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"A fascinating study"

## Anderson heads committee composed of four mayors

Barrett to "stuff it" and allow lors are paid only \$50 a

son said.

gamate with it."

"For the past four years

Dallas has reduced its taxes

yet kept the standard of ser-

vices the same," Mr. Ander-

around Dallas want to amal-

Mr. Anderson said he hoped

the mayors would take time

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newcomer Bonnie Brown of meeting.

Anderson said, "Hello, little to travel.

Sitting with his ever-

listens to everything which is

He has a sense of humor.

When regional solicitor

After Mayor Gordon told

the committee Mr. Perlin had

attended Milton Council, Mr.

Anderson quipped, "He gets

and the most senior employee

on the airline's staff, Mr.

Anderson has been to every

He said the job allows him

"When I was flying to the

to look at things objectively.

turn around time in Van-

couver, I would take the Oak-

coffee and within an hour, I

would have everything

"If I had been at home, it

Being able to get away

"It allows you to stand back

Travelling allows a person

would have taken me five to

flies, and more.

memorized.

A purser with Air Canada

Oakville to speak.

By Rod Lamb Chairing a committee with four mayors on it is "a fascin-

ating study." Making the remark was constant pipe behind empty

Oakville Regional Councillor coffee cups, Mr. Anderson McLean Anderson, chairman of the Halton Finance and Administration Committee.

"When I look at you," he said of the mayors, "I am Dennis Perlin, who is fiveactually looking at 20 to 25 foot-five attended, Mr.

The mayors are Peter Dennis." Pomeroy of Halton Hills, Milton Mayor Don Gordon, Harry Barrett of Oakville and Burlington Mayor Roly Bird.

Anderson referring to the fact mayors are sometimes accompanied by aides, staff and interested parties.

When three of the latter country where Air Canada from Mayor Pomeroy's camp showed up, Mr. Anderson referred to them as "hench-

The committee is viewed west coast with a two-hour with promise by Halton Chairman Jack Raftis.

With four mayors on it, he ville agenda and two cups of said he expected to committee to take a leading role in the 1979-80 term.

Mr. Anderson is again chairman. As former mayor of Oak-

six hours." ville, he said he appreciates Mr. Anderson was Mayor of the timetables mayors have Oakville seven years, from to keep. 1966 to 1972. He has been in-"If you can't make it to a volved in municipal politics

meeting, be sure and give us 16 years, 1962-78. a call. Having been a mayor, he is from the job allows one to

content to allow extensive look at it objectively, he said. dialogue between staff and committee members. from the forest and see the

"I like dialogue between trees." staff and councillors," he said. "I think it is good." to come into contact with Yet, he can always rope in different people and new

the debate if it gets out of hand. In a polite voice and with a the manager of Dallas, a city

Halton Public Works Com-

mittee agreed to purchase a

section of land from a Camp-

bellville woman to realign a

road at its meeting Dec.20.

for a section of property to

trace of humor, he told Mayor

Realign area road

gional Road 9, formerly in Nassagaweya Township and now in Milton.

The committee agreed to the recommendation of repay Catharine Martin \$3,500 gional solicitor Dennis Perlin.

where the mayor and council-

Mr. Anderson said he met

Council approved purchase of the property July 20, 1977. The decision to buy was on

295 Main St., Milton 878-9942 The purchase closes the realign a portion of the deviated road traversing the Campbellville Road, Re- Martin property.

## New chairman grasps helm with confidence

By Rod Lamb

Intuition based on experience is the quality Halton Regional Chairman Jack Raftis uses to find which way operate on the facts. the political wind is blowing.

Raftis, who has been called a fox by Mayor Don Gordon for his uncanny ability to push the things which can be approved and to drop those which generate opposition, said he always listens when councillors are debating.

"Is he speaking with conviction or is he speaking for political purposes?"

Raftis said a person who speaks with conviction will speak with emotion, will be well organized in the presentation of the facts, will probably have spoken to him and the staff beforehand and will be committed to what he is saying.

> A person who doesn't exhibit these characteristics is usually speaking for political and purposes defeated.

Raftis said his training as an engineer has enabled him

The vote was made on the

regional council passed a

resolution which approved

response to a request from

region pay this specific sum,

being 50 per cent of the cost of

lowering a watermain on

Speaking of Mayor Barrett,

he said, "Harry doesn't take

won't be there when he comes

"He's afraid the office

At 53 years of age, Mr.

"I emjoy meeting people,"

"I guess you can say I am

Anderson said he has no com-

a vacation."

plaints with life.

in the people business.

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treasurer Don Farmer.

unsuccessful.

