

Expand Central Halton borough

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Population 15,000

135 square-mile town created around Milton

A new Central Halton borough of regional government was created Monday when the Ontario Legislature accepted first reading of the blueprint for the Regional Municipality of Halton.

Centred on Milton, the central area town will stretch north to the uppermost corners of Nassagaweya Township, south-west to 10 Sideroad in Burlington, east to the Ninth and 10th Lines of Oakville and south to below Lower Base Line in Oakville.

The Central Halton borough, yet without a proper name, is 20 miles deep and 14 miles wide and takes up the greatest land area in the regional Halton—approximately 135 square miles. Largest in land area, it would have the smallest population of the four borough units in Halton, with approximately 15,000 residents.

11-member council
Central Halton will be governed by a lower-tier, 11-member council and the mayor and two borough councillors would also sit on the regional or upper-tier council.

Most of the responsibilities would shift to the regional council level—the local council would be left with planning and committee of adjustment functions as well as local roads and sidewalks, internal storm sewers,

recreation, libraries and fire protection. All else would be a regional responsibility.

Maps released with Monday's legislation indicate that all of the proposed future city of 250,000 known as Oakville North, and most of another future city of 250,000 known as Burlington North, would lie within the boundaries of the Central Halton unit. One is proposed for west of Highway 25 south of Milton, the other east of Highway 25, with a two mile wide parkway belt or green space separating them.

Some changes
The government's January

proposal put half of Nassagaweya Township in Central Halton and left the top half in the North Halton borough. All of southern Esquesing Township fronting on Highway 401 was also in the Milton-centred unit. That has now been changed and all of Nassagaweya (except Eden Mills) goes with the central area while the Acton-Georgetown-Esquesing community dips south to Highway 401.

Oakville also loses a bit more land to the Central Halton unit than what treasurer John White proposed in January.

Too much legislation on west side—B. Best

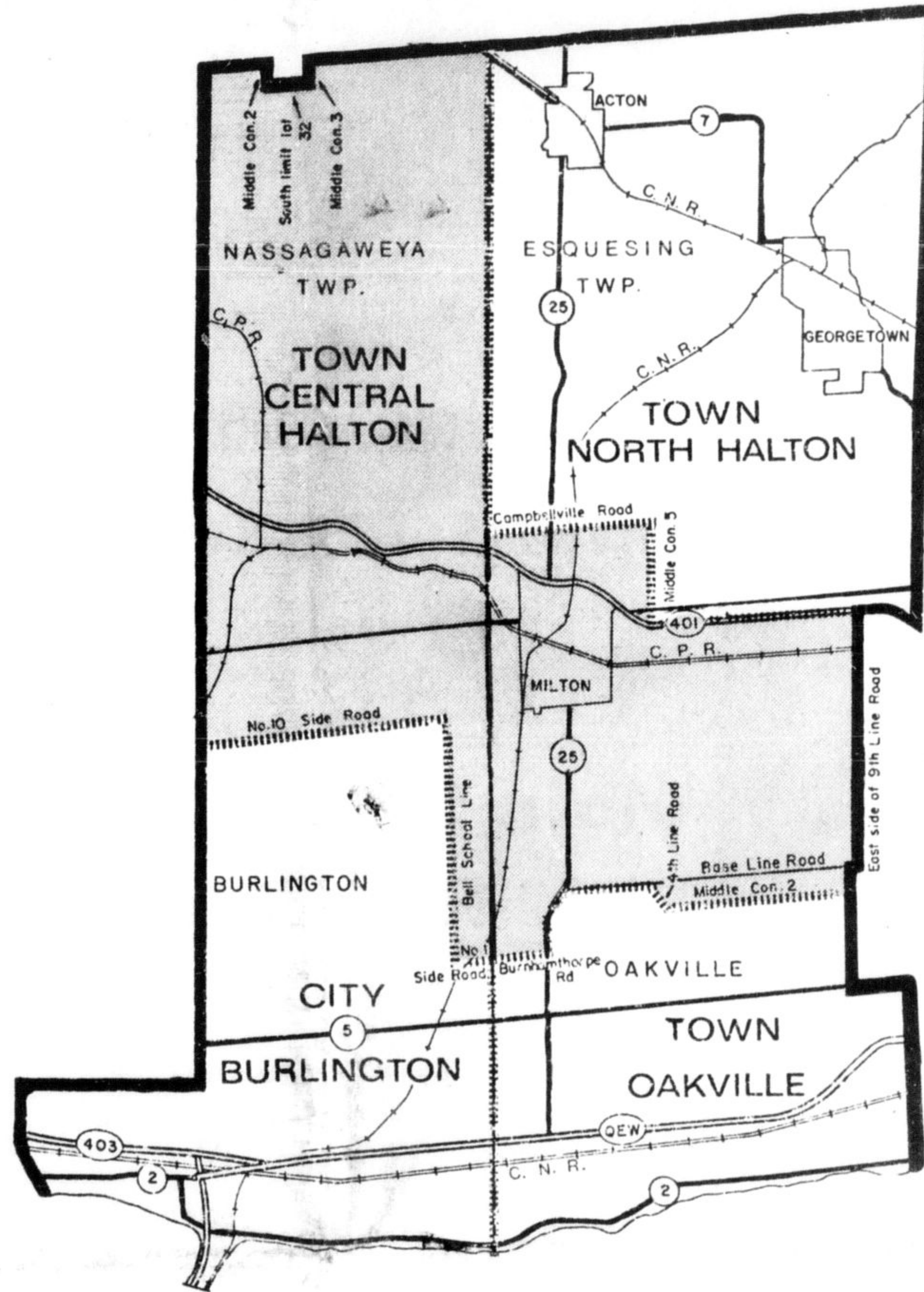
Milton will consider a brief proposing to the province, the lifting of green belt legislation on its western boundary, members decided in a committee meeting Monday.

