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Mayor pleased

sponse of residents who have

sent in forms and petitions

protesting the Electoral Boundary Commission de-

cision to lump Georgetown

and north-east Esquesing

with Brampton in a new

A number of lengthy

petitions have been sent to the

mayor and Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook protesting

the riding change which will

leave part of Halton Hills in

the Halton riding and part in

the new riding of Brampton.

The mayor and Dr. Phil-

brook don't want to see

Halton Hills split with Acton

and most of Esquesing in one

riding and Georgetown and

Federal riding.

doesn't matter.

night.

share at \$2,500.

Over 400 protest

Halton Hills Mayor Tom part of Esquesing in another Hill is pleased with the re-riding.

Besides the petitions many

Mayor Hill's secretary

Cathy Bouskill reported over

400 people have sent in pro-

tests against the riding

boundary changes and noted forms and petilions will continue to be accepted until the

The protests have been

coming from Georgetown

residents and some Acton and

Esquesing residents have

also formally protested the

splitting of Halton Hills at the

residents have been returning

protest forms which appeared in last week's Independent

and Acton Free Press.

end of this week.

federal level

Citizen of Year

The Citizen of the Year recognition night will be held in

As well as the problem of obtaining the hall, the execu-

the fall this year rather than at the usual time in spring. The

matter has been decided by the executive of the Chamber of

tive considered the fact that no Chamber of Commerce week

has been designated this year, so the time of the annual event

Town readies for

Councillor Ric Morrow continued his battle

He asked that an amount of \$10,000 be set

He told the committee he had attended a

Morrow explained only licenced sprayers

would be set up for them. He emphasized the

against encephalitis-carrying mosquitoes at

Halton Hills administration committee, Monday

aside for spraying and labor costs in the event of

a need. He pointed out the Ministry of Health will

subsidize the costs 75 per cent, leaving the town's

mosquito battle

named in fall

riding changes

Three candidates spent \$41,155 on '75 election

It cost three Halton-Burlington candidates a total of \$200 from Donald Dawkins of \$41,155 to wage the local election campaign last fall, ac-cording to documents filed last week with the new commission on election expenses and contributions. Winner of the Oct. 18 vote,

Liberal Julian Reed of Norval spent \$13,104 on his campaign, Runner-up Progressive Conservative candidate Gary Dawkins of Acton reported election expenses of \$21,679 while the third man in the race, NDP candidate William S. Johnson of Nassagaweya spent \$6,372.

Details of expenses, receipts and a list of donors of \$100 or more were filed with the Commission before the Thursday deadline. Each received a subsidy of \$5,930.74 toward his campaign.

Had \$67 left Reed, who is currently serving as the first MPP in the newly created riding, collected \$67 more than he spent. The \$67 and the \$5,930 subsidy were returned to the riding

executive. Party funds accounted for \$9,082 of his campaign budget. He received \$2,600 in gifts of \$100 or more. Main donors were Fred A. Helson of Georgetown, Alan Harmer of Kilbride, Alteo Construction and Aldo Braida of Acton, each of whom gave \$500. Donors of \$200 were Varian Associates of Georgetown, Art Scott of Georgetown and Hugh McFarland of Norval.

Matches deficit PC candidate Dawkins had receipts of \$15,748 and expenses of \$21,679 so his subsidy matched the deficit. Contributions included \$1,000 shared by three individuals in Deri-Odwyn Developments Ltd., Georgetown; \$500 each from Inverleigh Construction of Milton, Phillips Planning and Engineering Ltd. of Burlington and Colossus Development Corp. Ltd., Georgetown; and \$300 from Grant J. Norton of Burlington.

Onaping; \$200 from J. H. Goy, Acton; \$250 from J. R. Howard, Toronto; \$200 from M. Hyde, Georgetown; \$250 from King Paving and Materials, Oakville; \$250 from J. Kuiken, Acton; \$150 each from Flora and William McNally, Georgetown; \$250 from R. Noble, Milton; and \$200 each from David Norton of Burlington and Doreen Pierce, Claude Warren and F.

D. Thompson, Milton. Halton-Burlington PCs reported receipts of \$686 from party sources.

Some left The NDP standard-bearer Johnson had exactly \$1.32 left over when the election dust settled. His entire \$5,930 subsidy plus the \$1.32 will be turned over to the riding executive. His contributions included \$2,810 from party funds and \$1,221 from three trade unions in Oakville, Milton and Georgetown.

Other NDP donations came from Muriel Kernighan \$200; B. Johnson \$116; David Tremblay \$175; and Alex Petrie \$175.

Reed received 10,998 votes. Dawkins 10,535 and Johnson

In the new Oakville riding, Conservative Jim Snow spent \$38,810 while Liberal Mac-Lean Anderson's campaign cost \$23,543 and the NDP candidate Douglas Black waged a \$5,515 campaign.

