Say region "shafted" over start-up grants

The 1974 budget totalling \$9,466,498 was cover to begrudgingly approved by Halton Regional Halton Council Tuesday, but council made it known it's added not happy with start-up grants being handed down pense. by Queen's Park to help ease the transition to regional government.

"We were shafted," charged Oakville Councillor MacLean Anderson after council learned, in the midst of its final budget deliberations yesterday afternoon, the province will only give Halton \$1,000,000 in start-up grants this year. That million dollars was earmarked by the government for various municipalities and projects and Halton Council only gets \$270,000 for general expenditures. That figure won't even

cover the \$272,000 in start-up costs requested by Halton Regional Police, let alone dozens of other added costs for which the region sought recom-

Halton Hills cost

net cost to the new \$957,192. That means an inresidents pald last year for rates are up accordingly. county services, throughout the municipality. · Actual residential mill

rates for regional services in In the \$91/2 million budget Halton Hills, with the in-(which is actually closer to crease shown in brackets, \$15 million but reduced by will be: Former Georgetown other revenue and grants) the 75.30 (1.37), former Acton 94.22 (7.72), former municipality of Halton Hills is Esquesing 70.70 (10.12), former North Oakville 64.73 crease over what local (1.93). The commercial In Milton, the residents of

the former Milton, Burlington Continued on Page 3



Region budget \$9,466,498

REGIONAL COUNCIL approved its 1974 budget at a total of \$9,466,498 on Tuesday afternoon. The council is pictured in session, with finance com-mittee chairman Ric Morrow of Georgetown on the floor. The budget indicates residents in the

areas of Halton formerly known as Milton, north Oakville and north Burlington will see a reduction in their taxes for the region this year, while rates in the remainder of the region go up as much as nearly 13 mills.

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following the single car crash Friday evening on Grahame, was released from Georgetown District the Fourth Line, Halton Hills. Four area people Hospital late Friday night with cuts and bruises. were injured in the crash. Three passengers were

TOTALLY DEMOLISHED, the wreckage of a '65 transferred to Toronto General Hospital with Ford lies behind Toth's BP service station in Acton serious injuries while the fourth, driver Cecil

Three in hospital car-abutment smash

Four people were injured three seriously - after a single car crash on the Halton Hills Fourth Line about a mile south of Hwy. 7 Friday night. Cecil Grahame Limehouse, Robert Grieve of Georgetown, Shirley Ritchie of Rockwood and Jerald Buchanan of Acton were all

taken to Georgetown District

Hospital.

Grahame, 35, suffered cuts and bruises in the crash and was later released from

Miss Ritchie, 18, received a severe neck injury and was transferred to Toronto General Hospital along with Grieve, 22, and Buchanan, 20, both with severe head in-

Their ear was northbound

on the Fourth Line when they atruck a bridge abutment totally destroying their '65 Ford and moving the abutment about a foot. Milton OPP say the car was

the car with Miss Ritchie between him and Grieve in the front seat. Buchanan was a state of unconsciousness.

alone in the back seat. Charges have been laid. fracture and regained consciousness on Saturday. Grieves has a broken leg and severe lacerations. He

travelling at about 50 mph in report showed she was still in

Buchanan sustained skull remains in a semi-conscious Grahame was the driver of condition. Miss Ritchie's progress is slower. Tuesday's

Addition at Mohawk

Another co-operative effort Chairman Paul Nielsen by merchanis to keep Actonians shopping in town is der to begin seen.

Merchants plan

newpromotion

section of the Chember o seeday evening in the community centre and set up loss leader" sale. Each week, each participating merchant will effer one specific item at cost or less, parking authority for Hallonon Friday and Saturday, to

altract shoppers. Tise special offers will be made tach week from Augus 9 to Sept. 16.

reported Contennial Days had been a great success. Members agreed the surplus remaining would be used to start off this next prometion The perennial problem of parking was discussed Finally the group of 10 or no Chamber of Commerce executive to petition liable Hills council to create a

Plans for a \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 addition to Mohawk Raceway at Campbellville were revealed this week as preliminary plans were filed with the Town of Milton for

consideration. theatre equipped with closed television system. circuit television.

George town had a partition of construction is expected with sovernment. The problem of foundation and footing plans currently being reviewed by the building department. struction is expected with Toronto.

The extension involves two parts. An extension on the east side toward the paddock area will expand the dining

A two floor extension on the west side in an L shape will The expansion includes an provide for the mutuels on the extension of the dining ground floor and the theatre lounge, mutuels, and con- on the second floor with the struction of a 1140 seat large screen closed circuit

Architects on the project An early start on con- are Page and Steele of

Mohawk Haceway was built in 1963 at a cost of \$3,000,000 on a 400 acre site.

... going ... going ... gone 10,000 Legion coins

Of 10,000 Legion centennial coins, only about 500 are still available-"at the most", thinks committee member Nova Scotia.

stores and were to be put in circulation. It didn't happen,

Instead everybody is saving them, or giving them away as gifts. The stores been seen on sale in Toronto

customers aren't using them as currency.

standard dollar. In theory the The coins went into all coins have one dollar purchasing power anywhere in Acton until the deadline in September.

City price The coins have already

have no coins left and their for \$1:45 at a coin dealer's being delivered by Legion booth.

The Legion Is keeping some thinks committee member Only the banks have coins of the coins for special Grant Schultz of the Bank of left which are sold for the presentations at the official opening of the Legion hall in

advance and are being having difficulty obtaining mailed out-of-town. Silver, gold

There were 13 gold coins ordered. These haven't been About 100 were ordered in minted yet, since the mint is

Cost is \$16.05 per coin.

committee members this

week. About 55 of these or-

ders are going out of town.

gold. They'll cost \$250 plus There were 75 pure silver The committee members coins ordered and these are who planned the coin

promotion are very surprised and pleased at the response.

