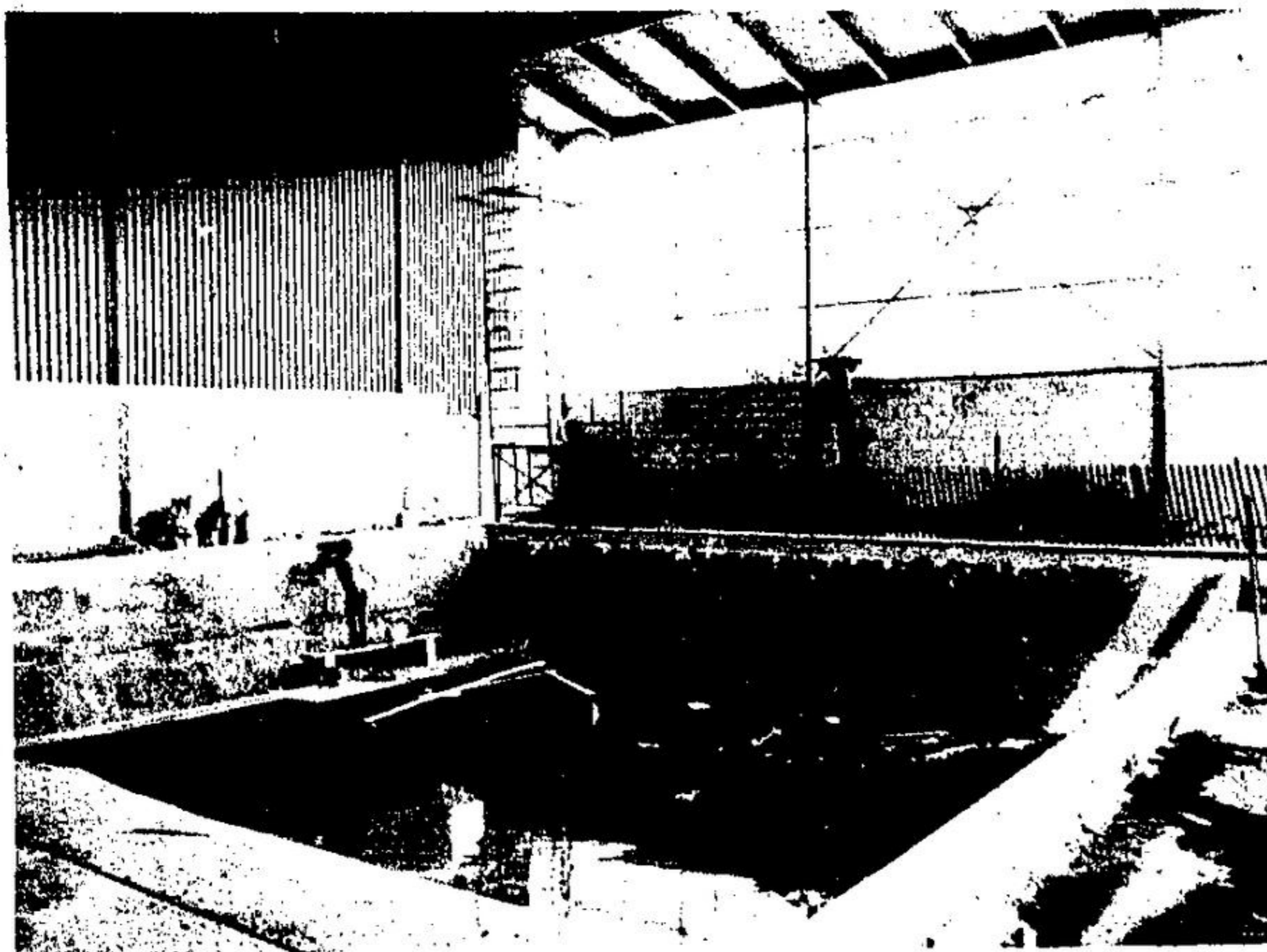


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WORKMEN ARE dwarfed by the impressive size of the Lions centennial pool, due for completion Sept. 21. He's tiling the sides, poised above a few inches of water that give promise of aquatic delights to come. High window rises at the back of the high school let in light. Material shortages have held up construction. Photo by Peter McCusker

## Fair day goal for Lions pool

Fair day is pool completion day, Lions club members still expect following another meeting last night (Tuesday). The pool at the high school will have a price tag of somewhat less than \$300,000 when done in a couple of weeks.

The original contract was for \$269,000. Since then a consultant with the Board of Education required the roof be changed to steel, and another in a series of delays resulted.

Some steel work is yet to be done. Workmen today and tomorrow are pouring the

cement area for walking around the pool.

Once the marbled material is put on the bottom of the pool, water must go in immediately to help it set correctly.

