

# Ice on lake is dangerous

The reporting week of January 20 to 26 was a busy week for officers of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment.

There were 26 general occurrences ranging from a tree across the roadway to minor thefts and disturbances.

There were five charges of "Having Liquor Other Than Residence" and one charge of "Common Assault" and one of "Causing A Disturbance". One area man was charged with "Care and Control" of his motor vehicle while impaired.

Only one accident was recorded for the week, which was a hit and run minor accident on a local parking

lot. It is still under investigation.

Police request the co-operation of the adults in the area of Fairy Lake to assist them in keeping children from the lake. Children have been reported playing on the ice and since the heavy rains, it could cause some very weak spots on the lake, making it dangerous.

Strict enforcement is being maintained involving parking citations, vehicles parking the wrong way on the street, in prohibited areas as well as too close to intersections will be given tickets.

Acton Municipal O.P.P.

# Halton Hills to pay bills

Regular phone bills of the three Halton Hills works superintendents should be paid by Halton Hills council, the works committee recommended Monday night.

Works committee members didn't agree on the matter until councillor Ern Hyde pointed out all three are listed with their home numbers—in the new phone books. The listing under Halton Hills advises that hours calls may be made to three numbers—the Acton one Alf Duby's, the Esqueping one Bud Snow's and the Georgetown one Frank Morette's.

Chairman Len Cox pointed out under the new setup, a night call to the Georgetown switchboard brings contact with an answering service which will put the caller in touch with the emergency works force. He felt the extra expense of paying the superintendents' phone charges was an "extravagance."

Councillor Ern Hyde defended the payment, saying people are in the habit of calling them at home and will continue to do so. Their phone bills in all three communities have been paid in the past. However, only when he produced a new phone book and showed the

others the listing did the motion pass.

Councillor Joe Hurst pointed out only the basic monthly charge is covered—no extras or long distance calls.

Again this week there were three committee meetings of council on the same night, with Mayor Tom Hill attending all three. He was at works long enough to disagree in principle with paying the phone bills of the superintendents. His parting shot to the committee: "I'm off to the finance meeting to see if I can get my own phone bill paid!"

Whether the superintendents should attend committee meetings or not took up a slice of the night's time. It was finally agreed general superintendent Frank Morette would be asked to attend the first hour of meetings, and that the other two superintendents, Bud Snow and Alf Duby, be asked to be on call that evening.

Ern Hyde and Joe Hurst in particular expressed their concern at the engineer, who heads the department, becoming overloaded with day-to-day details of works. He already attends works committee meetings.

# Get on friendly last name basis

There have been 3,600 new telephone directories delivered in this area in the past couple of weeks. Acton is still in the Waterloo-Guelph phone book despite being a part of Halton Hills, which is largely in the Peel-Halton book.

No mention is made of Acton centennial but the 100th anniversary of the invention of the telephone in Brantford, Ontario, is featured on the back cover with a picture of the Bell homestead.

The book also has a new name. Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

As usual Acton hits the alphabetical first place in the directory.

Changes

Acton. Town of, now informs the telephoner to refer to Halton Hills. Town of. There he the Acton numbers

for arena, library, fire, police and after hours emergencies.

But if you want municipal offices, cemeteries, engineering, fire department information, recreation and parks or works yard—think again.

When you dial the number given, 416-877-5185, you get a very scratchy recording that tells you this number is not in service. Same problem if you dial Georgetown police, Georgetown fire department or animal control services. That same old scratchy voice.

If you put the well known long distance clue digit "1" in front of the 10 others, you just might get billed for it, too.

Take our advice: to phone our brethren in Georgetown, leave off the 416 as listed in the phone book. Get on a friendly last name basis. Start off with plain old 877.



DEAN OF the early morning coffee club at Watson's restaurant, Fred Wright was presented with a birthday cake for his breakfast Friday. Fred was 81 on Robbie Burns day. Dawn patrol companions of Mr. Wright's include Russell Murray, Tom Dawkins, Wayne Moss and proprietor Paul Kotsopoulos.

# Annexation bothers some want 'amalgamation' used

Amalgamation or annexation? Milton Council doesn't agree with the province that the statement in Bill 151 that other municipalities are "annexed" to Milton is correct.

Mayor Anne MacArthur suggested the terminology should be that Nassagaweya was amalgamated with Milton while parts of Burlington, Oakville and Esqueping were annexed.

