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No region announcement expected until December

There won't be any announcement concerning regional government for Halton or Peel Counties until after the Dec. 4 election. At a meeting of some county councillors with Ontario Premier William Davis last week, the premier indicated there would be an announcement concerning regional government, possibly in mid-December.

Halton County councillors have worked for several months now, refining a report on regional government drafted by the county's TECO committee. Only Milton dissents from the recommendations in the report. The key factor Milton objects to is the number of lower-tier boroughs in the region. While the

county report suggests three (Oakville, Burlington and North Halton) Milton has submitted a separate brief calling for a fourth borough with Milton and area as a central Halton unit.

Optimism

After the meeting Thursday, county politicians expressed optimism that the majority report would be accepted in principle, if not totally. No announcement about a decision concerning a three or four borough region has been made and no official statement has yet been made about a Halton only region, although there are indications Halton is a viable region.

County politicians had expected a policy announcement this month about a Halton-only region but that, too, will apparently wait until mid-December.

Stop rumors

Just this week Queen's Park put a halt to rumors the election for municipalities in Halton and Peel would be delayed a year to prepare for regional government by 1974.

The provincial government also denied any basis of fact existed in stories about Aldershot being lopped off from Burlington and given to Hamilton, as was proposed by a Hamilton MPP.

Expropriation objections delay channelization job

Construction of the creek channelization project in Milton has been delayed until at least next spring, because three landowners have objected to expropriation notices filed by Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Milton Council learned this week that Mrs. Marie Martin, Supersweet Feeds and a third landowner south of Main St. have

filed formal objections to having their land expropriated for the channelization project. Mayor Brian Best said Murray Stephen, General Manager of HRCA thought two of the three objections could be cleared up by negotiations, but the third owner Mrs. Martin gave no reasons for the objection when her protest was filed.

Cannot go ahead

"It will certainly be next spring, at least, before you could pour any concrete even if HRCA had full title to the land," the mayor said. An inquiry officer will have to be appointed by the provincial government to hear the appeals and the department has 90 days to make the appointment. After the hearing, the HRCA will have to await a written decision.

HRCA was asked to proceed with the channelization by Milton Council, as development in several areas of town cannot proceed until the creek is properly channelled. One of the major concerns is runoff water from the new Dorset Park sub-

division built by Wimpey Homes east of Ontario St., which was slated to be piped to the Woodward St. branch of the creek just north of the CPR tracks. The 96 inch line has been installed at the developers' cost but it can't be used until the creek downstream from the entry point has been channelled. Wimpey, meanwhile, is asking permission to use the 96

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TOP 4-HER OF THE YEAR in Halton was Cathy Lasby of Acton, who received a pile of awards and trophies at the Halton 4-H awards night held in Milton Saturday. Cathy was one of 163 honored at the presentations, culminating a year's activity in the various agricultural clubs.

(Photo by R. Downs)

Over 62,000 eligible

Federal vote Monday

Over 62,000 are eligible to vote in Halton riding for the federal election next Monday, Oct. 30. An estimated 14,500 of those voters will be casting their first ballot. About 78 per cent of those eligible to vote in the last election cast ballots.

When revisions are completed there will be more than the 62,000 on the rolls. Ten advance polls across the country were open last Saturday and Monday for those unable to vote on Oct. 30. Voters should have checked lists to make sure they are registered as the deadline has passed. Lists also tell where voters can cast their ballot. Polls will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Three choices

Halton voters will choose between Liberal incumbent Rud Whiting, NDP candidate Mrs. Carolyn Holstein and Conservative Terry O'Connor. The three have been pounding on doors across the county for a month now and have kept up with a rigorous schedule of knocking

at doors, meet-the-candidate meetings, wine and cheese parties and coffee parties across the county.

The three have campaigned along party lines for the better part. Unemployment, taxation, the state of the economy and incentive grants to industry have been among the most often discussed issues. However leadership is the issue that seems to crop up in every meeting and promises to be a key factor in voters' minds.

