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Return Hill as mayor Marks, Hinton win seats

Tom Hill won another term as mayor of Halton Hills, Monday, but it was by no means a landslide victory. He beat veteran councillor Harry Levy by 1136 votes. Hill polled 5471 votes and Levy 4335.

Levy made a clean sweep of Ward Four, but Hill took Ward One (Acton) and Ward Two (Esquesing) handily. The Ward Three battle was tight, with Hill edging Levy.

Around 10:30 p.m. Levy conceded defeat and went to Hill's headquarters to congratulate him.

Ward one
G. W. McKenzie was returned as regional councillor for ward one. He was back on the job Tuesday, attending a regional meeting in Burlington in the afternoon and Halton Hills council meeting in the evening.

Mr. McKenzie said Tuesday he enjoyed the exercise of meeting the people and finding out a few of their concerns. He intends to carry forward the things he spoke of publicly and in his advertisements. "I hope the people who have a concern will make it known to us," Mr. McKenzie said.

He pointed out Halton Hills

council has lost five experienced councillors and the Halton regional council lost ten. This may increase the burden on the incumbents for a while.

Area councillors
Peter Marks, who ran unsuccessfully against G. W. McKenzie for the regional seat three years ago, is now one of two Acton area

councillors. He commented Monday night that it feels very good to return to council. In addition to council work Mr. Marks will continue to support the Human Services

Council and work with the Addiction Research Foundation. He'll eliminate his private practice of marriage and family counselling for a couple of years.

"I'm very grateful to the people of Acton for entrusting me with this large responsibility, and I feel confident that I can live up to it." He added that there will have to be a lot of work.

For the next month until the new council takes authority in January, he'll review past council's work in order to get a grasp on the situation. He'll read documents and determine what's outstanding business before he enters the chamber.

Mr. Marks headed the poll Monday.

Duby back
Les Duby said the election returns were just as he had

expected. He said his reelection was gratifying to him since he had run a low-key campaign. "I was glad to have the vote of confidence and support of the people." He is looking forward to helping finalize some of the things council has underway.

Mr. Duby was tired Tuesday morning when contacted at Beardmore's; he'd been out at a house party Monday night till late, and was out even later taking down all his election signs on the way home!

Ed Wood, who followed 362 votes behind incumbent Councillor Les Duby, said (Continued on Page 2)



DEL BEAUMONT of the Glen congratulates victorious Mayor Tom Hill after Monday's win.

44% voter turnout

An estimated 44 per cent of the voters turned out election day in Halton Hills.

According to Returning Officer Doug Pritchard this is almost the same as the 1973 elections.

There had been fears of a lower turnout with the sudden cold weather and wintry road conditions election day.

Present petition, seek downtown compensation

Thirty-five Acton merchants signed a petition asking for a tax cut or some form of compensation for the lack of business due to the reconstruction of Mill Street.

John Coniglio presented the petition to Halton Hills

Tuesday night. He told council they seemed to have no idea how much money it takes to pay bills and taxes.

"I know it's Christmas, but I'm asking for consideration, or pretty soon there will be no taxes from business men in

Acton," he concluded.

He left the meeting immediately.

Council referred the petition to finance committee.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he didn't know if there ever is a proper time to repair a main street, particularly when it's a main highway as well.

He praised the contractor, and said he had given excellent co-operation. Consulting engineer Bob Clipsham and town engineer Bob Austin came in for some kind words also. He said assistance to the merchants should be considered. "It sure is a poor time, but an excellent job," he commented.

"Councillor Les Duby agreed with Mr. McKenzie's remarks and said the works department had dealt swiftly with small complaints. It's unfortunate it's the Christmas shopping season, but if it had been done in the summer, there would have been complaints about the dust."

\$125,000 loss

Fire destroys barn, cuts telephone service

Fire destroyed an 80-year-old barn and all the feed for 150 head of beef cattle at Nordic Farms Ltd. east of Eden Mills Monday afternoon.

Rockwood and Eramosa Fire Chief Carl Meadows estimates total damage at approximately \$125,000, but as of Tuesday the cause of the fire was undetermined.

All 50 of the fullblood Limousin Cattle in the stone

and sheet metal barn at the time of the blaze were evacuated safely, farm manager Tim Dunlop said.

Mr. Dunlop, who has managed the farm for two years, was treated for smoke inhalation, said the fire chief.

A couple of tons of feed and two tractors were destroyed in the fire, Mr. Dunlop said. The barn, which was used mainly for storage, had its roof rebuilt in the late '60s.

Mr. Dunlop said.

