

Coat of Arms painting dedicated to Len Coxe

A special reproduction of Halton Hills' coat of arms for council chambers was unveiled Monday night and dedicated to the memory of the late Councillor Len Coxe.

Visibly moved Mayor Tom Hill told the audience of dignitaries from throughout Halton and residents that the painting of the town's coat of arms was dedicated to the "memory of a great councillor and friend of ours the late Leonard Coxe," by the artist Dorothy Stone.

The dignified ceremony began at 9 p.m. with a report to council by the lady who was responsible for the town having a beautiful and accredited coat of arms, Dorothy Stone.

Borrowing from Shakespeare Miss Stone said that life is a stage and men are simply players on the stage who play many roles.

"This is act three in our own local drama and I have been fortunate to be cast in three roles, that of artist, agent and interpreter in the story of Halton Hills' coat of arms. I am pleased to report that my job of agent is completed and the letters of patent for our coat of arms have arrived from the Lord Lyon King of Arms," Miss Stone announced. She then presented the letters of patent to Mayor Hill.

A special resolution was then read and passed by the council thanking the Lord Lyon for accepting and registering the town's armorial bearings.

The mayor and Miss Stone then unveiled the beautiful painting of the town's shield and Rev. Leonard Ewing, St. Albans Church, Acton, gave a prayer of dedication to the memorial painting.

Miss Stone introduced Gordon Macpherson, an officer of the Heraldry Society of Canada, saying "we could not have reached act three without help from this gentleman who has played this triple role many

times and coached me along the way."

Mr. Macpherson read the letters of patent from the Lord Lyon, which brought in some of the past history of the three municipalities, Esqueness, Georgetown and Acton, which came together to form Halton Hills.

He told the audience it was a credit and tribute to the Mayor and councillors of the town that they decided to put their heraldic house in order by having the Halton Hills' coat of arms registered with the Lord Lyon.

Mr. Macpherson said the town had joined a growing list of municipalities which are doing this but noted too many still go around displaying "bogus" shields which they have awarded themselves under their own authority and not under the authority of the Crown.

He congratulated the town in picking a fine artist in Dorothy Stone to design the coat of arms and described the shield as being "beautiful, colorful and full of symbolism."

"The fact the Lord Lyon accepted Miss Stone's design without any changes is an achievement in itself," he added.

Mr. Macpherson suggested the town freely display its arms and encourage its display because they aren't bogus arms and are a sign of honor and nobility.

"In England the display of bogus arms is a crime against the Crown like fraud. The Lord Lyon can confiscate property the arms are displayed on, have the arms erased, fine and jail offenders. For all those municipalities who haven't had their arm properly approved by the Lord Lyon it is a pity these laws don't extend to Canada," he stated.

Mr. Macpherson concluded by saying interest in heraldry in Canada has never been better and it is spreading.

Council passed a special

resolution thanking Mr. Macpherson for all his help and presented him with a special copy of the resolution and a gift.

Mayor Hill said that everyone has his own thoughts about the progress of the town since amalgamation in January of

1974 "but if everyone keeps on working as well as they have been, things will be just that much better in Halton Hills when election time rolls

around again."

"I am proud to be a member of this council and to see this painting of our new arms behind the mayor's

chair."

Solemnly the mayor dedicated the painting to the memory of Councillor Coxe who died suddenly in August.

A letter of regret for not being able to attend the ceremonies was read from Premier William Davis and Regional Chairman Allan Masson. Milton Mayor Anne McArthur, and Halton-Burlington MPP Julien Reed, were introduced and congratulated the town.

Mrs. Ruth Coxe and the late councillor's daughter Mrs. Janice Johnson were in attendance along with many interested residents.

The council thanked Miss Stone for all the work she had done on behalf of the town.



MRS. JANICE JOHNSON, Mayor Tom Hill, Mrs. Ruth Coxe, Dorothy Stone and Gordon Macpherson pose with the new painting of the Halton Hills' coat of arms which was unveiled in council chambers Monday and dedicated to the memory of the late councillor Len Coxe.

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Julian Reed gets Liberal shadow cabinet posting

New Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed has been given the post of Consumer and Commercial Relations in the Liberal government shadow cabinet for Ontario's new minority government.

In an interview this week Reed said he had requested the energy critic's job but was asked to take Consumer and Commercial relations and agreed to take the job. New Liberal MPP David Peterson (London Centre)

was given the Energy critic's post.

"Taking this post is all part of the learning process for me and I will still feel free to speak out in the Legislature on items like energy as well as Consumer and Commercial Relations topics," Reed said.

In addition he will sit on caucus committee which will look at government programs dealing with land use planning and culture and recreation.

Yesterday (Tuesday) Reed was sworn in at Queen's Park as the first MPP for the new riding of Halton-Burlington.

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Bob Watson

The degree of Bachelor of Arts in economics was conferred on Bob Watson at the University of Guelph last

Friday. The ceremonies in War Memorial Hall drew such crowds many had to watch them on closed circuit television.

As well as conferring of degrees, the program included installation of the new university president Donald Forster and the presence of special guests including Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon.

Bob Watson is now with the accounting firm of Robinson, Lott and Brohman in Guelph and studying at nights at both Guelph and Waterloo universities to become a Chartered Accountant.

Attending graduation were his wife Wynn, parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson of Acton, and Wynn's parents Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brady of Newmarket.

Bob and Wynn live in Guelph.

Seek home for mother, children

An Acton woman with six children is desperately in need of accommodation, and Archie Brown, R. R. 6, Milton, has taken a personal interest in her problem. He is a former NDP candidate in this area, and was told about the family's problem by NDP candidate Bill Johnson who called at the home while canvassing.

The widow and her family must leave their house soon and are unable to get Ontario Housing accommodation.

Mr. Brown comments "I feel Ontario Housing should give some priority to this kind of case."

Her late husband's employers, minister and social agencies are taking an interest in her situation but what she needs is reasonably-

priced accommodation. Her youngest child is 11.

Mr. Brown suggests anyone who might help should phone him, 878-5487 after 5 p.m.

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Historic service

A Thanksgiving service will be held in a pioneer setting at the historic "white" church in Belfountain.

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