



Pat Patterson

Patterson takes swing at police as he bids council adieu Monday

In a brief but sometimes emotional conclusion to the last meeting of the 1979-80 Halton Hills Council Monday night, Councillors Ed Wood and Pat Patterson bade colleagues adieu. Wood said it had been an exciting two years and thanked councillors who assisted him over the rough spots over the two years, and staff members. He suggested that if Councillor Harry Levy was finance chairman for the next council he consider spending more money in Acton (Ward One). He suggested he would be back in two years.

Patterson went out swinging, taking a shot at Halton Police, whom he said advised a complainant it would take one and a half hours for a patrol car to arrive at the scene where someone was shooting wild geese with a firearm. The rural resident was advised the only car available was involved in solving a break and enter in Georgetown, Patterson said.

The retiring councillor said he had lived in the country for a long time and he never knew of an instance where they had to wait more than 25 to 30 minutes for the Ontario Provincial Police to get to the scene of an accident. "We're paying big bucks," he said, and should be getting better service. He advised taking his complaint to the police commission. "This is no swan song," he told council.

Councillor Mike Armstrong agreed he thought Patterson's retirement was premature since there was a lot of life left in the old bird yet. He figured he might be back as mayor some day.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy brushed aside Armstrong's forecast and paid tribute to both retiring members of council. The mayor said he was impressed with the way Wood handled himself election night when it was evident he was going down to defeat. He said Wood had done a good job at the Region in his quiet way and never faltered when anything was asked of him. "We'll miss you," he confided.

Pomeroy had three adjectives to describe Patterson—"colorful, enjoyable and unique." "There'll never be another Patterson," he said, noting his way of expressing himself would long stay in his mind. He recalled some of his favorites. "The farmers can't afford it," "The Region spends money like drunken sailors," "I want you to know Mr. Mayor, this town is going nowhere," "Rural people are getting nothing for their tax dollars."

The mayor concluded hoping the next council sees some of the accomplishments of the last two years. Regret was expressed by Mrs. David Hunter, as Chairman of Education and Cultural Activities, that the North Halton Music Festival will no longer be held in the schools due to a lack of interest. For many years the branch has been a consistent supporter financially of this good work.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Diamond when they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on December 7 at Ebenezer United Church from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. "Take Time to Grow" was the theme of the Annual Area Convention of the Women's Institute on October 23-24 in Guelph, and a full and interesting report was given by Mrs. D. Moffat,

and a tour of the Free Press. Guests at meetings included Brian Skerrett giving a talk on goal setting and Laura Dittrich demonstrating pen and ink sketching. During the fall our members painted a room at Halton Women's Place in Milton and contributed convenience packages and a toy box. The members have been very busy filling orders for cookie houses, macramed Santa Heads as well as selling tickets for a raffle.



The Acton Free Press has three winners in its recent carrier contest. David Jansen, left, won a Ronald McDonald watch, while David Paul—who signed up the most new customers—won a hockey stick, spending money and tickets to Maple Leaf Gardens, and Mike Cunningham also won Leaf hockey tickets. Every carrier was eligible. The more new customers each signed, the more chances he has in the draw.

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Dublin WI
Will miss music festival
by L. Dennis
Mrs. W. Lasby, president, welcomed a fine crowd of members to Dublin WI meeting on Thursday evening. Hostess was Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Churchill Rd. N., Acton.

Board shelves gratuity plans
Halton Board of Education will continue to pay retirement gratuities with its wallet rather than the piggy bank.

Theta Phi
Welcome new members
by Dian Bowers
The beginning of a new year for Theta Phi has been a whirlwind of activities. Our first two events got us back into the swing of things. One was a holiday auction, garage sale and a social evening with prospective new members and for the other we went off to the country, spouse in hand for an old fashioned hayride at the Gwen farm in Ballinacree.

Centre looks for local volunteers
The Halton Developmental Centre for mentally retarded children made a special plea for volunteers last week at an audio-visual slide presentation organized by the Acton L'Arche Auxiliary.

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Modular schools in future - Sep. Bd.
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