

Opposes boundary change.

Region to take stand

Both Halton and Peel Region have taken a stand against the proposed changes to the boundaries of the federal electoral districts which would place Georgetown and a small section of the former Township of Esquesing in an expanded Peel-Halton riding.

Halton Regional council last week endorsed a motion presented by Peel Region calling for the change. Halton will also be making a written submission to the federal commission reviewing the proposed changes outlined in newspaper ads one month ago.

Mayor Tom Hill who will be representing Halton Hills during the Toronto hearings at the request of town council, told regional council last week, "If we have to go in with Vaughan and King Tonwships and Caledon it will be had news for the people of Halton Hills and the region."

The commission's hearing are scheduled to get underway October 6 and Mayor Hill impressed the regional council with the importance of getting its written submission in immediately.

The Peel resolution deals extensively with the inclusion of Georgetown and Esquesing in the new east-west Halton-Peel riding and their exclusion from the rest of Halton.

"in proposing the electorial district of Peel-Halton the commissioner appears to have given more consideration to achieving balanced electoral quotients than to creating cohesive electoral districts," Peel's commissioner of planning, Peter Allen, stated in his letter to Halton.

"It is suggested therefore that the westerly electoral boundary be adjusted to

excluse that portion of Halton Hills from the

"Such a change would be better from a geographic standpoint and would correspond to the provincial electroal boundaries between the regions of Peel and Halton. This adjustment would increase the population of the Halton electoral district to approximately 102,679 while decreasing the Peel-Halton (Caledon-King-Vaughan) population to approximately 50,000.

"Although this creates an imbalance in representation it has been evidenced that there are already examples of imbalance elsewhere in Peel Region.

In submitting the Peel brief to Halton council regional chairman Allan Masson noted that "in the interests of Halton region" he felt that the resolution should be fully supported.

Negotiations fail

Strike may be necessary

The teachers for the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board have decided to suspend further salary and benefit negotiations with the board.

The teachers have requested the education relations commission to appoint a fact-finder to examine the respective positions of the teachers and the board and to make whatever recommendations that are deemed appropriate to facilitate resolution of the current impasse.

At the start of salary negotiations early in April, the teachers requested initially a 52 percent increase over the 1974-75 salary guide plus a cost of living clause which would escalate their salary demands to 65 percent.

When the teachers ceased negotiations, the board's latest offer included a 26 percent salary increase for a one year contract. The teacher's final position at ceasation of negotiations reflected a 40 percent salary increase for a one year period.

In addition to the 40 percent salary increase on the salary grid, the teachers are requesting a 41 percent salary increase for principals, a 41 percent increase in responsibility allowance for vice-principals and a 94 percent increase in fringe benefits. The trustees have offered principals an increase of 23 percent for one year.

The board was prepared to continue negotiations toward settlement during the summer months. In June, the trustees informed the teachers that they were prepared to do so in order to arrive at a settlement prior to school opening. The request was turned down by the chairman of the teachers' negotiation committee.

The cessation of negotiations by the teachers indicate they are prepared to strike to achieve their demands. It is still the board's desire to arrive at a amicable agreement with its teachers through continued negotiations.

Bumps and grinds

Five accidents were investigated by members of the District One police force in the past week.

A rear end collision did \$1,000 damage to the car of Carole Henderson, \$30 damage to the car of Gordon Harley and no appreciable damage to the car of Raiph Lattimer who were involved in the Guelph Street accident.

The car of Michael Haworth sustained \$500 in farmages while involved in a collision on Dawson Crescent. The Haworth vehicle was pushing John Walker of Milton to get the vehicle started.

A rear end collision did \$500 damage to the car of Terrence Diardichuk and no damage to the car of Patricia Waligna in the accident that occurred last Friday.

At the intersection of Guelph and Mill

Streets the cars of Michael Reynolds, Liselotte Lang and Arnold Vanciler received over \$1,000 damage in the Monday collision.