Mrs. Holstein is an Erin area resident and a relative newcomer to the political wars in this riding. She and her husband both teach elementary school in Peel County.

Terry O'Connor is an Oakville lawyer, who most recently worked as executive counsel to Justice Secretary Allan Lawrence. He has been involved in party policy and in a wide variety of capacities for many years in Halton.

Rud Whiting will be looking for

his second term in office. He defeated Murray Kernighan and Peter McWilliams in the 1968

contest. Prior to taking office Whiting worked as public

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Good grief!

Lowville United Church's pulpit bore an unusual "Snoopy" sign Sunday when the congregation marked the 100th anniversary of the building. Story, more photos on Page B12.

Also in today's Champion: Sports 4 and 5, editorials B1, youth B2, I.O.O.F. centennial B4, farm news B12 and B13, farm news and 4-H awards B14 and B15.

Cut hole in roof to steal drugs

A thief or thieves with some athletic ability stole an estimated \$200 to \$300 worth of drugs from the Milton Drug Mart in Milton Plaza, between 7 p.m. Saturday and 12 Sunday.

Milton Police say entry to the store was gained by hacking a hole in the roof with an axe or saw. The thieves appear to have

jumped from the roof to a nearby filing cabinet on entering, and used the cabinet as a ladder to leave the building.

The drugs stolen were of the "hard type" such as codeine and methedrine. Police say they did not know whether the theft of the drugs was for profit or personal use.

DST ends

Get that hour back

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. this Sunday, Oct. 29.

All citizens in this area are urged to turn their clocks and watches BACKWARD one hour before going to bed Saturday night. This weekend you'll regain that hour of sleep you lost last spring when Standard Time was changed to DST.

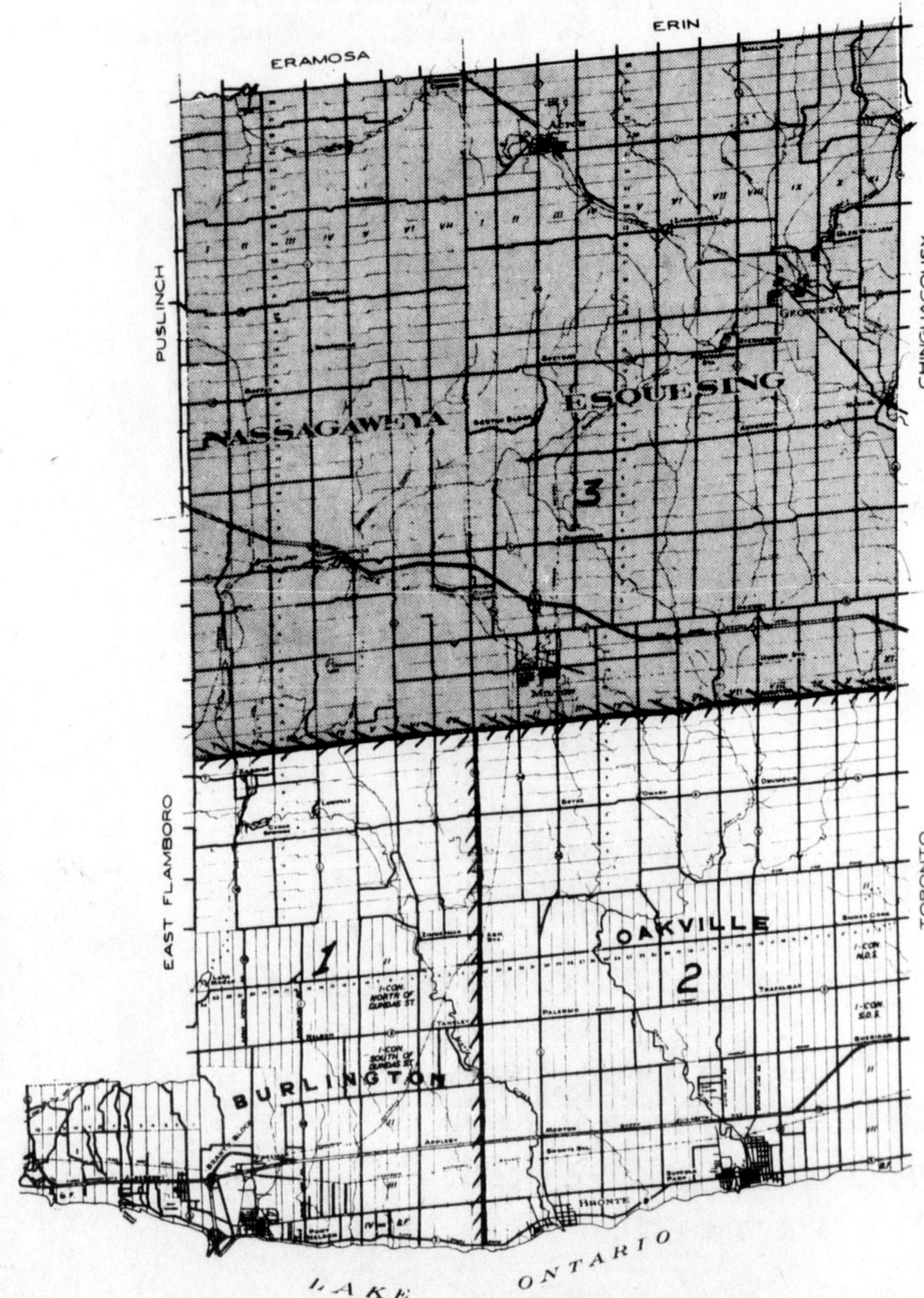
Remember, it's BACK one hour...