Their coins are the only souvenir available for sale for the town's centennial and they're going like those proverbial hot cakes.

On the committee are Grant Schultz, Don Ryder, Bill Cook, Bill Dawkins and

Mill rate Thursday?

Thursday night may be the time Halton Hills ratepayers hear the loop awaited news about their tax rate.

Mayor Tom Hill said the budget meeting originally scheduled for Monday was pushed ahead because Halton Region received information of grants from the Hon, John White only Tuesday afternoon.

Light too short says Ern Hyde

Councillor Ern Hyde wants the timing of traffic lights at the corner of Main and Mill Streets in Acton checked. "The flashing green light only lasts about two seconds and it is pretty easy to get trapped out there," he said.

Police report two break-ins

A break-in at the arena was reported to Acton O.P.P. Monday morning. Theft was in the snack bar area and missing are \$50 in cash and four cartons of eigarettes.

There was another break-in Friday on Mowbray Place. when \$160 in cash and other personal articles and clothing were missing. Investigation is being pursued, police

Drug charge On Saturday two local youths were charged with possession of marijuana. They are due to appear in court Sept. 11.

Wayne Davis, 11, of Georgetown, came to the police for help Sunday with a piece of a fishing hook caught in the left side of his chest Police took him to Dr. Wilson for treatment.

Police were called by concerned passers-by Saturday when James Jesseman fell on Mill Street However, by the time police arrived Mr. Jesseman, although cut, had headed off for his home on Eastern Ave. Mr. Jesseman is 94 years old. One impaired driver and

two drug seizures were recorded by the police during.

Acton placed second, of 23 newspaper in the 2,500 to 3,999 O.P.P. circulation category for all of Canada In first plants Canada. In first place was the Goderich Signal Star and in transfer third place the Gananoque

Canadian Community News-

papers Association and the

weck in Toronto.

Reporter. The Free Press placed third in the front page competition, behind the Humboldt, Sask. Journal and the Gananoque Reporter.

Blue rlbbon The Free Press was also awarded a blue ribbon for high marks. This blue ribbon will be included in the new prize-winners' illustration on the editorial page of the Free

competition with Acton were sferred to the Mount Forest the weeklies from Ganges, detachment of the O.P.P. Castlegar, Lazo, Mission Friday is his last day with City. Parksville and Sechelt the Acton detachment and he B.C.; Taber, Alberta; starts in Mount Forest on Estevan, Humboldt, Maple August 6.

Mciville, Gananoque, Goderich, Lis- detachment of the U.P.P.

for Free Press The Acton Free Press was towel, Meaford, Prescott, awarded one second place Seaforth and Tilbury in award and one third, at the Ontario and Liverpool in

National awards

first joint convention of the Nova Scotia. Sports entry The Free Press also dld well in the sports pages competition. All papers, despite

National Newspapers Association of the U.S. last their size, were judged

After nine years here, Cons. Other newspapers in Nick Farion has been tran-

. He is being replaced here Saskatchewan; Delhi, by Cons. Duncan McAleese Dresden, Durham, who has been with the Milton together and the judge chose the top 11. Of these, the Free Press placed ninth.

However, every other paper was in a higher circulation category than Acton and the other 10 were Yarmouth, Pierrefonds, Pointe Claire, Oakville Beaver, Mississauga News, Etobicoke Gazette, Etobicoke Guardian, Brampton Guardian, North Battleford and Chicoutimi.

The Milton Canadian Champion won two firsts and a third as well as a special third place photography. award. The Milton paper was named best of 37 entries in the 4,000 to 8,900 circulation class. The Renfrew Mercury and Campbell River B. C. Courier were second and

The judge for the Free Press category said papers are "reflecting the heathfulness of the respective communities" and most are an "accurate reflection of the community.

The five-day convention was held at the Four Seasons Sheraton hotel in Toronto. Attending were Dave and Kay Dills and Kathy; Jim and Shirley Dills and Steven. Also there were former Actonians Murray and Doris Scoyne with Judy and John, now of the Ridgetown Dominion.



HANDSHAKES and congratulations all round for Dave Dills, Jim Dills and Canadian Community Newspapers Association vice president Ernie Newfeld of Weyburn, Sask, at awards champagne breakfast at newspaper convention.

New treasurer

Henry Henderson, 66 Irwin Cr. is the new Treasurer of Halton Hills, replacing Lloyd Peterson who resigned last Mr. Henderson, a chartered accountant, was hired by

council Monday night at a salary of \$20,000. He comes here from the Region of Peel, where he was

Senior Budget Co-ordinator. Previously he was Assistant Deputy Treasurer for the City of Brampton, and before that, Deputy Treasurer of the Township of Chinguacousy. Mr. Henderson, a member of the Kinsmen Club of

Georgetown, was admitted to membership in the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1969. He is a graduate of Burlington High School, and attended McMaster University before entering the Chartered Accountant's course.

The new Treasurer, his wife and two sons have lived in Georgetown for four years.

Free clothing here

for the day. The group, who held two Acton anyone may come in such events in Georgetown and take what they want.

During the winter the group need for free clothing

Free clothing will be continued to operate out of available through a volunteer their garages or basements, group known only as Clothing when they received a call Aid, at a store owned by Alec from the Welfare Department Johnston, 4 Mill St. Acton, on or the Public Health nurse. Saturday August 10. Mr. Fifteen families were given Johnston is donating the store clothing through the winter. At the distribution day in

last year, have been sear- The Clothing Aid group ching for months for a place prefer to remain anonymous. to hold their distribution and say they are just a group of women who feel there is a