

# Supreme Court Quashes Acton Building By-Law

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**PRESENT HALTON MEMBER** Charles Alexander "Sandy" Best, right, was again named Conservative standard bearer Friday by 500 cheering Halton Tories at the nominating meeting in the Town Hall, Milton. Guest speaker John Palllett, M.P. from Peel County, is shown congratulating Mr. Best, who lives on a farm near Georgetown.

## Supreme Court Quashes \$300 Building Permits

Mr. Justice Wells of the Ontario Supreme Court yesterday quashed an Acton municipal by-law requiring house-builders to pay a \$300 fee for each residence. He said in his judgement, sections of the by-law are illegal.

The Robert-Hudson Construction Co. Ltd. of Hamilton, asked him to quash the by-law on grounds it is discriminatory and beyond the scope of the municipality's powers. The company also claimed in its application that building permit fees set by the legislation are prohibitive.

In an affidavit, Thomas E. Kellott, general manager of the firm, said the construction company bought 191 lots in Acton and built houses which sold from \$11,500 to \$14,000 on 60 of the lots. He said the company purchased 82 building permits for each residence.

Last year, the town passed a by-law which meant that it would cost the Robert-Hudson Construction Co. Ltd. \$300 per house for new building permits, Mr. Kellott continued.

He explained his firm had intended to build houses on the remaining lots but said that addition of \$300 to the sale price of each house would prevent the sale of these houses and in fact prohibit the erection of the contemplated houses.

Town Clerk J. McLean said this morning noted no word has been received from Downey, Shand, Robertson and McLean solicitors engaged by the town to represent Acton and until such time as word is received from them no information could be given regarding further action.

## Conservatives Name "Sandy" Best As 500 at Nomination Convention

Charles Alexander "Sandy" Best, the man Halton voters sent to Ottawa last June with a large majority over his closest opponent, was given the nod once again to be the Progressive Conservative standard bearer for the March 21 federal election when 500 jammed into the Milton town hall for the party's nomination meeting. Mr. Best's nomination was unopposed by those in attendance and they cheered and whistled as his claim to the position was announced.

In his acceptance speech, the present Halton member urged voters to make this campaign one which will be characterized by victory and the success that we in Halton and all across Canada will have, a government that will bring progress, development and peace to the world.

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Prime Minister is anything but the greatest fighter for peace today in the world and in this country of Canada, is a completely nefarious notion." He said Mr. Diefenbaker at the England peace conference had "stood out as a world statesman on the stage of the world."

Stantley L. Hall, Conservative Member of the Provincial Parliament, congratulated Mr. Best on a very good showing in the time he spent in Ottawa and predicted the Conservative party would have a "working majority" after this election.

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It wasn't until the secretary had finished his remarks that county president Les Clark of Georgetown announced the microphone wasn't for a loudspeaker system, but was attached to a tape recorder in the back room being operated by Cy Young of CHWO radio station in Oakville.

## Nearly 1,000 People at Booster Night See Weston Club Skaters, Leaf Players



**TIGHTENING SKATES** and all set for their hockey session are these minor hockey stars, Lloyd McIntyre, Ed Hubble and John Beardman. They were three of more than 120 players that provided the preliminary program of hockey action at the annual Booster Night sponsored by the Legion Minor Sports Committee.

Close to 1,000 people braved the cold weather last night to attend the annual "Booster Night" sponsored by the Acton Legion Minor Sports at the arena in Acton.

This year the program featured the Weston Skating Club, Bob Baum and Ed Chadwick Toronto Maple Leaf players, Don Gibson skating comedian and Acton children playing hockey.

The Acton boys chosen from among the various teams started the evening's program at 8:30 with the assistance of Bob Baum and Ed Chadwick to coach them and sign autographs.

In the first game the 8-9 year old group put on a spectacular display for the parents present. Following were the 10-11 year olds who show promise of becoming future NHL stars. The 12-13 year olds chosen from the American League, donned new sweaters and played at a hectic pace as they showed mom and pop how it's done.

Last but not least the 14-15 year old all stars, under the watchful eye of the two Toronto players tore up and down the ice at break-neck speed as if they were trying to catch a place on the Toronto team.

The entire troupe of players paraded around the arena to the music of the Acton Citizens Band to receive the applause of the audience.

Mayor W. H. Cook spoke a few words of welcome to the crowd and praised the Minor Sports organization for the splendid work they are doing with Acton children.

The Weston Skating Club, trained by Dennis Patrick, senior skating professional, presented their ice show entitled "The Four Seasons" and in the opening number 25 girl skaters decked out in colorful costumes, walked around the ice surface in time to the music.

