



P. POMEROY
MAYOR

An end and a beginning for Pete Pomeroy. There was praise and presents Monday night as town councillors bid him adieu and wished him luck in his new post as regional chairman. The mayor is expected to be formally ratified in that position today (Wednesday).

(Herald photo)

Councillors 'roast' Mayor Pomeroy

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Mayor Pete Pomeroy was given two free tickets to a Croatian picnic, his name tag, a toy swan, a jar of earth from McNabb Street, a bottle of aspirin, a cigar and a pewter ash-tray from fellow councillors who roasted the retiring politician Monday night.

It is expected the mayor will officially become regional chairman today (Wednesday), automatically vacating his position as mayor.

"You'll be missed by all members of council. We wish you great luck," Coun. Mike Armstrong said, handing the mayor his name tag and a pewter ash-tray.

The waddling toy swan came from Coun. Rick Bonnette who made his entry into politics over the swans in Fairy Lake issue last year.

It was John McDonald who gave the mayor the jar of dirt to remind him of the construction work all summer long in the McNabb Street area. When Mayor Pomeroy ran for the mayor's seat, Coun. McDonald took over his council

seat in 1978.

The mayor was called approachable and given three packages of cigarettes by the councillor, who works at Benson and Hedges in Brampton, as a "bribe" from the company's marketing department.

"I'm going to continue smoking for another four years, thank you very much," Mayor Pomeroy joked as he admired the pewter ash-tray inscribed with his name and term of office dates.

Coun. Finn Poulstrup thanked the mayor for help he'd been given as a rookie councillor, noting the advice to speak several languages and learn how to say nothing in one.

"Although we may never have a municipal building in Halton Hills, rest assured there'll always be a place for you to stay at 6 Church St.," Coun. Poulstrup told the mayor. Town council decided earlier this year to demolish the building.

Coun. Marilyn Serjeanson presented the mayor with a picture drawn by her son Kirk of the mayor waving goodbye.

"I think you've done a

fantastic job," she told him.

"Wise Sage" Ross Knechtel, as Coun. Armstrong called him, commented on what the mayor had learned in his five years as mayor.

"You've probably learned that any mayor is endured rather than being loved by the voters," he said. "We're expecting you, when you get down there, to make it very clear to the ignorant savages below that Halton Hills is the jewel of the region. You might threaten them that Halton Hills will cut off their food."

Clerk administrator Ken Richardson wasn't left out of the jibes and words of praise for Mayor Pomeroy. He recalled how he and the mayor grew up together in Norval, living one block apart, playing hockey and coming home with the trophies.

"With all the nice remarks and presents, it's going to be tough to come back here after turning it (regional chairmanship) down," Mayor Pomeroy responded after all the councillors had had their say. "I really like all the gifts and all the time I've spent with you."

Neighbor wants report on Croatia Centre

A neighbor concerned with the Croatia Centre issue asked council to release a staff report used at its Nov. 28 general committee meeting and the confidential Thompson Rogers report.

Reuben Wepler, a neighbor to the controversial centre, asked that councillors who objected to the release of the report be known through a recorded vote "so we might see which councillors believe in withholding information from the public."

Mr. Wepler objected to being the contact person for his neighbors, who also have complaints against the centre, and asked that the Croatia Centre be dealt with a letter be sent to each individual who has made a presentation to

council on the matter. Mayor Pomeroy saw no difficulties in taking that responsibility from Mr. Wepler, and said the town would contact concerned persons by phone, as notification

through the mail would be received too late. No action was taken by councillors on Mr. Wepler's other requests. His correspondence was received and filed.

Four \$588 tires stolen

Four Michelin tires worth \$588 were stolen from Georgetown Tire on Guelph Street overnight Nov. 28. Thieves entered the premises by putting a boot to a panel in the garage door. There was \$50 damage to the door.

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Community carolling

A community carolling night is being organized for Dec. 16 by the Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA). The Acton Citizen's Band has been invited to participate, and Halton Hills Hydro contacted to see if there can be a special light ceremony that night.

Man punched

A 57-year old Cameron Street, Acton, man was arrested and charged with assault causing bodily harm Thursday after 7 p.m. when he punched another man in the face several times during an argument.

The victim, an Acton man, was taken to hospital where he was treated for facial bruising and released.