Mayor Brian Best pointed out the recent legislation imposes certain restrictions which are in addition to the restrictions of the Niagara Escarpment Act. Both these sets of legislation are also in addition to local planning requirements.

"I don't see why the area needs

to be burdened by so much legislation", the mayor said in recommending the preparation of the brief. He noted the town has major water lines through the area and is currently considering another line from Kelso which would run through Milton Heights and Peru.

The mayor mentioned that lifting the Parkway Belt restrictions north of Derry Rd. would still leave plenty of planning protection through the Niagara Escarpment legislation.



"CENTRAL HALTON" as set out in legislation introduced Monday at Queen's Park will include the land in the shaded area of this map, centred on the present community of Milton. The map

shows new boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Halton to be created on Jan. 1, 1974. The map's scale is four miles to the inch.

Polysar fire leaves over \$15,000 damage

A small propane torch touched off a flash fire in the curing room at Polysar Limited's Milton building systems division plant Wednesday evening, causing an estimated \$15,000 to \$200,000 damage.

Company officials report the fire was brought under control quickly and was completely extinguished within an hour. No employees were injured and no major curtailment of plant operations resulted from the fire.

Milton Fire Department and Polysar's own fire department worked together on the fire and contained the fire within the curing area of the plant, preventing any major damage to the main production areas.

Erupts in flames
Fire Chief A. E. Clement said the fire started when an electrician, using a small propane torch to dry out some electrical cables in one of the concrete housing modules, let the heat from the torch come in contact with an insulated wall. The insulation was covered with a waterproof sealer which is needed in the curing operation

because steam is used to cure the concrete. Apparently the waterproof sealer was highly flammable and within moments, according to witnesses, the room was engulfed in flames.

An employee told the fire chief he ran to get a fire extinguisher when he saw the flames licking up the wall, but by the time he grabbed the extinguisher the whole room was in flames and the room was filling up with thick, black smoke. Only two men were working in that area at the time, and both escaped unhurt.

The curing room was sealed off and one of the employees turned on the steam. Chief Clement praised the unknown worker for his quick thinking—"he probably saved the whole plant," the fire chief said, as the steam helped bring the fire under control.

On schedule
Sprinklers in nearby areas of the plant came on when the heat

reached them and thousands of gallons of water poured out. Smoke filled the building for hours. Evening shift workers were sent home early but came back early Thursday morning to clean up and production was back on schedule early Thursday morning.

Chief Clement said the plant workers were probably in more danger of suffocating in the smoke than of being burned by the flames. "They were lucky no one was trapped in that room,"

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Vandals at Park

Vandals smashed a door on a hydro box at Rotary Park, jimmied a new door off its hinges at the new pool building under construction and put holes in the dry wall siding over the weekend. Before leaving, they went upstairs in the building and created a mess there.

Recreation Director Bob Small said it was a straight case of vandalism and noted it wasn't necessary for the door to be jimmied to gain entry. A window was open at the end of the building.

Reward
A \$50 reward is offered by the town for information leading to the conviction of such vandals. The maximum penalty is \$300 or 60 days in jail.

Extra police patrols have been working in the park area and police will continue to investigate the vandalism.

Recently a tennis net was stolen from the tennis club.

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Nassagaweya intact add more of Oakville

A four-area two-tier, regional government will be elected Oct. 1 to govern all of Halton County with the exception of the police village of Eden Mills and a section of Oakville which will go to Mississauga. The councils will be elected for a three year term. Names for the four areas, currently named North Halton Central Halton, Oakville and the City of Burlington, will be voted on at the same election, according to provincial legislation given the first reading in the Legislature Monday.

