



Len Coxe

Region, town lose Len Coxe

Councillor Len Coxe, the highly respected regional councillor representing Ward 3 (Esqueving) on regional and town councils passed away Monday afternoon.

Councillor Coxe died of a severe heart attack Monday in the intensive care unit of Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton. He had been admitted to hospital late last week after suffering a minor stroke which was followed by a second over the weekend.

Councillor Coxe had been involved with regional government in Halton since its inception. As deputy-reeve of Esqueving Township, prior to

the January 1, 1974, birth of the region, Mr. Coxe had served on county council's special warden's committee investigating the organization of a region-wide government system.

At that time he expressed his belief that to represent any area in Halton would require a full-time representative and was one of the first local councillors to devote his full-time to local politics.

A life-long resident of Esqueving, Mr. Coxe had operated a farm on the Seventh Line near Ashgrove prior to his involvement with politics. For a

short time he operated his own painting and home decorating business.

Entering politics in 1970 he successfully ran for a councillor's seat on Esqueving Township council. In his first election campaign he easily topped a six-man field.

Early in 1973 he was acclaimed deputy-reeve of the township and followed that later that year by running unopposed for the regional representative's post for Ward 3.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Georgetown. He had served with the Royal Canadian Army during

WW2, serving with the RCA overseas in Europe.

As a member of regional council since 1974 he has served on the region's works committee where he has consistently stood for an equal voice for the smaller northern municipalities. He has also served on the town's works committee.

Councillor Coxe represented Halton Hills on the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at McClure-Jones Funeral Home, 34 Edith Street, Georgetown with interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, daughter Janice (Mrs. Greg Johnston) and sister Doris (Mrs. George Smilie).

Region police ready to take over Acton

At the stroke of midnight August 31, Ontario Provincial Police will hand over the protection of the Acton and rural Halton Hills area to Halton Regional Police.

A total of 12 men under the direction of Staff Sergeant Bernard Ward will be patrolling the new area to be designated Division 10. Constables Burrell Galling, Tom Roduck, Rod Donaldson, Derrick Marshall, Mike Michalski, Barry Holland, Ed Carlstrom, Alex Pearce, Bruce Lindsay, William Piper and Allan Dyack will serve the Acton people.

Four of these men have been transferred from the Georgetown detachment of the regional force.

"The men selected for service in the new area are experienced officers," explained Staff Sergeant Ward. The 12 men have a total of 42 years collective experience in police work behind them.

For the last 27 years the combined areas of Acton and Esqueving have been served by the Milton detachment of the OPP in what will now be zones 110 and 111.

Anyone requesting service by the police for Acton and the rural sectors can do so by using the toll free number, 878-5511.

"It is important that we be able to locate the people as quickly as possible," explained the sergeant. "To expedite orientation we will begin a program in the area next Monday, a week before the actual service is begun."

Rural residents should know their lot and concession numbers and be able to provide the dispatcher with any information that will help the officer in locating the individual concerned.

"This is the only problem I can foresee," said Sergeant Ward. "We want to learn the area as quickly as possible and with the help of the citizens we can."

Halton Regional Police will occupy the same offices as those of the OPP on Willow Street and will provide three cruisers to serve the new area.

"Citizen co-operation is important," furthered Regional Police Chief Ken Scarrett. "The police service is as good as the people of the area make it."

Postpone meeting

Halton Hills town council Monday night agreed to postpone all council business until after the funeral of the late Councillor Coxe.

In a resolution passed following a brief in camera session council agreed to postpone its regular meeting until tomorrow evening, Thursday, August 21.

All councillors, some of whom were not aware of the death earlier that afternoon until they arrived at the meeting, expressed complete surprise and shock at the news. Said one councillor, "We've become a very close group during our year and a half together. His loss is a tremendous blow to each one of us."

Nab two thieves

Two Georgetown area youths have been charged following investigation of several thefts involving goods and gasoline taken from cars parked in the Mountainview South area.

Police arrested the pair and recovered the stolen goods last Thursday evening. The five reported thefts and the numerous

unreported instances have left many items unclaimed at the District One office. "Anyone having goods stolen from their parked car, near Mountainview Road South can check with us to recover their property" explained Tom Nicholson of the criminal investigations branch.

Loitering crackdown

Police have been responding to requests made by downtown merchants regarding the loitering bylaw. Thus far eight charges have been laid under the ruling.

Thieves in the Georgetown area helped themselves to a variety of other people's property this week according to the occurrence listings provided by Halton Regional Police District One.

A mo-ped was reported stolen by the area dealer having a value of \$425. Police have a description of the vehicle.

A battery from the parked car of a Georgetown man was reported stolen shortly before a stolen vehicle report was issued at the same location. Both instances occurred in the GO train-Station Hotel parking lot. The vehicle was recovered later, the same evening in Moore Park Plaza along with the thief. Charges have been laid.

A picnic table from the A&W, two lawn chairs from the senior citizens building and a lawn chair from a private residence were

also reported missing during the week.

Two cases of fraud by forgery, are under investigation by the criminal investigation bureau of the Halton Force. One stolen government cheque and one phony cheque issued with a stolen driver's licence have turned up in the area.

One case involves the purchase of a two-way radio and the second \$215.36 in cash.

