

Fight to keep Halton goes to House

The fight to keep Georgetown and north east Esquering in the federal riding of Halton will soon be taken to the floor of the House of Commons by MP Dr. Frank Philbrook, possibly this week.

After hearings last October the Electoral Boundaries Commission decided recently to lump Georgetown and north-east Esquering with the

City of Brampton to form a new federal riding called Brampton. The decision splits Halton Hills in half since the rest of Esquering and Acton will remain in Halton.

Dr. Philbrook has filed a protest with Parliament and his petition had the signed support of many MPs including Finance Minister Donald MacDonald, Indian Affairs

and Northern Development Minister Judd Buchanan and Revenue Minister Bud Cullen.

In addition, the House will be hearing four other protests made and supported by other MPs including the member who presently represents the Brampton area, Ross Milne. Dr. Philbrook's office announced this week he has a

speech ready in which he will refer to the hundreds of residents' names on protest forms and petitions sent to himself and Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill over the past week.

Unfortunately the protest forms and petitions arrived in Ottawa too late to be included in Dr. Philbrook's protest to Parliament.

In the document Dr. Philbrook has presented to the Electoral Boundary Commission failed to "fully appreciate" what residents told the commission at hearings last fall.

At the time Georgetown was in a new riding called Halton-Peel along with Caledon, Vaughan and King Townships. Dr. Philbrook.

Mayor Hill and others from the area told the commission it was important that Halton Hills not be split. When the commission reviewed the riding changes it still left Halton Hills split.

His petition to Parliament also charges the commission didn't pay enough attention to existing physical, social and economic boundaries, like

Halton Hills, when it drew up the new riding.

Dr. Philbrook has told the House the commission dealing with redistribution failed to keep the question of "unity or community of interest in mind." He says this means "adequate representation for people in Parliament is now virtually an impossible task."



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Surprise study

Beardmore sewage would tax plant

A sewage projection study just received by Halton Hills, has brought a surprise to planner Mario Venditti.

Although Halton Hills council had recommended to regional council that effluent from Beardmore tannery be accepted into the Acton sewage treatment plant when the new addition is completed, the study shows acceptance of the full amount would almost immediately put the newly-expanded plant at capacity.

Beardmore had estimated its effluent at 250,000 gallons per day. With the sewage treatment plant projected to be completed at the end of 1977, the plant would be taxed

to capacity by late 1978 if it accepted the full amount.

Council had at one time recommended the new plant accept 100,000 gallons of Beardmore effluent daily. At this rate, the new plant would be at capacity at the end of 1984.

Negotiations Planner Venditti says there will obviously have to be more negotiations between Beardmore and regional council.

Acceptance of Beardmore sewage would limit the amount of other units which could be accommodated, such as subdivisions.

How much Acton should grow would also have to be

taken into consideration. Mr. Venditti says too much growth is not recommended for Acton.

The planning department just recently received the report which contained the surprising information.

Own plant Beardmore has never had its effluent accepted in the town sewage treatment plant, the only industry in town so excluded. The company has built its own treatment plant and has requested that its pre-treated effluent be taken into the new plant when the addition is built.

Beardmore claims to provide over 50 per cent of Acton's industrial assessment,

the company argues, and employs about 450 people.

Time schedule

The projected time schedule for the sewage treatment plant shows designing to be completed in 1976, soil boring to be completed this month, and the tender call to be made in November 1976. It is expected construction will take most of 1977.

The present plan takes just over .5 millions of gallons a day. With the planned addition, it would have a capacity of one million gallons a day.

Back in November Halton Hills planning board voted unanimously to let Beardmore hook up to the treat-

ment plant when the addition was completed. The Beardmore effluent would be brought up to Ministry of the Environment standards. Canada Packers has declared its willingness to improve the effluent from their treatment plant if they had the assurance the town plant could be used.

Expected more

At that time it was thought that if Beardmore put 250,000 gallons a day into the plant, there would still be a capacity of 100,000 gallons for any other development.

Councillors also said in November that a 10,000 population could be served by the million gallon plant and

Beardmore should be accommodated.

Councillors then agreed there was no indication Acton residents wanted the town to grow a great deal.

As far back as a year ago regional council recommended Beardmore be allowed to use the town's plant.

Halton Hills planning board has recommended that 150,000 gallons per day out of the total one million gallons in the expanded Georgetown sewage plant be set aside for the proposed expansion of William Nielson Company Limited there.

Councillors felt Nielsons should be encouraged to expand.

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Counting every letter keeps the mail late

Mail delivery was almost two hours late Monday morning, on the first day of a two-week volume count. Each piece of mail is counted, and each mailman or mailwoman's list compiled, before the carriers can start out.

Monday brought a dose of phone bills and pension cheques, and they took longer than expected to count. Mailmen started out about two hours late.

