



Ric Morrow, Halton regional chairman from 1976 to 1978, is presented with a special portrait of himself (with moustache) by the present chairman Jack Rafilis, at a special ceremony held in the chambers of the regional municipal centre on Bronte Road in Oakville. Mr. Morrow, a Georgetown resident and captain with Air Canada, spent ten years in municipal politics. From 1968 to 1971 he was a member of council in the former Town of Georgetown. He became a regional councillor with the advent of Halton Region in 1974 and in 1978 became chairman. Accepting the portrait with him is his attractive wife Sandy.

(Herald photo by Richard Petrashek)

## Mayor gives away his raise

Mayor Pete Pomeroy matched his \$1,450 donation to the new Arts and Cultural centre with an equal amount of the fund raising drive for the restoration of the old Acton town hall at Monday's general committee meeting.

The \$2,900 total of the two donations matches exactly the pay increase that Mayor Pomeroy had been given by the town's budget committee in the 1980 budget.

"A gent in Acton put me up to this," Mayor Pomeroy said, explaining that he had promised during an election speech in Acton, prior to his taking the office of mayor, that he would accept no increase in salary during his first term.

"I was asked if, when I was elected, would I expect a raise," Mayor Pomeroy said. "I said that my first term would be a learning experience and I would not seek a pay increase."



Doug Fread and Yvonne Rosenquist accept a \$1,450 pledge from Mayor Pete Pomeroy for the fund-raising drive for the restoration of the old Acton town hall. Mayor Pomeroy made the donation at Monday's general committee meeting.

(Herald photo)

## Son is arrested in Erin murder

An 81-year-old Erin Township resident was found dead in his home Saturday morning and his son has been charged with first degree murder.

Guelph OPP say Joseph Szasz, 81, of R.R.1, Orton died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds late Friday evening.

The body was discovered in the Orton home shortly after 10 a.m.

Police say the home is in a residential area and refuse to comment on who found the body.

George Szasz, the 46-year-old son of the deceased, who had been living with his father, has been charged with first degree murder.

## CVCA gets grant

The Terra Coita Conservation Area will receive a \$457,270 grant from the province of Ontario for a multi-year improvement project.

"We urgently ask that all our communities and peoples share this country in a free union, and that any economic, social or cultural inequalities be removed by negotiation of changes in our regional, economic, social, cultural or ethnic structures," the resolution said.

Council voted to receive and file the letter, which means that no action will be taken on the resolution.

## Morrow urges region to work for unity

By RICHARD PETRASHEK  
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Former Halton regional chairman Ric Morrow is urging regional council members to use their unique positions in the community to marshal the efforts needed to solve the serious unity problems plaguing the county.

Mr. Morrow, presently a captain with Air Canada, made his impassioned plea for Canadian unity during a special ceremony in the regional council chambers last Wednesday, where he was honored for his years of service to the region and the county before 1974.

On behalf of the region, the present chairman Jack Rafilis presented Mr. Morrow and his wife, Sandy, with a special portrait of Mr. Morrow. The portrait was later hung in the front hall of the regional municipal building, alongside a portrait of the first regional chairman Allan Masson.

"Municipal politicians are close to the people and in a position to speak about national unity without having people think they are doing it for political reasons, as they do of federal and provincial politicians," Mr. Morrow said.

Mr. Morrow said he had an opportunity to see a great deal of Canada when he piloted the airplane that took Conservative leader Joe Clark around the country on the campaign trail, during the recent federal election.

"I had a chance to see first

hand some of the problems that are alienating sections of the country," he said.

### SHARING RESOURCES

Mr. Morrow said that the key to the survival of Canada is in the sharing of its resources.

"If anything is going to keep this country together, it is the God-given gift of our natural resources and it bothers me to see them being hoarded by some provinces," he said in reference to Alberta's reluctance to share its sudden oil wealth with the rest of the country.

Mr. Morrow said that recent statements made by Alberta's Premier Peter Lougheed, regarding oil pricing for Quebec should it separate, are going to only create greater alienation.

Mr. Morrow said he felt strongly about the unity problem and suggested that someone confront Mr. Lougheed about the effects his actions are having on the rest of the country.

"Sooner or later, somebody will have to stand up and tell Mr. Lougheed where to get off," he said.

### CANADIAN UNITY

During the regular council meeting, prior to the presentation made to Mr. Morrow, one of the agenda items dealt with a letter from the City of Toronto that urged the region to endorse a resolution from the City of Barrie on Canadian unity.

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