

Miller, Maltby, Patterson top Ward 2

In Ward 2, the election for both the Area Council seats and the regional seat was decided with just over 50 per cent of the polls reported.

In the race for the regional council seat, after nine polls had reported, including the two advance polls, Russ Miller led W.F. "Bill" Hunter by a fairly wide margin, 592 votes to 368 votes. At this point, it was not really a question of whether Mr. Miller would win, but by how much.

Much the same trend developed in the race for the two area council seats, after nine polls had reported, C.F. "Pat" Patterson was leading with 557 votes, with George Maltby in second place with 475 votes. Stephen Saxe had fallen off the pace with 349 votes and Nick Hunsley was slowly dropping out of sight, polling just 113 votes.

All the candidates in Ward 2, ran on basically the same platform.

Pat Patterson questioned the cost of regional government. George Maltby wanted to see an improvement in the farm and residential tax scheme; Stephen Saxe wanted to see an increase in the area's industrial growth and Nick Hunsley felt that council and committee meetings should be open to the public and that citizens should be allowed more access to their elected officials.

Russ Miller was critical of rising taxes and felt that the area's roads were in dire need of improvement. Bill Hunter voiced sentiments along much the same line but was especially adamant in holding the line on rising taxes.

Pat Patterson upon realizing his victory noted "there's a job here that's got to be done. There are a lot of misconceptions between the urban people and the rural people and they

must be worked on."

Although he didn't agree with regional government, "I believe it's here to stay and will just have to be worked with." Mr. Patterson had an obviously strong feeling for the community, as a whole and insisted that, "Halton Hills has to be regarded as a total community, not one town here and one town there."

Stephen Saxe was naturally disappointed in defeat but voiced the sentiment that "I feel there is a prejudice, not per-

Hinton unseats Tom Watson

Acton merchant Bert Hinton succeeded in unseating Tom Watson's longest-serving member, to represent Wards 1 and 2 in Halton Hills.

The final unofficial tally gave Hinton 2,400 votes over 1,421 received by Watson. Doug Pierce of Terra Cotta received 778 votes.

Hinton's strength came from Ward 2 where he polled 1,264 votes over Watson's 570. In Ward 1, Watson outpolled Hinton 833 to 813.

"The people have accepted the issues and concerns, I have," Hinton said in a telephone interview late Monday.

"It's my duty and obligation to take the concerns to the board level. I have a terrible responsibility to do it in a constructive way."

Hinton said he will strive to improve the quality of the education system rather than breaking it down. His approach will be a positive one, he added.

The administration in the school system is top heavy,

personal mind you, against real estate people running for council."

Saxe felt that the campaign and result was a tremendous education and expressed appreciation for those people who both worked and supported him and wished the successful candidates the best of luck.

Nick Hunsley expressed disappointment, but felt that a larger voter turnout just might have swung things this way. Regardless, he plans on running for office again and sim-

ilarly stated, "I'll be there."

In accepting congratulations for his victory, Russ Miller admitted to being overwhelmed. "I feel terrific, he exclaimed.

"That so many people saw fit to believe in me. Now I plan on going out there and getting to work."

Some of the high priorities, according to Mr. Miller include lower housing costs for the young, the establishing of an industrial commission and better policing for the area.

"This is a full-time job, as far as I'm concerned and I intend to apply myself full-time to the task at hand."

McKenzie returned with 2-1 margin

Pat McKenzie was returned to regional council Monday as he outpolled in Ward 1 by a margin of two-to-one his rival Gordon Dawe. The unofficial tally was 1,230 for McKenzie to Dawe's 627.

The two-to-one margin came as no surprise, the victor said in a telephone interview late election night. "That's what we thought it would be," he said.

Dawe failed to win any of the

15 polls. McKenzie said if there had been a larger voter turnout, the race might have been closer but satisfied voters are less apt to come out.

He noted that there were quite a few changes on regional council. "We've got a new council," he said.

"I'm quite happy," McKenzie said, adding that he is looking forward to continue serving his constituents.

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Duby, Marks elected

In the Ward 1 race for two area council seats, voters returned 17 year veteran of the political scene Les Duby and elected political newcomer Peter Marks.

Marks, who won 10 of 15 polls and tied one with Duby, garnered an unofficial total of 1263 votes. Duby who won four polls received 1138 votes.

Ed Wood, a dry cleaning merchant, failed to win a single poll and received 772 (unofficial) votes.

Snow, rural roads cause mishaps

Snow on rural roads around Acton was the cause of three automobile accidents on Saturday, police said.

