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COMMITTEE ROOMS pictured above will be buzzing with activity on Monday night as election results are announced. The former Cooper block, it has been pressed into service for the election on Monday by the Liberals represented in Halton by Ken Dick, of Milton and by the Conservatives represented by Sandy Best, from Georgetown.

Pay \$4,650.00 Rayner Reserve On '56 Paving

Acton Council at a special meeting in the P.U.C. office Monday night, agreed to pay \$4,650 of the \$5,000 holdback to the Rayner Construction Company, on the recommendation of the road committee.

The holdback had been made at the time of the paving program in Acton to assure that the work was completed satisfactorily.

Previously council had decided the breakdown in the pavement on Knox Avenue was the responsibility of the paving company, but the engineer assured them it was not.

On Saturday morning the engineer, K. Rowe of the Rayner Co., and the road committee of the town reviewed the situation on Knox Ave. The committee was assured the breakdown was due to the breakdown of the base.

On Monday evening at the special meeting the re-ammortization of the road committee to pay Rayner Construction Company was forwarded to council for final decision.

45,000 Halton Voters Eligible Monday To Decide on Federal Representative



Rev. R. Costerus Moving to Delhi

Reverend R. H. Costerus, of the Acton Baptist Church, announced this week he was leaving Acton on Tuesday, April 8, to take charge of churches at Delhi and Teeterville.

Mr. Costerus, born in Shanghai, China, received his education there in the Public and High Schools. Following he took correspondence education through the University of You Chang.

During World War II he was a prisoner of war from 1941 to 1945 and after the war he came to Canada via the U.S. While there he met his wife before moving to Toronto where he attended Toronto Bible College.

After completing training in Toronto, he settled in northern Ontario later coming south to further his training.

Mr. Costerus came to Acton in 1933 to preach at the Baptist Church here while completing his training at McMaster University in Hamilton, graduating in the spring of 1936 and was ordained in the church in Acton the same year.

The minister is married with two daughters and has been active in the Boy Scout movement in Acton. Last summer he was a director at summer camp at Oneida on Lake Erie.

A brother, C. J., is a Presbyterian Missionary in Formosa.

Driver Escapes Injury In Two Car Collision

Solomon Goldman, of Acton, escaped injury when the car he was driving was in collision with a vehicle driven by Wilton L. Gardhouse of Toronto, in Georgetown last Friday evening.

Corporal James Bilborough, of the Georgetown police, investigated and stated the Goldman car was proceeding east on number 7 highway and did not see the approaching car westbound that was attempting a left hand turn onto Highway Drive.

Damage to the Gardhouse car amounted to \$250 and the Goldman vehicle \$200.

Thief Steals Press Camera

A photographer's camera, being used by Bob MacArthur of the Manitoulin Explorer, at Little Current on Manitoulin Island, was stolen from beside the pulpit of the United Church there, during a far-west party recently.

Mr. MacArthur, formerly of Acton, told police he had been taking pictures during the party and had laid the camera down to join the party. When he returned the camera was gone.

M.P.P. Proposes Park Site Suggests Highway Extension

John Ross, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin, suggested in a speech to the provincial legislature, on March 12th, that there is a logical site for a provincial park at Rickwood Falls on the Eramosa River which flows into the Speed and from there into the Grand.

Mr. Ross suggested "In this area there is a beautiful stream and many natural rock formations that could be developed into one of Ontario's finest parks, within 45 or 50 miles of metropolitan areas."

I would like to suggest that the Department of Lands and Forests have a look at this area and see if it can be preserved for the people of Ontario, least some other form of development takes place and it is lost.

He urged the department of highways give careful consideration to the suggestions of Wellington and Dufferin about building a road from Oakville north into the area. Extending highway 25 north.

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Building Takes Upswing Permits Total \$488,300

A sharp upswing in building in Acton is indicated by the month's building permits totalling \$488,300. By far the largest month in the past two years, it exceeds the total of construction in the entire 12 months of 1954 and almost matches the 12 month figure for 1957.

Also re-issued were 17 permits for buildings valued at \$136,000 and a \$280 permit for demolition. Total construction indicated by permits for the year 1958 show the first three months with \$207,800. Last year in the same period permits were valued at \$20,850 while in 1956 the permits totalled \$11,500.

Total construction in the 12 months of 1956 was \$279,800 and in 1957 \$403,145.

Usually considered a record year for construction, 1955 saw \$673,000 in the first six months for the year, a total of \$1,755,100.

Discuss Rates Hear Reports At P.U.C. Meet

W. D. Armstrong, Consumer Service Supervisor of the West Central Region of Ontario Hydro, informed members of the Public Utilities Commission that the H.E.P.C. rate schedule had not changed for approximately 25-30 years, and also clarified the four block rate structure for consumers.

The representative pointed out that during the 25-30 year period the average monthly consumption had changed so drastically that the existing schedule no longer distributes the cost fairly between the three classes of customers and the between the customers with low, medium and high consumption in the various classes.

