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71% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS CAST BALLOT

SPEND TWO HOURS IN COMPANY OF GIANT PYTHONS IN ZOO TRAIN

While about 800 Acton adults and children gazed at the 31-foot long giant python—believed the largest ever captured—at the Zoo Train Tuesday, no one got as good a look at the snake as Mike Cox and Matt Johnson. For two hours, the two Acton men worked at a drain in the non-toe-large cage of the two pythons, while the snakes, one coiled on the floor and the other on an overhead pipe, watched.

Zoo train operator Howard Y. Barry, an explorer himself, stood by with a club while the job was being done—the worst job of his plumbing career, according to Mike Cox.

To add to the workers' discomfort, chimpanzees in nearby cages were leaping and jumping at their wiring, which, startling enough in itself, is even worse when mistaken for the split-second uncoiling of a python!

Mr. Barry approached Mr. Cox the morning of the Zoo Train's appearance here, and asked him if he would come to the station and do a little job for him.

Mike Cox doesn't care if he doesn't do a "little job" like that again for quite a while!

The project was a financial success for the Acton Y's Men, who assisted during the day taking tickets.

The African zoo train, on a siding at the station, was open to the public from noon until 10 at night last Tuesday, sponsored locally by the Y's Men's club, which shared in the profits. About 800 saw the animals in the cages on the silver and red train, over 360 of them children. Music played outside as the local people filed through the train, which was decorated with pictures of African natives and articles of native equipment.

Animals included a wild porcupine, wild llama, lion, tiger, tapir, kangaroo and the show-stealing monkeys, as well as colorful birds and snakes. While the viewers were most delighted by the antics of the monkeys, the stars of the show were the giant pythons.

While the two local men were working at the drain in the cage, Howard Barry told them about the pythons as he stood by with his club.

He believes the giant python is about 300 years old; Siamese natives knew the beast was in a nearby swamp for many months before they were able to capture it. They waited until it was full (it eats live animals) and wrapped itself around a limb, he explained. They then quickly cut the limb off the tree and caught the snake in a net. It was sent to this continent for the zoo train.

The three century old snake lay on the floor and didn't pay much attention to him, Mr. Cox said, but the smaller snake—just 24 feet long—watched him with its beady eyes, its black tongue darting in and out.

Mr. Barry explains that the pythons seem to pay little attention to animals, but suddenly will dart, snatch and kill in a matter of seconds.

Beausoleil Island Is Scout Camp Site

Beausoleil Island on Chimney Bay is the scene of the 1st Acton Scout troop camp this year. Under the leadership of Dave Dills and George Elliott, there are five campers, Wayne Currie, Emmerson Baxter, Bob Marshall, Barry Stewart, and Ron Davidson. Jim Dills, Bob Coon and John Creasey attended the camp for the week-end.

Cars left Hordenowasawnee at the Scout Hall, on Saturday morning and arrived in Honey Harbor by 2:30 p.m. when equipment and scouts were taken by boat to the camp site. Included on the site is a dock, providing good swimming facilities, a newly constructed dining shelter and covered cooking fireplace.

Ted Tyler, Jr. drove the troop equipment up and Wilf Duval and Jim Dills took the Scouts. Scouts are to return from the week-long camp on Sunday of this week.

217 Halton Ladies Attend Assembly

From Halton county, 217 ladies are expected to attend sessions of the first Canadian assembly of the Associated Country Women of the World in Toronto, being held from August 12 (yesterday) to August 23. Sale of tickets in Halton amounted to 217, it is reported.

Some of the local Women's Institute members have donated old-time costumes for use in some of the displays.

Hooked rugs from the county are also entered in competition. Results of the judging are not yet available.

HOW HALTON CENTRES VOTED

	Allen	Bennett	McPhail
Burlington	220	1670	1084
Oakville	291	1391	1183
Acton	110	601	642
Georgetown	223	802	604
Milton	53	496	591
Bronte	79	204	257
Esquesung	134	802	891
Nassagaweya	65	336	511
Nelson	353	1884	1304
Trafalgar	263	1556	1424
Centennial Manor	5	29	25
TOTALS	1796	9780	8576

(These figures are not official totals)

75 Per Cent. Vote Return H. Hosking

With almost 75 per cent of the eligible voters exercising their franchise, Henry Hosking was elected in South Wellington to return to Ottawa for another session as federal government representative. The Liberal plurality was cut to 482 votes by a strong swing to Conservative in the north. Alfred Hales, the PC candidate, captured Erin village and Erin township, which were added to South Wellington for the first time this year. It is believed to be the first time since Confederation in 1867 that this section has given a majority to the Conservative candidate.

The election was one of the most keenly contested in South Wellington for many years.

Tom Withers was the C.C.F. candidate.

Total votes were as follows: Hales, 8706; Hosking, 9188; Withers, 2472.

Mr. Hosking secured 45 per cent of the total vote; Mr. Hales 43 per cent, and Mr. Withers 12 per cent.

The size of the vote was a surprise, with many holidayers returning temporarily on election day. There were 20,366 ballots cast of a possible 27,207.

