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Harvey Plaunt Choice Temiskaming Liberals

Harvey Plaunt, New Liskeard resident and Bucke township farmer, was the unanimous choice of Temiskaming Liberals as their candidate in the next provincial election expected this year.

Mr. Plaunt's nomination was unopposed. In his acceptance remarks, Mr. Plaunt told the meeting that he came to Temiskaming from Renfrew in 1927 and had resided in the area since that time



with the exception of three years spent with the RCAF during the war. He had always been a Liberal and had no use for a party that was pro-capital, "neither have I any use for one that is pro-labor. I like the one, and will work for the one that will work for all," Mr. Plaunt told the meeting. "I think it is time that the 'Frost' came out of Ontario and really give the province a chance to go ahead," Mr. Plaunt said in deriding the Frost government on its education program and also in its manner of treating the north. In closing his remarks he promised to do his utmost to capture the riding for the Liberals.

Guest speaker of the evening was Arthur Rheame, M.P.P., and ex-Mayor of Windsor, who was introduced to the meeting by Dalton Dean of Haileybury.

"One of the planks in the Liberal platform in the coming election will be a twenty-five per cent reduction in hydro power bills for the farmers," Mr. Rheame told the large gathering. He criticized the operation of Hydro and advo-

ated a member of the Opposition on the commission.

Freight rates on the ONR should be reduced, even though it might mean a subsidy, the speaker suggested.

A vote for the C C F, Mr. Rheame said was like throwing it down the sink. The splitting of the vote was one reason why the Frost government now had 84 out of 90 seats and suggested that they should rejoin the Liberals.

Work Under Way On Latchford Highway Bridge

Work has started on the new Highway bridge at Latchford, and it is anticipated that traffic will be rolling across the completed structure by September 1960.

Bob Chapman, district engineer for the Department of Highways told the Speaker that the contract for the approaches and abutments had been let to Leo Alarie and Son of Matheson, and that this company has equipment at the bridge head for an immediate start.

"The Alarie company's contract is in two parts," explained Mr. Chapman, "the initial part calls for the completing of the abutments by August 12 of this year."

"Immediately this work is completed Standard Iron and Steel Works of Toronto will start on the steel structure of the bridge which is timed for finish in April 1960, when Alarie will return to deck the bridge and complete grading."

Bids for both contractors, as an interesting co-incidence were very close, although the work is entirely different. The bid for the steel work was \$209,700 for the approaches and abutments \$209,439.50. Additional material, engineering and sundry costs will hike the total cost for the bridge close to \$500,000.

Preliminary estimate of labour income in Canada for 1958 is \$16,120 million, an increase of \$300 million from the previous year and of \$4 billion from five years earlier.

CCF Choose Englehart Man

Clayton Johnston of Englehart was chosen by the Temiskaming CCF organization last Saturday night as their standard bearer for the coming provincial election.



Mr. Johnston received the nod from the convention by defeating Arthur Shipp, Thornioe farmer on the first ballot. Other nominees, C. C. Doc Ames, northern Ontario organizer for the party, Robert McGill, ONR station agent at Haileybury and William Peters, district dairy farmer, refused to stand for the nomination.

Born and educated in Englehart, Mr. Johnston completed his high school education there, and then started work for the ONR as a freight department clerk.

He served overseas with the Canadian Corps of Signals and saw active service in England, Italy and continental Europe, returning home to work for the ONR in 1945.

Mr. Johnston is married and has three children.

In the 12 months up to December 1958, Canada's consumer price index rose by two and a half per cent.

Figure Skating News

This year there are approximately 160 members of the New Liskeard and Haileybury Figure Skating Club. They are all enthusiastic members who wish to improve the calibre of figure skating. The Club has been most fortunate in having Mrs. Chris Blair for the Professional this season.

Mrs. Blair is a resident of North Bay, and skated for several years at Schumacher under Hans Gersh-wiler who was the World's Men's Figure Skating Champion at one time. She has her sixth Figure Skating Test and Silver Dance Medal, having turned professional in 1949. Mrs. Blair skated with the Ice Follies from 1950 - 1952 and has since then been a professional figure skating instructor at many clubs, including North Bay and Temiskaming. Mrs. Blair has encouraged the skaters to work for their tests and in each session an hour is devoted to working on their figures entirely. Figure skating is a technical skill and requires professional instruction and hard work in order to pass the tests. THE NEW LISKEARD AND HAILEYBURY FIGURE SKATING CLUB is a member of the CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION and follows the rules set down by this ASSOCIATION with regard to tests. Qualified judges are brought in to judge the skaters when they try their tests at the end of March. Those skaters who pass their tests are registered with the Canadian Figure Skating Association.

