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31,500 BALLOTS FOR HALTON'S VOTERS

Polling Divisions For Acton Listed

Don't forget to vote next Monday, August 10th.

The 85 polling divisions in Halton will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Standard Time). Acton's five divisions are:

No. 22—Comprising that portion of the town of Acton, south of Mill St. and west of Willow St. and extensions. Polling station at Y.M.C.A.

No. 23—Comprising that portion of the town of Acton, south of Mill St., east of Willow St. and west of Guelph St. Polling station at Y.M.C.A.

No. 24—Comprising that portion of the town of Acton, south of Mill St. and east of Guelph St. Polling station at Miss Jessie McGregor's, corner Arthur and Young Sts.

No. 25—Comprising that portion of the town of Acton, north of Mill St. and west of John St. Polling stations Nos. 25, A to L and 25, M to Z at Town Hall.

No. 26—Comprising that portion of the town of Acton, north of Mill St. and east of John St. Polling station at Town Hall.



14 Employees In Acton's Most Recent Industry

"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow," might well have been the theme on which Acton's newest industry, Corona Shoe Co. Ltd. was founded and 10 months ago went into production on slippers. When the first slippers came off the production line hopes were high and according to reports this week the confidence was justified.

Now the firm's 14 employees are turning out about 150 pairs of slippers a day with orders ahead for 10,000 to 12,000 pairs. Eugene Braida and his family have placed their confidence in the skill of William Mariscak and his wife who came here from Czechoslovakia where the Communist regime robbed the pair of a shoe factory with 150 employees.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

12th Century Acton Church, Oak Forest

Longview Cross
Huyton, Lancs
July 22, 1950

Dear Mr. Dillk,

Please discontinue sending the Free Press to Liverpool through the months of August and September.

Just recently I passed through the loveliest Acton of all. It is a large parish near Nantwich in Cheshire and, I think, must be the original Acton. There are records of a Saxon church there being demolished in 151 by the Normans, who used the stones to build their own church.

The name comes from an Anglo-Saxon for oak and it is understandable that large forests of oak covered the district in ancient days. At present it is a beautiful section of rural England where many of the black and white half timbered houses of the 16th and 17th centuries are to be found.

The Acton Grammar School was founded in 1627.

On August 1 I have for Beigen in Norway and for the next two months I'll be travelling through many of the continental countries.

I saw the Coronation procession and joined the thousands of visitors who fanned the London crowds. It was a magnificent spectacle!

Yours sincerely,
Helen Lamb

Concert and Picnic Acton Park Sunday

Acton Park has been proving a delightful spot for many from town, district and other spots. On Sunday afternoon, Acton Citizens' Band plans a concert from 4 until 5.30, when everyone is invited to bring their picnic baskets, enjoy the band concert played during the supper hour and have a fine community outing. The band boys are taking their picnic supper to the park and will enjoy it there after the concert. The park and concert is open to everyone for their summer enjoyment. Fine summer weather is all that is needed for Sunday afternoon.

PRODUCTION INCREASES steadily at the Corona Shoe factory where 14 employees are turning out 150 pair of high quality slippers each day for distribution to over 200 stores in Ontario and some in Alberta. Started only 10 months ago, the factory is Acton's newest industry and it is expected production will be doubled when the staff

is completely trained. Located on the farm of E. Braida in a converted farm building, William Mariscak and his wife with the help of Mr. Braida have established the company. Enthusiasm over the success the firm's products have received, officials are thinking of expanding the premises as machines become more crowded.

Little Regard For Libel In First Halton Election

by ELIZABETH FITZGERALD

What would you think of an election in which more than 1,000 men jammed the Nomination meeting to cheer lustily for their candidates? When such terms as "slimy snail" and "stingless hornet" were hurled by both candidates with little regard for the laws of libel? And when after the election the sitting Reform member was arrested on a charge of bribery laid by his Conservative opponent?

Sounds exaggerated you say? The files of the Canadian Champion, Milton, show that was actually the following Confederation in 1867.

Properly qualifications for voters and the exclusion of women from voting were other features which seem strange to 1953 voters. Eligible to vote in 1867 was "every male person entered on the then last revised assessment roll for every city town village or township as the owner or occupant of real property of actual value." In the towns this amounted to \$400, in incorporated villages to \$300 and in the townships to \$200.

