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Halton Liberals Name K. Y. Dick Candidate in Federal Election

Kenneth Y. Dick, Milton lawyer, was unanimously chosen Halton Liberal candidate at the nominating convention of Halton County Liberal Association Friday evening in Milton Town Hall.

Named to represent the Liberals in the next federal election, the 46 year old lawyer is backed by terms on municipal council, school board and as Warden of Halton County. Two other nominees for the post, Councillor Peter Waters of Oakville and Ruddy Whiting, Oakville, declined to accept.

The Hon. James Sinclair, Minister of Fisheries, flew in from Ottawa to address the capacity audience of 300. The Hon. Walter Harris, originally scheduled to appear was unable to be present.

The Minister reviewed the principles of what the Liberal party stands for and noted it was the only truly national party since it held majority representation in Canada's four or five national areas. "It's not the Liberal party that has made Canada a one party country... it's the voters," he declared, continuing to point out the main concern of the party was to continue to justify the confidence the people place in them.

In accepting the nomination, Mr. Dick urged the supporters to "not be faint hearted." He noted the opponents were without a leader and only a handful of members. "They're a politically bankrupt party now," the candidate said.

Propose North Halton Police Force For Three Towns, Two Townships

Suggestion Put To Urban Board By Acton Mayor

An 18 to 20 man Provincial Police force to govern the whole northern section of Halton County, including the towns of Georgetown, Acton and Milton and the townships of Essaring and Nassagaweya, was suggested at a meeting of the North Halton Urban Board last night in Milton.

Stanley Hall, M.P.P. for Halton, is to be requested to attend the next meeting to discuss the matter with the tri-town board. Georgetown was not represented at last night's meeting.

In presenting the idea for more county protection to the board, Mayor Ted Tyler of Acton recalled that 10 years ago there were three or four policemen working on the county detachment, which now has a staff of two. Explaining the growth in both population and crime of the county, Mayor Tyler warned that "We're just leaving ourselves wide open to unscrupulous outsiders" who learn of the small force available.

He suggested setting up a central headquarters for the force either in or near Milton, where the men would be dispatched to work in either towns or townships. After the seven members present signified their consent, it was hoped Georgetown would co-operate. That town now has a municipally-operated force, while the rest of the North Halton police are O.P.P.

In a discussion on hospitals and county participation in hospitals, it was reported that Georgetown had mentioned at County Council's meeting the previous day that they might be in favor of a central hospital to serve the three towns in the north, but that they definitely objected to the Agnew report.

A representative of the Humane Society at Oakville, which presently serves the three towns on an experimental contract, will be asked to attend the November meeting to discuss continuation of the contract. It was reported that local tag days for the Society had netted \$70 in Acton and \$24 in Milton. Georgetown is holding their tag day this week-end.

The mileage account of engineer F. Pallesen was approved in the amount of \$90. It was reported that as Nassagaweya township now had a reported 1180 population, an application to have a deputy-reeve next year was being made.

Natural gas and a pension plan for municipal employees were also discussed, with no direct actions being formulated.

County Tables Agnew Report Committee, Councils Study Further

Halton County Council Tuesday tabled the Dr. Agnew hospital report for further study by the hospital committee members and municipal councillors. This action was in the form of an amendment to a previous motion. The defeated motion was a move to accept the Agnew report in principle for further study with Dr. Agnew and the Department of Health. The defeated motion also called for retaining legal advice on various methods of financing and setting up of areas or districts.

Representatives from Georgetown opposing acceptance of the report that recommended construction of a hospital be delayed in that town, were John Gunn, Dr. McIntosh and Mayor J. Armstrong. Representing the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital was Tom Chisholm.

A communication from the Township of Nassagaweya notified members that municipality now had 1180 voters, making them eligible to have a deputy-reeve for representation on county council. The letter was acknowledged.

A resolution from Oxford county opposing the licensing of farm tractors and trailers was discussed and referred to the agriculture committee for further study and recommendation.

Anniversary Party Complete With Cake

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston, R.R. 1, Acton, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home, October 10. Friends of the couple provided the supper, complete with wedding cake.

Music by Mrs. M. Clark, sing songs, contest and a recitation by Barry Bruce were enjoyed.

Along with other gifts, an electric tea kettle, electric frying pan and electric lamp were presented to the bride and groom of 25 years ago.

