

Burlington Mayor Seeks Provincial Seat

Owen F. Mullin, 33-year-old Mayor of the Town of Burlington for the past 13 months, announced Monday he would seek the Liberal Provincial election nomination for Halton County riding.

Mayor Mullin was a candidate in the last provincial election in 1959, and lost to incumbent Progressive Conservative Stanley L. Hall by 714 votes. It was the closest any candidate had come to winning the 19-year M.P. in his six election campaigns.

Mr. Mullin was elected to Burlington in 1960, and served as chairman of the building and planning committee, a member of the industrial committee, the works committee, and Burlington and Suburban Area planning board.

He defeated four other contestants to become Mayor in January, 1960 — the youngest mayor in Burlington's history.

Mr. Mullin received his B.Sc. in chemistry at St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown, P.E.I. in 1949. For the past 10 years he has worked at Ford Motor Company of Canada, eight years in engineering and two years in sales. He is presently a sales executive in truck sales promotion.

C. of C. Directors Name Chairmen

The members of the Board of Directors of the Acton Chamber of Commerce last night met in the Knox Presbyterian church for their first meeting of the year. At last night's meeting, the directors, under the chairmanship of president Paul Nielsen appointed chairmen of committees as follows:

Membership, Orval Chapman; Civic, Roy A. McKenzie; Retail, Fred Gordon; Industrial, J. B. Wood; agricultural, W. Carmichael; public relations and publicity, H. J. Deveau.

Plans were discussed for the celebration of Chamber of Commerce Week which is scheduled to take place April 21-27. A tentative date for the Annual Community Dinner was set for Wednesday, April 24.

Possible projects for the coming year were placed before the directors but no definite action was taken at this meeting. The first general meeting for this year was approved for Wednesday, March 13 and will be concerned with safety. A speaker from the Department of Transport will be present and a short film on safety will be shown.

Five of the directors present signified their intention of attending an Area Conference of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce at Burlington on February 25. Sixteen of these Area Conferences are being organized throughout the province of Ontario which are designed to discuss specific projects — membership and finance, program of work, officer development, Chamber's roll in public affairs.

President Nielsen commented after the meeting "This is the best attended directors' meeting in some time and I hope the evident interest and enthusiasm of the present directors will continue throughout the year."

Elections, Report Highlight Annual Meeting at Ospringle

Members of the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Ospringle, held their annual meeting recently at Mt. and Mrs. Ward Bruce's home. Rev. T. Maxwell was appointed chairman for the evening with Gordon Aitken acting as secretary.

The meeting opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Maxwell. Favourable reports were given by the treasurer and various conveners.

The retiring managers were re-elected. Norman McKenzie, Stan Fuller, Barry Clarke and George Jackson with Stan Fuller as chairman Byron Bruce was appointed treasurer and Gordon Aitken as envelope secretary. Ward Bruce was elected Sunday school superintendent.

Rev. Maxwell closed the meeting with prayer after which a

lovely lunch was served by the ladies and a social time enjoyed.

—Pale grey shingles are laid over the expanse of the large, sloping roof of the Christian Reformed Church. Contractors are sheltered somewhat by windbreaks of plastic.

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Harley Supports BOTH Health Plans

Following a Saturday morning meeting with directors of the Halton Co-Operative Medical Services organization, Halton M.P. Dr. Harry Harley has issued a statement supporting the Medical Co-Op's comprehensive medical care program.

Last week the group charged the M.P. with discrimination against the local, non-profit health insurance agency after he endorsed the competing Physician's Services Incorporated plan for Halton-wide enrolment. Both companies are presently trying to recruit new members for their health plans across the county.

Supported P.S.I. The trouble began Wednesday of last week when Halton residents received letters from Dr. Harley announcing the P.S.I. plan and lending his support. P.S.I. is sponsored by the Ontario Medical Association and the physicians of the Province and his signature on the advertising literature (as a doctor) was quite laudatory and ethical. However, his name was signed as "H. C. Harley, M.D., M.P. for Halton."

This raised the ire of Medical Co-Op directors, who called an emergency meeting on Wednesday evening. Following the meeting, they fired off a night letter charging he had "discriminated" against the consumers-sponsored program by "supporting a private interest group." A letter followed, enlarging on the H.C.M.S. executive's feeling.

Halton County Federation of Agriculture, which sponsored and helped organize the Co-Op in 1947, immediately supported the protest.

Contacted in Ottawa, Dr. Harley admitted he knew very little about H.C.M.S. He claimed he was not discriminating against the firm, but he knew the work of P.S.I. as a doctor, and lent his support to the community enrolment program.

Endorses H.C.M.S. Saturday afternoon he willingly met the directors of H.C.M.S. and immediately afterwards issued a statement supporting the group (See "Our Readers Write" elsewhere in this issue).

"As your M.P. I will support any health plan in the County which is non-profit and available to all regardless of age and pre-

existing conditions for all." The expanding economy "is dependent on managed government being a positive force leading, guiding and directing the affairs of its citizens and the overall development of the community."

And to do this, the local government must have the power, adequate finances, and wise counselling from the Province.

