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## Acclaim Dr. Harley, Owen Mullen Halton Liberal Party Nominees

Halton Liberals nominated two campaign veterans to carry their standards in coming elections, when they met at the Milton Town Hall Thursday evening. Dr. Harry Harley of Oakville, presently Halton's Federal M.P., and Owen Mullen of Burlington, won the unchallenged support of the over 200 Liberal followers in attendance.

Dr. Harley, who first won the seat in the June 18 election by a narrow 98 votes, will run against Dr. C. A. Best, the Progressive Conservative candidate; and a yet unnamed N.D.P. representative in the April 8 Federal election.

**Not Called Yet**  
Owen Mullen will run in the next provincial election when it is called by Ontario Premier, John Robarts—his fellow-Burlington councillor, Conservative George Kerr, is his only opposition.

Dr. Harley in his acceptance speech noted that he had received invaluable experience as a member of the opposition in the 25th parliament. "I believe I learned a lot," he said, "and to prove this I ask you to send me back to Ottawa as your representative in a new Liberal government."

He stressed that Canada needs a majority government, and the Liberal Party is the only alternative to the present one. "A vote," he said, "for a minority party is a vote for the same kind of ineffectual parliament."

**Obstruction??**  
Dr. Harley stated that the Liberal Party would have to face a charge of obstructionism—that the Liberal Party did willfully and for political purposes obstruct the government in its attempt to bring legislation through the Parliament of Canada. Dr. Harley charged, "And what did we obstruct? The budget? There was none. The measures involving austerity program taxation, amounting to two million dollars? It was never introduced. Long term economic measures? There were none?"

"What we did obstruct," he said, "was a Government attempt to put through five supply bills in one month. They asked Parliament to bail them out of trouble by adopting unorthodox methods of dealing with the taxpayers' money and we refused because we feel it our duty to safeguard the expenditure of your tax dollar."

**Must Work Hard**  
In closing, Dr. Harley warned "we had a 98 vote majority at the last election, so we can't afford to be complacent. We must work hard as we did before and I know that you and I together as a team will earn for the Liberal Party an unquestionable decisive victory in Halton County."

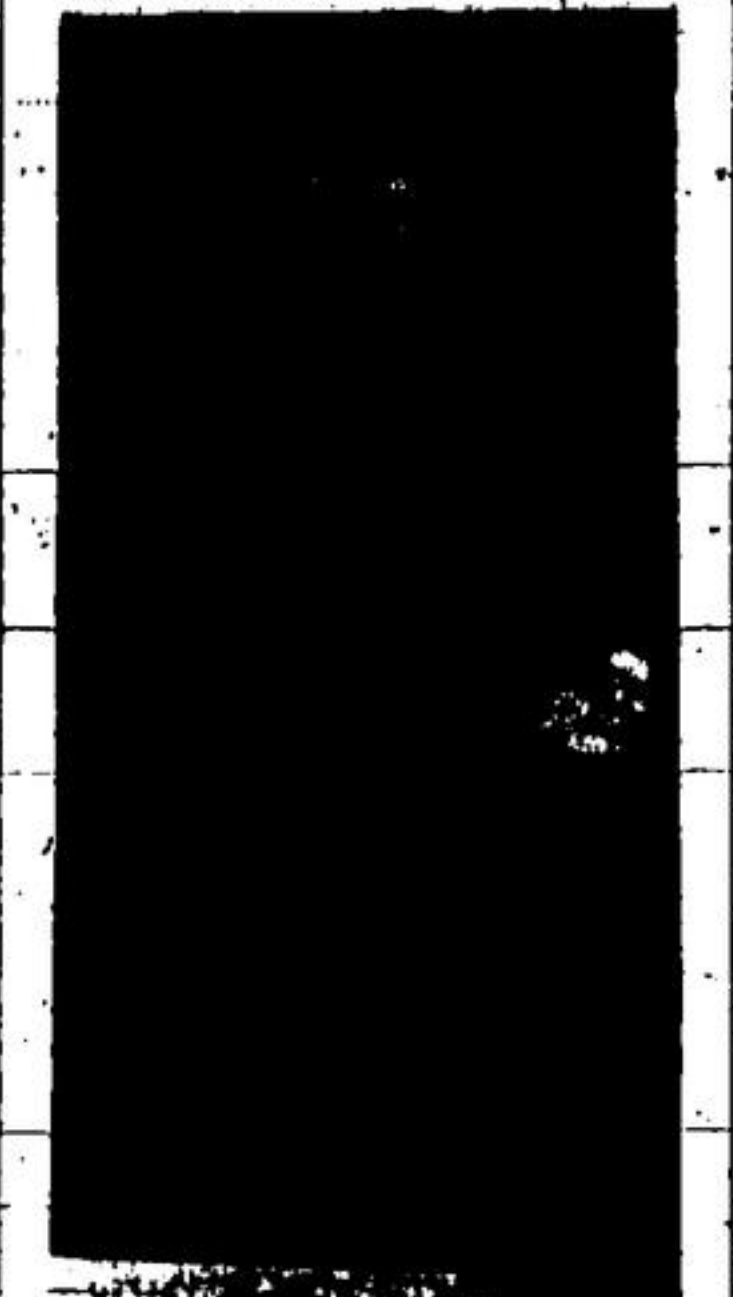
In his acceptance speech, Mr. Mullen pointed that a great Liberal organization existed in Halton. "This is the strongest political organization this riding has ever seen, probably the strongest anywhere in Ontario," he said.