Meeting Tuesday night recreation director Doug Collison and architect Don Schneider from Con-Dine construction met with the Lions club. They particularly discussed equipment such as lockers, and painting of lines.

The Lions will still accept more donations for their centennial project.

Proceeds from their refreshment tent at the fair will go toward the project. This is an innovation for both the Lions and the fair.

Liquor board regulations prevent the tent from being called by a plainer name in advertising. (In Georgetown, present advertising of a similar project calls it "a garden").

The Carlsberg team of 10 horses and a steam calliope are also coming to the fair for three days, to be in the par-

ade and on show in the grounds. The Lions have arranged for the added attractions at their Saturday, Sept. 21 festival tent. All proceeds from the festival will go toward the pool project.

The Carlsberg team will parade and be on show Fri-

day, Saturday and Sunday. The steam calliope comes from Stratroy and is a familiar attraction at other fairs and the steam show in Milton. Once the contractor is through, about Sept. 21, the Lions expect the pool will open for operation right away.

## Third counting gets underway

There will be no elections anywhere in Halton Region this year, but the enumerators will be out in force this week, just the same.

On Tuesday morning seven Acton women and 12 in Esqueping began knocking on doors and counting heads.

Bob Auty of Burlington is in charge of the Acton women and Mrs. Dorothy Faubert of Georgetown is supervisor for Esqueping area and the 16 Georgetown enumerators.

While most Ontario municipalities will hold municipal elections December 2, the areas where regional government was introduced will not. In those areas the information will be used for population statistics, to calculate government

grants and to prepare jurors' lists. This will be the third enumeration in one year, in June for the federal election, and in September for the regional municipal election.

## School today

Schools have been busy the past week, but not for students. In Halton county the pupils arrive today (Wednesday) for a full day's program.

The teachers, principals and caretakers have everything in readiness. In Wellington county, schools opened Tuesday.

## Coins, medals, dolls gun show feature

There were traders, collectors, buyers and sellers at the two-day gun show held in the Acton Community Centre. The Halton Antique Arms Collectors' Association hosted the show last Saturday and Sunday. The show attracted crowds from near and far and approximately 3,500 people came to see the collections, says the Association president Lee Magloaghlin.

The show featured both antique and modern guns, as well as many related items, such as swords, daggers, uniforms, coins, medals, books, ammunition and reloading equipment. Even some of the spouses of the gun collectors brought their own collections.

One woman, Mrs. H.C. Sleeth of Brantford brought some of her doll collection. Mrs. Sleeth's hobby is not the collection of dolls but the making of the doll's clothes to suit the doll's face and shape. Mrs. Sleeth at one time had an antique shop and most of her dolls came from that shop.

Mrs. Sleeth owns 99 dolls, 74 of which are in costume. Mr. Sleeth had part of his arms

collection at the show. He owns 450 guns. Special guest to the show on

Sunday was the Hon. Jim Snow, M.P. He mentioned that he likes to come to the

show each year and just have a look around, although he himself is not a collector.



THE HONORABLE Jim Snow M.P. (left) visited the gun show on Sunday. With him, admiring a Winchester Model 101 skeet gun is J. Shadbolt, member of the Halton Antique Arms Association. The gun is owned by Merton Proctor of Toronto.

## Region doesn't object

Halton Region's Planning Committee offered no objection to an amendment to Acton's official plan that would allow a resident to build a home on a Main St. lot about 900 feet north of the CNR tracks.

The amendment is required because of the industrial designation now on the land. The land is part of a 238-acre industrial parcel designated for industry but at this time only 27 acres of the land is used for industry and there are currently six houses in the vicinity.

Mr. Boyle explained the library board had no way of knowing how much had been spent on books, records, or maintenance, and consequently had no way of knowing if they were staying within their budget.

He said petty cash had proven a problem, particularly for the Acton librarian, who at one time had to dip into her own pocket to the tune of \$75, before the town reimbursed her.

The board chairman told council the works department had formerly maintained the grounds, and shovelled the snow at the Acton library, but now there was none to do this. In Georgetown a janitor performs these services.

Continuing, Mr. Boyle said various town department heads issuing directives to the librarians, have caused confusion.

Mr. Boyle admitted the town's accounting service, and purchasing department were beneficial to the library, but asked if the nuisance of requisition forms for minor items could not be changed.

The upcoming addition to the library posed more problems, said the library spokesman, since the architect Paul Martel does not know who is supposed to approve the plans, and let the tenders. "In the past the



DAVID SALE is going to teach the new music course this year at the high school. Last week David moved the high school's instruments into

the band hall, after labelling each case. The high school has a complete range of band instruments from a piccolo to a tuba.

## Mail delivery starts Mon.

The seven mail carriers have been learning the ropes since Friday, both in and out of the post office. They'll actually begin carrying mail next Monday, following a 9 a.m. official ceremony at the post office.

