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DRINKING A TOAST to the health of the new Halton Region are John White, Ontario treasurer and minister of economics and intergovernmental affairs, and Halton Region chairman Allan Masson. They clinked glasses in a toast at a reception held in Burlington following Thursday's swearing in and inaugural meeting of the 25-member council. More photos and stories inside today's issue.

(Photo by R. Downs)

Over 600 witness regional inaugural

By Bob Burt
There has been no regional government formed with less fuss and more accord than the experience in Halton County according to John White, Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs.

White made the statement before an audience of 600 at the inaugural meeting of Halton Regional Council Thursday night at Burlington Central High School. White said he supposed there would be some reservations about the new system among the municipal leaders. He noted the responsibilities of the regional council will be broader, the long range planning greater and the financial expenditures accompanied by a bigger budget will be considerably larger.

Good background
White noted several advantages the new region had in its favor. He suggested Chairman Al Masson's background as a councillor, a reeve and a mayor as well as several dozen years of political experience among the elected councillors were definite assets.

He suggested that the people of Halton had an understanding and acceptance of the concept of regional government.

The region will inherit some of the problems of the county administration, White said, and suggested the problems could not be solved by the county structure of government because of the lack of financial resources and the powers necessary to solve the problems of growth and development.

Pay tribute
White paid tribute to the county councils which played fundamental roles in the creation of the region. "The Halton County brief was filled with constructive comment we found invaluable and in working out detailed arrangements for the new government, members of county council provided advice that was indispensable."

Support Cable TV

Milton Council support for a cable television application by William Johnson was sought Monday.

In a letter to Council Mr. Johnson noted the Canadian Radio Television Commission will hear applications for a license in two or three months. As a resident of the town for the past 14 years, his application for such a license would be local and he would plan to provide for community programming.

Members of Council agreed to hear Mr. Johnson at a future meeting to discuss the application.

In his address to the crowd Chairman Allan Masson referred to the ceremony as the culmination of years of effort—making Halton a better place in which to live and work and play.

He reviewed the number of reports on regional government and the beginning of a move for a new form of government back in 1964 when he and Warden Herbert Merry approached Will Spooner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to have a study done.

Masson expressed happiness with Burlington's successful fight to stay in Halton rather than joining Hamilton-Wentworth.

Much work I would like to bring to your attention the work of those councillors, wardens and staff members who, over

these years, have worked so diligently in studying the problems and suggesting solutions. Many of the councillors

are not in office today but I would like to pat tribute to their efforts; it is not to be

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All meetings open

Council-elect meets

"Both committee and council meetings will be open to the press," Mayor-elect Anne MacArthur declared at the opening meeting of Milton Council-elect in the council chambers Friday evening.

She acknowledged there would be a closed meeting at the conclusion of the first session to deal with personnel or property matters and emphasized that such

discussions were extremely confidential and members should not discuss them outside the chambers.

Mrs. MacArthur emphasized the need for a weekly meeting schedule, noting there are many important decisions required before Jan. 1 to "go forward into the new year in an efficient manner."

Weekly meetings were set

for Tuesday with three separate committees meeting simultaneously one week and the full council meeting the following week. This week council will meet at 7.30 on Wednesday before initiating the Tuesday schedule.

The meetings will be held in the Milton council chambers, the mayor-elect suggested. She noted it wasn't practical to move to Nassagaweya for some of the meetings.

Members agreed they should be paid \$25 a meeting for meetings held in 1973 in preparation for 1974 and the cost should be charged to the new council. The \$25 fee is to apply to staff members as well as elected officials.

Councillor Jim Kerr noted members of the former steering committee representing Milton Council had been paid that fee and the steering committee now becomes the elected council.

Rural reps
Rural areas were divided with representatives assigned areas of concern, at the suggestion of Mrs. MacArthur.

She pointed out there was a large rural area to be responsible for and while the people in Milton would not feel as lost, since the centre would still remain here, rural residents should have a specific representative to refer to. Councillors Rick Day and Don Gordon agreed they would prefer to handle the Oakville area together rather than have it divided geographically. Councillor Brad Clements was assigned the Burlington section.

Councillor Russell Powduik the Nassagaweya area above 20 Sideroad and Councillor Jim Watson the Nassagaweya area below 20 Sideroad. The Nassagaweya division was based on a telephone area boundary.

Mrs. MacArthur also told members each agenda would have a time allotted for rural reports and business.

Set committees
Committees named for the balance of 1973 included personnel chaired by Councillor Kerr with Councillors Watson and Art Melanson. Councillor Gordon is to attend the committee when applications are being considered for a treasurer. It was reported five applications had been received for the position.

