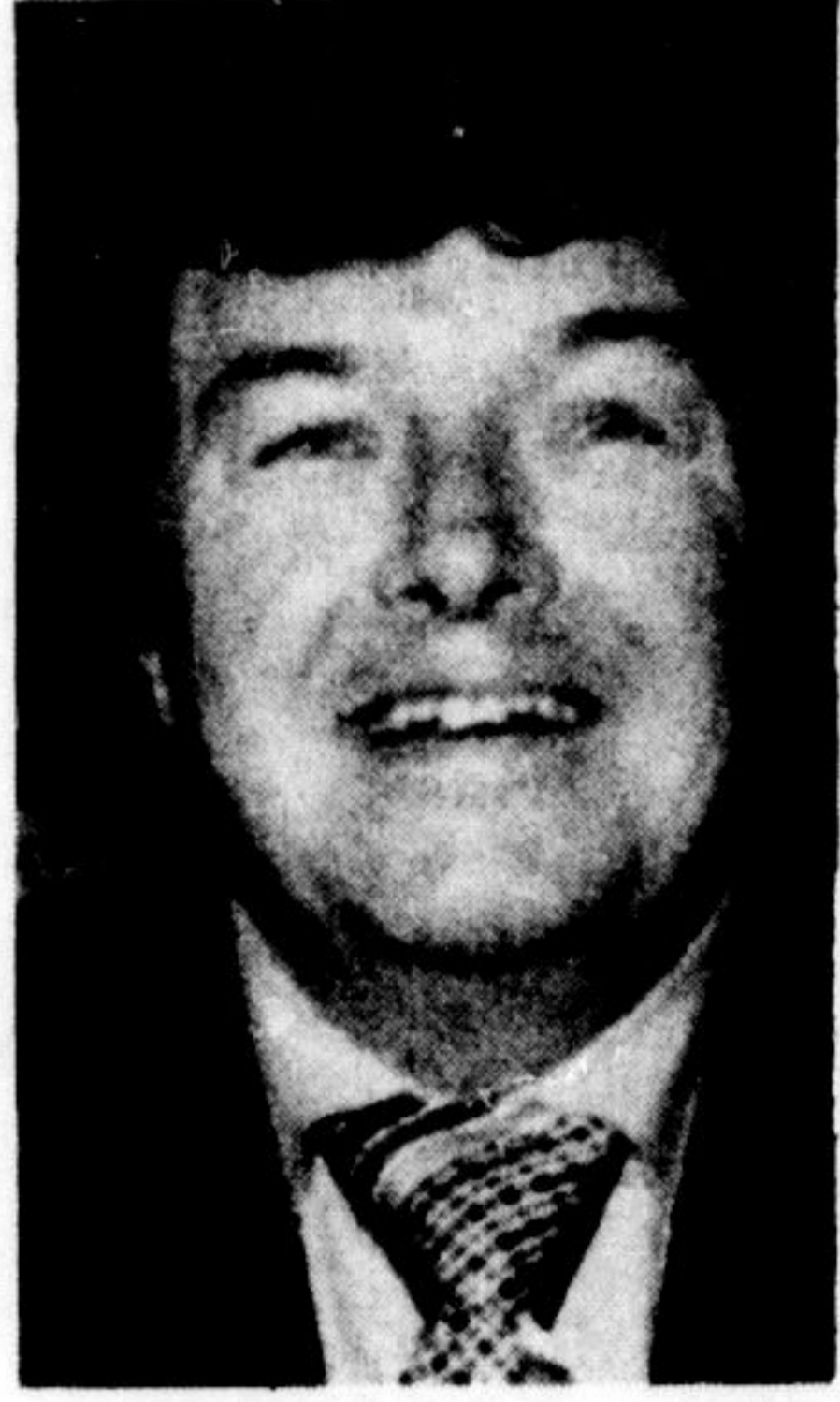


Armstrong on region by-election necessary to replace Ric Morrow

Ward Four residents of Georgetown face another election, probably March 7. The election of Councillor Ric Morrow, regional councillor for Ward Four to the position of Halton Regional Chairman, left a vacancy for his seat. Last week Halton Hills Council appointed local Ward Four councillor Mike Armstrong to regional council. Council decided to fill the local vacancy with a by-election.



