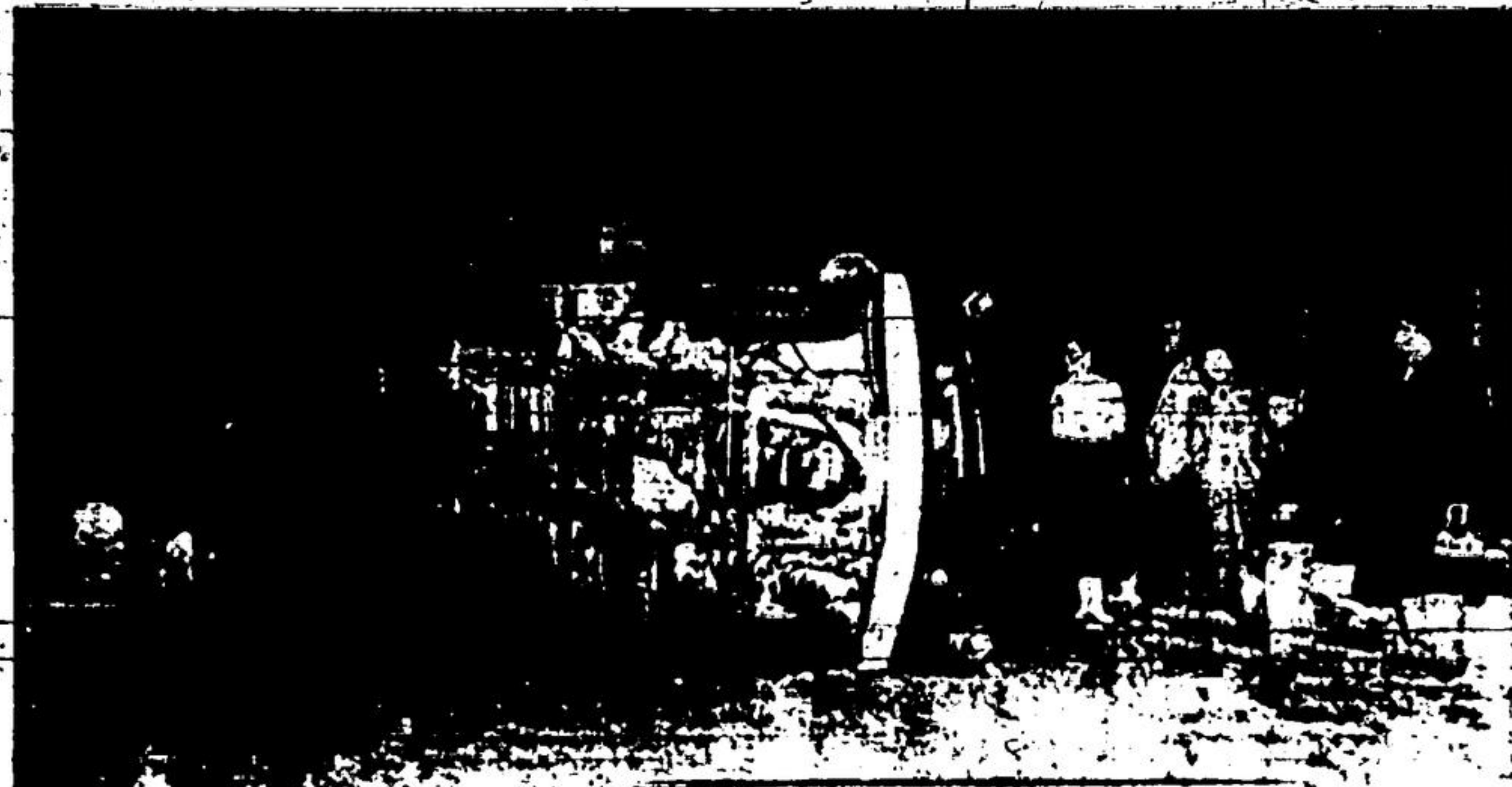


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Five Vehicles in Accident At Main-Mill Intersection

Damage was estimated at \$2,700 following a five-car accident that saw the driver of a Canada Bread truck, Earl Morden of Fergus, suffer minor head injuries. The truck collided with a car driven by A. G. Martin, R.R. 1, Acton. It continued into several other parked vehicles near the intersection.

Losé to Preston Junior Raiders Here on Friday

Acton Junior "D" team lost to the higher-ranked Preston Junior "C" in Preston Tuesday evening. Final score was 6-3.