Thomas St."

to cut through the rhetoric to

the facts. "That's what an engineer is trained to do," he said, "to

the wheat from the chaff. At the first meeting of the Halton Health and Social Services Committee Tuesday, Dec. 19, he cut through the jargon and reams of information presented by a group of consultants, to the true costs

of what they were saying. The ability was earned through 25 years in the business world, 15 in the arena of

municipal politics. Starting with Canadian as regional municipalities. General Electric after he graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in business and engineering in 1953, Raftis has been with the company ever since, rising to be manager of the northern Ontario division and then the western division, the

His philosophy of leadership is based on allowing the region built and let conpeople to follow their own

Mr. Farmer said he recom-

Region declines water cost

Milton's bid for \$9,160.07 to main was installed, the Town

cover extra cost on the of Milton has indicated to us

reconstruction of Thomas St. that the cost of the watermain

was turned down by the has increased substantially

Halton Public Works Com- and they are asking us for an

recommendation of regional mended vetoing the request

mittee Wednesday, Dec. 20. additional sum of money."

position he continues to hold.

heads in that they achieve on their own merits.

If they don't, or are unwilling, Mr. Raftis said the only solution is "to scare the hell Raftis has an ability to shift out of them."

> Perhaps no other person in Halton is as well qualified to be its chairman.

As he himself said, "I have served my apprenticeship." Ratfis was chairman of the committee on regional government when it was proposed for Sudbury.

Deputy-mayor of the city at that time (1972), he investigated other municipalities which had been incorporated ment is the key to the future

When he moved to Burlington and was elected to office. he ran as regional councillor because of his experience.

His engineering abilities were recognized when he was appointed chairman of the public works committee, position he held for five

During that time (1974-78) tracts for several major

because the request is not in

the regional policy had been

different, Mr. Farmer

recommended the town pick

practices.

up the tab.

water and sewage projects. Now that he has the reigns of power in his hands, Raftis said he is going to make the development of industrial and commercial assessment his main priority.

"People want jobs," he

"Where are they going to find them if someone doesn't go out and bring them here?" The chairman said he will spend most of next year with

development officer. Created by former chairman Ric Morrow, the departin the eyes of Raftis.

Marshall, Halton's

A strong regional person, Raftis said it is important for people and the communities they live in, to retain their

"Everything should be filtered through the local representatives," he said.

Thus, it is important to have the four mayors on the administration committee because it is through them regional government will be administered.

Raftis is an English name. Coming from a farming family which homesteaded at Arthur, north of Guelph, Halton's new chairman is accordance with regional He said the hardest thing is Although he acknowledged

to shoulder the blame in order to allow another councillor to walk away with pride. Although it is difficult, the responsibility doesn't bother

"When I walk out of the meeting," he said, "I forget

"I don't have any problem

sleeping.

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### Although Milton Councillor Bill Johnson pressed to have Mr. Farmer said in a report, "On July 6, 1977, Senior residence

Operation of the staff resithe payment of \$24,535 to the dence at Halton Centennial tion to the proposed renovatroubled youth will be the undertaking. the Town of Milton that the subject of discussion between the Halton Health and Social Sheridan Youth Association.

"The remaining 50 per cent enter the negotiations with would be recovered by the the association at its first Town of Milton from the meeting of the 1979-80 term Ministry of Transportation Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The association had made a He said, "Since the waterprevious offer but the committee decided to withhold a decision until after the Nov. 13 election.

> The committee's decision was made on the recommendation of Jack Charlton, manor administrator.

Mr. Charlton had no objections to using the former staff residence as a home for Guelph St., Georgetown. troubled youths.

young and the old.

Town of Milton. This was in Manor in Milton as a home for tions the association will be Although Mr. Charlton

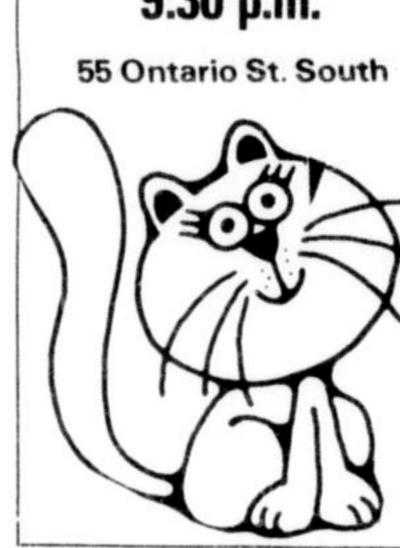
Nor did he have any opposi-

acknowledged Halton Re-Services Committee and the covery House and Halton Women's Place had made The committee decided to presentations to use the staff residence, he recommended the association use the building because it had a formal plan and provincial financ-

#### NEC meets

The next meetings of the Niagara Escarpment Commission will be held on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 10 a.m., and Friday, Jan. 5 at 9.30 a.m., in the conference room of the NEC's main office, 232

Limited seating is available He said he did not envisage for any members of the public any problems mixing the who may wish to attend and observe the sessions.



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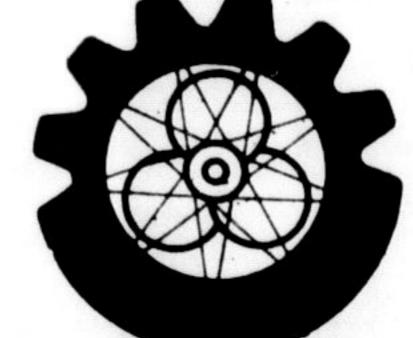


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