Eramosa favored the Liberal candidate by 591 votes to 521. The C.C.F. candidate polled 119. Erin township voted 588 for Hales, 518 for Hosking and 57 for Withers. The total non-city vote was 3,015 for the Liberals to 2,325. The C.C.F. candidate received only 607 votes outside of Geuph.

The total vote outside the city was 72.75 per cent of the possible total.

The volume of wood in a mature forest does not increase. Proper cutting permits new growth and a perpetual harvest.

18 Scouters Attend Blue Springs Course

The second of this year's series of Scouters' Training Courses at Blue Springs Scout Reserve opened on Saturday (August 8th) under the leadership of Assistant District Commissioner John A. Snow of the York Central District. This course is for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, 18 of whom are in attendance.

Mr. Snow, who in business life is a general contractor at Willowdale, Ont., is a more than usually experienced Scouter. He has taken part in Canadian and World Jamborees and Rover Moots and last year was Scouter in charge of the Canadian Contingent of Boy Scouts to the Caribbean Jamboree held in Jamaica.

Assisting Mr. Snow on the present course are Provincial Field Commissioners Arthur L. Jackson of Brighton and C. Robin Sharp of North Bay, District Secretary Peter E. Woodger of Thornhill and District Commissioner Fred Cummerwall of Willowdale.

District W. I.'s Picnic at Lowville

A most enjoyable picnic was held at Lowville Park by the Halton District Women's Institute.

A disc roll by the presidents and secretaries was won by Mrs. A. Coulson, while the largest grin was awarded to Mrs. R. Anderson. Baby Ashwell was the youngest present and Mrs. Lantz of Acton, the oldest. Mrs. Gault was the best guesser, being one jelly bean from the correct number in the jar, and Edith Powell guessed the copper contest closest. The boys and girls vied with each other in several races, all being awarded some token for their effort.



PRIME MINISTER Louis St. Laurent was overwhelmingly returned as Canada's head in the federal election Monday with the Liberal party holding 171 of the total 265 seats.

Changes Underway At Public School

When school begins again in September, there will be more changes at the public school not to the smart new addition but to the old school.

The school bell, which summoned Acton youngsters to classes for 60 years, has been taken down. School board members are considering having the bell put in a cairn somewhere on the school grounds. The old-fashioned belfry which contained the bell has been completely removed and the front slope of the roof is being reshingled.

The old porch through which the school was entered is being replaced by a new entrance, of modern design in keeping with the trim appearance of the new addition. Wide brick piers will support the entrance, which is to be constructed of brick and glass. New doors will lead into the school proper.

New sidewalks will be a new feature in the fall. New paving will lead right around the new school to the kindergarten classrooms and a new walk will go from the front of the new school across to the high school, which is to be used for public school purposes.

W. Roszell and H. Gordon started the alterations at the school about two weeks ago and expect to have them completed by the first day of school.

Halton Elects S. Bennett As 20,172 Cast Ballots

Halton went Conservative and Canada endorsed the Liberal policies of Louis St. Laurent as Sybil Bennett, Q.C., Georgetown, was accorded a plurality of 1204 in Halton in the federal election on Monday of this week. A total of 20,172 Halton citizens cast ballots in the general election, representing almost 71 per cent of the eligible county voters. Miss Bennett, representing the Progressive Conservative party, claimed the county seat for her group after Liberal representation by Hughes Cleaver for 18 years. Liberals were represented in this election by Murray McPhail and the C.C.F. party by Stanley Allen.

Nationally, the Liberal party claimed a clear majority of the 265 available seats with 171. The Conservatives will be the official opposition with 50 seats. The C.C.F. has 23 seats, Social Credit 15 and others six.

A pledge to serve all her constituents, whether Conservative, Liberal, C.C.F. or otherwise affiliated, with dignity, honesty and loyalty, was made by Halton's newly elected federal member, at a triumphant victory meeting held in the Milton Town Hall Monday night.

Jubilant supporters from every part of the county jammed the Main Street as Miss Bennett reached Milton about 10 p.m. with Stanley Hall, M.P.P. in a victorious cavalcade of cars. Leaving the car, she was surrounded and kissed by the excited crowd which cheered and sang.

Milton members of the Lorne Scots' Regimental Pipe Band marched to the Conservative committee rooms next the Bell Telephone office and with a wild skirl of pipes and beating drums, led a victory parade to the Town Hall.

There Miss Bennett spoke, thanking her supporters and pledging her loyalty to their interests. She was introduced by A. S. Nicholson of Burlington. A cheering throng of at least 500 filled the hall to applaud and sing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

A broom was presented to Miss Bennett for her pledged house-cleaning in the House of Commons and she carried other gifts of magnificent roses and lilies.

The defeated Liberal candidate, Murray McPhail, and the county's retired Liberal member, Hughes Cleaver, came to the hall to congratulate Miss Bennett.

Following the meeting, Miss Bennett, Mr. Hall and the pipers again paraded up Main St. Later in the evening, the cavalcade drove to the south of the county to meet still more enthusiastic supporters.

Acton, Milton, Nassagaweya, Esquesung and Bronte gave a plurality to Murray McPhail, while Miss Bennett won a plurality in her home town of Georgetown, Burlington, Oakville, Nelson and Trafalgar.