Postmaster Gord McKeown explains the volume count is now required in every post office which has house-to-house delivery. This is the first time it has been done in Acton since house-to-house delivery was introduced.

Time, weight A rough estimate is that each mail carrier will go to 70 per cent of the places on his or her route each day. The "time value" is established

by formula. The bags of mail are also weighed in the study. The study goes on for two weeks but the mail isn't expected to be particularly

Accident Friday

A 52-year-old Acton woman was slightly injured Friday night when she hit a car dashboard as her husband braked quickly and struck two wooden posts on Highway 7, northwest of Acton.

Milton OPP said Mrs. Gwendoline Price of 136 Main St. was hurt when the 1969

Pontiac her husband Douglas, age 52, was driving hit the cedar posts which were lying in the eastbound lane.

The car was not damaged. Police said the accident occurred at the intersection of Highway 7 and the Milton-Halton town line.

Collision Monday

An accident at the sixth line and 20 sideroad was investigated by police Monday. Drivers involved were Lisa Nielsen R.R. 1, 1, Limehouse,

with estimated \$250 to her vehicle, and Stephen Ireland, Glen Williams, with \$25 damage to the van he was driving.

Certificates, medals presented at Legion

A whole roster of names was called Saturday at the Legion when many special awards were presented at the annual banquet. Members and guests numbering about 140 attended the banquet and dance, which coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Legion.

Gord McCutcheon and Max Storey were joint chairmen for the program. Certificates of merit were presented to all the past presidents, Les Doby, Jimmy Gunn, Jim Milne, Gord Patrick, Max Storey, and Gord James. Two past presidents unable to be there to receive their awards were Al

Kirkness and Bill Baddocks.

Charter members All three living charter members were presented and were introduced by Vic Patrick—Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Fred Wright and John Milne. These three charter members are all World War One veterans and were awarded certificates of merit.

Other certificates of merit went to James F. Higgins, Hugh O'Rourke Sr., Alexander Waldie and John McHugh, for their contributions to the branch over many years. Jim Higgins was entertainment chairman for a number of years; Hugh O'Rourke served on a number of com-

mittees including finance, and John McHugh also sat on a variety of committees. Jim and John were also original and faithful members of the Legion Chorales.

Pat Waldie worked with the poppy and membership committee and in fund-raising programs.

Sports, cooking Certificates were also presented to Ivan Kilby, Doug Mason and Kerwin McPhail.

Ivan Kilby was involved in minor sports and fund-raising. Kerwin McPhail's main contribution was in minor sports and raising money, too. Doug Mason's catering projects were especially mentioned.

Legion padre for 15 years the Rev. A. H. McKenzie also received a certificate.

Second time

Dr. B. D. Young was given a Legion award 18 years ago when he had expected he would be no longer looking after the poppy campaign in Nassagaweya and Brookville. His plans didn't ever work out—and he's still in charge of the poppy fund there! So he received another award Saturday.

A special service medal was prepared for the 50th anniversary of the Legion. Medals and certificates of merit both were presented to the members of the building

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500 club

Winner takes cash

Seventeen-year-old Cliff Creasey emerged the big winner in this year's 500 club, when a packed Legion Hall heard his name announced Saturday night as the winner of a car or \$3500 cash.

Cliff, a student at Acton high school, decided on the cash and was presented with the cheque by Don Lindsay, draw organizer, at school on Tuesday. He has taken a driver's education course at school but does not have his licence.

After Cliff returned home from an evening out, younger sister Linda informed him of his win. Thinking it a practical joke, he dismissed the thought until he telephoned his father at the Legion, only to have her statement confirmed.

Cliff plans to spend a bit of the money, but most of it. Immediately upon

receiving the cheque he headed towards the bank to deposit it.

Cliff had never purchased a 500 club ticket before this year nor does he buy lottery tickets. His father, John Creasey won some money for selling the winning ticket.

Names drawn First name drawn — for \$100 — was that of Wayne Scott.

The 500 numbers of ticket holders were drawn from a barrel with \$10 for every 25th winner. But the big awards of the night were kept till the end, about 11:30 p.m., when there were just a few names left on the big blackboard.

As the tension mounted, the last six lucky people were Flo Hoehner for \$25, Bev Baddley for \$50, Pat Waldie for \$100, Fred Dawkins for \$150 and George Fabrich for \$200. This left just one name on

the board, that of Cliff Creasey.

The last moments were particularly tense for John Creasey, who was present although son Cliff wasn't. The last two numbers in the barrel were those of Mr. Fabrich, who works with him at American Motors, and his son!

