

# Veteran politician new boss



Jack Raftis meeting with the vote was taken.

By Rod Lamb  
Jack Raftis will be sworn into office as Halton's new chairman today.  
The 49-year-old engineer from Burlington will become the region's third chairman. He succeeds Ric Morrow who stepped down after a 10-year term.  
Business growth, more jobs and better staff work are the themes Raftis will stress.  
Speaking to reporters after he was acclaimed a week ago today, Raftis said, "Our goals are similar to those all across Canada—job creation and economic development."  
Development will be pursued.  
Raftis stressed he is going to make the region more aggressive in encouraging business and industry to locate here.  
He said he wants the region to have more tax assessment. Cooperation between the region and the municipalities was also stressed. "Regional government in the next two years will return in spirit to the area municipalities," he said.  
Raftis is seen as a strong

person with leadership abilities.  
Having spent five years as the region's public works chairman and 12 years in municipal politics before that, he has served his apprenticeship.  
He will not be a dictator. Raftis dismissed the label that had been hung on him by critics who didn't like the way he conducted public works meetings.  
He said he will also push for waste recovery.  
Raftis was instrumental in convincing council to approve Site F as the region's landfill location. Situated at the corner of Tremaine and Britannia Rds. in Milton, the location is prime agricultural land.  
Raftis was acclaimed at last week's meeting. No other member of the 24-member regional councillors filed nomination papers.  
Less than 15 minutes after the opening, Raftis was elected.  
Oakville Councillor McLean Anderson had been considered a candidate but he decided not to oppose Raftis.  
Rather, he nominated him. "Jack Raftis and I probably agree on 95 per cent of all issues," he said.  
"Where we disagree we're able to do it and remain friends."  
Anderson denied playing the role of kingmaker, saying, "I think Jack can take more abuse than I could."  
"Frankly, he'll be a better chairman than I could have been."  
The other person who was considering the position was newly-elected regional councillor Terry Mannell from Oakville. He decided not to file papers.  
Walter Mulkewich of Burlington had also been considered a contender but declined.  
This term's peaceful election of a chairman stands in contrast to the violent verbal debate which saw Morrow win the election in 1976.  
Anderson said one of the reasons he didn't want a fight was to avoid the mud-slinging which went on at that time.

Morrow succeeded Al Masson who was appointed as the region's first chairman.  
Raftis praised the conduct of Morrow.  
Listing his accomplishments, Raftis said he hoped he would be as successful.  
Speaking to council—12 of them new to the region—he

said, "I want you to feel comfortable as it must be frustrating to vote for someone you don't know."  
He said he hoped they would get to know each other better.  
Raftis received 22 votes in favor. Two councillors were absent at the beginning of the

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Thank You God for allowing the priest in charge of the Catholic Private School to be so open to the Holy Spirit. They welcomed Yvette, an Anglican, to their school and to participate in all sport activities, especially all swimming programs. Yvette, a very brilliant young woman, graduated from this Catholic High School with exceptional grades.  
After graduation, Yvette obtained a position as a secretary for the City Council, and shortly after met Peter. Thank You God for Yvette and Peter ride their bicycles to work each day, participate in many sports and dance together.  
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with Nancy Gordon

Dear God:  
I would like to thank You for the joy and pleasure we have had since my brother and his wife were blessed with a daughter, a sweet, seemingly normal, little doll who we love very dearly.  
Yvette, at nine months, showed signs of muscular difficulties. For my brother and his wife, it was a long journey from specialist to specialist. We prayed that the diagnosis they heard each time was wrong. After awhile we had to face the reality that Yvette had Cerebral Palsy.  
Our shock gave way to heartache and worry about Yvette's future for we all wanted the best life possible for her. The specialist operated on her feet at various growth stages to see if the muscle problem could be corrected. I thank You for Yvette has been able to move about with minimal difficulty because of these successful operations and Your healing power.  
Yvette, attended the regular

walked with Yvette on his arm down the aisle to meet Peter, to give Peter my brother's proudest possession—Yvette.  
We would have been so proud to have had her for our own.  
Thank You God.  
Yvette's aunt, Anna McLellan, Brampton, Ontario.  
To wish you a Merry Christmas there will be tea and cookies served from 2:00 until 4:00 on December 17, 1978 at Trinity United Church, Mill Street, Acton, Ontario.  
This letter is shared with you because there are many people who do not know that God's love and help is an every day experience.  
Please share with us what God has done in your life by phoning Nancy at 853-2195 or write of your experience and mail to:  
SHARING, P.O. Box 57, Acton, Ontario, L7J 2M2