450 at Knox Turkey Supper

Special Sunday services and the annual turkey supper marked Knox Presbyterian church's anniversary the past week. Other church services were withdrawn Sunday evening for the special service at Knox.

Taking part in the service with Rev. Andrew McKenzie were Rev. Gordon Adams, Mrs. Evan Jones and Rev. Ray Costers.

Soloist was Mrs. Klein of Guelph, a former member of the choir.

Attendance at the turkey supper Monday evening was about 450, lower than had been expected. The popular attraction was followed by a program in the auditorium. Taking part were Ken Colton of Balinafad and his "musical family"; Rev. Alex Calder of Georgetown who sang, soloists Mrs. Donald Bain of Hillsburgh and Mrs. John Davidson of Acton; accordionist Morris Van Hemmen and violinist Master Robert Denny of Churchill. Ted Hansen was accompanist. Mrs. Mel McCullough and John Harriott gave a piano duet.

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HARDTOPPING ROLLS DOWN on Arthur Street, the first of Acton's roads to be paved last week. This week Rayner Construction crews are moving quickly ahead. Most of the streets north and east of Queen and Young Streets have been paved, as well as Warren Grove's three streets. Elsewhere grading and levelling continues.

Swimming Classes Discontinued Accommodate All in Acton Park

After consideration and discussion, the Y's Men's club has decided unanimously to discontinue the popular swimming classes in Guelph this year.

In place of the classes, the men plan an increased swimming program for the park next year. They plan to provide instruction and sufficient classes to accommodate everyone. It is also their hope that they may, in co-operation with the Parks Commission, be given an opportunity to improve the swimming facilities there.

For a number of years now, the Y's Men's club have sponsored these swimming classes at Guelph Y.M.C.A. during the winter. The Y's Men provided transportation and paid for instructors so that the boys and girls, in Acton could learn to swim.

The numbers have grown tremendously. This year, there were 60 graduates from the summer program in the park looking forward to going to Guelph to complete their instruction. There were a number in this age group who for various reasons were not registered in the class last summer who would register. In addition to this, there is another group who were too old for the summer class who were also looking forward to going.

Guelph Y.M.C.A. is only available for two nights each week with maximum accommodation for 30 each night. It was obvious that everyone desirous of going could not be taken. The Y's Men felt that they did not have the right to deny anyone the privilege. The club therefore unanimously decided to discontinue the project.

The decision was made at the last meeting of the Y's Men's club last Thursday evening.

Paul Chukavorty of Calcutta, India, addressed the club. He is business secretary on the national council of Y.M.C.A.'s in India and Ceylon. He has been in the United States and Canada studying business methods in the Y.M.C.A.'s here, to apply in India. He has been here for three months and is returning in three weeks.

He spoke to the men on the Y.M.C.A. in relation to the free Indian republic and pointed out the part the Y plays in training leaders, especially in physical education and agriculture.

He was introduced by Bob Brayshaw and thanked by Clarence Rogwaldson, who presented him with a letter opener.

Warm Days, Bright Sunshine Is Served For Indian Summer

Indian summer during the past week has brought delightfully warm weather to this district and most parts of southern Ontario. Even the nights have been relatively mild for October.

Over the week-end the thermometer crept to the high 70's Northern Ontario has been as warm or warmer. Many farmers and gardeners are reporting unseasonable growth of some berry bushes. Leaves are coloring but lack of snapping frost has kept them on the trees longer than usual.

There are many other characteristics of this warm Indian Summer, but probably the happiest ones are the rays of bright sunshine which seems more in evidence than during this year's damp, cool summer.

Y's Menettes Club Organized

The Y's Menettes club has just been formed to assist the Y's Men in their work. The newly-organized group is not a separate money-making endeavor, but was created to co-ordinate the work the wives of Y's Men are already doing.

Their first project is making favors for an upcoming convention.

The first organizational meeting has been held, with Mrs. Mary McKenzie elected first president of the group. Mrs. Kay Lidkea is vice-president; Mrs. Vivian Smith secretary and Mrs. Ruth Leatherland, treasurer. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month; annual fee is \$2, the ladies decided. The next meeting is November 1 at the home of Mrs. Lidkea, and all Y's Men's wives are invited. All wives are automatically members of the club. The Y's Menettes will likely be chartered about Christmas time.

Stair Collapses During Funeral Three Injured

When an outside frame stairway collapsed following a funeral service at the Rumlley Funeral Home Sunday afternoon, three ladies were injured and hospitalized.