Two ten-speed bicycles were reported stolen, one of which was recovered.

Two charges of theft of gasoline and a battery from a Kennedy Road parked car have been laid by police in connection with an earlier theft.

Two break and enters netted thieves nothing in both the factory and residence they hit. Damage to the property was slight in each of the cases.

Mini-bikes in the fields behind Ontario and Anne Streets have resulted in complaints from area residents under the noise bylaw. Police are dealing with the matter.



WELL CHARLIE, YOU DID IT! Five-year-old Charlie Hancock has been acclaimed the fastest ice cream eater this side of Glen

Williams. It was wrap-up week for the summer playground programs and a special event at the Glen Williams School was an ice

cream eating contest. Pam Proudfoot, playground leader, proudly honoured Charlie by presenting him with his unique trophy.

Hot time in the old town

The old town will be hopping this weekend. It's Pioneer Days time again and the organizers of the affair, the Downtown Businessmen's Association, promise "a great time for all."

Starting tomorrow (Thursday) Georgetown's Main Street is going to be the centre of activity as music, food and entertainment are all tossed together to provide everyone with something to do.

The Main Street is going to be closed throughout the three days so that merchants and a few town organizations can set up varied displays ranging from an old

fashioned fish fry to a petting corral. The barricades go up Thursday morning and will remain up Friday and Saturday during business hours.

According to chief organizer of the event, Charlie Crimes, Pioneer Days this year has enough to keep people downtown for an entire afternoon, if not the whole day, but he adds that selling is not the key word behind the event.

"We're not a flea market, and we don't want it to be one. There has to be something of interest in each of the displays on the mall." The displays include:

—The Carpet Barn has arranged a special "petting corral" for the three days.

—Hawkins Maritime Fish Mart are all set to sit you down to a mouth watering fish fry featuring many types of seafood specialties, including a lobster dinner.

—The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band will play Thursday evening at 7.30.

—Barber at the organ will add a job throughout the three days.

—Square dancers will show a few "Allemande lefts" when they entertain Thursday night at 7.30.

—Georgetown's fire department will have its old truck on hand.

—Barbershoppers will be on hand Friday night at 7.30 to entertain all.

—Your chance to be a television star will come this weekend as the local cable television company will have a closed circuit system set up.

—North Halton Sports have details of their spin casting contest which will be taking place.

—The Palette and Pencil Club will have a display of the members' works set up and the Credit Valley Artisans also have a wide assortment of displays arranged, including Herald editorial cartoonist Greg Landry drawing caricatures of passersby.

Old time costumes will also make an appearance on Main Street. A contest has been arranged for the best costumes for men, women and children. The judging will take place Saturday with Mayor Tom Hill and two of the better looking staff members of the two local papers doing the judging. There are \$50 prizes for the best dressed man and woman and a \$15 prize for the best dressed youngster.

Helps get permit

Frank Leben, although a long-time resident of Esqueving, has problems understanding people. He admits, in a thick European accent, that he doesn't "speak English very good."

On the other hand Harold Mullen, a close neighbour to Mr. Leben, has an excellent control of the English language. A young school teacher in Mississauga, Mr. Mullen does, however, know the language problems that can occur, particularly when you're cutting through the red tape involved with getting town permission to build a new home.

Fortunately for Mr. Leben, his neighbour happens to be a very good neighbour. Thanks to Mr. Mullen's interest and representation Mr. Leben last week received tentative approval from Halton Hills subsidiary planning board to begin construction of a new home for his family.

At present Mr. and Mrs. Leben and their four children are living in a small frame structure on Lot 2, Concession 5.

Language problems have, according to Mr. Mullen, already cost the Lebens one chance to move into a new home which Mr. Leben, a part-time carpenter, had built himself. Terms of an agreement which Mr. Leben had signed allowed another party to buy the house once it was completed. That other person then immediately re-sold it to

another buyer garnering a tremendous profit for the middle man but leaving Mr. Leben with little else than the realization that he had, unwittingly but quite legally, lost his home.

The Lebens began again to fight to have a new home. Because of the complications involved with their parcel of land in the past they found that town officials were not very willing to see another house built on it. They finally, with the assistance of Mr. Mullen, decided to present their predicament to planning board last week.

Mr. Mullen pointed out that the small house is over-crowded and in poor shape. A Hydro inspector had warned that the entire electrical system would have to be replaced.

Councillor Morrow still objected. "We shouldn't give them a building permit until that old building is torn down. Then they can start building it."

But that idea met with resistance from his fellow planning board members who finally agreed to ask the town's solicitor to draw up an agreement with the Lebens requiring them to tear down the old home as soon as the new house is built.

Councillors also paid tribute to Mr. Mullen for his part in helping the Lebens present their problem to planning board.



THE TEAM of Bob Crawford, Jim Jenkins, Gerard Wilcox, Glen Chanman and John Nighthowler, assisted by casualty Garnet Cameron, will be representing the town in the

International Rescue and First Aid competition this month. Coach and manager of the event is former chief, Tom Massena.

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Quote from Bill McVean, radio personality, who is presently recovering in Toronto General Hospital from injuries received when his restored WW1 aircraft crashed during a North Bay air show.

Noting that he has lost 10 pounds since the accident, McVean credited his "crash diet" with the loss.