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GOODYEAR

Competition in bid for Pomeroy's job

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy will have some competition for his position at the helm of Halton region.

Burlington Coun. Pat McLaughlin told The Herald he decided to run for the regional chairman's post five months ago.

"I decided Peter needed a challenge. I think people need a choice,"

don't you?" Coun. McLaughlin said. Acclaimed three times to his regional seat, the councillor said it's his first time running for regional chairman.

Looking over the voters, all 24 fellow councillors, Coun. McLaughlin concluded the current regional chairman has the upper hand in this race.

"I have some things I want to say and the only way to say them would be this way," the councillor said.

Today (Wednesday) the new regional council will have an informal vote on the matter, electing a regional chairman for the upcoming three year term.

Peter Pomeroy, elected to the post three years ago by his fellow regional councillors is the only contender known to be after the full-time job. He



Peter Pomeroy

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Christmas concert

The Georgetown Choral Society presents "The Sounds of Christmas" Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. Tickets are available from members or at the door or call 877-3759.

Computer crime

A 16 year-old Georgetown boy was arrested Oct. 16 for theft of tele-communications and \$2,300 in computer equipment was seized. He was making long distance calls using a device which allowed him to avoid being charged. Bell security discovered the crime while randomly monitoring calls to check their equipment, police said. Police used a search warrant to enter the boy's home and arrested him at 2 p.m. Oct. 16. His court date is March 17.

United they stand

Pending incorporation of the Halton Hills United Way, an interim board of directors has been formed. Appointed executive members are: co-chairmen Merlin Kobsa and Carolyn Martin, secretary Maureen McCallum and treasurer Anne Barlow. Four action committees have been established with the 16 member board: membership and allocations, finance, public relations, and campaign. Elections will likely be held in the spring of 1986.

Dies in crash

Marjorie Riches, 78, died Nov. 19 at 7:05 p.m. when she was struck by a car westbound on Highway 7, about one kilometer east of Churchill Road. The RR2 Acton resident was on her way to a bridge game when she walked onto the highway. A Limehouse woman hit Marjorie Riches. No charges will be laid, investigating O.P.P. Constable R. Barrett said. Marjorie Riches was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead, police said.

PENNY WISE LIONESSES



Lioness Billie Idzi lays down the first few meters of end to end coins in her club's attempt Saturday to collect and lay down a kilometre in change at the Georgetown Marketplace. They collected enough coins to stretch from Zellers to Loblaws only once; their goal was to go three times. They estimated that \$500 was collected for Camp Dorset, a retreat for "kidney dialysis patients and their families". (Herald photo)

No quick solution for ailing bridge

If you were waiting with bated breath for the report from Halton region on replacing the Norval bridge, you've got some more waiting to do.

At last week's planning and public works committee meeting, it was revealed that the report likely won't be available until January 1986.

In the meantime, both public and separate school boards in Halton and Peel have been warned about weight restrictions on the bridge just north of the Hollywood Tavern and Highway 7. Public works director Bob Moore advised committee members that school bus traffic over the bridge has been suspended, and police have been requested to enforce the traffic to under five tonnes.

Mr. Moore said he has met with structural experts and the Ministry of

Transportation and Communications staff last week at the bridge site to review all possible alternatives for reinforcing the existing structure. Some load testing and preliminary design calculations are to follow.

Last month, about 30 area residents turned out to the region's public meeting to comment on the proposal to replace the single lane bridge with a two lane modern concrete structure.

Odds favor new riding for town

Being the third largest federal riding in Ontario, the odds are high Brampton-Georgetown will be split as a riding.

According to the federal electoral office, there are 171,431 voters in Brampton-Georgetown, much above the ideal figure of 88,919 the federal cabinet is aiming for.

Last week, the federal Cabinet approved amendments to a bill revising the electoral redistribution system to give four more seats to Ontario. Right now, Ontario has 97 of the 282 House of Commons seats. The amendments increase Commons seats to 295 for the next election.

However, if the provincial attempts to redistribute the voters in Ontario ridings are any indication, these ridings changes may be several elections down the road.

As Chris Yeon of the federal electoral office explained, the House of Commons has yet to pass these amendments. Then a commission needs to be appointed to investigate how best the ridings, most in need of redistribution, can be divided up, he said.

Mr. Yeon said it will take the commission at least a year to make its proposals, then hold public hearings about the proposed new boundaries. Before the new ridings can take effect, they have to be in place at least one year prior to an election.