The North Halton area will include Acton, Georgetown, most of Esquesing Township and a portion of Oakville.

Central Halton will include Milton, all of Nassagaweya but Eden Mills, a section of Burlington and a large slice of Oakville to the Ninth Line.

Oakville will include that section of the town below the Lower Base Line Rd. to Highway 25 and then south to Burnhamthorpe Rd.

Burlington will include its present boundaries except for the portion above 10 Sideroad and east of the Bell School Line which will go to Central Halton.

Four area councils

Each area municipality will elect a mayor with councillors elected by wards. Burlington will have a 17 man council, Oakville 13, Central Halton 11 and North Halton 13.

The Regional Municipality of Halton will be chaired by a provincially appointed chairman for the first three year term and after that by a member appointed by the council, either from their members or from outside.

Representation on the 25-member regional council will include the mayor from each municipality plus eight from Burlington, six from Oakville, two from Central Halton and four from North Halton in addition to the chairman.

The Act will dissolve the Police Village of Campbellville, all local boards and commissions including

planning boards, committees of adjustment, community centre boards and parks and recreation committees.

Meet by Oct. 15
Area council members elected in October 1973 will comprise a committee in their municipalities "to do anything in that year necessary for the purposes of organization, policy and planning of the area municipality." The regional council is required to meet by Oct. 15.

Elections in the first year are shifted to the regional council level. The regional council will be responsible for regional roads including construction and maintenance; traffic control devices; planning with a requirement that an official plan be completed by December 31, 1976; plans of subdivision; the

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Township intact

Nassagaweya Reeve scores big victory

The regional government announcement Monday indicating that Nassagaweya Township will stay intact with the exception of Eden Mills marks the end of a five year battle and a victory for Nassagaweya Reeve and Halton Warden Mrs. Anne MacArthur.

The Reeve has protested the possible severance of her township at County Council and at Queen's Park since regional talks first began.

In a telephone interview Tuesday Mrs. MacArthur said she was thrilled Nassagaweya would stay intact and said she was convinced the only way the rural residents of Nassagaweya could be protected would be by staying together.

Asset, not problem
"Nassagaweya can't be serviced by anyone. The township will not be a problem to anyone, it can only be an asset," she said.

Water and sewage facilities are provided by developers when they develop in the township. The Warden wondered why Central Halton went so far south into Oakville, but noted both Ward

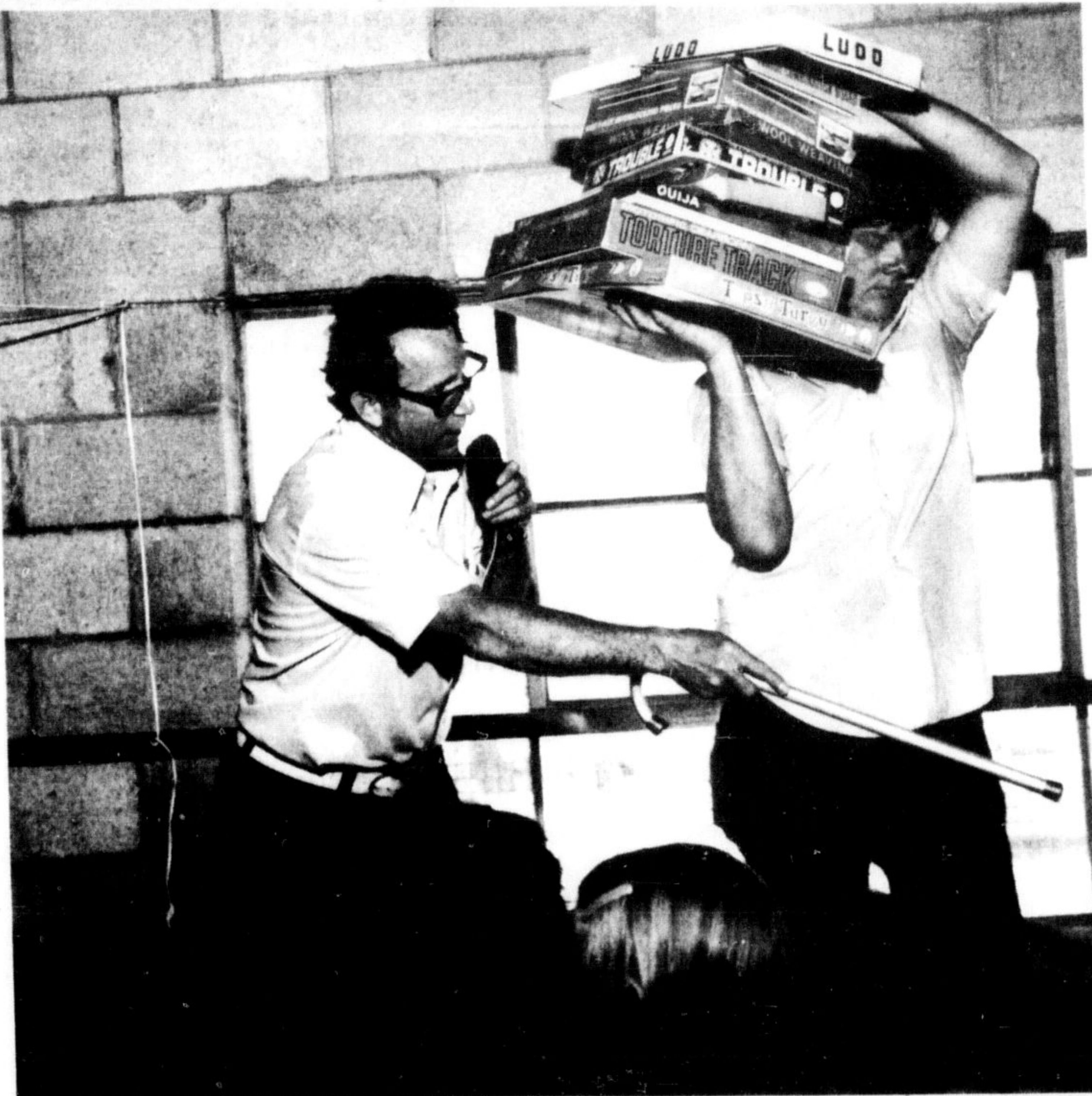
One representative had supported that area of Oakville coming into Central Halton. She noted the only area that didn't really want to come in with Central Halton that did come was the small southern portion of Esquesing.