Policy, procedure and legislation committee will be headed by Councillor Day with members Councillors

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GIDDYAP, HORSES... Officials at Wednesday's opening of Hilton Falls Dam Reservoir and Conservation Area participated in a horse-drawn wagon ride. At the reins are Halton East MPP Jim Snow, MPP John Rhodes who opened the dam, HRCA chairman Brock Harris and Halton West MPP George Kerr.

(Photo by R. Downs)

Pay rates, low morale cited

200 on strike at Polysar

BULLETIN — Just before supertime

Tuesday Polysar workmen voted 95-27 to reject a company proposal to return to work and begin negotiations. The vote followed a four-hour meeting between five employee spokesmen and company officials when a lengthy list of demands and a request for a 50 cents per hour increase were presented. The wildcat strike continued at

press time.

Steve Riley, one of the five employee representatives, said 58 workers were not present when the vote was taken. Employees said they had been told by management the firm could shut down its Milton plant by Thursday if the men did not return to work.

Personnel officer John Pober said the company asked the men to return to their jobs and negotiations would

begin. The present contract does not expire until May.

By Bob Burt

About 200 hourly paid employees walked off their jobs at Polysar Corporation's Building Systems Division here Monday, around lunch hour. Workers complained of poor morale and claimed their main complaint surrounded two raises given

recently to men in one division of the work force.

George Cleeland, a spokesman for the workers said 12 men in the maintenance department received raises totalling \$1.05 per hour. That raise elevated those workers to \$5.25 per hour and left the balance of the men at \$4.20. Cleeland said that all of the men were shown what they would be earning when they started with the firm. He said

it did not sit well with the men when the company negotiated raises with 12 men and left the others out of the negotiations.

Doug Jamieson, Marketing Manager commented on the situation Tuesday morning. General Manager Joseph Grasso wasn't available for comment at that time.

Illegal action
Jamieson said the agreement with the 12 men

was reached through negotiations with the union and agreed to by the union representatives. He noted the strike was illegal and said there was a clause in the agreement between the company and the union forbidding strikes or lockouts.

Art Mayes, a union representative, said all union companies including truckers have refused to cross the picket lines. Cleeland said the men had voted almost unanimously in favor of the walkout Monday. All employees except 11 of the 12-man maintenance department joined the walkout, Cleeland said.

The union formally asked workers to return to their jobs, Cleeland said, adding that the union couldn't do otherwise because the walkout was illegal.

Mayes said the police had been at the picket line and he said their concern was that the walkout would remain peaceful. "It will," Mayes said.

Mayes said there had been a walkout Friday night involving 14 of the 19 men on duty at that time. Both he and Cleeland said the morale had been poor and the production very low in recent months.

Confusion
Mayes said there was a mass state of confusion at the plant. "No-one knows what is going on and this leads to discussion—and there is a lot of that here."

Cleeland pointed to rows of concrete housing modules in a field, ready to be shipped to Waterloo. "They are scheduled to roll out of here at a rate of eight per day, but they won't move until the walkout is settled."

Production manager Gordon Crooks had no comment other than that the company's management would be prepared to meet the men anytime.

At press time late Tuesday workmen and management officials were still involved in discussions.



POLYSAR EMPLOYEES went on a wildcat strike and walked off their jobs at noon Monday, protesting pay rates in the new Milton plant which produces concrete housing modules. A picket line was set up and seven of the men are pictured with some of their hastily-printed "on strike" signs.

(Photo by R. Downs)

230-unit housing development okayed

A 230-unit single family housing development at the north-east corner of Bronte St. and Derry Rd. was approved by Milton Council Monday.

The frequently revised plan was presented after discussions and approval by the Planning Board and the development committee.

Clocks back Sunday at 2
It's clock-changing week-end again as everyone reverts to Eastern Standard Time this Sunday, Oct. 28 at 2 a.m. All watches, clocks and other timekeeping devices should be moved BACK one hour at bedtime Saturday night.

The town and district have been on Daylight Saving Time since the spring. Reverting to EST means it will be dark much earlier each evening.

Remember, it's BACK one hour... Sunday at 2 a.m.

Fully equipped park
A two acre, completely equipped park was given to the town Monday by

developer Murray Goldman.

Man gets jail, fine for McKim fatality

A summer tragedy that claimed the lives of a well known Milton couple on their first retirement holiday trip, concluded in a court case last week.