Don Gilmore, skating solo, thrilled the crowd with a spectacular display of skill.

Next was the presentation of the first season, Spring, starring Rose Marie Kelly. Dressed beautifully, she portrayed the rainbow that follows a spring storm. With five supporting girl skaters in the cast depicting raindrops, Miss Kelly skated on and out of the sandtraps.

Termed "the darling of the club", little Ruth Hodgson, dressed in a bunny costume, displayed her talent at handling the blades in a solo number.

Summer was presented next with Anne Cree taking the part of "Dreaming Girl", floating in and out of the garden where flowers, played by a cast of 12 girls, were protected by Don Gilmore as a sea-crow Beverly Barclay, as a butterfly, waited to fly from the flowers.

Sandra Mooney, one of the girls from the Weston club, who has passed many figure skating tests, was the last skater to perform.

## Town Council to Engage Solicitors For Agreement on Sewage Plant

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"I am not a babe. I can understand what is going on," he stated. Mayor Cook shouted, "We are wasting a lot of time here discussing things that should be and were discussed by the committee." Rapping his gavel he ruled councillor Rachlin was digressing from the motion and going back into past committee meetings.

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## Liberals Name Ken Dick Candidate As 300 at Nomination Convention

Ken Dick, Milton solicitor who was chosen Liberal candidate for the forthcoming federal election at a nominating convention, Saturday evening, which political observers described as "enthusiastic."

Despite blustery weather more than 300 attended the event in Milton Town Hall to see four candidates nominated for the position Morris Manderson, Georgetown, Wessel Gail, Burlington and Lester Whiting, Oakville all withdrew and Ken Dick was acclaimed the candidate and accorded a standing ovation when he indicated his intention to stand.

Named convention chairman, E. Harrop, welcomed the delegates commencing their heated enthusiasm despite what happened in the last election. "As usual with a Tory government things are not as good as they were," he concluded.

Mr. Whiting in replying to his nomination noted he had one thing in common with "Canada's next prime minister" his age. Declining to stand he expressed his regret for the campaign waged in the last election against Ken Dick. He noted a campaign picture in the last election showed Sandy Best talking to a farmer, his hired man. "If I accepted the nomination I would want to fight on what we are," he charged.

He noted Pearson was held throughout the world as a symbol of integrity. The candidate that goes forth from here must work and have the support of the organization. We must work in this campaign to be sure our fellow men have jobs," he concluded.

Wessel Gail, declined the nomination suggesting his practice of law was just getting started but he urged the delegates in the next six weeks to pledge to get five other votes and have each of them pledge five more votes.

New to County Morris Manderson reviewed he was relatively new to the county, practicing law in Georgetown. He pointed to its new leader, Pearson, whose personality stands out far above anyone in the Conservative

government." The speaker reviewed the "secret document" brought out by Diefenbaker and concluded, "We're not going to fall for the propaganda that the Tories didn't know what economic conditions were."

Mr. Manderson also reviewed the history of the Liberal party, the "unnecessary" election, the abilities of Mr. Pearson, and the need for Pearson at a summit meeting that is "certain."

He declined to stand for the nomination.

Accepting nomination Accepting the nomination and delivering a fighting speech Ken Dick recalled a year ago "painting a picture of balanced budgets and economic progress" compared with today's unemployment.

"As a Canadian one of the things I resent most is the changed attitude of the world toward our Canadian diplomats since June 30," the candidate declared. He said Fulton had explained that Diefenbaker was responsible for a "new feeling of unity." He forgot about the visit of the British exchequer and how he left the Finance Minister hanging in the air," the candidate concluded.

Mr. Dick also chided the government on not producing a budget, the holding of the present election, and the planned public works programs that would take months before it affected unemployment.

Outlining the Liberal plan of cutting income tax and the tax on raw materials coupled the candidate suggested this would have an immediate effect on the "declining economic situation."

"You send Pearson back with his followers and you'll be a much happier nation," he concluded.

Another Chance Hughes Cleave spoke briefly reminding delegates the party had another chance on March 21 to decide what kind of life we're going to have in Canada. He challenged that "We have a lot of work ahead to be sure we don't have four years of unemployment. Unselfish enough to want more of the good times we had."



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**BUSY WRITERS** were two Maple Leaf hockey players Bob Baumson and Stewart McDonald as Chadwick does the signing. More than 120 minor hockey players staged 15 minute games followed by the Weston Skating Club program.