The nomination meeting began at noon on August 24, and the Champion reports it was "conducted with a spirit of fairness and moderation." There was some confusion however, when the stand "crowded with friends of the candidates" and "being rather a frail structure" gave way several times and finally completely collapsed. Compared to the 31 present at Halton's 1953 Nomination meeting there were well over 1,000 in 1867.

Four candidates were nominated for the House of Commons at Ottawa and two for the Ontario Legislature, this being the first time that a representative for the local legislature was elected. Up for re-election as the federal Reform candidate was John White opposed by the Conservative Col. G. K. Chisholm of Oakville. W. J. Simcoe Kerr, grandson of Joseph Brant, was the choice of the "Union" party to oppose Reform candidate Wm. Barber for the Ontario seat.

Col. Chisholm was nominated by a Mr. McGuffin and the 1867 Champion reports "He held that Mr. White was dangerous to the public policy and he intended to show it truly and wouldn't let it be helped if it (laughter)." John Askin of Trafalgar seconded the nomination of Mr. Chisholm "who he held could do more for Canada (Speak out) He used to support Mr. White but he need not refer to the reason for his not doing so now. It was well known (Speak out) Mr. Askin (raising his voice) I have done Sir, have you had enough? (Laughter)." David Ghent of Nelson proceeded to nominate John White (great cheering), who was sound at the core (Cheers) Ghent claimed to be the oldest man in the County of Halton, having been 62 years in the county.

The chances of Simcoe Kerr for the local legislature were apparently in doubt from the beginning, for his second said "he would be elected — if he got the votes (Laughter)." After the nominating speeches, which were limited to five minutes, each candidate spoke for half an

Begin Blue Springs Leaders' Training

The 1953 Scout leader training season opened at Blue Springs Scout Reserve near Acton last Saturday when a class of 30 men and women from many parts of Ontario assembled for the first course for Park Scouters under the leadership of Arthur I. Jackson, Scout Field Commissioner for Eastern Ontario. This will be followed by the first course for Troop Scouters commencing this Saturday, under the direction of John A. Snow, Assistant Commissioner for the York Central District.

A second course for Park Scouters and a second course for Troop Scouters are also scheduled.

A Gilwell reunion, at which many Scouters who have attended Blue Springs Courses since the Ontario Scout Leader Training Centre was established here in 1937 will be held at Blue Springs, later this month.

Enjoy Garden Party At Campbellville

The Campbellville Women's Institute held a successful garden party at the Athletic Grounds on Wednesday evening through the kindness of the Halton Lumber Company who loaned the stage.

A varied program was offered by the Sunshine Variety Troupe of Hamilton, Dorothy Gray, an actress, as mistress of ceremonies, and the Royal City Quartet of Guelph sang.

Prizes were awarded to Margaret Wheelahan for the best decorated ball room, to Betty Lou Turner for the best decorated table, to Joan La Bell for the best decorated leader, and to Helen Agnew for the best decorated bicycle. Each of the other contestants received a small cash donation.

Robert Harten won the prize for guessing the number of beans in the jar and H. Hill won the basket of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coulson of Louisville received the gift for the longest married couple, donated by William Mitchell of Kilmorie, M.E. and Mrs. Mervin DeForest won the flowers donated by Genter Bros. of Kilmorie for being the newest bride and groom.

DiAnne Briggs of Stoney Creek was the newest baby on the grounds and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Selouten of R.R. 1 Campbellville had the largest family on the grounds.

Fur Breeders Elect Slate; Re-organize

A re-organizing meeting of the Halton and Wentworth Fur Breeders' Association was held in the Memorial Hall at Waterdown this week.

D. Ellis presided over a short session in regard to changing the name of the organization. After considerable discussion, the members decided to reorganize under the name of Southern Ontario Fur Breeders' Association.

C. Ashwell, of Thurlston, presided for the election of the following officers: President, D. Ellis, Aldershot; secretary-treasurer, Fred Boyd, Acton; directors, D. Gibson, Elora; P. Keller and L. A. McKinnon, of Flamboro Centre.

Mugistrate Sells Local Law Practice

Halton county magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon has sold his legal practice in Georgetown to the Toronto firm of Hewson and Glancy. Mr. Langdon is returning to devote his full time to his magistrate duties. He serves in this capacity in Halton, Dufferin and Peel Counties.

George Hewson, who will be in charge of the Georgetown office is living in Acton at present but plans to move to Georgetown later. His father, G. C. V. Hewson, a known in Acton as he is sales engineer for Beardmore and Co.