A letter from the Ministry of Treasury, following an earlier Milton protest, suggested there would be no change in the wording in the Act which established the

areas of Regional Halton. "I hasten to assure you that the word 'annex' has no substantive effect on the final results," Deputy Minister H. J. Macdonald wrote.

"It is strictly a drafting technique to arbitrarily describe the new municipality in terms of amalgamations and annexations.

"You might find it interesting to note that in the Peel legislation (Bill 130), the City of Mississauga is created

by amalgamating Port Credit and Streetsville and then annexing parts of the Towns of Oakville and Mississauga to that amalgamation. While this may appear somewhat incongruous, it is done for the very reason which I have outlined above."

Mrs. MacArthur suggested these very same reasons could apply in the Milton situation where the total Nassagaweya, except Eden Mills, was amalgamated with Milton.

# Acton finds room for all

Acton municipal offices, although vacated by most of the town staff, is not going to waste.

The former mayor's office will be used one day a week by the Mayor of Halton Hills Tom Hill. The remainder of the time Mrs. A. Dzidrum of the Halton Region Social and Family Services, and Mrs. Detlor of Halton Children's Aid will use the office on one or two occasions a week to hold interviews in this part of the Region.

Fire Chief Mick Holmes, of Fire Area Number One, will have his office in the municipal building.

Councillor Les Duby said there was painting to be done, and possibly some furniture needed. "I don't know if my old desk is still there or not," he remarked.

The land division committee of Halton Region, who had also asked for space, will be told they can use the council chamber at Esqueping municipal building, formerly used by Esqueping council.

"Where will we go," asked Councillor Dick Howitt, since the committee meets in that chamber.

It was decided the administration committee could meet in the room downstairs, if necessary.

400 club winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were M. Gervais 185, J. Kuiken 262, S. Johnson 267, N. Farion 293 and F. Sarel 400.

# Old business fills time works again

The works committee of Halton Hills Council plodded through 10 items of uncompleted business Monday night, reaching new business and weariness at the same time, 11:15 p.m. They will meet again Wednesday night and agreed that in future, when necessary, they'll try to make the second meeting of a week on a Wednesday night.

There are 13 items of new business already on the agenda for Wednesday.

All committee members were present chairman Len Cox, Mike Armstrong, Just back from Aruba with a reddish tan, Era Hyde and Joe Hurst, with Halton Hills engineer Peter Morris.

Their recommendations all go to full council for approval.

Applications for the position of deputy engineer for Halton Hills will be narrowed down by engineer Peter Morris and some of the applicants will be interviewed by the works committee Feb. 12. Closing date for applications is this Friday.

Halton Hills council had referred back to committee a request for a 50 man work force, asking the force stay at its present figure for an interim period. Engineer Peter Morris again explained his position and predicted he'd be back "in a month or so" asking for more.

Mr. Cox explained full council felt that if the three

municipalities operated with 54 men, they didn't see a good reason to add more immediately. Councillor Hyde pointed out more men could cut costs by eliminating need for outside work, such as at garages.

All applications for renewals of building permits from former Esqueping township residents must still come before council. The committee approved the application of Charles Trot, R.C. 1, Georgetown, and straightened out their position in their own minds. In Georgetown and Acton, renewals of building permits could be made without reference to council. However, in Esqueping it was different and council approval had been necessary. Therefore, since Halton Hills doesn't yet have a consolidated bylaw, the pre-region system still applies.

The engineer prepared a cost study for extending Georgetown water out to the Esqueping township hall. Costs, installation methods and main size were debated. The matter is under regional jurisdiction, so goes to regional council.

Morris will contact the Milton engineer about a portion of the former Nassagaweya-Esqueping town line, considered hazardous. Residents of the area have complained of the road conditions and asked for guard rails.

Their problem is the part of the road built through a former beaver meadow. It is high and narrow.

Councillor Cox attested to the dangers of the area and made more acute by the building of new homes lately.

Councillor Hyde said he'd like to see the road when it's at its worst in the spring.

# Raise salary of caretakers

The finance committee of Halton Hills Council went along with a council recommendation that caretakers' salaries at the former Esqueping municipal building should be raised to \$4,000 per year.

Councillor Russ Miller said the husband and wife team which did the job spent considerable time doing an excellent job. Because of the increased activity at the building, duties had become more exacting.

Councillor Harry Levy suggested the committee should check to see they were paying more than the minimum wage especially since they were doing such an excellent job. "They are worth more," observed chairman McKenzie.

# Appointed

Tom Himmatarasingh, past president of the Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation, was appointed to the executive of the Ontario Educational Research Council board of directors.

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