Mr. Armstrong stated a rate study engineer had been appointed in 1949 to make surveys of a number of utilities in Canada and the United States. He had commissioned it was the expert's opinion that the load characteristics of individual customers extends over such wide limits that a rate structure is required which will automatically produce revenue commensurate in some degree with the cost of serving the various types of customers encountered in the broad domestic rate group.

Rate Structure

The consumer service supervisor told the commission the four-block rate structure would lend itself admirably to the above condition, and explained the length of the proposed blocks to be as follows: 50 kilowatt hours at a first rate, 200 kilowatt hours at a second rate, 500 kilowatt hours at a third rate and over 750 kilowatt hours at a fourth rate.

It was explained to the commission the first rate was chosen for two reasons: (1) the customers who use hardly any of the service would pay a high enough rate for the P.U.C. to recover the cost of the service and (2) because of its mechanical simplicity.

It was pointed out the majority of domestic users would fall in the second block of kilowatt hours as they have a high peak responsibility and the rate was set high enough to recover the cost of the power plus controllable expenses.

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Disston Saw Plant

Begin Side Panelling

Carl Larocque, building superintendent at the Disston Saw plant being erected here by the H. K. Porter Company Limited, reported this (Thursday) morning, work on the new building was ahead of schedule and progressing favorably.

"Outside of the mud conditions we are getting along fine," he stated.

Since the beginning of activities on February 6th, cement footings

200 Crowd Legion Auditorium To Hear Alexander "Sandy" Best

Over 200 people crowded into the Acton Legion auditorium last Friday evening to greet Alexander "Sandy" Best, Halton county's Progressive Conservative candidate at an informal gathering prior to the coming election on Monday.

Mr. Best spent the greater part of the evening chatting individually with the men and women, answering questions and reviewing party policies.

However, the Conservative candidate rose before the entire crowd to outline the record of his government in their past eight months in office.

Mr. Best informed the audience that 10,000 citizens in the low income bracket were free from tax payment as a result of an additional \$100 exemption for dependents introduced by the government. This amounted to \$60 million dollars.

The speaker pointed out the decrease in excise tax on cars, increase in old age pensions and pensions for the blind and disabled all credited to the Conservative term in office.

Mr. Best outlined the Agriculture Support Bill passed recently, noting that the new agriculture prices stabilization act provided the farmers with a greater degree of security.

The objective of the act is to maintain a fair relationship between prices received by the farmers and the cost of goods he must buy.

The candidate asked for a chance to continue to improve the relationship between the Federal government and the provinces. He stated the job was not completed, although there was a good deal of interim action finished. He stressed the increase in the portion of personal income taxes paid by the Federal government to the province from 19 per cent to 15 per cent.

"To Ontario alone this will mean \$22,000,000 in the current fiscal year in extra Federal grants," he pointed out, but assured the people it required more study and action.

O.P.P. Use Radar 23 Fined \$174

Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton detachment of the O.P.P. reported this week fines amounting to \$174 and costs were imposed against 23 drivers who appeared in magistrate's court in Milton last week.

Of the charges laid, 15 were for speeding, one failing to stop at a stop sign, five failing to produce a driver's licence, one failing to have 1958 licence plates and one having improper lights.

It was further reported 30 charges were laid on Saturday, March 22, against speeders during a spot check with radar and four charges were laid for failing to stop at stop signs.

Polling

Do you know where you're going to vote on Monday's Federal election?

The Free Press this week lists all the town of Acton polling places on this page.



OVER 200 PEOPLE attended the Conservative Rally held in the Acton Legion Auditorium last Friday evening, to greet their leader for Halton, Alexander "Sandy" Best. Pictured above left to right are, Mr. Best, Mrs. G. Beatty, Mrs. D. H. Lindsay and Stan Hall M.P.P.

Halton voters, close to 45,000 strong, are expected to flood the polls between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. this coming Monday, March 31 in what could possibly be a record turnout of voters. The voters will be choosing one man from three to be their representative at the Federal parliament at Ottawa.

Three Candidates

Alexander "Sandy" Best, the Conservative from Georgetown, Halton's incumbent member, is holding the Progressive-Conservative standard again this election and hopes to be returned to his Ottawa office by as much a landslide as he did last June 10, when 75 per cent of Halton voters turned out to name him successor to the late Sybil Bennett.

Milton lawyer Ken Dick, who held the standard for the Liberals in the June election, has again returned to the battle scene and is trying to make enough Halton voters Liberal supporters to give him a better vote than last year's, when he polled half the winner's votes.

Jack Henry, the C.C.F. carpenter-candidate from Palermo, is again representing his party after suffering defeat at the polls last June. Mr. Henry feels he has picked up many former Tory and Grit votes since the last election.

Voting for the three candidates in last year's election was: Best 17,500, Dick 8,912 and Henry 3,331.

Halton returning officer Alex Cooke of Milton is all set for Monday's poll. For months he has been preparing names, polling subdivisions and deputy returning officers. His home on Monday evening will be a scene of bustling activity as returns from hundreds of polling divisions pour in and are entered on master score sheets.

Poling Division No. 54 (Rural): Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton south of Mill St. and east of John St. and Alice St. and south of School Creek and town boundary Polling Station at Anthony Seynucka residence, 191 Mill St.