Old Gives Way As School Bell Retired

The old gave way to the new this week at Acton public school as the 61 year-old school bell was lowered from its steeple. The bell is to be silenced and mounted on a cairn in the school grounds according to school board officials. Pupils are now summoned to classes by an amplified bell sounded from the principal's office.

With the bell, down came the steeple that housed it because of its rotted condition, and also the front porch that has been on the school for so many years.

A modern porch is planned for the front of the school according to officials and will be ready for the school opening in September. The school bell was put in the brick addition to the school in 1892.

FAREWELL PARTY HELD FOR MRS. E. GIBBONS

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbons was the guest of honor at a farewell party held by Mrs. E. McDowell on Wednesday July 29. Mrs. Gibbons will visit in England for several months.

Friends presented Mrs. Gibbons with a silver pin to her departure.

Eight Flowers, Bud On One Calendula

Mr. Thornton picked one calendula flower on Saturday which had eight open flowers on three inch stems and an unopened bud growing from the base of the main flower.

Mrs. Walker, Detroit, was a visitor with Miss Lyons last week and Miss W. Buckingham of Swansea for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Soles and Pamela and Mr. W. H. Jones of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Foster.

Mrs. McKay of Lakefield is with her brother S. W. Wright and Mrs. Wright.

Miss Ethel Brownridge of Georgetown with the F. T. C. Brown's.

Miss Anna Spitzer spent last week with the Sandford's at Waukesha and Mrs. W. Mitchell is there this week.

Mrs. E. Kerr and children and Mr. H. Kerr visited Mr. W. Kerr, Bancroft one day last week.

Miss Anna Marie Spitzer is on a motor trip to Montreal and points in the USA with friends from Weston.

Mr. Benno Spitzer and Mr. Geo. Spitzer are on holidays up north.

Mr. and Mrs. James Noble and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noble and family spent last week holidays at Bidwell Manitoulin Island.

Mrs. A. C. Patterson with friends from Weston attended the presentation of Richard III at Stratford one evening last week.

Mr. Ian Wallace is home from Canada where he spent the earlier part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gwary and children motored to Ottawa and Lewis, Quebec, on holiday's last week.

Mr. Fred Brown spent the week-end at Bala, Mrs. Brown returning with him after her holiday.

Mr. T. H. Price and Mr. J. Ganner motored to Manitoulin Island for a holiday last week-end.

AUGUST EASTER LILY HAS 14 LARGE BLOOMS

The lovely flowers in the garden of Mrs. George Bolton at Acton have often caused comment, but now Mrs. Bolton has a flower that tops them all.

An Easter lily came into full bloom this week Mrs. Bolton planted the lily after the bloom died off two years ago, and it has been in the ground for two winters. Now one bulb has produced a stalk which has 14 blooms on it, each 10cm measuring seven inches in length and five and a half inches across.

