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19. Shouldn't fire protection come under a regional concept so areas can be served on an efficient basis rather than depending on town boundaries? We think of the Acton brigade going to a fire in nearby Milton, levying a \$100 charge.

Duby: NO! Our present fire service is second to none, and with the continuation of the mutual aid system it cannot be improved upon. When something works well — why change it.

The agreement on boundaries works very well; it guarantees a critical service and the charges balance out over a period of time.

Hurst: The Halton Mutual Aid Fire Program is still in operation and is most effective. For example, during a recent Georgetown fire call, the town of Oakville brigade was alerted on its own internal system and could, if necessary have participated. So, in my opinion, fire protection does come under a regional concept.

McKenzie: Prior to Regional Government Halton County had a Fire Coordinator, and local fire departments, which provided all towns with excellent coverage and protection. Bill 151 did not change our former method of providing the people with fire protection.

Prior to January 1, 1974 the council of Milton and Halton Hills established Fire Areas that would provide the same excellent coverage as before and yet eliminate the possibility of the Milton brigade coming to Crewson's Corners or Acton and Georgetown driving to Hwy. 401. The charge of \$100.00 is very fair too. If we just had a flat rate for the year how could you justify such an arrangement if Milton made ten calls into Halton Hills and Acton was never called into Milton in the former township of Nassagaweya? There is excellent co-operation between Milton and Halton Hills now as it concerns FIRE PROTECTION and I hope it continues for many years to come.

20. What do you think of Acton's centennial celebrations?

Duby: This was entirely up to the people and its service organization structure. The old council did everything it could in its own area of jurisdiction to prepare for 1974.

Thanks to the Lions Club we do have a specific project completed and in operation, and thanks to many others we have had some celebrations, and a fabulous 1974 Fall Fair.

The Legion distribution of centennial coins was another outstanding effort, and of major importance to our town was the completion and dedication of Branch 197 Acton Centennial Legion Hall.

Hurst: In answer to this question, I would humbly refer to the editorial in the December 18th issue of the Acton Free Press.

McKenzie: I took the liberty to change your question to the past tense as I am not aware of any further centennial celebrations.

Some people place more emphasis on birthdays than others and I have found the same to be true for towns and villages. Although I noted a recent editorial in the Acton Free Press on our Centennial celebrations I can say that personally I was pleased and satisfied with the events that were held in Acton this year.

The service organizations and people that made them possible are to be congratulated.

To be concluded next week.

Street maps to cost \$1

Halton Hills finance committee has recommended street maps of the urban parts of town be sold to the public for one dollar. Actual cost of the maps is 15 cents for the Acton and 30 cents for Georgetown but the committee decided a dollar would be a fair price to retail them to real estate firms and other businesses which request them.

Clerk Doug Pritchard said it had been his practice in the past to give the maps away to local service clubs and charitable organizations, a practice the committee decided should also be continued. Requests for the maps were about 50-50 from inside and outside the town, the clerk said. They would also be available gratis to other town departments.

Councillor Pat McKenzie questioned why the maps would be sold for a dollar when the actual cost was 30 cents. Chairman Harry Levy replied the production cost did not look after time involved in dispensing them.

"The charge is not out of the way," Councillor Russ Miller said. "People want them for certain purposes, usually business—not ratepayers."



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