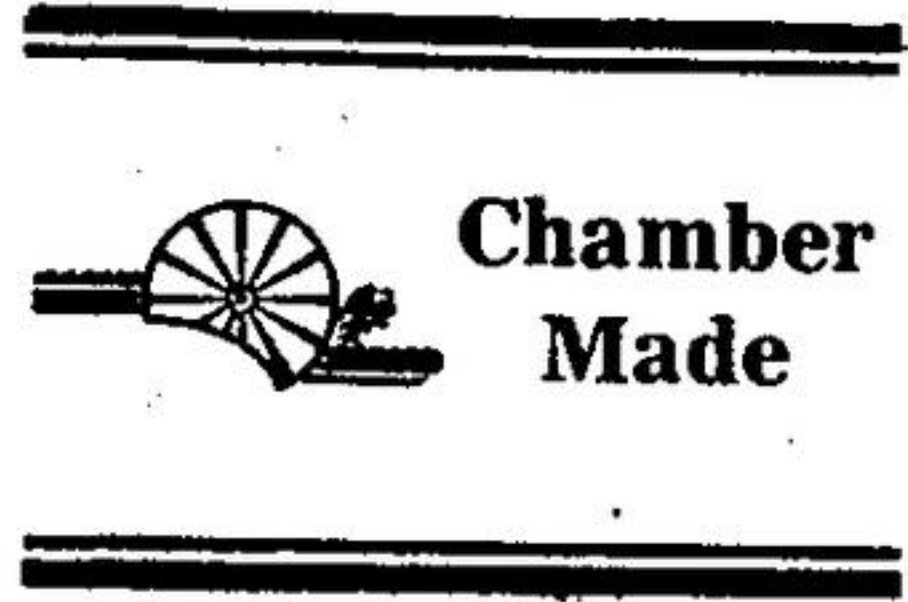


Amalgamation is of benefit for all



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Question: What do Acton, Georgetown and Esqueping have in common?
Answer: They are all part of Halton Hills which was formed in 1974 by the Ontario Government, and each community is now represented by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.
Both Acton and Georgetown

have had active Chambers of Commerce each serving the needs of their respective business communities. The two Chambers over the years had also developed a close working relationship on items of mutual concern. From this co-operation came a desire to formalize the relationship and join forces.

As of Feb. 1, an era ends as the Acton and Georgetown Chambers of Commerce cease to exist, to be replaced by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. This new beginning will start with a flourish with a dinner and dance to be held Jan. 28 at the Acton Legion. The present directors of both the Acton and Georgetown Chambers will assume their new roles as Directors of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.
The new Chamber will speak out for concerns that our members

have, whether they be from Acton, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Limehouse, Ballinafad or Terra Cotta. Our goal is to preserve the unique identity of each community, while promoting the larger community of Halton Hills. To accomplish our plans, we will use the expertise of our local merchants to make Halton Hills a good place to live and work.
Halton Hills is blessed with many assets, good schools, respon-

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sible local government, beautiful scenery and local businesses who provide high quality goods and services for a reasonable price. With all that going for Halton Hills the job of the Chamber is much easier.
If you have any questions about business in Halton Hills please call our office at 877-7119 or if you prefer, drop in to our office located in the lobby of the Gordon Alcott Arena.

Region decides to become a real PAL

Halton Region wants to be a PAL.
That is "Operation PAL" and it stands for Public Alert. Union Gas Co. Ltd. has been operating the PAL network for several years and Halton agreed to join in Wednesday.
In PAL, drivers of vehicles belonging to utilities, such as Halton, will keep their eyes open for:
—people in obvious distress;
—lost children;
—suspicious activities in progress;
—crimes in commission;
—concerns affecting other utilities or municipalities.
Utilities such as Union Gas and Halton Region are "in a position to notify the appropriate authorities much earlier than might otherwise be the case," says Halton's public works commissioner Robert Moore.
The PAL program has been endorsed by police departments throughout Southern Ontario. In all, 3,000 vehicles from 38 different municipalities are providing information to over 100 police detachments, through the use of their radio-equipped vehicles throughout Ontario.
Because all the vehicles are equipped with radios, it gives police departments thousands of extra eyes on the community, PAL's advocates say.

However, operators do not get physically involved in anything. They merely report incidents to their dispatchers, who in turn, call the police.
Residents who notice problems with utilities, such as a broken crosswalk light, can report it to any PAL vehicle driver who will then notify the dispatcher. The proper organization is then informed of the problem.
Citizens will be able to recognize PAL vehicles by decals with the letters PAL and the logo, two shaking hands, on the side.
Union Gas will hand out material, vehicle decals and train personnel at no cost to municipalities, said Mr. Moore.

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BUTTERSCOTCH TAPIOCA
— 3 tbsp. quick cooking tapioca
— 1/8 tsp. salt
— 2 cups milk
— 1 tbsp. butter
— 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
— 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans
Mix tapioca, salt and milk in a heavy bottomed pan and let stand for 5 minutes. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly for about 6 minutes, until the mixture comes to a full boil; remove from heat. Melt the butter in a small skillet and stir in the brown sugar. Cook over moderate heat, stirring until the sugar melts and bubbles for 1 minute. Stir in the tapioca mixture and add the pecans. Serve warm or cold. Serves 4 to 6.

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