Youth assaulted

During an argument a 16-year old woman was assaulted Thursday at 4:30 p.m. by her step-father. The mother separated the two.

The 27-year old Mill Street, Georgetown, man was charged with assault and appears in Milton provincial court Jan. 9. There were no visible injuries to the daughter, police reported.

Break and enter

A 16-year old Scarborough woman has been charged with break, entry and theft for taking \$63 cash and two bottles of liquor from her dad's trailer at the Linehouse Waterfalls Park Nov. 25.

The woman had been living with her dad until September when she moved to live with her mother. A neighbor observed her inside the trailer and Halton regional police subsequently arrested her.

Narcotic charge

Hashish valued at \$500 was confiscated by Halton regional police Saturday at 11:20 p.m. A Mountainview Road, Georgetown, man was arrested and charged with possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking and breach of property.

Police, looking for the accused in connection with another incident, went into the Games People Play premises in the Halton Hills plaza. The man fled and was apprehended a short distance away. The drugs were thrown while he fled, police said.

Wheels locked

A Georgetown man was taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital Friday at 11:42 p.m. for minor injuries received in a traffic accident. Christopher Haid was treated and released.

A car turning off Bower Avenue applied its brakes, but the wheels locked, and the vehicle slid on the wet pavement into a car in the opposite lane. There was \$5,500 damage to the two cars.

Seniors meet

The Golden Triangle Seniors held their annual bazaar at the Y Nov. 15. Afternoon tea was served and many visitors had their future foretold with tea leaves and cards. A craft table, white elephant and many plants helped make a pleasant afternoon.

John Walsma won the beautiful picture made by a senior.

A busload of seniors left the Y at 4 p.m. for a trip to Weal and Cullen Dec. 1. It was an enjoyable afternoon seeing the colored lights, tiny houses and Santa Claus parade plus the roast beef dinner. Madge Whitefield was hostess for the trip.

Man charged

A 37-year old Main Street South, Georgetown, man was charged with minor assault for striking and kicking his 33-year old wife Nov. 9.

The woman suffered swelling and a black eye. The man appears in Milton provincial court Dec. 12.

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Bicentennial bells ring New Year's

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Georgetown's citizen of the year, Esme Ball has agreed to ring in the new year at Knox Presbyterian Church, and in Acton, citizen of the year Ted Tyler will do the same in downtown Acton.

This celebration is an appropriate start for Ontario's bicentennial year theme of "Celebrating Together". Families are invited to take time out from

their parties and come downtown to bring in the New Year together with their friends and neighbors.

The province is celebrating its 200th anniversary in 1984 and many festivities are planned for the year. A bicentennial committee has been appointed by the town to help the community take part in the events.

During the year, there will be celebrations for the 120th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Georgetown and the 110th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Acton.

Acton town office won't close: councillors

There'll always remain a town office in Acton for Acton citizens to pay their taxes, councillors unanimously agreed in a motion brought forward by Coun. Rick Bonnette.

The Ward 1 councillor said his ratepayers were calling him, concerned that with the change in mayor, that service would be done away with.

Although initially opposing the motion because he wanted more time to consider it, Coun. Harry Levy supported the recommendation in the end.

"I have no problem with making sure there's an office in Acton, but it's not as straightforward as it's made out to be," he said. "This bothers me because it's been thrown at us at this time. I personally want to give it more consideration than we're

expected to give it tonight."

Fire causes \$40,000 damage

A poorly constructed fireplace was responsible for a fire that caused approximately \$40,000 damage to an older home on Fifth Line near Sideroad 5 Nov. 29.

Halton Hills fire chief Bill Cunningham said three women in the home awakened to the smell of smoke and were able to get out uninjured.

Jessica Devlin, Wendy West and Rosemary Dements had just moved into the home owned by Ms. Devlin two weeks earlier, after a major addition to the

home was nearly completed.

The fire chief said the blaze started at 4:12 a.m. when the floor joists, which ran through the base of the fireplace, were ignited. Heat from the fireplace ignited the joists, which were panelled over.

There was extensive smoke damage throughout the building and firefighters from Milton and Halton Hills had to dismantle and smash the fireplace to ensure the fire was put out after it rekindled in the afternoon.

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