Fire started at about 12:15 p.m. and quickly cut through a heavy Bell Canada phone line near the barn. Service in Eden Mills was out for most of the afternoon, and parts of Nassagaweya south to Campbellville were also affected, according to Bell workmen.

Rockwood firefighters were on the scene until 9:30 p.m.

New street signs along main roads

About 40 new illuminated street signs are going up in Acton. The attractive new glass-encased signs will be illuminated from within after they are connected up by hydro.

The first signs are being installed along No. 7 highway from Churchill Rd. to the Mill and Main corner, then they go

in on Bower from Mill to Willow and on Church from Eastern to Main.

One missing street sign in Lakeview subdivision has also been replaced with one of the new illuminated signs.

The program will be carried on each year.

Mill paving on schedule

Mill St. reconstruction is into its last week and still proceeding right on schedule. It's expected the paving of the last three blocks will be done by Friday, the original target date.

The first base coat of paving can be laid with colder temperatures than the second coat. The second coat is scheduled for spring, along with the inlaid sidewalk blocks.

Liquor votes carry easily

Liquor votes carried overwhelmingly in all areas of Halton Hills in Monday's elections.

The question on liquor with a dining lounge, carried 2,029 to 487. The straight lounge question, where liquor is

Old and new council faces

Five faces will disappear from Halton Hills council in January, three by defeat at the polls and two by voluntary retirement from the political scene.

Three long time politicians, Harry Levy, Ern Hyde and Ernie Sykes lost their bids for reelection, while Dick Howitt and Joe Hurst dropped out of politics.

Levy lost in his bid for the mayor's seat, Hyde lost the local council seat, in Ward Three, which he has held

Gravel truck spills load

A gravel truck jackknifed on an icy, snowy hill Saturday, spilling its load of 38 tons of gravel. The accident happened on 22 Sideroad just west of Highway 25. Driver Donald McRae, R. R. 4, Acton, was driving a truck for Lyn Line Haulage Ltd. and the truck had estimated \$250 damage.

He was driving up a steep grade and road conditions were poor, according to investigating police. The gravel was left banked in the ditch after the truck was taken away.



SUCCESSFUL WARD TWO area candidate George Maltby and wife Gail concentrate on early returns posted at the election's central office in Gordon Alcott Arena at Georgetown.



A PENSIVE PETER MARKS watches as new figures are posted at election centre Monday night. Mr. Marks finished 126 votes ahead of incumbent Les Duby. Both will serve as area councillors for Acton.



ROCKWOOD FIREFIGHTERS stayed nine hours at the blaze which burned an 80-year-old barn to its foundations Monday. Fifty head of beef cattle safely got out, but about \$125,000 damage was caused by the fire.

Saturday at 1:30 —here comes Santa!

Santa Claus is coming right down Mill St., paved or not.

The best Santa Claus parade yet is slated to head off at 1:30 Saturday afternoon with lots of entries, two bands, recorded music and singers.

After the parade there will be two locations for people to go, both the scout hall and the Y. This will split the crowd and avoid a huge crush at one place, organizers hope.

At the scout hall, the Scout and Guide Mothers, scouts and guides will be serving hot chocolate and cookies to any children who come over. This warm-up snack is not just for paraders, but it is just for children. Parents are asked to bring or send their children over for the free treat.

At the Y of course Santa Clause will be enthroned, ready to talk to all the children who want to visit with him. The Y will be especially decorated and there will be balloons and candy canes.

The organizers suggest any parents wanting pictures of their children with Santa could bring their own cameras.

New location
The starting point of the parade has been changed this year. Assembly will be on the Crescent, over the Maria St. bridge, where there is plenty of room for the floats and marching entries to line up. The Fire-fighters who are acting as parade marshals felt this was a better place to line up than the railway station or the high school.

The firefighters will be informing all the residents nearby on the Crescent about the parade and arranging for access to their homes. Any time after 12 noon the entries may assemble, and everyone is asked to be there for sure at 1 p.m. Then the parade will be all organized and ready to go at 1:30 p.m.

Route
Here's this year's altered

route: the parade will come along Crescent St., across the Maria St. bridge and north to Church, east on Church to the railway tracks, north to Mill St. along Mill to Main, up Main to Knox and along Knox to the park.

Parking spaces will be reserved in the parking lot at the community centre for the floats. If there are too many, they can be left along the school lane.

Judges
Float judges will be Julian Reed, Dr. Frank Oakes and Dr. Jane Hosdill.

The floats will all be numbered, and most of them also identified by a sign.

There is a \$50 prize for the best over-all float with a \$30 prize for the second best float.

Then there are four \$20 awards for the best float in the four categories, commercial, service clubs, schools and churches.

Each entry may only win (Continued on Page 2)