Cost to Kerr Burlington's MPP George Kerr won his seat there after a \$31,180 campaign. Opponent Bill Brown of the NDP spent

Last fall's election was the first in which all donations of over \$100 has to be listed by the candidates. Also for the first time last year, campaign donations from firms and inindividuals were tax-deductible. A third innovation was the public subsidy, based on the number of eligible voters.

Banners will cross streets

Banners will be flying in Acton following Halton Hills works committee's approval April as Cancer month. Monday for two groups to put banners across streets.

OXFAM also won approval for two banners to be erected A banner will go up, likely at either end of the business between the Acton YMCA district on Mill Street,

building and Nielsen's Cloth-

ing, next month proclaiming

Duck follow-up after spring release

After the ducks have been removed from the poultry barn belonging to the Acton Agricultural Society fall fair officials and town officials will examine the damage caused by the birds and decide what has to be fixed.

Engineer Robert Austin informed Halton Hills works committee Monday that he and Councillor Joe Hurst have examined damage caused by the ducks which are being stored in the barn for the winter and agreed the town will take care of the problems and pay the repair costs.



THE SPECIAL WEAPONS UNIT of Halton Regional Police was ordered to North Halton last week, in a mock exercise to rescue a Georgetown bank manager being held hostage in an abandoned silo. While the main police force walked down Main St. South towards the confrontation, two other groups of four heavily-armed unit members were sneaking around

back through snow-covered fields and woods. From left are Constable Howard Bentley, Constable Colin Vrooman, Sergeant John Watson of Milton Precinct who is carrying a shotgun that shoots tear gas cannisters, Sergeant Walter Henson and Constable E. Burtch was was sporting a white toque. They all wore bullet-proof vests. See Page 13.

Summer job prospect looks bleak

There will probably be a sight increase in job vacancies in the next few months in the Acton area, according to Bernie Tolson, officer in charge of Canada Manpower, Halton Hills

"I feel that the economy will continue to come back," he says, "and there is always a higher employment rate in summer than in winter.

have a little tougher time this they lack marketable skills year than last," Mr. Tolson and experience,

"I think the students might adds. The problem is that

Last year the student Manpower centre in Brampton sent out a representative two days a week to Georgetown and one day a week to Acton to assist students in registering for jobs and to solicit employment for them. It is boped that this practice will be continued this year.

Mr. Tolson is quick to point out that quoting unemployment figures gives an inaccurate picture of employment opportunities in an area. For instance a student may register for employment in two or three different locations and once he has a position may neglect to notify

He said it is "difficult" to

be excused from jury duty

when called, and if it wasn't

there wouldn't be enough jur-

Sheriff Sprowl said he

might excuse a juror if his or

her participation would cause

that person "severe hardship,

He said an example of se-

vere hardship would be a

because his barn had burned

down during harvest time.

Doctor's letter

Regarding the illness as-

pect, he said a doctor would

juror's ill health in writing

And those jurors who are

before he might be exempted.

exempted for such reasons,

he explained, are automati-

cally put on the jury roll for

Who is eligible to be a jur-

Sheriff Sprowl said that,

first of all, jurors must be

Canadian citizens, Ontario

residents and aged between

Some ineligible

They are automatically

the following year.

18 and 69 years.

or if the person was ill."

ors to go around.

the Manpower office thereby boosting the recorded unemployed total. On the other hand many who are out of work do not register with Manpower but look for jobs on their own.

"Statistics give a picture of our activity, not a picture of the community," Mr. Tolson

have ever been convicted of

an indictable offence which

could be anything from com-

mon assault up to armed rob-

firm and who are physically

incapable of spending a long

time in a court room are ex-

cused. So are blind persons,

for they would not be able to

Are potential jurors all tak-

"No," said the sheriff, who

en from tax rolls and there-

noted jury rolls include per-

sons such as students and

Also, persons who are in-

bery or murder.

fore taxpayers?

department head meeting at the region, where a representative of the Ministry of Health said they would support the program. could handle the job and a special crash course

> clerk-administrator must have the authority to spend money to send people to the course and to at least reserve or order the chemicals for spraying.

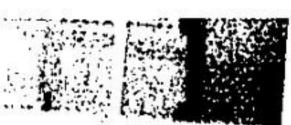
Councillor George Maltby asked if this would only be for public property.

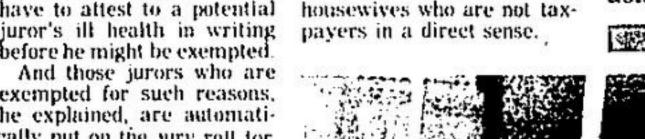
Morrow said under the Health Act, the town has the right to go on private property to spray the larvae. "I hope we won't have to use any of the money," he commented.

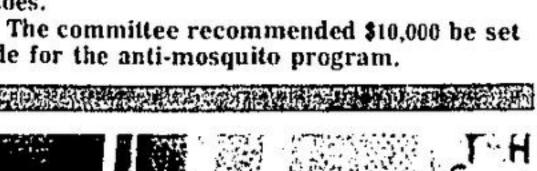
Malthy claimed a number of people have swampy land inaccessible for hand spraying.