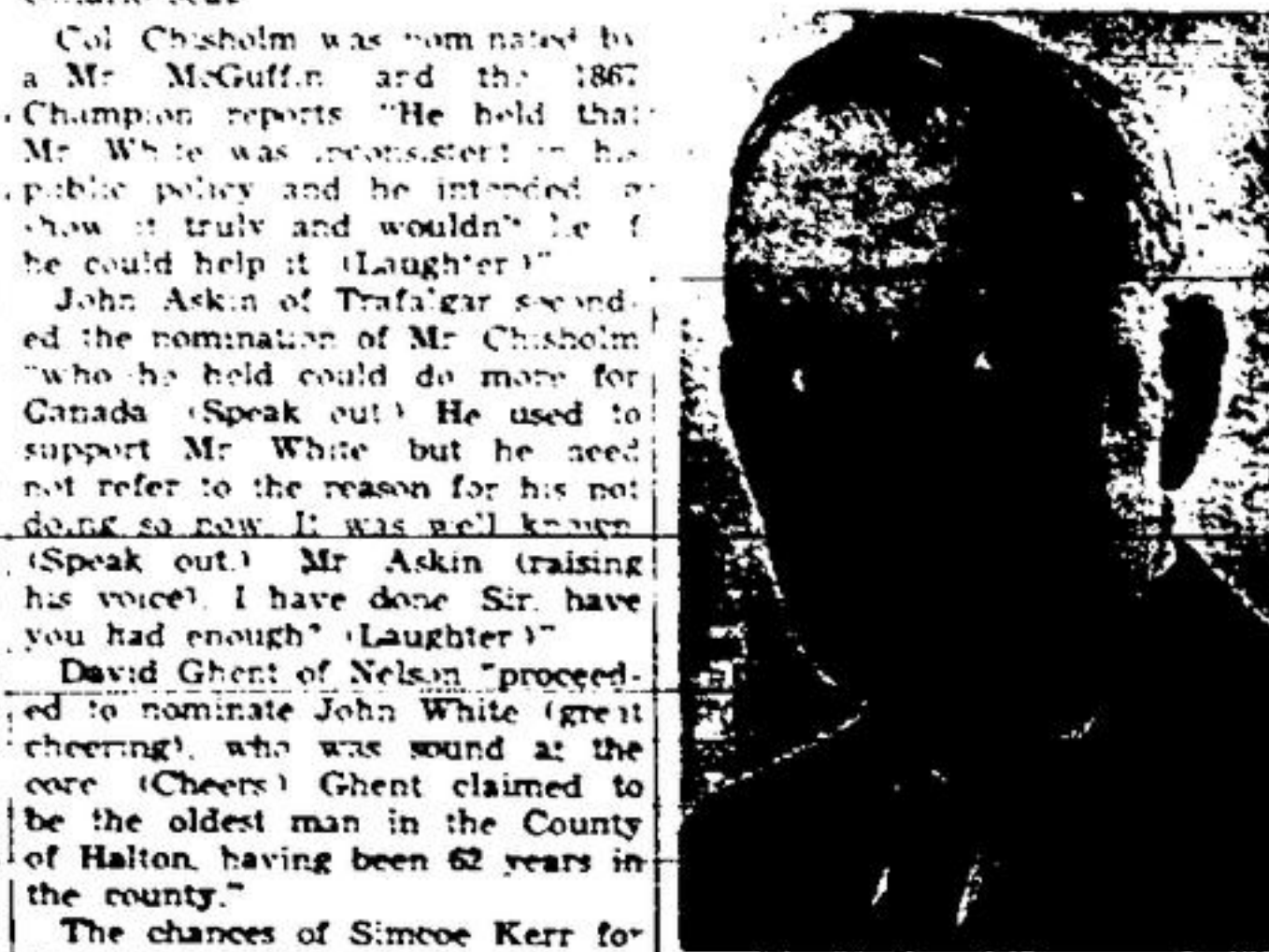
The beautiful lily is indeed a rarity in August.

Mrs. Bolton also has other rare and odd varieties of flowers in her garden.

BRIDAL ATTENDANTS AT GOLDEN WEDDING

On Tuesday July 28 Mr. and Mrs. William Kentner and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hills motored with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warne to New Liskeard to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Swindlehurst (nee Ethel Kentner) on Wednesday July 29. Both were residents of this community in their younger days.

The wedding took place 50 years ago at the home of the bride near Baltimore with a number of relatives and friends present. Mrs. William Kentner (nee Etta Hills) was bridesmaid; Mrs. Robert Warne (nee Phoebe Hills) and Mrs. Henry Hills (nee Viola Kentner) were flower girls. These three with their husbands were pleased to be with Mr. and Mrs. Swindlehurst for their fiftieth wedding anniversary and to meet their family. The groomsmen, David Kentner, who lives near Fort William, was not present.



HOLD 11th REUNION OF SMITH-BELL CLAN

The 11th reunion of the Smith-Bell clan was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson of Acton on the evening of August 3.

Picnic luncheon was served at 6:30 p.m. While the ladies were clearing away the tables the men enjoyed a game of horse chess and the children enjoyed ball.

A short business session was held in the house and then all went outside to enjoy games and races on a well lighted lawn.

The clan extended their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson for their hospitality.

SPEED CONTROL

The biggest traffic killer is "speed too fast." Try to remember that when you get the urge to drive faster than the posted limits.

Watch the car ahead and leave a distance between your vehicles equal to one car-length for every 10 miles an hour of speed. This is a minimum distance in which to control your car in an emergency.

FOREST EXPORTS LEAD

Canada's exports of forest products are 10 per cent more valuable than her exports of agricultural and vegetable products.

NATIONAL LEADERS represented locally in the federal election on Monday, August 10 are from the left, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, represented by Murray McPhail, Liberal; George Drew, represented by Sybil Bennett, Progressive Conservative; and M. J. Coldwell, represented in Halton by Stan Allen, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. Citizens are urged to vote on Monday between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., daylight saving time.