Mr. Mullen recalled that when he received the Liberal nomination for the provincial seat in 1960, the Liberal party was at its lowest ebb. "However," he said, "we've nearly won the election and if we had a little more time we would have won."

**Only Stalling**  
The people of Halton have had no representative in the provincial government, Mr. Mullen said, since September 1962. The Conservatives nominated their candidate, this Party nominated its candidate, he is ready," he continued.

"I challenge Premier Robarts to name the date for the by-election. Only he can decide when it is to be called and any delay can only indicate that he is fearful of the outcome. He is denying the people of Halton a voice in the Provincial government."

Mr. Mullen referred to Ontario's



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problems as being much the same as Halton's. "Increasing municipal taxes, lack of proper highways, inadequate sewage disposal, water pollution, deterioration of the business district of urban centres, the need for more schools, more teachers and more jobs," he said, "plague both Ontario and Halton."

**Must Campaign**  
"The Liberal Party is ready, willing and able to assume these responsibilities," he said. "The Liberal Party will form the next provincial government in Ontario, but to avoid that last desperate knockout blow of a beaten opponent, we must be alert and we must campaign like we never campaigned before."

He suggested Dr. Harley would win the Federal race by a landslide—14 confidently predicted Harley for Halton by not less than 5,000 votes," he said.

"It will be the cleanest, toughest, hardest fought election campaign in this riding," he added, "and when it is over there will be no Conservative organization left."

**Next Finance Man?**  
K. V. Dick of Milton introduced the guest speaker, Walter Gordon of Toronto-Davenport riding, possibly the next Finance Minister of Canada.

The main issue in the April 8 election," Mr. Gordon told the gathering, "will be the need for

decisive majority government. Ever since last June 18, the government has been in a state of paralysis and shock and has failed to make any decisions of importance. Only he can decide when it is to be called and any delay can only indicate that he is fearful of the outcome. He is denying the people of Halton a voice in the Provincial government."

Mr. Gordon noted that if Canada is going to have the kind of government it needs, Canadians will have to trust one political party enough to give it a clear majority, even if they do not agree with every single item in its program.

**Many Problems**  
He referred to the unemployment problem, anti-Americanism, monetary policy, the rapid social changes now taking place in Quebec, the need for new industries and Canada's defense policy.

In conclusion, Mr. Gordon stated, "our affairs are in a mess—and we must put them in order, let's make sure we get the kind of government we want by voting Liberal on April 8."

Maurice Manderson of Georgetown, past president of the organization, thanked the speaker.

**Nominations**  
William Ferras of Oakville and Douglas Fendley of Georgetown nominated Dr. Harley, while Rudd Whiting of Oakville and Peter Papillon of Acton nominated Mr. Mullen. Halton president Perry Nelson of Oakville chaired the meeting.

Former M.P. Hughes Cleaver was introduced to the gathering, and thanks was expressed to Joseph Hendricks of Milton who organized the evening.

Other students who passed their exams were Helen Benton, grade seven; Donna Sterritt, grade six and Dorothy Sterritt, grade five.