MIKE ARMSTRONG

Speculation is running rife on candidates for this office. Marilyn Serjeantson, who came next to area councillor Peter Morris in the polls in the December vote is being touted, as are former councillors Harry Levy, Ernie Sykes and Ern Hyde and former Georgetown mayor Bill Smith. Nominations will be held February 10, 11 and 14. In an interview later, Armstrong said he was honored and pleased to be picked by council to replace Morrow and said he hopes he can do as good a job of representing Ward Four residents at the region as Morrow has done. The 37-year-old son of former Georgetown Mayor Jack Armstrong said that after sitting on Halton Hills works committee for three years he wants to take a look at how the regional works department operates. "I have wondered from day one of regional government how regional works operates. Now I will see and hope to be able to find ways regional and local works can be better co-ordinated," Armstrong declared. He admitted as a member of works committee he has often joined the chorus of councillors in attacking operation of regional works, especially in the area of water and sewers. Armstrong said he

realizes that it is easy to complain about the region at the area level, so now he will be able to find out exactly what the problems are, and be able to see if things can be improved to "give people better service." Armstrong, who will sit on the region planning committee, feels he has the time to devote to his increased duties. He served one year on Georgetown council prior to the birth of Halton Hills and then lost to Graham Ripley in the first Halton Hills election. When Ripley died suddenly before the new town's council had even met, Armstrong was appointed to fill the vacancy for the next three years. In the December 6 election Armstrong topped the polls, picking up 1,609 votes. Peter Morris was next with 1,383 followed by Marilyn Serjeantson who had 1,257 votes. Cec Martin came last with 226 votes.

Study concludes

People aren't aware of library services

People generally are not aware of the services being made available to them by their local libraries. That is one conclusion the South Central Regional Library system came to as a result of a survey it conducted in Georgetown, Burford and Hamilton. The survey was released at a Press conference Thursday afternoon in Hamilton. SCRLS officials said over 700 interviews were conducted during the survey. Jadwiga Seliwonik headed the survey team and she told reporters, "libraries are underused because people don't know what's available." She said the idea that libraries are exclusive territory of students still is prevalent in the three communities.

More than books
Madge Allwood, Director of the SCRLS, scoffed at the idea that libraries are still book places. She noted music, video tapes, language kits and films are available at libraries within the system. Describing libraries as big business, Mrs. Allwood said libraries did not attract a lot of press attention because reporters never think of looking there for a story. She suggested millions of dollars are spent on library services in the South Central Region and urged reporters to pay more attention to what was happening in the libraries.

No time
Of the people who were classified as non-users, lack of time was offered as the reason for 33 per cent of the people while 31 per cent acknowledged no interest in using the library, 18 per cent felt they were in need of no information at the library and nine per cent said they don't enjoy reading. Six per cent cited inconvenient locations and another three per cent said material wasn't available in their chosen language. Newspapers, television and radio were the three most often used information sources. Twenty-two per cent said they looked to newspapers as their number one source of information, while television rates second with 21 per cent, radio third with 16 per cent and non fiction books fourth with 13 per cent. The survey recommends that the board attempt to reach the 30 per cent of the people who describe them-

selves as non users, develop a broader awareness with all people and evaluate expenditures in those areas that ranked low in demand.

Help the small

The survey also recommends the South Central Region assist the smaller libraries in the system which are having difficulty providing the services the community demands of the library.

According to the survey the age group which frequents the library most is the group in their late teens and early 20's. The percentage of library users decreases in the 24-35-year-old group. Drastic drop off occurs in the 50 to 64-year-old group and by 65 the habit of reading is almost non-existent, according to the survey.

The survey showed most people prefer to buy recordings and tapes except rural Burford and high income families in Georgetown, where library services are preferred. All areas preferred library services for fiction and non-fiction books.

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Halton 4-H News

The Nassagaweya 4-H Homemaking Club met at the home of leader Mrs. Daigle on Jan. 17 with seven girls present. New Officers were elected, as follows:
President Lee Kruk, vice-president Corina Pries, Treasurer Lila Dennis, press reporter Rosemary Wilson and telephone chairman Sheena Clegg.
Club leader is Lila Dennis and Mrs. Daigle is assistant. A club name will be chosen at the next meeting.

six groups to observe cattle. They counted how many times a cow chews its cud in a minute, and listened to animal heartbeats with a stethoscope.
Members thought up ques-

tions they, as veterinarians, would ask a farmer in certain situations to help diagnose the problem.
Medicine chests were also discussed and it was agreed people with horses could make a small grooming box for supplies.
A trip to University of Guelph will be organized.

Halton 4-H Veterinary Science Club met Monday, Jan. 16 at the home of Mr. Reid. Members divided into

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