free Press office.

There was one other accident in town and again the police were at the receiving end. A Georgetown car skidded on Main N. at Knox Saturday and struck the O.P.P. sign. Damage: \$30. "Good thing it isn't Police Week," grins Corp. Arbour.

## No shortage of heat here

The fire brigade was summoned Friday afternoon to 16 Clare Ct. by Mrs. Robert Butler who had a fire going out of control in her fireplace. There was no damage - "the chimney got a good clean out."

## Latest solution is two separate chiefs

The fire chief hassle is now back to square one, with Ken Buikema appointed as fire chief of Georgetown area and Mick Holmes as fire chief of Acton area.

The proposal was made to clear up confusion about three district chiefs, two paid and one unpaid as a voluntary district chief.

Another complication was put forward by chairman Roy Booth. He could see the clerk administrator running to fires.

Councillor Booth reading from the Fire Act, said a fire chief is the assistant to the fire marshal in any municipality and as such is the only one with the authority to lock up doors and

remove equipment after a fire, if the origin of the fire is in doubt. "If there is no fire chief the responsibility then falls on the clerk administrator," maintained the chairman.

Mick Holmes Fire Chief of Acton area, now designated Fire Area Number One, said anyone he named could act as assistant to the Fire Marshal and had been doing so for the past two years.

Councillor Dick Howitt suggested the bylaw designate the two men as fire chiefs of the two separate areas.

"I hope we never get so silly we have to have a clerk administrator running to

fires," commented Councillor Les Doby. He pointed out that legislation read out by the chairman had never been designed for regional government.

"Bill 151 was never designed for regional government either," quipped Councillor Ric Morrow. Bill 151 is the bill which set up regional government in Halton.

Councillor Doby reminded members the legislation read by the chairman was dated 1962, and may have been updated since then.

The committee decided to write to the Ontario Fire Marshal's office asking if the two area chiefs created any problem.

## Council nixes added help

At the insistence of Councillor Russell Miller, Halton Hills council rejected a works committee recommendation to up the number of employees from 54 to 58.

Councillor Miller admitted the need for the two workers previously employed by the cemetery board, since this would be a transfer, but challenged the need for any more. "Let's not hire anymore until the need can be shown," said Miller.

Councillor Ern Hyde said one of the proposed employees would replace two part time employees. "There is only one actual extra person and that's the mechanic's helper," maintained Hyde.

Miller claimed regional government was supposed to reduce costs, "and here we are adding staff after only two weeks."

Councillor G. W. (Pat) McKenzie backed Miller's stand, pointing out there must be duplication in the three

staffs. He urged council not to hire any more people for at least three months until the situation became clear.

McKenzie reminded council they didn't know what grants they would receive or the amount of the assessment. "I'm concerned about the cost to the taxpayer," he added.

Hyde contended one mechanic could not take over two extra fleets of trucks.

Councillor Len Cox said the person they were proposing to hire was not a mechanic. "He may gas up the trucks, and sweep the floors, but he is no way a mechanic."

Miller stated he spent quite a bit of time around Acton arena and understood they did not need any more full time help.

Council endorsed Miller's stand to turn the matter back to the works committee, with only councillors Morrow and Hyde opposed.

## School guards scarce despite higher pay

School crossing guards in Acton are paid more than they are in Georgetown, and are still impossible to find, Councillor G. W. (Pat) McKenzie told Halton Hills council, Monday night.

Councillor Ern Hyde raised the question when he noticed in the finance and personnel committee minutes that no replies had been received to an advertisement for crossing guards.

Councillor Hyde said Georgetown had raised the salaries substantially and wondered if a lower salary was the reason for no response in Acton.

Councillor McKenzie said that couldn't be the reason because he investigated and found Acton guards were paid more.

The advertisement will be rerun in an attempt to find crossing guards.

## Ken Murray heads Agricultural Society

Eighteen directors of Acton Agricultural Society were speedily elected and, after a delay spent debating procedure, elected their own top three men, Monday night. About 40 attended the annual meeting of the fair in the community centre and the nominating committee's recommendations were

snapped up and approved. New president is Ken Murray, first vice-president Russell Murray—"no relation"; second vice-president Brent Marshall.

The Three M's follow Mr. Three H.—H.H. Hinton, who has been bumped up to the post of past president. Directors are Ken Mar-

shall, Brian Evans, Ken Subbington, George Milne, Jack Fryer, Clifford Storey, George Maltby, Stan Matthews, Stan McEnery, John McAdam, Tony Debaptista, Ron Wilson, John Popp and two sons-in-law of the new president, John Ottoway and Bill Lang.

Long-time secretary-tre-

asurer Irene Swackhamer took to the floor to remind the directors of procedure learned from years of experience. Directors alone would vote for the top three posts and they had to be paid-up members for 1974 to be able to do it. So they duly lined up and laughingly paid

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HOT DOGS taste better outdoors. Here Jim Wallace and his daughter Cindy, two, share a bite during the Acton Snowmobile club meet. More pictures inside today's paper.

## Recreation "feelers" out to Acton groups

Letters are on the way to Acton organizations from Halton Hills recreation director Doug Collison this week. Service clubs and sports organizations will be learning via the letters that they've been doing - or would like to do - in the line of recreation.

Mr. Collison and program co-ordinator Glen Gray of Georgetown expect to both be up to spend time here and talk to groups here if they're asked. They have already

made some contacts. A series of Friday meetings has been set up with the arena managers of the two towns, Harold Townsley and Don Gosling. These meetings will be in either Acton or Georgetown.

Playground The summer playground program and swimming lessons will continue under the new regional set-up.

Mr. Collison and Mr. Gray have both already been on staff in Georgetown, and are presently extending their scope to include Acton and

Esquesing township. Mr. Collison's request for another program co-ordinator has been delayed by Halton Hills administration committee for further study. Mr. Collison in his original request had envisioned this additional person looking after Acton and Esquesing while Mr. Gray continued as program co-ordinator in Georgetown.

The two meanwhile say they are looking forward to getting to know Acton people although they expect the new system may experience some "growing pains."



AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY for 1974 will be led by a new board of directors elected Monday night. New president is Ken Murray, front left; first vice-president Russell Murray. Standing are secretary-treasurer John Rowe and second vice-president Brent Marshall. About 40 attended the annual meeting in the community centre.