He changed that since the basic structure of government was first laid down in 1849, the role and the complexities of the government administration has drastically changed. "Piecemeal changes have led to a multiplicity of bodies, overlapping functions, and units of Government which cannot properly administer their affairs."

The candidate said some property owners—farmers in urbanized rural areas in particular—

are paying for services they do not need. "The farmer in the urbanized rural area is being taxed as an urban dweller and the resulting burden is forcing him to sell his property for urban development. As a result, municipal services have soared, and much of our finest and most productive agricultural land has been lost."

He urges redefining of the roles and functions of municipal, county and regional governments, reduction of the number of appointed boards and commissions through amalgamations, establishment of regional planning areas, re-allocation of the responsibility for payment of services and the sources of taxation, and initiative by the provincial government to work co-operatively with municipalities and assist them with their problems.

Mr. Harley added his hopes that such a plan would soon become available on a national basis.

Halton Co-Op Services secretary-treasurer Mrs. A. R. Coulter of Campbellville has since issued a message from the directors urging all subscribers to "remain loyal to the group that over the years has done much on their behalf." The organization, she said, "has always depended on satisfied members as a means of enrolling new members."

She noted the Co-Op's competitors have refused to give overall health coverage to county residents until the present time. (It is felt in some quarters that the P.S.I. move is an attempt to thwart the founding of a government-sponsored Medicare program. Halton is the third county in Ontario where P.S.I. has begun community-wide enrolment.)

Step Up Program The Halton Co-Op plan has provided protection against crippling medical expenses over a period of 16 years when it was not available from any other source a director noted. The group also stepped up its program to in-

clude in-hospital medical care and office call fees to please modern families.

A major medical benefit in the Co-Op plan, nursing care when required, prescribed drugs, ambulance charges, and other medical expenses not usually covered under comprehensive medical care plans. The directors are excited all doctors who are providing, as payment is made to the doctors on the basis of 100 per cent of the Ontario Medical Association schedule of fees.

Locally Operated Mrs. Coulter added one distinct advantage of the local plan—it is locally administered, claims are paid within the month, members may meet with the directors at the monthly meeting to discuss any problems, and any profits are turned back to the members in added services or lower premiums.

The Medical Co-Op is moving its office from the home of the secretary to an office in Milton, for the convenience of its members.

Ratepayers Oppose Apartments

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which has no sidewalks and is rather narrow, this is going to create a tremendous hazard for our children. For their sake alone we should not allow this exception of the by-law to be granted.

Further it is a well known fact that the cost of educating one child in this, our town, is costing approximately \$450.00 annually. Which cost is borne partially by taxes, which are already high.

Also, the schools in our town are filled to their capacity. An apartment house filled with tenants and their schoolgoing children is certainly not going to improve this situation, but will undoubtedly lead to the building of expensive additions to our schools and the cost for which will press upon the ratepayers unnecessarily.

Gentlemen, all that my fellow ratepayers and myself are hoping for is that after you have made your fair decision, after considering all our arguments and the facts of this matter, we as citizens of Acton may conclude this incident with saying: Acton still remains a good place to live. Thank you.

Also addressing the committee were: P. Elliott, 52 Meadvale Rd. who asked if every other vacant lot in the subdivision could be the subject of a hearing. He said, "Someone slipped up on the by-law in the past."

Mr. Wilton of 178 Longfield by his calculations felt that variances were not of a minor nature and should be turned down. "The intent is very important. Is it

going to help the citizens of Acton? The 145 who signed the petition do not feel it is in their interests and getting around the intention of the by-law."

R. H. Drinkwater: "Is there a driveway on either side?" Chairman M. Smith, "Yes, it was not on the original submission."

Mr. Ford, collector for Mr. Gittto: "The area is zoned R-2. I sympathize with these people if they didn't know about it (the zoning by-law). They should have been advised. The committee must decide whether it is a minor variance and what is the best use for the land."

G. McKenzie Committee: "What is the approximate cost of the building?" G. Gittto: "\$75,000 plus land." McKenzie: "It should be assessed for how much?" J. McGeachie, secretary: "I wouldn't hazard a guess." McKenzie: "What would the rent be?" Gittto: "The units contain 800 sq. ft., about \$100 per month." McKenzie: "Would the basement units be cheaper?" Gittto: "Possibly could be \$50 off. In the basement there

would be 1600 sq. ft. for the kitchen, furnace, laundry and play room." Smith: "There'd be no need for the children to go out and play on the road then."

J. Blundell, 35 Mowbray Pl.: "If we want to create a slum, the best way is to build an apartment on this property. Already there are children and rubbish on the street. Where are the \$100 a month coming from? Houses are available for \$75 per month. Where are the people going to come from?"

Mrs. L. Almond, 146 Longfield Rd.: "There is a place for children to play in the basement. There is no place outside. The back of the lots drop off very quickly and are dangerous. Several times I have had to take children off the railroad tracks."

After the departure of the applicants and delegation, the committee discussed the applications and passed the resolution rejecting it.

—The used ice shaver from Guelph, under consideration for the arena here, will definitely be bought. It was tried-out and declared satisfactory.

HALTON HOG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEB. 12, 1963

7:30 P.M.

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