Lawrence Franks, 5 Berry St., had his car go out of control on Highway 25, south of Halton Road 12 and strike a tree, police said. Estimated damage was \$200.

Steven Edward Bailey, 251 Main St. N., sustained \$300 in damages to his car when it went out of control on 5 Sideroad, west of the CNR level rail crossing and tipped into the ditch, police said.

Derek L. O'Showsy, 1814 Acton had his car go out of control on 22 Sideroad, east of Highway 25, entered the ditch and struck a tree, police said. Estimated damages were \$300.

The Beardmore Tannery parking lot was the scene of a three-car collision Dec. 3 when a car driven by Rockwood motorist George D. Munro was in collision with a car owned by Harold Ensing, 142 Churchhill Rd. S. The Ensing vehicle in turn collided with one owned

by Fred Jank, 2 Cameron St., police said. Estimated damages were \$300 to Munro's vehicle, \$150 to Ensing's and \$50 to Jank's.

Church Street E. and Main Street S., was the scene of an accident Dec. 4 when a car driven by Judy Swan, 40 Holmesway Place was in collision with one driven by Arthur Albert Field, 62 Longfield Rd., police said. Estimated damages were \$400 to Swan's vehicle and \$100 to Field's.

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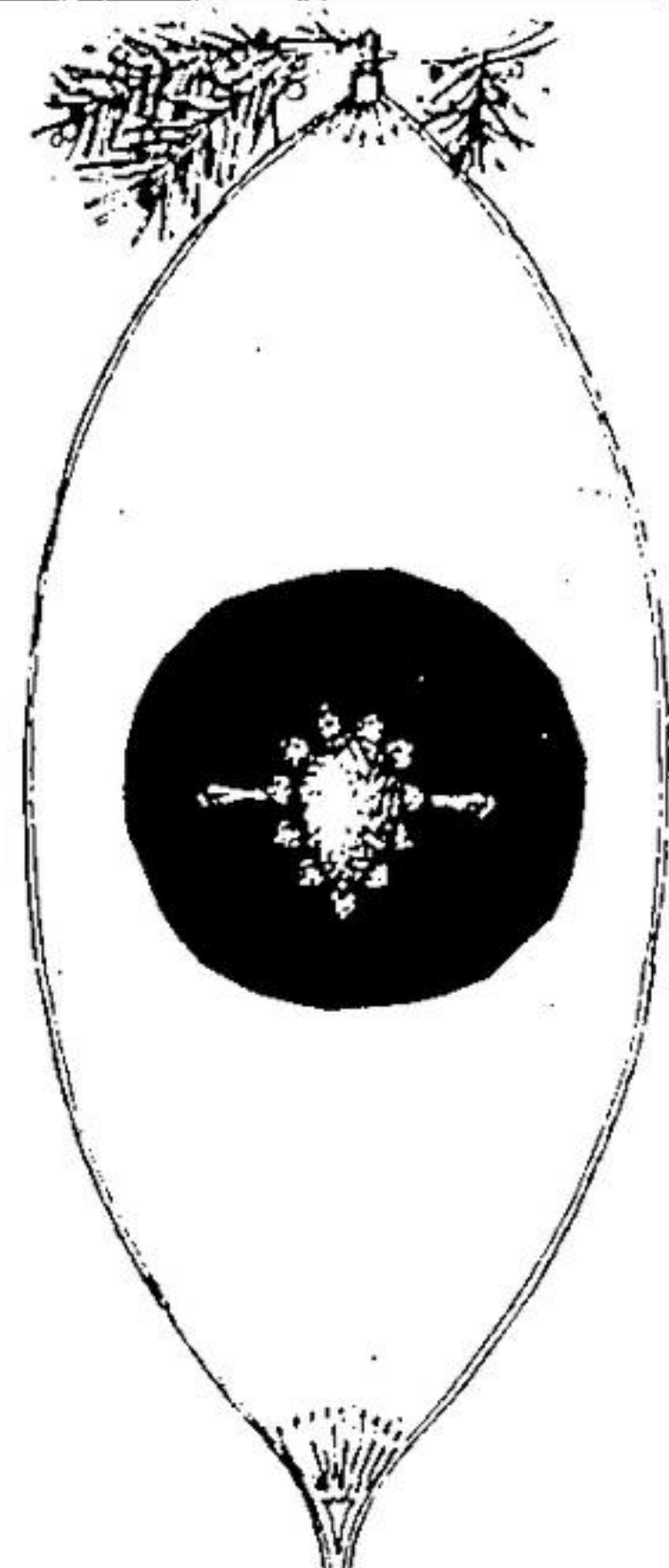
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