Next game is tomorrow evening (Friday) in Acton when the hosts clash with their traditional rivals, Georgetown.

Team standing in the league up to January 22:

Preston "C"	7 3 14
Georgetown "C"	5 6 10
Acton "D"	4 4 8
Elmira "D"	2 5 4

Funeral in Church For Dr. Paul Beer

Funeral service was held Friday afternoon in Knox Presbyterian church, Georgetown, for the late Dr. Paul Beer, vice-president of Beardmore and Co. Ltd. and managing director of Coffee, Leather, Co. Aurora. Associates at the tannery were among those attending the funeral.

Dr. Beer was a member of Knox church and the minister, Rev. Alex Calder, conducted the service. Pall bearers were William McLean, S. G. Bennett, Andy Beer, Prof. W. A. Athlitz, Prof. Donald Coates, and Dr. Paul Everett.

Interment was in Greenwood cemetery, Georgetown.

Following the funeral, bouquets of flowers were sent to churches in Acton, Georgetown and Aurora.

Rotary Sends Five Members to Milton

Acton Rotary club sent five of its members to Milton Rotary club's 10th anniversary Tuesday. They were Anon Mason, Theron Jones, Art Padbury, Fred Wright and Bill Maddox.

Acton Victory on Home Ice Elmira Junior "C" Defeated 5-1

It was Acton's game all the way as Acton slashed the Elmira team 5-1 in Acton arena, Friday night.

Ted Fought, assisted by Black, came through at 1:20 to give Acton the first goal of the game. With just a second to go in the first period, Ron Hall, assisted by McPherson, gave Acton another goal, to give them a 2-0 lead.

Acton was right in style in the second period, as Hall, assisted by Baxter, at 2:38 gave Acton another goal. The second period seemed to be the period for penalties. There was also a fight between Fought of Acton and Dunnie of Elmira. Each got five minutes.

In the third period, Acton was still going strong. Fought, assisted by Cox and Black, at 5:56 of the third, gave Acton another goal to rack up the score of 4-0.

Elmira started to put the pressure on when Shantz, assisted by Mader, at 9:00 of the third, gave Elmira their one and only goal.

Paul Lawson of Acton and Black from Elmira were slightly injured when the wind was knocked out of them, but required no medical attention.

Baxter of Acton, with only 35 seconds left in the last period, took the puck from Acton's blue line and the way up the ice to make a sensational goal. This racked up the final score of 5 for Acton, 1 for Elmira.

Council Arranges Meeting For Ambulance Volunteers

P.O. Box Change Fills Week-end

Change over to new boxes in the post office is scheduled to be speeded through on the week end of February 1, to avoid all possible confusion and delays. Workmen will begin Friday evening to tear out the present boxes and completely rebuild the front walk. The post office will remain closed Saturday morning as the task continues.

Establish Zones Will Tour Town

F. Salt was named chairman of Acton Planning Board at the inaugural meeting held recently. J. Whitton was named secretary. The evening was spent discussing the establishing of an R1 zoning area in town and the permitting within R2 and R3 zones as it related particularly to professional business.

Special Activities Planned for Y.M.C.A.

Next week is Y.M.C.A. Week all over the world. In Acton the Y.M.C.A. is planning a church friends service for next week.

Three Services Week of Prayer

Week of Prayer services Sunday and Tuesday evenings were well attended. The third and last in the series is being held this evening (Thursday) in the United church.

Chain Reaction On Car Smash Damage \$2,700

A collision at the corner of Main and Mill Sts. on Saturday morning touched off a chain reaction resulting in damages estimated at \$2,700.

Smith Griffin Again Heads Fair Board Year Successful Despite Bad Weather

Receipts for the year totalled \$5,466.35 with total expenditures \$5,296.58 leaving a small bank balance. The treasurer's report is detailed.

Arthur Swackhamer, who was celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary the afternoon of the meeting, was made a life member of the society.

Smith Griffin was returned as president for the second year. William Thompson is first vice-president and Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, secretary-treasurer.

Directors are Fred Kentner, Calvin Aitken, Lawrence Homaley, Stan Morrison, Nino Brada, Walter Fryer, Calvin Sprawl, Charlie Thompson, Ralph Denny, Lloyd McLean, Alex Near, Jack Marshall, Melvin McCullough, Doug Rodgers, Don Brown, Bert Watson and H. L. Mackintosh.

Added to the present group of honorary directors and past presidents is Ray Everdell.