**CHECK LIST NOW**  
"Enumerating for the Federal election on April 8 has been completed and lists of electors have been posted throughout Halton. Check the list in your area and make sure your name is included."

**Nose Operation After Accident**  
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## Open \$150,000 Post Office For Patrons Monday Morning



ALL KEYS UP, postmaster Gordon McKeown and assistant Mrs. Chris Britton will be busy Saturday distributing new keys to boxholders prior to the new post office opening Monday morning. The couple are pictured in the box lobby of the new building checking over the double sets of keys for each boxholder.

Acton's new \$150,000 federal post office on Bower Ave. will open its doors to the public Monday.

This Saturday afternoon, operation "shuffle" will begin as soon as the old post office closes at noon. Tyler Transport Ltd. will move equipment to the new location.

A mid-town landmark, the 50-year-old clock at the old federal building will still continue to mark time and strike the hour faithfully. Popular caretaker Cam Leishman and his wife will continue to live in their apartment. He will continue to check the clock and keep the fires burning in the old building until it is sold. Mr. Leishman will also stoke the furnace, polish floors, dust desks and shovel snow as well as numerous other chores at the Bower Ave. location.

Final inspection for the new building took place last week and the keys to the next building were handed over to postmaster Gordon McKeown. He has been busy this week checking out last minute details before operation "shuffle" begins.

By Rogers was government inspector and John Lant was work superintendent for Wilchar Construction Company, the contractors. Customs officer Murray Harrison will be moving at the same time into his new quarters.

**Here's the Plan**  
Although the equipment will all be moved Saturday, postmaster McKeown and staff members will not enjoy their usual Sunday holiday. They will be busy in their spanking new quarters arranging desks, shelves and general delivery boxes in preparation for the opening Monday.

General delivery patrons are being asked to pick up their Saturday mail between 10 a.m. when the last morning mail is sorted, and noontime. Boxholders will have access to their boxes at the old building until 7:30 p.m. at night but will be unable to obtain parcels after 12 noon.

One wicket at the new post office will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. to allow patrons to obtain shining new keys for the aluminum mail boxes installed during the construction of the building. Mr. McKeown is requesting patrons not to drop mail into the old post office letter drop after 6 p.m. Saturday as everything will be cleared and taken to Bower Ave.

**Last Lick of Paint**  
This week final details are being completed at the new building and the work area wall is receiving the last coat of green paint, wiring completed and new shelving, cabinets, sorting boxes, etc. untraced.

The winter buildup of snow at the front of the building is being shoveled out by the caretaker and cupboards being dusted off ready for Monday when curious Actonians will all mail and receive letters and parcels there.

Under the supervision of postmaster McKeown and assistant postmaster Mrs. C. Britton are staff members Mrs. John Chapman, Miss Alice Pilkington, Viv Bristow, Jim Gunn, Alex Frank and Jack Dowling. Two additional casual helpers will assist temporarily, Mrs. Joe McLennan and Mrs. Al Combes.

**Area Doubled**  
Working area for the postal staff will be doubled at the attractive new building. Included on the main floor are mail lobby, public lobby, general work area, postmaster's office, lock box lobby building.

The aluminum boxes there, new a few years ago, will remain in place in the empty lobby, as far as Mr. McKeown knows. The new building is completely financed by the federal government.

Many other towns received post offices during the past few years. In some cases, including nearby Georgetown and Bracebridge, the fine old buildings remain vacant by, customs lobby, customs room, customs examining room, small caretaker's supply room, walk-in vault for both customs and post office and two washrooms. A bonanza of two refrigerated drinking fountains.

In the basement area are staff room, boiler room, two record rooms, postal storage room and caretaker's supply room. A reversible conveyor belt operates between the main floor and the postal storage room. An outside mail drop is also available for patrons after closing hours. Postmaster's office and staff room are innovations. Layout is convenient, lighting excellent and impression favorable.

There has been no word of an "official" opening. The half-century-old building, in good condition, will remain heated and vacant in the midst of the town's business section until it is sold. Council is considering its possibilities for a municipal building.

**Teachers Rate H.S. Board Good, Excellent in Survey**  
Acton high school board re-school teachers think of the board's work for the OSSTF prints the results of the survey and distributes it to its 10,000 teacher members in the province. It is supposed to be a confidential document for the guidance of teachers seeking jobs.

Individual teachers are asked to rate the boards and a return of 75 per cent was required before a score was calculated for a fact, it reveals what the high board.