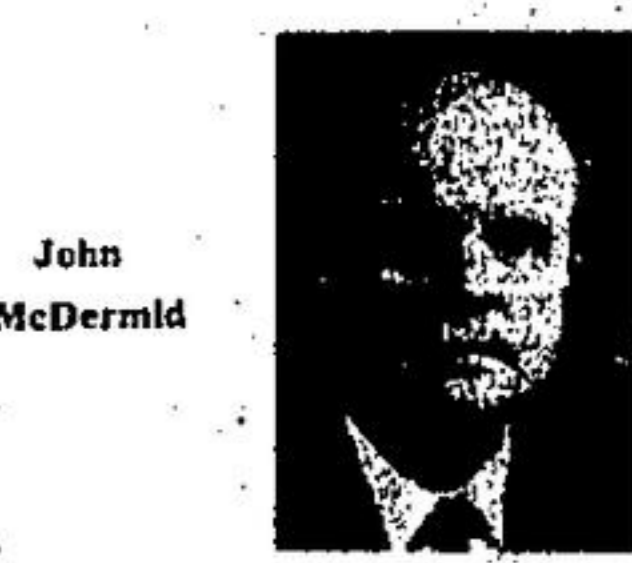
The largest Ontario riding is York Scarborough with a population of 207,000, followed by Mississauga North with a population of 192,000, Mr. Yeon reported.

He said Halton riding, which includes Acton, has a population of 116,622.

The provincial ideal of 88,919 voters per riding has a flexibility allowance of 25 per cent greater or less.

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid said he's pretty sure his riding will be affected by the redistribution. He said two years ago the riding had been changed by a commission set up by the Liberal government, however, the proposals weren't passed in time for the 1984 federal elections.

That redistribution put Halton Hills together with north Burlington and north Milton. The Brampton portion of Brampton-Georgetown was split into Brampton and Caledon, Mr. McDermid recalled.



John McDermid

"I can see them maybe dividing Brampton in half, with one half with Halton Hills and the other with Caledon," the MP said. "That's a possibility, purely hypothetical."

He said he expects the House will pass the Commission's proposals in time for the next election.

"If we get this bill through this winter, and the commission get going in early spring...it won't take us as long because we have a lot of the preliminary work done from the last commission...in 1987 it will come to the House for approval," Mr. McDermid calculated.

Santa wants your list

Somebody special has a big big problem. Dear Santa Claus has a huge warehouse of toys, all kinds of toys. But the jolly gent doesn't know where to deliver the goodies he and his nubby fingered little elves have been working so hard to produce. He says he's misplaced his list.

We told Santa we'd help him out again this year, sending on the letters his favorite children have written him.

If you want to tell Santa that you've been a good little boy or girl and what you'd like him to bring you for Christmas morning, address the letter to Santa Claus, c/o The Herald, 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

You can also drop off your letter at the office, where there's a special Santa mailbox just inside the door.

The Herald has agreed to publish Santa's replies in the coming weeks before Christmas.

Won't you help Santa out, at least until one of his elves finds that star studded list? The Herald will publish all letters received before Dec. 17.

SLIPPIN' AND SLIDIN'



Some people enjoy it! There was snow last week to try out the sled for Chris Hart. They tried the steep slopes of Cedarvale Park Sunday. (Herald Sean Clements and his passenger, photo)

George Townsend got a taste of old man winter Friday morning as he shovelled snow in front of the Old Bank Building on Main Street in Georgetown. When he is not cleaning away snow, Mr. Townsend likes to run his business, the Erin Hearing Aid Centre. (Herald photo)

NO TEARS Only goodbyes and good wishes

There were no tears, but there were lots of goodbyes and heartfelt good wishes exchanged by councillors Monday night as the 1985 council held its last meeting.

Next Monday, six new councillors will be inaugurated along with five returning ones to form the new council for the next three years.

"I'll say my farewells to council," Coun. Dave Whiting said in the "new business" portion of the meeting, setting the stage for the rest. "Thanks for the co-operation and non-co-operation we've had. It was a pleasure serving the people of Acton."

He reminded Coun. Rick Bonnette, who beat him at the polls earlier this month, that as a new councillor he must buy his predecessor a drink Wednesday (today) at the region. He wished Coun. Bonnette the best of luck.

Parting words from Coun. Jake Kuiken thanked efforts made by town staff on his behalf.

Not satisfied with thinking town staff and councillors for "putting up with his inadequacies and sense of

humor", Coun. Ross Knechtel regaled them with a comical poem about council and heaven, after beseeching the press to drop their pens.

Looking to his right and left, Coun. Peter Norton realized just how much



Phil Carney Dave Whiting

alone he's going to be on his side of the room with the new councillors. He's the only returning councillor there.

To his parting comrades, Coun. Norton expressed appreciation for their help and gave them the Irish blessing "May the road come up to meet you..."

"I'd just like to say it's been a

pleasure serving on council, an enlightening experience I think more people should have," Coun. Phil Carney, another departing councillor said.

Highly personal gifts were distributed by Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson to the councillors whose last meeting this was. One of her sons had taken the trouble to draw cartoons for each of the councillors, of memorable events in which they had a hand.

"Jake, yours is coming," she said, distributing the rest. "And Harry, for moving the accounts."

Coun. Serjeantson said she was sorry to see these councillors going.

"I guess I'm one of the fortunate ones who didn't want to get defeated," Coun. Harry Levy said in reference to the three councillors who lost their seats in the recent election.

Elected in Georgetown in 1980, Coun. Levy has seen five mayors and about 35 different councillors sitting around the council chamber in his

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