Firemen were summoned to the scene of a two car accident Saturday morning as a leaking gas tank drained onto the road on Guelph Street directly in front of McDonalds. The cars of Harry Lieder and Anthony

Hardcastle, both of Georgetown were.

damaged in excess of \$1,300.

With a little help from his friends

Julian did it!

After a close battle, amongst three hardworking, well-known candidates, Liberal Julian Reed emerged as the victor of the new

Now Provincial Legislature representative, Julian, a resident of Norval and a former actor, singer and performer, won by a slim margin over Progressive Conservative candidate Gary Dawkins.

The latest figures from the returning office indicate that Julian received 10,998 votes, Gary Dawkins, 10,535 and Bill Johnson, New Democratic Party candidate received 6,567 votes.

The latest results from Georgetown alone show that Julian received 4,318 votes, Gary Dawkins, 3,591 and Bill Johnson, 2,562. . Despite an all-day rain 70 percent of all the eligible voters in the Halton-Burlington riding turned out to cast their deciding

As a new riding with no voting pattern established and with three new candidates,

few were willing to bet on the out-come.

Mr. Reed, was little known in Milton and the north sections of Burlington however, well known in the Georgetown area, primarily from his previous battle in trying to keep Norval School open.

Mr. Dawkins, who grew up and is now a school principal in Acton, is popular in his community however, as Julian, was somewhat foreign in other sectors of the riding

It seemed that Bill Johnson, who lives in the northern part of the former Nassagawaya Township (now Milton) was probably the best-known figure across the riding. For years his fight against pollution has made Mr. Johnson a well-known environmentalist.

With each of the candidates basically known only in their home communities it was the hours upon hours of door-to-door campaigning which resulted their individual popularity.

It isn't known, and it's the type of fact which will never be known, whether it was Julian himself, or the Liberal party, or maybe a combination of both which should be credited to Julian Reed's victory to become Halton-Burlington's MPP.

20 voters couldn't

As the rest of Ontario headed to the polls last Thursday nine families on Weber Drive experienced the frustrating feeling of not being able to cast their votes because enumerators failed to cover the area in which they live.

Those nine familles however, admit they've learned a painful lesson the hard way: Check your voters' list just to make sure you're on it.

"We're certainly at fault for not checking the list in time," admits Mrs. John Ewing, 80 Weber Drive, "But that doesn't take care of where were the enumerators? "They're paid by the province to make a

complete enumeration which they didn't do in our small area."

Mrs. Ewing continued that, "I can't see how the enumerators could have covered this

area when everyone was out. I am a

housewife, so that I'm home for a good part of the time...not always but most of the time. "So, I just can't see how they could possibly miss us all. One of us, perhaps, but

not the entire block."

Nine homes in a small area between

Duncan Drive and Sims Court were missed in
total, affecting approximately 20 eligible
voters

Mrs. Emmett Quick, 74 Weber was another of those 20. "It all really hit home when I found out that I couldn't vote," she recalled.

She verified that none of the nine families had received any notification of enumeration, not even the form that is left by enumerators when no one is home when the enumerators

make their first call.

She explained that she and her husband

have been enumerated and have voted several times before both provincially and federally and that this was the first time she had had any problem at all in voting.

When contacted by several of those affected, Roy Coulter, returning officer for
Halton-Burlington, admitted that it was
possible that the nine homes had been missed
by his enumerators. He added, however, that
the onus fell on the voters to verify by
checking the voter's lists, that they were
included.

Had they noticed that their names were not on it they had several days to rectify the omission.

"It just shakes you a bit," continued Mrs.
Quick, "to discover after voting many times
in the past that you can't vote in this elec-

Some 'dream home'

What do you do when your dream home turns sour?

That is the question Mrs. Hilda Barrack of 5 Sideroad is trying to get resolved when the new dream home she had ordered to be built from her own basic floor plan did not stack up from the word 'go,'

Mrs. Barrack appeared before the work's committee Monday night in hopes of pursuading the town to prosecute the builder under the National Building Code and local by-laws.