\$10 winners

The \$10 winners announced at intervals were Wayne Scott, Alec Richards, Fred Buchanan, John Salmon, Cope Smith, Henry Wedge, Ken McIsaac, Lloyd McInlyre, Jim Lindsay, Ella Morton, Sam Block, Ted Curtis, Shirley Turkoz, Clay Jordan, Barb Weidman, Kevin Lambers, Ed Footitt, Edna Sampson, Tom Watson and Rick Lambert.

Big crowd All parts of the new Legion were jammed for the even-

ing, with every single chair out and in use.

The annual banquet had been held earlier and there was a large crowd at the regular Saturday night dance. Music there was by The Wheels.

The draws were made throughout the evening in the lounge area. Kent Tocher provided entertainment here.

Raises \$6,000 Co-ordinator Don Lindsay organized the evening's program and called on different people to draw names. Some of them were minor hockey officials.

The 500 club takes in about \$13,000, and ends up with over \$6,000 for minor hockey in town.

It has been a popular money-making scheme for seven or eight years now.

Hear evidence this morning

An inquest investigating the circumstances of a two-car crash which claimed seven lives on March 6 began today (Wednesday) in the Halton county courthouse on Steeles Ave.

On the jury are Hugh Bell, foreman; Winifred Bradbury, Stuart Danhill, Donna Hayworth and Ken Grant. 50 eligible people were interviewed.

There are about 75 people attending this morning including 13 from the press and TV. There are a couple of TV cameras in the hall of the court house.

First to testify were a pathologist and a toxicologist. They testified there was no indication of alcohol in Eric Couture's system. However

evidence from a friend indicated he had had two drinks prior to the accident. Witnesses continued to report their knowledge of Couture's activities that evening, at press time.

The jury will be asked to make a recommendation regarding the present police policy of high speed chases.

Eric Couture, 18, Acton, driver of the stolen car, John McHugh, 17, Acton, driver of the second car, and passengers, John Oudeshys, 19, Moffatt, Lynn Marshall Zinke, 22, R.R. 4, Acton, Scott McTavish, 18, R.R. 1, Limehouse, Kevin Brostad, 17, Acton and Tim Brusnowski, 18, Guelph, formerly of Eden Mills were all killed.

Bus agency soon says GO Transit

Gray Coach lines in affiliation with GO Transit is "on the verge of getting an agency" in Acton, according to GO spokesman Tom Henry.

The spokesman had been told by Gray Coach that the town would have a depot "imminently", but could not reveal any time or names.

Watson's restaurant, Mill St., had previously been the agency, but when GO Transit replaced the Gray coach buses through the town, they

decided to give it up. Gray Coach Lines is operating the buses for GO Transit between Guelph and Toronto.

An announcement of the new agency should be made soon.

There has also been a problem with Acton parcels being dropped off in Georgetown and Guelph, with the addressee not knowing where they are. Mr. Henry said once the agency is confirmed, this problem would be alleviated.

Supply teachers incensed by cut

Supply teachers in North Halton are more than a little upset by the Halton Board of Education's decision to cut their pay by as much as 30 per cent. They are also angry that they received no individual notification and learned of the decision through local papers.

In a press release to this newspaper, the teachers said they are bearing the brunt of the school board's restraint program. In spite of the fact they are fully qualified, experienced teachers screened by the board.

They point out supply teachers are paid less than regular beginner teacher wages and being asked to take a 30 per cent cut is hard to take. Supply teachers, the press release suggests, take the full responsibility of the absent teacher and believe they should get a "full day's pay for a full day's work."

Although there were strong objections from the North Halton elementary principals, the Board of Education decided cutting supply teachers' wages would save them \$102,000 this year in the period from

April to December.

Effective April 1, supply teachers at levels four, five, six and seven will receive \$15.00 a day less than they do now. Pay for supply teachers at levels one, two and three will be reduced \$8.53. All supply teachers will also receive four per cent holiday pay.

Supply teachers at levels one to three will get \$30 a day while those at levels four to seven will get \$40 a day.

Supply teachers had just received a raise in the fall of 1975 bringing wages for

the first three pay categories up from \$29.84 to \$38.53 and from \$40.62 to \$55.03 for the other four categories.

Principals from North Halton warned the board by letter a pay reduction for supply teachers might mean good supply teachers won't be available also raised the question of whether this would also mean vice-principals and principals would be forced to teach.

Board trustees were not impressed, however. They decided the pay cut was necessary.



WINNING SMILE IS flashed by 17-year-old Cliff Creasey, sitting on the left, as a cheque for \$3,500 is presented to him by 500 club draw organizer Don Lindsay. Cliff's name was the last one drawn Saturday night at the Legion, making him the grand prize winner of a new car or \$3,500 cash. Sherri Ferguson, Mark Ferguson, Val Irwin, Gary Campbell and Teresa Luty peer to get a better view of the cheque as the presentation was being made.