Walter Linham conducted the election.

Delegates to the Fair Association convention are Smith Griffin, Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, Bill Thompson, Walter Linham and R. L. Davidson.

The fair this year will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21.

One of the delegates to the district fall fair meeting in Barrie, Charlie McKeown, reported.

Heavy horses are on the way out, Walter Linham predicted as he reported on that class. Entries were not heavy.

There was a good turnout of light horses. J. Fryer noted. Lloyd McEneaney reported on the jumpers and D. Waldie on beef cattle. Charlie McKeown felt there was more appreciation of cattle lately as he stressed the good quality in the dairy cattle group. Pens were full of sheep and hogs. For poultry, Fred Kenter said there was not enough accommodation for more entries. They were up this year, he indicated.

Grain and roots display was good, but fruit poor. The plants and flowers display was better than in other years.

Although entries were down, the good quality of homecrafts was stressed by C. McKeown. Eight Women's Institutes competed. Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock declared the fair board had done a "good job" considering the season-and-the-day. He particularly thanked the society for their interest in the 4-H Grain club. He suggested Acton could also have a 4-H tractor club.

Both the 4-H and pumpkin growing competitions will be continued, members agreed.

—Mr. Norman Dryden, who passed away in Toronto Tuesday, was known to many here. His mother was one of the Storey family, who owned the Storey, shoe factory. She lived here many years. Funeral service is Friday in Guelph.

Name Sandy Best as P.C.'s Candidate Chosen on Convention's First Ballot

Haltion Progressive Conservatives, nearly 1,000 strong, Friday night named Charles Alexander "Sandy" Best of Stewartton as their county candidate for the next federal election. A good majority of the 412 voting delegates indicated the nurseryman and secretary of the Haltion association, as their choice over Robert MacIsaac "Mac" Sprowl of Acton and Rev. George Lockhart "Lickie" Royal of Norval.

In his acceptance speech which followed the announcement of his victory, Mr. Best predicted, "We will win in Haltion." This tribute, this honor, this challenge, is one that cannot be taken lightly and one that rests responsibly not only on my shoulders, but on those of every one here," he declared, and promised to devote his utmost to the party.

The candidate promised to visit as many Haltion homes as possible before the election, an old canvassing practice recently revived by his predecessor, Miss M. Sybil Bennett, who passed away in November after holding the Haltion seat for nearly five years.

In his welcoming remarks, George Elliott of Milton, president of the Haltion P.C.'s, recalled how Miss Bennett had promised to give her heart, body and soul to the party on that last nomination night, February 12, 1952. He challenged his listeners, about 150 of them standing all through the four hour meeting in the Milton town hall, to select the candidate to hold the county, which she redeemed. "We warned that an unwise choice could ruin all her achievements during her tenure of office."

Broader Jim Roberts of Oakville was elected chairman of the nominating meeting, and Bruce Fitzgerald of Milton acted as secretary.

George Elliott, in explaining his nomination of Mr. Best, told how party leader John Diefenbaker wanted young blood in the party, and noted that the three men nominated were all young. He scored the old slogan used by the Liberals, that "no young man has a chance in the Conservative party," declaring that the Conservative party was "founded on youth."

He introduced his candidate as the son of Dr. Charles H. Best, who, after serving in the first and second World Wars, was the vice-chairman of the Conservative party, and covered, with Sir Frederick Hastings, of insulin Mr. Best, he said, is a scientific and agricultural writer, and is presently trying his Ph.D. exam. Single, he is 25 years old, and the youngest candidate in the history of Haltion Tories. He has a retail mail order nursery and a stock farm and is the eighth generation of the family in this country. For the past four years, he has held the position of secretary of the Haltion Conservative party.

He has a B.A. and M.A. in chemistry and biology, and is a staff botanist and lecturer at the University of Toronto. Mr. Elliott explained that the candidate, through his position as secretary, had been closely associated with Miss Bennett, and knew her psychology.

In his candidate's message, Mr. Best declared "we will keep Haltion—never forget that." He called the meeting "a tribute to Sybil Bennett."

"We stand for the rights of the individual," he added, and promised to give individualism for an individual county.