The Liberal vote then, came

Strike 73.4 Mill Rate For Township

Erin township's tax rate was struck at 73.4 mills at a meeting of council on August 5th at Hillsburgh. The rate breaks down as follows: county road expenditures 9.8; township rate 16; general school 4.1; high school 8.3; Orton police village 11; Hillsburgh police village 15; Hillsburgh public library 2 with a maximum of \$3 to any assessment.

School areas and union school sections are to be assessed for the amount required by the trustee boards as follows: school area No. 1, nine mills; school area No. 2, nine mills; union schools that receive no general grants, U.S.S. No. 2, Erin village and Erin township, together with the balance due from 1952 (an error in requisition), 28 mills; S.S. No. 6 Caledon and Erin, 16.4; S.S. No. 13, 17.2; Eramosa S.A.U.S.S. Nos. 6 and 7, 20.9 mills.

A by-law was passed prohibiting the "injury, fouling, filling up or encumbering rivers, streams or other water courses in the township" and providing the penalties for violations.

Twenty-five dollars received from the Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was to be forwarded to the Erin village treasurer for services of the village fire department at the barn fire at F. Ashom's.

Acton treasurer was to be paid \$100 for the services of the Acton fire department, and Eramosa treasurer \$100 for the services of the Rockwood fire brigade at Ashom's fire.

Sheep accounts amounting to \$33 and road accounts of \$1052.28 were passed for payment.

Special Meeting Confirms Decision

Acton Council met in special session Tuesday evening to discuss with G. Parker, regional office representative, Hydro Electric Power Commission of Hamilton and Tom Scott, district engineer, the possibility of removing the high tension power line from the public school property, leased for playground purposes from Baxter Laboratories.

Mr. Parker stated that the representatives were not to try to influence the council, but pointed out if the town would pay the \$1,200 asked for removing the poles on this section, the H.E.P.C. would relocate the power line north of Acton, so that any future development in housing or sub-divisions would not be interfered with.

The cost had been based on the request of the town for removal of the line at the school. He felt that the proposed location of the line was only tentative and wanted the views of the council on the proposed site and a discussion on the over all plan. Mr. Parker said he felt that the line should be moved outside the Corporation boundary or not moved at all.

The High School Board had agreed to paying \$2,000 for the removal of the poles at the site of the new school.

The H.E.P.C. were ready to proceed with this work and had held up the construction until such time as the decision of council was reached.

The line at the high school property will be down Acton Boulevard to Queen St. from Mill St.

Council had not budgeted for this expenditure and did not see how the project could be financed at the present time.

Members of council pointed out that the Corporation does not own this land at the public school, it is just leased on a yearly basis from Baxter Laboratories of Canada Ltd.

The following motion was then tabled and a recorded vote taken with all members approving: "That we confirm our motion not to spend the \$1,200 required to move the line from the school property leased from Baxter Laboratories."

All members of council were present at this meeting and Mayor F. G. Oakes presided.



PIPERS AND DRUMMERS surround Miss Sybil Bennett, Q.C., shortly after she learned she had been elected as Halton's first woman representative in the federal government. Friends wait to congratulate the Progressive Conservative candidate in the party committee rooms at Milton. A parade to the town hall followed. Miss Bennett was accorded a plurality of 1,204 votes in the election Monday, with almost 71 per cent of those eligible in the county casting their ballots. Miss Bennett carried a bouquet of roses and wore lilies pinned to her grey dress. Nationally, the Liberal party claimed a decisive majority, taking 171 of the 265 seats available in parliament. The Conservatives will be the official opposition with 50 seats. The C.C.F. won 23 seats and Social Credit 15 and others six. Haltonites have been represented in Ottawa by a Liberal for the past 18 years. Hughes Cleaver was the Halton member for the entire 18 years. He retired this year.

Limehouse Ladies Hear of Bees, Uses

An instructive and interesting address on "Bees" by Mrs. Frank Chisholm of Hornby was the highlight of the August meeting of Limehouse Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick recently. Mrs. Chisholm told of the queens, drones and workers, the uses of beeswax as well as honey.

The motto, "No man is ever poor who has a garden at his door," was given by Mrs. Gisby and current events were taken by Mrs. H. Norton.

Mrs. Geary was chairman for the meeting on Agriculture and Canadian Industries. Some of the topics by the various conveners were, "Use Your Franchise," "Stop Worrying and Start Living," "Judith—Queen of England," "C. A. C. Bulletin," "Weeds Eradicated if Attacked Early."

Mrs. A. Norton favored with a vocal solo, "Pretend," which was enjoyed by all.

Plans were made for the short courses from the Department and an invitation to join Silver-Wood in their short course on rug making was accepted.

Mrs. Elterby thanked the speaker, the hostess and assistants, also all who took part in the program, after which the meeting closed with the Queen.

Burlington Girl Has Poliomyelitis

One new case of poliomyelitis has been reported to the Halton County Health Unit, Dr. Bull, director, announced.

A 10-year-old girl from Burlington is believed to have polio.