Poling Division No. 55 (Rural): Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Mill St. and west of Willow St. and Beardmore Creek, to the town limits Polling Station at Y.M.C.A. Building, Mill St. E.

Poling Division No. 56 (Rural): Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Mill St. north of Queen St. and east of the C.N.R. main line. Polling Station at J. McGeachie's residence, 242 Arthur St.

Poling Division No. 57 (Rural): Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, north of Mill St. and east of John St. and Alice St. and south of School Creek and town boundary Polling Station at E. G. Franklin's residence, 52 Nelson Court.

Early morning commuters to Toronto will be able to vote before they leave Acton, next Monday. Those who usually take the 8:40 a.m. train will be able to catch the 8:51 that will be stopped to accommodate the early voters.

Stationmaster George Angell announced the through train would stop on Monday only, for the passengers who wanted to vote before leaving.



LENDING ADVICE during a euchre game is Halton's Liberal representative for the election on Monday, K. Y. Dick and Mrs. Dick. Sitting with back to camera is G. Leslie, L. Weick, E. Marzo and F. McIntosh. Over 200 attended the rally in Stewarttown Hall on Monday to hear their representative speak.

Lawyer, Minister To Speak Here In Holy Week

The significance of Palm Sunday for a Layman will be the theme of the address by the Kitchener lawyer, Ernest West, next Sunday evening at Knox Presbyterian church. This service will be the first of five monthly services, sponsored by the Acton Ministerial Association, for a Lenten observance in Acton of the week.

Mr. West, former Actonian, received his primary and secondary education here and then studied law at Osgoode Hall and was called to the Bar in 1953. Always particularly active in church work, he has served in several important positions. He was president of the Baptist Young People's Union of Ontario and Quebec from 1945 until 1955, and the following year presided as Moderator of the Gospel Association of Baptist Churches in King Street Baptist church, Kitchener. He is a member of the Deacons Board and chairman of the Christian education committee.

Every evening from Monday next (March 31st) until Monday, Thursday (April 3rd) The Passover theme will be pursued in the preaching of the Rev. G. Lachy, R.C. pastor, popular minister of the Knox Presbyterian church. The Rev. Mr. Royal was born in Collingwood and took his studies for the Christian ministry in Knox College, Toronto, being ordained in 1951. During the last war he was an officer in the Royal Canadian Artillery.

The preaching of these churchmen, along with suitable Lenten worship conducted by the Acton ministers, and music supplied by three of the church choirs and "The Five Straws," promise an evening of spiritual refreshment.

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K. Y. Dick, Liberal Candidate Addresses Crowd at Stewarttown

"If the Liberal Party is elected next Monday, we propose to cut taxes four to five million dollars, or as much as is necessary to assist the consumer's spending power," stated K. Y. Dick, Liberal candidate in Halton, when he addressed over 200 people in the Stewarttown Hall on Monday evening.

The Liberal's proposal, come June 1st, to adopt a plan whereby no income tax will be collected for a seven week period and also they will lower the income tax in general by four percentage points, continued the speaker.

Mr. Dick told the large audience the Liberals were the only party who have outlined the problems of the country and provided answers for them.

He suggested there were three pillars on which to build the economic situation, by stressing foreign trade, capital expansion and consumer spending. Foreign trade is dropping off but should be encouraged, he pointed out, and added there was nothing wrong with foreign money, as it was necessary to expand and build up capital investments.

The Liberal candidate told the gathering an exemption was proposed in income tax for newlyweds for the first three years, up to \$4,000, and also a tax reduction for the small businessman, in order to leave more money in the pockets of the taxpayers for consumer spending.

Mr. Dick stated it was the intention of his party to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act and make provisions for persons when they are off work, due to sickness. It was further pointed out the health insurance plan would be revised to provide for medical, dental and surgical care as well as hospitalization.

"This is for the protection of the breadwinner," he stated.

Protection will be given the widow, and unmarried women whereby they can claim old age assistance at the age of 60 instead of 65, the speaker said. Mr. Dick also outlined the program for protecting the family where a child, although past 18, was continuing to high school in such cases, the baby bonus would continue if the child goes on to school.

2,500 scholarships and 7,500 bursaries would be provided for university students in addition to a university students' loan fund with no repayment required until a year after graduation.

In conclusion, Mr. Dick gave some intimate glimpses of Lester B. Pearson, the Liberal leader, in his daughter's home in Milton. He relayed to the audience Mr. Pearson's description of his visit with Mr. Krushchev at the latter's home in the Crimea.

Mr. Dick pointed out, "Since those days, Russia has acquired the H-bomb. A conference of Russian and Western nations is coming and unless we can find some way for the Soviet and Western nations to exist side by side, then we need not worry about the economic progress or any other problem."

The meeting was chaired by Lorne Bird of Norval and the speaker was introduced by Jim Cunningham of Hornby.

Prior to the address by Mr. Dick, euchre was played by many with prizes going to the following: first lady, Mrs. Irene Hunter, 81; second lady, Mrs. W. A. Nelson, 80; first man, Ron Papillon, 84 and second man, Bob Gray, 83.

Lunch was provided by the ladies of the Liberal Association, after which dancing was enjoyed.