A young man from L'Equille, Nova Scotia was sentenced to three months in the county jail and fined \$500 in connection with a July accident in Annapolis Royal that killed Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKim of Milton. The judge also imposed another three-month jail term if the accused failed to pay the fine, as well as suspending his driver's license for two years. The man will be allowed to drive his car between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. in order to get to work, the judge ruled.

The accident that took the lives of the local couple was believed to be the outcome of a race between two cars. The driver of the car which struck the McKims' car was also charged under the liquor control act. The Milton couple went east on a holiday trip after selling the hardware business they had operated in Milton for 26 years. Mr. McKim died a few days after the accident, his wife two weeks later.

Murray Goldman, speaking for Alliance Ex-Urban, noted the culdesacs had been eliminated and the number of access points on Derry Rd. had been reduced in line with earlier committee and council thinking.

The development includes a 5.8 acre town house site, a large park site and a school site.

Park dedication
The representative noted that his firm was giving 15 per cent of the development for park purposes although five per cent was the legislative requirement. The firm is also paying the major share of a new watermain on Derry Rd. although the lots in the development will back on that road and be serviced internally.

Members expressed a concern about irregular rear lot lines dictated by the required mix of lot sizes. They called for the lot lines to be made regular even if it affected slightly the lot size mix.

More driveways
A suggestion by solicitors for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rigo that three single family lots be developed south of their home, fronting on Bronte St. was not acted on. It was suggested the objective was to reduce access points to Bronte St. and such an action would produce three more driveways.

The developer promised the town house site plan should provide for adequate screening of the Rigo property with the fronts, rather than rears of the units in that area, abutting the property.

Mr. Goldman, representing Halton Daylite Investments, donated the site in addition to any requirements in the subdivision's agreements, and went even further with the promise to properly equip the park. It is located in the second phase of the development planned for the north-east quadrant.

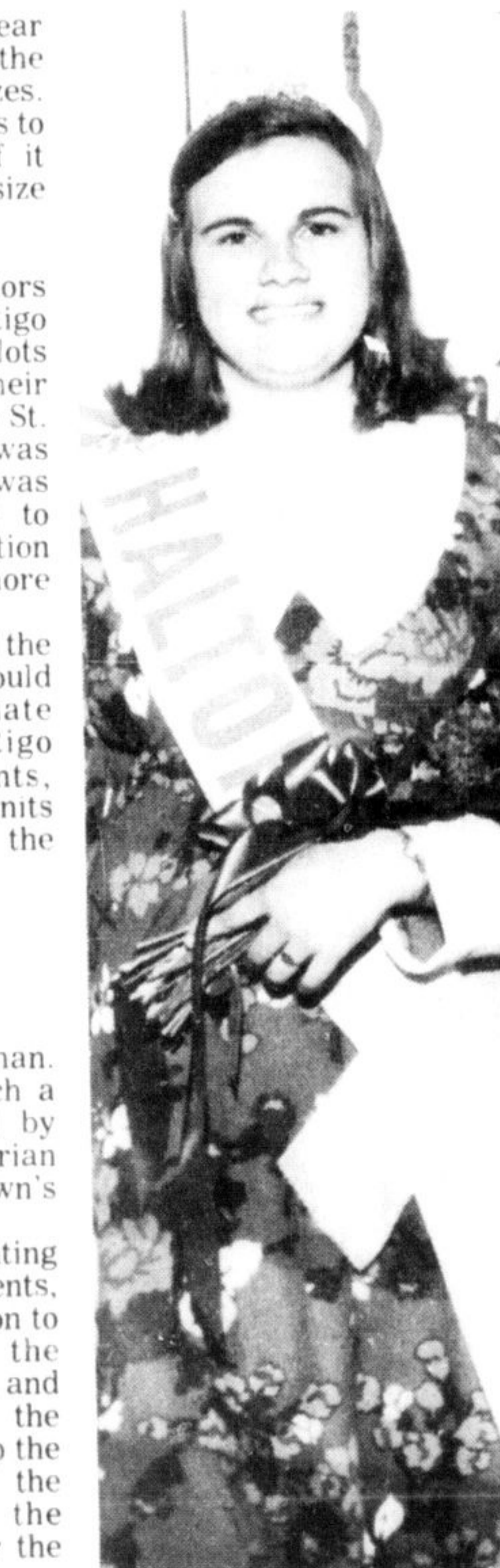
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Council officially named the park Melanie Park, after Mr. Goldman's wife.

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CROWNED QUEEN of the Furrow at the Halton County Plowmen's dinner Saturday was Carol Somerville of Acton. Carol will represent Halton County at the International Plowing Match to be held near Georgetown Sept. 22-24, 1974.

(Photo by D. Pink)