



GETTING READY to clean up on election day, Conservative MP Terry O'Connor polishes the windows at campaign headquarters on Mill St. Friday. Sharing in the clean up chores are Peg and Ross Ballentine and Marie Shadbolt.

# Could divide Halton into three new ridings

Halton could be divided into three separate electoral ridings if recommendations by the Ontario Electoral Boundaries Commission are accepted by the province's Legislature.

Halton Hills, Milton and North Burlington would be one large riding under the new proposals while Oakville and a divided Burlington would constitute the other two.

Halton is divided into two ridings now—Halton East and Halton West—represented by the Hon. Jim Snow and the Hon. George Kerr, respectively. Both M.P.'s have expressed opposition to the proposals which would split Burlington at the Queen Elizabeth Way, leaving a narrow strip between the highway and Lake Ontario as a separate riding. Almost two-thirds of Burlington's

estimated 90,000 population live in that strip.

The proposal would then take the remaining 30,000 population and put them in the Halton riding with all of the new towns of Milton and Halton Hills. Oakville would be left as a separate riding. Halton West M.P.P. George Kerr is opposed to the drastic split in the city of Burlington. He suggests the boundary line should go further north,

taking in all of the urban parts of the city and maybe leaving the rural areas in Halton.

However, his executive assistant Gordon Hampson, admits there could be problems there also since the fast growth of Burlington could upset the population estimate the Electoral Boundaries Commission was trying to establish.

The Electoral Boundaries Commission has proposed six new ridings which would increase the strength of the Legislature from the present 117 seats to 123. Three new ridings would be created in Metro Toronto and two more in Peel if the recommendations are accepted.

Provincial ridings differ from those used during a federal election so the current proposals would not affect the July 8 election. The Electoral Boundaries Commission has recommended that submissions over their proposals be accepted until July 12 but Premier Davis said he would ask the commission to extend the deadline because of the federal election July 8.

## Ignore region plan...

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The province made it clear the Esqueping Plan was to be based on it.

Howitt said they had 25 applications for development. "Is Esqueping to become a Bramalea?" he asked. Continuing, Howitt said, "Is there no longer any concern for retaining good agricultural land. You have done a

complete aboutface, or the province is prostituting its own policies for the sake of smashing housing through," added Howitt.

Mr. Martin said there would still be concern for agricultural land, and the environment and natural resources. "We need development in the right places, and have to take into account

what the Toronto Centred Region Plan says."

"We had right guide lines and whether right or wrong we stayed by them," replied Howitt. He said council were the people on the firing line and they need answers. "Now do we shove everything until a policy comes up about the Toronto Centred Region Plan?" he asked.

Mr. Martin said the Task Force was not aimed at expensive housing like estate development such as Esqueping has covered in their Official Plan.

## Garbage men take it all

Last Saturday the Halton Hills works department had a green clean up day. In other words garbage that one would not normally put out for the garbage men was put out and picked up.

This type of thing has been an annual event in Georgetown for the past five years. This was a first for Acton this spring.

"They collect all kinds of old furniture, a great many refrigerators, washing machines and bicycles, tree

branches and all kinds of junk.

Convenience This is done as a convenience to the homemaker who wants to get rid of many things that have been sitting around for a long time.

The Acton collection was done by noon with six truckloads collected. It's expected there will be a bigger response next year when more people realize the purpose of the special collection.

## Fire in two cars, small shack burns

There were two fires on the same day last week.

Early Friday morning one of the cars at the Roadmaster Car Club on Highway No. 7 was discovered burning. Bruce Pinkney from Glen Williams who owns the '66 Dodge, told police that he had been working on the car previously and it had caught fire then. He pulled the front seat out and doused the fire, at that time. The front interior of the car was badly damaged.

Late Friday night, a car owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Frank, on Mason Blvd., started to burn. The damage was estimated at \$25 and the cause was faulty wiring in the battery.

Last Sunday morning a small shack on the Toft property on Main Street north

began to smoulder and burn. The shack was to be torn down, originally, but now the whole property will be cleared.

## Parade Tuesday

The All Candidates night here Tuesday is scheduled to begin with a parade—Acton Citizens Band and the three candidates heading from the tracks to the Robert Little school, likely via Bower.