## High Marks Theory Exam

Kay Dennis received a mark of 90 in her grade two theory exam with the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, tried in Guelph. She is a student of Mrs. D. Vickers.

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## Board Finalizes 1963 Budget Approves Industrial Change

A request from Eugene Brandt, Thursday evening, February 21, to Acton planning board to allow renting the building, presently occupied by the Corona Shoe Company to another type of industry received approval and board members will recommend council approve the request.

Mr. Brandt, explained, the Corona Company is moving to a new location in the former Wood Combing building and as owner of the property he had a request from Acton Lumber and Supplies to rent the building for storage purposes.

**Storage Inside**  
The land owner told the board he was of the opinion the limit of company would not be an eighth. The present industry has scrap materials stored on side and only picked up once a week. Materials from Acton Lumber would all be stored indoors.

During the discussion, board member Aldo Brandt, a nephew of Eugene Brandt, asked to be excused from voting. When a vote on the resolution to recommend council favor the application was called, member Reeve Bert Hinton voted in the negative saying he was not satisfied with the content of the resolution.

**Another Consultant**  
Board members agreed to send a letter of appreciation to former planning consultant P. Alan Deacon and explain that since learning he was retiring the board is considering another consultant. To date two consultants have been interviewed and it is expected others will be seen before a choice is made.

After finalizing their budget, board members agreed to submit a request to council for \$100,000 included for capital expenditures this year are a complete re-drafting and amending the zoning by-law at a cost of \$2,375. Six retainer's salary amounting to \$800 and consultant fees of \$300 and membership fees amounting to \$25.

**Boundary Problems Developing In Three High School Districts**  
According to a report in a Georgetown school board declaration, all Georgetown students on Monday night will split three of three schools to continue to attend from 14 to 16 students from the Silvercreek area and send them to Acton District High School. Chairman D. V. Lantour is the deciding vote to send them to Acton.

The resolution as finally passed allows any student in the senior grades to attend any school in the area. The student must however, provide his own transportation.

**Read Petition**  
During the meeting a petition was read from the parents of Silvercreek students, pleading their children to attend the Georgetown high school. Trustee G. O. Brown, representing Townships representing north of the board that any hardship to these students was caused by last year's decision as there was no need in 1962 to take the students from Acton high school and compel them to attend Georgetown.

Back in 1960 following the dissolution of the North Halton School board area and formation of individual boards in Acton, Georgetown and Milton, 12 students in the Ballinatal area living in the seventh line were switched to Acton school from Georgetown. At the same time 12 students formerly in the Acton area but living close to Georgetown were transferred to the Georgetown school in exchange.

In December of 1961, the

## Frank Langley Hurt at Work

Twenty-year-old Frank Langley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Langley, Acton, had his right hand amputated at the wrist Monday morning following an accident at the Frank Hiller and Company leather plant on Willow Street.

The young man was operating a stamp press at the time of the accident when his right hand was crushed. He was able to free his hand by tripping the control lever and his shouts attracted other workers who ran to his assistance.

Employees at the Acton Free Press. (He at Industries operate at the corner of Dells Primary and Partridge plants) were notified and immediately applied a tourniquet, called a doctor, and ambulance.

D. J. H. Moore, M.D., an internist, advised that the amputation was done on a limb in 20 minutes. Shortly after surgery, the St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, the right hand was amputated for the wrist.



AND NOW ON TO VICTORY... Liberal federal election candidate Dr. Harry C. Harley of Oakville, left, and his running mate in the provincial race, Owen Mullen of Burlington, clench their fists at any and all opposition. Thursday evening, Halton Liberals acclaimed the duo as their candidates for the coming election. Both are veterans Harley having defeated the Conservative M.P. at Ottawa last June and Mullen losing a close race with the Ontario M.P. in the 1959 provincial race.



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS played host Wednesday evening to Sea Rangers, Girl Guides and United Church C.G.I.T. when they explained firefighting equipment, showed movies and treated the girls and visitors to coffee and doughnuts. Left to right are Guide Vivian Smith, Sea Ranger Pat Blondell, C.G.I.T. member Lorraine Lesby as Captain Bern Van Fleet explains the Scott Air Pack. Earlier in the evening, firefighters hosted the Beardmore brigade when they showed two movies on firefighting.