



MAYOR of Halton Hills Tom Hill participated, garbed for the centennial occasion. HALTON M.P.P. solicitor-general George Kerr added remarks Monday. PROF. W. Ormsby of the Historical and Museums branch, donors of the plaque. REGIONAL councillor G. W. McKenzie spoke at ceremonies.

FORMER mayor and county warden Frank Oakes was chairman for the plaque dedication. OLD-FASHIONED garb and a modern camera for Laura Dittlich.

Two minor collisions

There were two accidents in town this week. The first occurred at Mill St. and Young St. Brian J. Buck of 99 William St., in Guelph, backed up to allow through traffic on Young St. to pass, and was in collision with the car driven by Zvonko Severinaki of 29 Acton Blvd. Damage to Brian Buck's car was estimated at \$20, while damage to Zvonko Severinaki's car was around \$100. The second accident occurred at Main St. and Guelph St. The truck of Burns Roof of 130 Guelph St., in Rockwood, collided with the car of Dragan Pavic of 75 Barlake Ave., in Stoney Creek. Damage to each car was estimated at \$200.

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"There'll always be an Acton"

Acton's founding and incorporation as a village January 6, 1874, are commemorated on a blue and gold plaque unveiled and dedicated Dominion Day afternoon during centennial celebrations here.

The discouragement of attaining centuryhood just to lose our local forms of government to a regional setup was referred to by several of the speakers in the program—most all of them with a finger on the political pulse of the area, region of province.

Shotgun marriage
The Historical and Museums branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities which provides these plaques had Prof. W. Ormsby speaking as a representative. He referred to the "shotgun" marriage of Halton Hills as he expressed hope the plaque would constantly act as a reminder of our past.

Dr. Frank Oakes, former mayor and warden, was a gracious master of

ceremonies and Mayor Tom Hill of Halton Hills, suitably dressed for centennial, welcomed all.

The Hon. George Kerr spoke. Rev. A. H. McKenzie dedicated the plaque in an evocative and thoughtful prayer.

Don't give up
"Don't give up," Dr. Frank Oakes encouraged listeners at the ceremony. "I think there'll always be an Acton." - Acton's last mayor Les Doby unveiled the plaque as former clerk-administrator Joe Hurst read its inscription. Both are now Halton Hills councillors.

Alice Doby and Penny Bristol served coffee and fruit bread inside the library afterward. Government officials, asking the source of the delicious bread, were told it comes from the local home bakery.

55 this year
The plaque is of aluminum with baked on enamel paint. There are about 55 being unveiled this year and there are now about 750 in the department's program alto-

gether. David Bull, a historian with the Historical and Museums branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, assisted here and explained his

department does the research for the plaques from their own files and records. (He has promised to send copies of pertinent information for the Free Press files.)



REV. A. H. McKenzie and George Kerr shake hands in greeting Monday at plaque dedication, as M.P. hopeful Terry O'Connor walks by.

THE FOUNDING OF ACTON
The first land grants on the West Branch of the Credit River were made in 1829 and among the earliest settlers in this vicinity were Ezra Zenas and Rufus Adams. A community first known as Danville then Actonville but called Acton first known as Danville then Actonville saw and grew and by 1844 developed around Rufus Adams saw and grist mill and the 1848 tannery erected in the early 1840's. By 1850 Acton had obtained a post office and in 1850 the Grand Trunk Railway reached the settlement. The railway stimulated growth and the 1850's saw the first village plot laid out. By 1858 the community of some 700 inhabitants were supported by local industries which included sawing, grist mills, tanneries and other local enterprises. Acton was incorporated as a Village in January 1874.



HISTORIC plaque is one of over 750 in the provincial government's current historic recognition program. Of standard format, it's made of aluminum with baked on enamel. Library location is attractive.

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Take Bourke to Penetang
Thomas Bourke, who stabbed his wife to death last year in her apartment on Churchill Rd., was taken to Penetang on Tuesday, June 25, by Constable Paul Brown and Corporal Arbour. He was taken to the Ontario Hospital for the Criminally Insane and will be kept in custody until they see fit to release him.



Dr. Frank Philbrook Liberal

Contact later
Since many of the Ontario Scholars plans are incomplete, the Free Press will be contacting them late in August to see where they will be continuing their education.

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