Call Champion for election results

For up-to-the-minute results on Halton and Halton-Wentworth ridings in next Monday's federal election, readers are invited to phone The Champion at 878-2341 between 8.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Monday evening.

Once again The Champion staff will be manning the phones and reporting results from the election returning officers' headquarters in Oakville and Burlington, as a service to readers. Full coverage of elections in both ridings will be found in detail in next week's regular Wednesday issue, but on Monday night you can obtain the results as they happen by calling us at 878-2341.

Will it be three units or four?



Halton County may soon be sliced up into a series of lower-tier boroughs operating under the guidance of an upper-tier regional council. The question is, will it be a three-unit or a four-unit system?

County Councillors at their last TECO conference in September decided, on a majority vote, they would urge a three-unit system of lower tier government. Oakville and Burlington south of Derry Rd. (10 Sideroad) would be two of the units, the remainder of North Halton the third. That proposal would lump Milton in a "shotgun marriage" with Acton, Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya. The county's brief was presented to Premier William Davis last week.

Milton wants four

Milton, on the other hand, is pressing for a four-unit Halton with Milton and surrounding lands encompassing the central unit. Oakville and Burlington, generally south of Britannia Rd. (Five Sideroad) would be the two southern units while all of Nassa-

gaweya north of 10 Sideroad and about five-sixths of Esquesing Township (all but the south-west corner) would join Acton and Georgetown for the northern region. Milton's brief opposing the county scheme also went to the premier and other key provincial officials last week.

The map at left shows what the county would look like if the county's proposed three-unit region is approved. The shaded area at the top of the map is the area to be lumped in one northern municipality. At right is the map showing the central unit Milton wants, in the shaded area.

Chance to vote

What do you think? Do you want Milton and surrounding lands to stand alone in a lower-tier unit, or do you go along with the county's view that Milton belongs in a larger unit together with the northern towns and townships?

Clip and mail or bring the ballot below to The Champion, 191 Main St., Milton. Let your views be heard, but do it now.

Which do you prefer?

I favor the county's proposed three-unit region as shown on the map at left.

I favor Milton's proposed four-unit region as shown on the map at right.

(Check One)

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Reasons (use separate paper if necessary)