In presenting his candidate, Rev. Royal, Major W. S. Thompson of Oakville noted the Norval minister

was 84 years old, married with five children, and had lived here 56 years. Rev. Royal headed the poll in the election for Esquimaux school trustees. He rose from a gunner to a commissioned officer in the Canadian Army, and is presently associated with the Canadian Legion and the Boy Scouts. "He will represent this party in its best principles," declared the nominator. Rev. Royal predicted, "Diefen-

baker will carry the Conservative party in power and himself to the office of Prime Minister." He went on to blast the present system of processing many Canadian products in other countries, and urged that those products be processed in Canadian towns and cities, by Canadians, for Canadian people.

Turning to pensions and welfare, the minister asserted that "we are (Continued on Page Ten)



Churchill Pair Celebrate

Life-long residents of this district, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer were at home at their farm, R.R. 2, Acton, to friends and relatives on their golden wedding anniversary last Saturday.

Cut Gold, White Wedding Cake At 50th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer of Maple Hill Farm were at home to their friends on the event of their 50th wedding anniversary. They have resided in the community all their lives and 48 years on Maple Hill Farm.

All the members of the family were present. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swackhamer, Misses Nadine and Joyce Swackhamer of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer, June, Cathy and Debbie, of R.R. 2, Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Swackhamer, James, Russ and Blanche of Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Swackhamer of Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Van Gosen, John and Mary of Hamilton.

The guests were greeted at the door by the sons and son-in-law. Their daughter and daughters-in-law served tea, assisted by the granddaughters and Mrs. Phyllis Lendrum of Hamilton, a friend of the family.

Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer chose for the occasion a black gown of tulle and wool, trimmed with satin. Her corsage was golden roses, white stephanotis and fern. Her table was covered with antique hand-made lace cloth and graced with antique crystal candleholders with white and gold candles. The three-tiered wedding cake was decorated in gold and white, topped with golden rose leaves and white ribbons of the valley.

Guests were present from Acton, Hamilton, Toronto, Brampton, Burlington, Guelph, Rockwood, Hillsburgh, Erin, Streetsville,

Frost Did It

Frost not only played havoc with trees and water pipes, but it also took its toll on the clock.

The glass on the clock facing Gordon Hardware was believed to have been broken by the sudden changes in weather. Then, to top it all, the clock itself stopped at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday morning as the gash in the glass let in the cold to freeze the mechanism.

\$25 in Awards Given Saturday

The two winners at the Appreciation Day draw Saturday of last week were Frank Terry, who won \$20 with a 10 per cent coupon, and Mrs. Fika Macke, who won the \$5 award.

This Saturday's jackpot is \$250.

Two Groups Decide to Unite

The Home and School Association met at the Robert Little school on Monday with 21 members present. Reports were given by the chairman and theatre committees. It was decided that theatre night will be held in February, when the feature will be "Come Home My Lady." A major motion picture goal is the idea of uniting the Public and High School Associations.

Mrs. Barber's class won the attendance picture, and money worth 11 parents present.

The Acton High School Glee Club sang three numbers followed by three films shown by Elmer Smith.

Ontario Honors For Joan Aitken

Miss Joan Aitken of the local 4-H Homemaking Club received her provincial certificate and pin at the local Achievement Day held Saturday at the O.A.C. These awards are presented on the completion of 12 clubs. The leaders, Miss Doris Fines and Mrs. E. Fisher and the other girls of the Opridge Oechsels, Shire, Anson, Lorne and Sharon Beasey, Nancy Bullock and Margaret Klooster were also present at the day's proceedings.

In spite of extremely cold weather, a fair attendance was present at the monthly meeting of the Home and School Association. Several films from the National Film Board were shown, with Mr. L. Brown in charge of the projector. A social chat was enjoyed during the serving of refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grundy motored to Stratford to spend a day with the former's mother, Mrs. Saretta Grundy, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Kant. Mrs. Grundy was celebrating her 77th birthday. She enjoys good health and is quite happy. Due to a broken hip suffered a few years ago, she doesn't get around without the use of crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Kingsbury and family of Rockwood visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie and family.

Week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. George D. Robertson included their daughter, Joyce, of Kitchener; their granddaughter, Miss Laurine Webb of Guelph township; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Robertson, Jimmy and Sharon of Guelph visited on Saturday with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson and Ron visited with relatives in Oakville on Saturday.

Haltion Tories Pick Sandy Best

Nearly 1,000 Haltion Progressive Conservatives packed the town hall in Milton Friday night to name Charles Alexander "Sandy" Best as their candidate for the next federal election. Above Stanley L. Hall, Haltion's M.P.P., left, adds congratulations. Mr. Best, 25, is the youngest Tory candidate ever named here.