Invitations have been sent out for the ceremonies which include a formal presentation of the first letter to Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill, and short speeches. A reception will be held

afterward at the post office lawn. If it rains, the reception will be in the new Legion hall—the first function there.

The carriers are Gerald Lamarche, George Forrest, Stanley Eckstein, Lloyd Smallwood, Dan Arbic,

Rodney McEachern and Margaret Bedard.

They are receiving instruction from Dan MacDonald, route measurement chairman from London, this week.

The relay boxes have been posted along their routes, to

take the overweight mail for the next stages of their

Each mailman and the mailwoman have walked their routes and checked out the houses. Their sorting boxes have a name or number for every house.

Some businesses are keeping their boxes.

As well as the usual crowds picking up mail, the staff has many extra callers these days making inquiries about the new service.



LEARNING TO sort mail for their routes are some of the new carriers with their instructor, Dan MacDonald of London. George Forrest, Gerry Lamarche, Rod McEachern, Margaret Bedard and

Dan Arbic watch as Mr. MacDonald shows how. They have been training since Friday and begin carrying letters next Monday. Official ceremonies will inaugurate the service.

## Region's official plan . . . to be or not to be

Planning officer Ed Cumming has been asked to document the need for an official plan for Halton region. Originally the planning committee planned a two pronged effort to arrive at a plan. One would simply co-ordinate existing area plans and the other would start from scratch and involve a brand new plan including all of the groundwork necessary. The plan preparation is estimated to cost \$1,000,000.

Council had expected that money to be forthcoming from the province. So far it hasn't and with the source of funds seemingly cut off, local politicians are pressing to cancel the planning exercise and simply collate the existing plans.

Chairman Allan Masson termed that proposition as irresponsible during a discussion Tuesday. Masson claimed councillors didn't realize what was involved. He said the planner should explain just what has to be done. "He can tell us what has to be done, but we still have to answer to the ratepayer," Halton Hills councillor Pat McKenzie said. Masson's comments drew a heated tirade from Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur. She challenged Masson's statement about irresponsible ac-

tion. "You keep saying we don't know what is involved or we don't know the size of the project. You'd say the region had grown to three times the size of the county. I know the size of the region. You think we have 20,000,000 people and a bunch of dumb farmers up north that don't know soils," she charged. Burlington councillor Marv

Munro and Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett suggested any decision was premature at this time. Barrett said he felt other sources of revenue had not been exhausted.

Mrs. Munro asked the staff to prepare a written report telling the ill effect of not producing a new plan, the reasons for having one and the cost implications of not involving consultants.

## Can pay taxes at Acton office

Halton Hills taxes can be paid in the former Acton town office.

Lorna Clark finds many people did not know that their bills may be paid and receipted here. The information is included on the fourth page in the tax bills, but many miss reading it.

This is the first time a Halton Hills bill may be receipted here. Previous they were paid here but forwarded to Georgetown and the receipts sent out from there. As sub-division registrar in the Mill St. office Mrs. Clark accepts taxes, looks after the water department, takes

parking fines, sells bike licenses and dog tags. She also registers deaths, although it was a couple of weeks before this was arranged and it had to be done in Georgetown for awhile.

"I take anything payable but tax arrears!" Mrs. Clark explains.

The office here has now gone back to regular hours, from 9 to 5 p.m.

Presently Mrs. Clarke and Ron McKnight man the Acton office, but Mr. McKnight is expecting a transfer. The first instalment of taxes is due Sept. 16.

## Choose site soon

Regional Chairman Allan Masson expects a site committee to have a recommendation concerning the permanent home for Halton's regional government within a month.

The site committee has narrowed the choice to four sites. Masson indicated the committee has been delayed because of trouble tying down a tentative agreement with one of the four landowners.

The region's temporary site is established at Harvester Rd. in Burlington.

## Single collision

Only one collision in town was investigated the past week by Acton O.P.P. Secondo Rocchi, 294 Peel had \$400 damage to his car and George Wilkins, Agincourt, \$200 to his in the accident. Pavement was wet when the two collided on Main N. August 31 at 11 a.m. There were no injuries.

## Priest named

Rev. Smye, of St. Eugene's church in Hamilton, will become priest of St. Joseph's church, Acton, beginning Sept. 18. He replaces the Rev. J. J. Gillen, who will be leaving town.

## Potato fest

People are coming "from all over" to the second annual Hillsburgh Potato Fest this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Joining four other bands, cars, and floats in the big parade Saturday noon are Acton Citizens' band and the Georgetown Majorettes. Halton Dairy Princess Joyce Wilson of Hornby will also be in the parade.

Friday sees the crowning of the Potato Fest queen and princess. Saturday there are rides, fashion show, farm tours, entertainment and concerts.

Rides and tents will also be open on Sunday plus a variety program. Dances are Friday and Saturday, too.

Proceeds are for the Hillsburgh community centre.