Mrs. Blair has inspired several group activities in which the preschool and juniors have participated. The first being the Star Test, in which each skater was required to skate — first of all, then do a spiral etc. — for each one they could do, they received a star. At the end of February and March they will try their Star Test again, hoping to add another star. In this way the enthusiasm for practising has been greatly increased.

Several weeks ago, the New Liskeard Club held a Junior Trial in which any junior could participate.

Miss Ann Stevens from Cobalt, who has her fifth Figure Skating Test, was judge. Miss Stevens gave excellent criticism to each skater in their figures, etc., and in this way encouraged them to work. The winner of the Junior Trial was Miss Carmen Landry, who is nine years old and is a very interested figure skater. She hopes to be trying her Preliminary Figure Skating Test in March.

In January, many skaters from the Senior Group entered the Northern Ontario Figure Skating Championships, held in North Bay. Marielle Breault and Bonny Keon won the Ladies' Pair Title for 1959. Both of these girls are working hard on their third figure skating test.

Next week there will be news of the Figure Skating Carnival to be held on March 13 and 14 and featuring:

1.—Gertie Desjardins and Maurice Lafrance (Mixed Pairs from Sudbury), Senior Northern Ontario Pairs Champions 1959, and third in Canadian Championship 1959.

2.—Charles Snelling (Toronto Granite Club) Canadian Senior Men's Champion 1956, Gold Medalist.

Haileybury Figure Skating

Members of the Haileybury Figure Skating Club staged a most successful bake sale February 20, in the showrooms of the Haileybury Garage, with Mrs. C. Grozelle as convener.

The produce table was in charge of Mrs. J. Gilkes, Mrs. R. Thomson and Mrs. G. P. Thoday.

Mrs. C. Camsell was the convener of the sale of tickets for the draw on a turkey and a ham. Mrs. Hazel Sheepwash was the winner of the turkey and the ham went to Brian Rouse.

Haileybury Curlers At Noranda Bonspiel

The 20th Northern Ontario Ladies' Curling Bonspiel opened Wednesday evening, February 18 in Noranda.

There were over 70 rinks registered, 65 regular and eight colts with one rink from as far away as Kingston.

A banquet was held and also the annual meeting which was presided over by Mrs. R. Patton of Pamour on Wednesday evening.

The colts, who are first and second year curlers played their first game that evening. They made a colorful display on the ice with their various costumes marching around the rink before playing, led by the bag pipes.

There were two rinks from the local club who competed in the spiel. They were Mrs. F. Austin, skip, with Miss Clare Marcella, Mrs. S. Weir and Mrs. M. Cunningham; Mrs. N. J. McAulay Sr., skip, with Mrs. L. Dixon, Mrs. R. Wigley and Miss R. Sweeney. Mrs. S. Porteous' rink from

Noranda won the top prize, the Hill-Clark-Francis with Mrs. L. McTavish of Kapuskasing getting second; Mrs. E. Cooper 3rd and Mrs. Spencer 4th, both of Noranda.

The Eplett trophy was won by Mrs. Cahill of Kap., with Brandeth, Iroquois Falls, second, Mrs. Wallace, North Bay, third, and Mrs. Wilder, New Liskeard, fourth.

The third event the Sam Bucovetsky went to Bert Fraser with L. Watson second, both of Noranda. Hambly, North Bay won third and Powell, Noranda fourth.

J. Dixon copped the George Taylor Hardware from M. Sales, both rinks from Kirkland Lake with Woodworth, Iroquois Falls third and Findlay, Sigma, fourth place.

The colts prizes went to Jordan, Noranda, Prest of Kap., Gourdeau, Noranda and Amor, Noranda. This was the British Petroleum Trophy.



Mike Kitts, 3 years, of Temagami won first prize at the Temagami Winter Carnival last weekend for the best dressed costume. He is seen above with Carnival Queen, Miss Louise Bastien of Haileybury. Miss Bastien was sponsored in the Carnival Queen contest by Abraham's Men's and Ladies' Wear.