Mrs. A. T. Moore of Campbellville was treated in Milton Private hospital for a broken ankle. Mrs. Chris Britton and Mrs. Cal McIntyre were under observation in Guelph General hospital for bruises and possible internal injuries. They were released from hospital Tuesday and are convalescing at home.

The accident occurred following the funeral for the late Mr. L. McMillan, which was attended by over 400. About 25 ladies had been seated upstairs in the funeral home, and to avoid the congestion at the foot of the centre stairway inside, descended the outside stairway on one side of the building. Some of the group were on the stairway when the bottom steps gave way.



NEW BANK OF MONTREAL BUILDING is shown in this architect's drawing. The handsome structure, of stone, brick and aluminum, will rise on the Mill-Willow Streets corner property formerly occupied by Hinton's Department store. Preliminary construction work started this week and it is expected the building will be completed by January. A feature of the new bank will be a night deposit box.



LIMEHOUSE HALL MISHAP last week left one side of the building and part of the front in a pile of stone rubble. The partial collapse occurred during the night. It is believed excavations, started to provide a cellar for a new heating system, weakened the structure and caused the wall to buckle in. Work will carry on to restore the building, formerly the Methodist church, it was decided Monday.

Arson Scout Hall Fire Cause Investigation Still Continues

Arson is known to be the cause of the second of two fires which broke out at Acton's Scout Hall within four days, and is considered likely the cause of the first fire.

Thursday evening, shortly before 7 p.m., smoke was noticed coming from the Hall by Cubs on their way to a weekly meeting. Firemen were again called by Mrs. Van Hoekelen, who called in the alarm for the fire four days earlier.

The fire was found to have originated in the same place as last Monday's blaze — in the storage space between the ceiling and roof.

The same day as this second fire — Thursday — a representative from the Ontario Fire Marshall's office was in town investigating circumstances of the first fire. He returned the following day and from evidence found Thursday night, it was definitely concluded, this second incident was the work of an arsonist.

Fire Chief Jack Newton said yesterday there has been as yet no report on the findings from the Fire Marshall's investigation.

Last Thursday night's fire was quickly doused and damage was little more than was caused in the first fire. Public school pupils continue to use the hall as a classroom after fire in the old wing of the school two weeks ago evicted five grades from their rooms.

There has been no connection with the two Scout Hall fires and the public school blaze. School board members and firemen are satisfied the cause of the school fire was lightning.

Safety Address Heard at First Home and School Assoc. Meeting

A vividly documented address on traffic safety by a Kitchener police officer held the attention of nearly 100 parents and teachers at Monday night's Home and School Association meeting, the first this season.

President Lorne Masters introduced Sergeant Heinrich of the safety division of the Kitchener department, who impressed his audience by factual experience and traffic records with the need for constant care and common sense on the highways.

Earlier in the meeting a committee including E. Smith, A. Doby and Mrs. L. Clifton was named to look into the possibilities of erecting a cairn to house the old school bell on the present public school property.

The Association commended the School Board for its quick action to continue uninterrupted classes following the recent public school fire which destroyed five classrooms. The Board was also praised for its establishment of school crossing guards in the interests of pupil safety.

Principal G. W. McKenzie briefly reviewed the aims of teachers in applying to-day's school curriculum, and outlined what is expected of pupils and of parents to bring these aims to realization.

The picture and prize for best attendance was won by Mrs. K. Allen's room.

Again Saturday, the first two persons whose names were called were present to claim their prizes in the Appreciation Day draw. Mrs. Lorne Weick won \$12 and Mrs. Ada I. Dean of R.R. 3, won \$5.

The pot is now up to \$270 for next week.

Three Accidents On Mill Street

Three local accidents were reported by police here this week, none of them serious, but all occurring on Mill St.

Monday afternoon, Wm. J. McIntyre, R.R. Acton, was moving west over the Mill Street railway crossing when his car was nicked by a shunting freight train. Little damage was caused the vehicle and the driver was unharmed.

Early Tuesday evening a car driven by Ross Robertson, Acton, and a taxi cab driven by Vic Pechá collided near the Station Hotel. Minor damage was caused the Robertson car.

Wednesday, shortly after 8 p.m., a car driven by John R. Dick, Kitchener, and a truck driven by Gordon Holmes, R.R. 3, Acton, were in collision at the corner of Willow St. The Dick vehicle was caused about \$500 damage and the truck was caused minor damage.

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