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ACTON BRANCH of the Canadian Cancer Society spent Monday afternoon packing Christmas parcels to be sent to patients in Princess Margaret Hospital and Lodge, Toronto. Quilts, afghans, bed jackets, toys, slippers, comfort cushions, etc. all made by local donors, are sent to the hospital. On hand for Monday's wrapping were, Jayne Telford, Susan Kuechler, Gloria Coats and Irene Terry. Others were Ciole Perkins and Cathy McGillivray. They also sent baked gift boxes to eight Acton patients in the hospital.



ACTON BEAUTY Marie Murray, 18, is this year's Halton Dairy Princess. The grade 13 student was busy promoting dairy products Saturday at Milton Mall. The cheese-tasting enthusiasts are Tanya Smith, eight, (left) and Meagan Murtagh, seven, (right) both from Milton.

## Holiday Greetings

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AUCTIONEER  
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GUELPH 823-1107

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Box 731, Guelph, Phone 821-3215

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1978

11:00 a.m. - Service of Worship

The church on the hill is an inter-denominational congregation ministering to the needs of the community.

Everyone Welcome

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

### KNOX CHURCH ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. - Minister  
Mr. E.A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1978

11:00 a.m. - Advent Worship and Christmas Pageant by Church School children. Special music. Presentation of White Gifts for the needy. (Regular Church School classes cancelled.)  
7:00 p.m. - C.G.I.T. (Canadian Girls in Training) Annual Christmas Vesper service.

Everyone Most Welcome

### THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR

1872 - Anglican - 1978  
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Dr.  
Rev. Leonard Ewing, Rector  
Director of Music Mrs. Frank Oakes

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1978  
ADVENT III

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. - Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Carol Service, everyone welcome.

### ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

80 Mill Street East, Founded 1842  
Pastor: Rev. Das Sydney B.Sc., M. Div.  
Pastor's Phone - 853-1835  
Church Phone 853-0690

WEDNESDAY  
10:00 a.m. - Morning Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. - Young Peoples

THURSDAY  
7:15 p.m. - At the church for Choir Practice at the Phillips Home

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1978

9:30 a.m. - Rehearsal for Christmas Program  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, "Christmas Cantata"  
5:30 p.m. - Church Supper  
7:00 p.m. - Sunday School Program

### UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH ACTON

Rev. Chas. Beaton B.A., B.D.  
Dr. George Elliott M.A., Ph.D.  
Director of Music

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1978

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School Christmas Pageant

8:00 p.m. - Acton Citizens Band Concert at MacKenzie-Smith Middle School

### EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNAACLE

33 Churchill Rd. N.  
Pastor - Rev. B. Rannick  
Sunday, Dec. 17, 1978

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. - "A CHRISTMAS FOR ALL AGES" Our annual Christmas program with our own Junior Choir, lots of special music and a Christmas story with all the Sunday School Children.  
Parents & Friends Welcome

TUESDAY  
7:30 p.m. - Family Night  
WEDNESDAY  
10:30 a.m. - Ladies Hour

The family that prays together, stays together

### SALVATION ARMY

Gospel Service will be held in the United Church, Acton every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. throughout the fall. Everyone welcome.

### Attend church this Sunday

## Acton W.I. has Christmas meeting

The Christmas potluck luncheon for members of the Acton Women's Institute was held in the Isobel Watson room of the Acton public library. The table was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Miss Dorothy Simmons opened the meeting with a Christmas reading, "After the Storm," followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. The secretary-treasurer's report was given by Mrs. George

Hargrave. A letter was read from Operation A.C.T.I.O.N. Roll call was a Christmas thought or verse. Mrs. D. W. Linstead read "The Christmas I Will Never Forget." Mrs. Bill Denny gave an interesting reading on "The Special Christmas Wreath," made by a child so much in the keeping of Christmas.

Miss Jean McLean read from a paper clipping the story of the one-room school Christmas concert, entitled "The Christmas Concert, Ah, I remember it Well!" It brought back memories of the building of the stage and the curtains made for the occasion and the students performing. Many are the memories of those who had the privilege of attending the one room school "Christmas Concerts."

Two contests were held. Winners were Mrs. William Denny and Mrs. Barker. Miss Dorothy Simmons was Santa Claus for the giving of gifts.

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