Michael Worthington of the C. of C. will act as chairman and will accept verbal and written questions during the program.

Coffee and biscuits will be served after as everyone chats with the three candidates for election.

All have agreed to be here—Terry O'Connor, Dr. Frank Philbrook and Archie Brown.

## Animal clinic opens in Acton

The Guelph Animal Hospital has expanded its services to include a separate clinic on Mill Street in Acton.

The hospital started a house call service in January and because of its demand they felt a separate clinic in Acton was needed.



Dr. C. Cornell the house call service in Acton has been very successful and he hopes for the same results at the clinic.

## Nixon queries White on Halton Hills' costs

Liberal leader Bob Nixon was told the Ontario Government would "work it out" when he questioned Provincial treasurer John White about excessive spending in Halton Hills during the question period of the Legislature Friday.

regional government in the province. Mr. White said he had conferred with the Halton regional chairman and they would work things out.

The Liberal leader also charged the direct tax rate in Durham region also went up 28 per cent despite direct massive aid from the Government. Mr. White replied he was going to talk to the chairman of the regional municipality of Durham about the situation.

## Treasurer resigns

Lloyd Peterson, top man in the town's finance department, handed in his resignation to Halton Hills council, this week.

Mr. Peterson has been town treasurer of Halton Hills since its inception at the beginning of the year. He was Georgetown's treasurer from September 1970, until the formation of the new town.

Prior to coming here he was treasurer of Darlington township near Ottawa.

Mr. Peterson said he was willing to stay and train someone, and would stay here until after the budget was struck.

He said there was no friction with council or staff.

## Budget? not yet

Setting the budget for Halton Hills is going to be especially tough this year because there's nothing to relate to, the finance committee of Halton Hills was told Monday night.

Treasurer Lloyd Peterson told the committee the difference in keeping the books of the three previous municipalities did not allow itemized listing of figures which the committee requested. They would have to rely on total figures for each department for guide lines.

Councillor Harry Levy said the task was more difficult also because all three municipalities had spent more in 1973 so they would go into Halton Hills with a clean slate.

When could the budget be set? The committee didn't know but they intended to start work again on it Thursday of this week.

## Liquor offenses increase

According to the Acton O.P.P., there has been a sharp increase in the number of persons charged with offences under the Liquor Control Act and the Criminal Code, namely "impaired driving" and "having liquor in a place other than a residence."

Warm weather should not make you forget it is against the law to keep, have or consume liquor at other than your residence or at a residence of a donee," say the O.P.P. who add the only other time liquor or beer may be had is when a permit has been obtained from the L.C.B.O. for a special function.

The O.P.P. says all drivers should follow the rule. "Think before you drink and don't drink and drive." "It's a poor combination which has resulted in many injuries and fatal accidents," they contend.

## Morrow...

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rip off, nothing more and nothing less, of the former Georgetown residents.

If we are in fact concerned about being fair, then this budget must be drastically revised to reflect to a greater degree an objective distribution of the tax dollar.



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by Jim Reid your Bell manager

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There's 100's of things to do. Inspect the charming atmosphere of the Bell Homestead, for example. It has been restored and furnished to its original detail. The city is alive with art exhibitions, street dances, Highland games, and shows, and a variety of special events to celebrate the occasion.

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A number of Bell people are assisting in the Women's Summer Games this year. Over 1,500 young female athletes are expected to participate in the 16 sporting events to be held in Kitchener and Waterloo on June 20-21-22-23. If you'd like more information on the games call the Games Co-ordinators at the University of Waterloo 519-885-1211 Extension 3855.

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**New cruiser for O.P.P.**

The Acton O.P.P. this week received a new black and white cruiser. The 1974 Plymouth replaces the 1972 Ford they previously had in use. The cruiser has a couple of new features which are a welcome addition to the men's O.P.P.

The rear doors can be locked electrically by switches on the dash and the trunk can be opened automatically from the driver's seat by another switch without removing the keys or shutting the car off.

Even the police enjoy the benefits of driving a new car with updated equipment and the smell of a new interior," say the O.P.P.

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