Morrow said the Ministry of Health seemed to think the spraying would have to be done by hand. He said there are no pat answers to this problem, since last year was the first year encephalitis was introduced to Ontario by mosquitoes.

aside for the anti-mosquito program.











GEORGE GRAY of Georgetown, right, won the Progressive-Conservative nomination for Halton-Burlington in Milton last Wednesday. With him are defeated candidate George Kee, left, and his wife Bev. More on Page 20.

mamned for

Five North Halton resizens and open-minded" have the Government of Ontario been chosen as jurors for the court house on Steeles Ave. in coroner's inquest into the Milton, is to be conducted by March 6 Acton car crash which opens one week from today, Halton Crown Attorn- open to the public and news ey Jim Treleaven said Tues- media and starts Wednesday,

1975-1976 Halton jury roll, who live north of Highway 401, prepared by the office of Halton Sherriff Robert M.

"Mac" Sprowl. The list of potential jurors was large because jurors also had to be selected for two other inquests which are coming up, the sheriff said Tuesday.

Personal interviews The five persons selected from the list of 50 were chosen following personal interviews by Milton OPP Constable John Hicks, one of the investigating officers, acting in the capacity of the coroner's con-

The three-day-long cordents who are "average citi- oner's inquest, to be held in Dr. Ross Bennett, Ontario's deputy chief coroner. It is

March 31. The jurors were selected The inquest is to investigate district of Halton which lists from a list of 50 persons on the the circumstances surround- 1,200 persons ing the March 6 two-car collision south of Acton in which seven young persons died. Head-on collision

Provincial police have said an Acton-based Halton Regional Police cruiser veered into the northbound lane of All the occupants of both cars in Newmarket.

The five-person jury is to the inquest listing its recommendations to prevent simi--lar accidents, and the report oner of Ontario.

Crown Attorney Treleaven said the jurors would not be questionnaires. sequestered in a hotel be-

Jurors can't talk jurors are forbidden under the Criminal Code to discuss after the inquest what was said as the jury met in private to prepare its report.

The crown attorney said no such law exists in the United States, which is why the 12 jurors in the Patty Hearst case in San Francisco have discussing their deliberations in public and with the news media.

The average Halton resident who sits on a jury receives \$10 per day plus a car allowance of 35 cents per mile one way, according to Sheriff

He said the 50 potential jurors were chosen from a 1975. 1976 jury roll for the judicial

That jury roll is in effect farmer seeking to be excused from Oct. 1, 1975 to Oct. 1, 1976, when a roll of new persons is to be prepared.

The Sheriff's office obtains a stolen car being pursued by the names, ages, addresses and occupations of potential jurors each fall from the Assessment Division of the taining six young occupants. Ontario Ministry of Revenue 'Jury notice'

Sheriff Sprowl said a "jury prepare a report at the end of service notice" listing 20 questions to be answered is then sent out to about 1,600 or? Halton residents, and this is to be sent to the Chief Cor- year 1,200 were selected for possible jury duty based partly on answers contained in the

But what if one of the five tween sessions during the persons selected from the acthree-day inquest-as often live jury roll for the Acton inhappens during criminal quest tried to avoid serving on the jury?

ineligible if they have served on a jury during the preceding three years, or if they -

He said, however, that the Police pursuits

No comment Commission

Halton Police Commissioners refused Thursday to

Jurors' identity not made public

The Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario Tuesday ordered that the names and addresses of the five jurors selected to hear the coroner's crash not be made public.

Milton OPP Constable John Hicks, who is acting as the coroner's constable, said the identity of the jurors would only be revealed when the inquest begins next Wednesday March 31 at 10 a.m.

Fear harassment He said the coroner's office

men and two women, might have been subject to harasfeared the live jurors, three sment this week because of the emotional nature of the inquest into the Acton car accident in which seven young persons died March 6.

Constable Hicks said chose the five jurors after personal interviews with between 35 and 40 potential jur-

The five jurors live in Halton Region north of Highway 401, he said.

make any comment about the tragic death of seven young people near Acton, earlier this month, in a head-on collision, following a police pur-

Chief Ken Skerrett, Police Commission Chairman Judge William K. Warrender and Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill all agreed the commission couldn't discuss the subject since an inquest is coming up on March 31.

The commission chairman noted a police pursuit last week in Hamilton could also be the subject of an inquest.

He noted Solicitor-General John MacBeth has said the decision to engage in a pur-suit should be left up to the judgment of the police officer involved.



THAT WINNING LOOK. Robert Little Vikings Murray McNabb, Todd McIntyre and Donnie Brouillard charge back to teammates after they scored against M.Z. Bennett in the North Halton public school championship Thursday. The Vikings won the title after defeating both M.Z. Bennett and Milton's Fairview.