An inspection of the home by Halton Hills

An inspection of the home by Halton Hills building inspector Nell Frawley, indicated over 12 items require attention of which many fall under the National Building code legislation.

The report states, "chimney not capped; no fireplace on plans the damper in one of the two existing fireplaces to be fixed; garage door to house not gas sealed; caulking not complete; stairs to basement not adequate; doors won't close properly; holes in garage; no sump hole in basement for weepers or sump hose; backfill and lot grading not completed, water stop on shower to small and other minor infractions such as no door stops, eavestroughing, trim inside and bathroom tile falling off were noted by the inspector in the January report.

Plans approved by the town (then the

ceremonies of the 1st Georgetown Cub and

Scout pack held last Monday evening.

township of Esquesing) did not have a fireplace but the home of Mrs. Barrack does, as she specified in her original sketch. "This home is not the one I ordered nor is it the one that was approved for a building permit."

The home was built by Paul Sleight and Ken Barrington for Mrs. Barrack on land owned by the builders which was to be sold with the completed home. Delay in construction forced Mrs. Barrack to live in a motel when owners of her existing home insisted that they have occupancy.

On advice from her lawyer she moved into the home in its present unfinished state over a year ago, and according to her, "no one has been near the place to do any work."

Members of the work's committee expressed their concern for Mrs. Barrack but
indicated by moving into the house she
assumed full responsibility for the home in
the condition it was in at the time she moved
in and legally she was responsible for any
repairs and corrections that must be made.
"If you ordered a car and someone

delivered to you another brand which you accepted, then you have waived your right to any change later," explained Councillor George Maltby.

The town could prosecute Mrs. Barrack for these infractions of the National Building code, but under the circumstances the town has temporarily waived that option.

Under the present rules regarding the building of homes within Halton Hills, a final inspection is necessary before occupancy can be taken. "If these faults were noticed at the time before Mrs. Barrack moved in she would have been denied occupancy until the builder corrected the problems," explained Mayor Tom Hill.

Evasive action on the part of the builder

in assuming responsibility for the work has resulted in legal action against Sleight and Barrington and a withholding of funds in the amount of \$11,000 for the home.

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Had Mrs. Barrack not indicated her acceptance of the home by moving in, the town could legally insist the necessary repairs be made before the house could be sold to Mrs. Barrack and fines of up to \$1,000 per violation be levied againt the two builders.

It will be over a year before the civil action comes to court and the problem is fully resolved. During that time it is the intention of Mrs. Barrack to contact the provincial ombudsmen for further action.



Main Street fire

As part of the election night activities, members of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department were summoned to a storage shed fire on Main Street South, directly behind Global Department Store and running parallel with Mill Street.

No official damage estimate was

released following investigation by Chief Ken Bulkema who classified the cause of the blaze as accidental. "Someone staying in the empty shed left a cigarette burning which caused the fire."

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Firemen left the scene at about two in the morning when the fire was no longer a threat to neighbouring buildings in the downtown core. Global Department Store suffered minor damage as the fire spread through the shed that once served as a metal workshop when the building was occupied by Thompson Hardware.

The building was completely empty at the time of the blaze.

Five other fire calls summoned the fire fighters to various locations around town.

Last Tuesday a kitchen fire caused \$500 damage to the Cloke residence on Shelly Street. A pan of grease ignited in the oven of the home.

A false alarm was caused by a misadjusted heat sensor sent firemen to the hospital unnecessarily but once construction is complete the problems will be rectified.

A second fire last Wednesday at the Bird residence on Main Street did an estimated \$500 damage to the kitchen of that home.

Firemen were called as a precautionary measure after a Guelph Street collision to wash away gasoline before any serious problems developed.

Garbage located behind Firestone store was set on fir early Sunday evening. Firemen rushed to the scene to contain the blaze before it spread to stores within Moore Park Plaza.