Control spending
The Warden vowed that if she had her way, a new chairman would not be allowed to go on a spending spree. She suggested there was no need to provide a lot of big positions in the region in order to carry out the new concept.

She suggested there would be no need for commissioners of health or police for example, noting those posts could be filled by regional councillors as they are now. Using health as an example, the Warden noted there should be no need for a full time commissioner and the current set up with an MOH responsible to a committee chairman and the chairman responsible to council was adequate.

The Warden said she didn't

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DO I HEAR A DOLLAR? asks auctioneer Al Odenbach at the Optimist Club's auction sale Saturday at the fair grounds. Donations ranging from

Hallowe'en costumes to washing machines were sold to raise funds for the club's youth work.

(Photo by P. Ford)

Halton Paint, Chemicals builds Bronte St. plant

Halton Paint and Chemicals Limited, Milton's newest industry, has started construction on a \$180,000 paint manufacturing building on Bronte St. just north of the Canadian Pacific Railway line.

Amal Batacharya, owner and president of the firm, said the building should be completed and equipment installed ready to start production by the end of July. The plant is capable of producing 3,000 to 5,000 gallons of paint a day.

Sales will be mainly to industries, implement and machinery firms and automotive companies, the president said.

The plant will be 6,400 square feet with a 3,000 square foot mezzanine. Next year a 2,000 square foot research laboratory will be added.

The plant will be highly automated and a plant staff of five, plus four in the lab and office, will be capable of operating the plant, Mr. Batacharya said. In another year he hopes to double the staff. The plant is designed for a later expansion when the need arises.

The owner said he chose the Milton site because of its location close to the nucleus of Ontario's largest population and the availability of Highway 401.

Mr. Batacharya is building the plant himself, with the aid of local subcontractors. Three walls will be block and the fourth wall will be half block and half siding. The plant section is to be air cooled and the office and lab air conditioned. Special fans will be used to remove the paint vapors and rigid safety measures are being taken to make sure the plant is explosion-proof.

Help on hydro
The owner praised O. L. Hadley, manager of Milton Hydro, for the assistance he has given to get the plant going.

Financing has been arranged through the Industrial

Development Bank, which loans funds for new industries at special interest rates and long-term repayment schedules.

Born in India, Mr. Batacharya received his Bachelor of Science degree at Calcutta then went to college in England to specialize in paints. He worked six years with several paint firms in England, then went to Germany to do research and development work. Eight years ago he came to Canada and worked for Canadian Pittsburgh Industries as a lab chemist. For the past two years he has been chief development



OAKVILLE DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS' Camp or the Woodland Trails in Nassagaweya was officially opened and dedicated Sunday afternoon in a ribbon cutting ceremony. Venturer Peter VanderKraan, Scout Greg Stocker, Cub David Clarke and Rover Jacob

Formsma each hold one of four ribbons colored for their level in Scouting. Looking on are district council president Clark Boyce, camp chaplain Rev. E. S. Yoshioka, and field commissioner Bob Taylor.

(Photo by P. Ford)