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HALTON ELECTION ROUNDUP

59,341 Eligible Halton Voters

The number of voters in Halton County has risen by 3,511 since last June, the date of the last federal election. The increase broke down into 992 rural voters, 2,519 urban. Since the last ballot when there were 252 polling subdivisions, Mr. West has increased this to 285 for April 8.

Richard West, federal returning officer, said that his enumerators tabulated 59,341 eligible voters

for the April 8 election. For last June, the riding had 55,830 voters. The increase broke down into 992 rural voters, 2,519 urban. Since the last ballot when there were 252 polling subdivisions, Mr. West has increased this to 285 for April 8.

More Pay For Member?

How much should a federal member of Parliament be paid? A lot more than the present \$10,000 a year salary, according to three of Halton's five candidates.

Conservative candidate Dr. Sandy Best of Georgetown, who was an M.P. for five years, said few M.P.s can meet the expenses of the office, as the work is "heavy and onerous."

"Few can meet the expenses of the office, let alone the obligation of private and family life on the present salary," he noted.

Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal M.P. and candidate again in the April 8 election, has voiced similar thoughts in the past.

N.D.P. candidate Ellis Fullerton of Oakville suggested a higher pay would encourage more candidates in the lower income brackets to run in the election. Keeping two houses—one at home and one in Ottawa—would be expensive, he added.

Talking Now How About Walking

"Politicians can talk, now let's see if they can walk," suggested former M.P. and Halton Conservative federal candidate Dr. Sandy Best today, as he threw out a challenge to Liberal opponent Dr. Harry Harley, M.P.

His challenge? He invites the M.P. to share in a 50-mile walking race, around Halton County.

"Walking is great exercise, and I would like to test the stamina of my opponents," he explained.

"Rather silly,"

Dr. Harley, contacted by this newspaper, said he had heard of the challenge but the Conservative candidate had not officially presented the challenge to him. He said he would "consider" the challenge, although it sounded "rather silly."

The challenge, explained Dr. Best, stemmed from his govern-

Urges Grits Win Two Votes Daily

The county-wide organization and get-out-the-vote campaign of the Halton County Liberal Party was outlined to constituents in a letter from campaign manager Bob Blake this week.

He suggests every one of the 1,000 registered Liberal voters in Halton should win two votes every day of the campaign for candidate Dr. Harry Harley of Oakville.

The way to victory is not by arguing nuclear arms, bearing Diefenbaker or promising Medicare, says Blake. "You do it by convincing people that what Can-

Room For Individual Thinking

Conservative candidate Dr. Sandy Best today defended his choice of nuclear arms for Canada (reported here last week), in the face of criticism from within the P.C. ranks in Halton.

Admitting he was opposing Prime Minister Diefenbaker's wish — to do without nuclear warheads — Dr. Best had announced he felt they were necessary for Canada. "There is room for individual thinking on a few issues," he stated.

A member of Parliament must reflect the views of his constituents on one hand, and give leadership from personal conviction in vital issues on the other hand, he continued. "An M.P. should reflect not only the thinking of his party, but the thinking of his constituents," the candidate explained.



NIGERIAN TEACHER Ron McGraw, a native of Saskatchewan, who is home on furlough as a missionary-teacher for the Presbyterian church, was guest speaker at Knox Church Wednesday evening. He gave an illustrated talk on his work with the Nigerian boys at school. He is pictured above seated showing Carol McKenzie and her father Rev. A. H. McKenzie some data on Nigeria.

Open \$21,000 Ballinafad Hall As Giant Crowd Jams Building

By Mrs. Robert McNery

Ballinafad's \$21,000 Community Hall was jammed to the doors with an overflow crowd seated in the basement to hear speakers' remarks over the public address system, during the official opening of the hall Friday evening.

Ron Bagg, assistant director of the Agricultural Society Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, snipped the wide, white ribbon stretched across the platform, to officially open the new centre to the public.

John Root, M.P. for Wellington, commended the people of Ballinafad on the fine role they played in making the new hall a possibility and told the audience the first settlers in the district by the name of Roszell had made their home in the Ballinafad area.

Chairman of the evening, John Handcock, who served in the capacity of hall board chairman as well, expressed his appreciation to the public for their support on behalf of the board and co-workers.

Robert Rowan, deputy reeve of Elm Township, thanked Mr. Bagg for his kind remarks and participation in the official opening.

Elm Township reeve, Mel Barden introduced a contractor, William Hall of Guelph and expressed his appreciation on the fine work which went into the new hall.

Mr. Hall in presenting the keys of the building to Mr. Handcock told the audience the new hall would serve to draw everyone closer within the community and expressed his delight in the manner in which everyone supported the drive for funds.

Members of Elm and adjoining councils, hall board and build-

ing committee were seated on the platform. Reeve Barden introduced his members present and Reeve George Leslie, in introducing Esquing council expressed appreciation for the public support in building the new hall.

Vince Mountford, well-known entertainer, was present to act as master of ceremonies for a short variety program including the Ballinafad Bellies trio, musical numbers, song and dances.

Flowers decking the front stage were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Norval Horists, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hall, Guelph. A public address system enabled people unable to obtain seats in the auditorium to hear the program.

Lucky door prize winners were a \$100 bond to Goldie Gillies, a transistor radio to Don Houston

with a camera going to Harvey Handy. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNery for the couple married the longest. A bouquet went to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Early, Eden Mills, on their anniversary being closest to the hall opening date, and to Mrs. D. A. Russell for the oldest person present. Many other special prizes which had been donated were presented during the evening. Robert Harris Floral, Georgetown, presented gift flowers.

List Members

Members of the planning board who did the spade work for the new hall include Norman Simlan, C. E. "Bud" Snow, Paul Will, John Handcock, Mr. Eric McNery, Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. Robert McNery.

Hall board members include chairman John Handcock, Elm Township representatives Reeve Mel Barden and deputy reeve Bob Rowan, Esquing township representatives Reeve George Leslie and councillor Walter Linham, Mrs. Robert McNery, treasurer Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. Eric McNery, secretary.

1,591 Plates Sold

Department of Transport license issuer Jack Hargrave reported this morning (Thursday) he sold 1,591 car license plates from the time they went on sale up to last night. This is 45 more than the same period last year.

During the last minute rush this week, Monday and Tuesday were the busiest days, but business eased off Wednesday to a normal pace. First license sold, No. A-96101 went to Pete Papillon of Acton and the last one sold, Wednesday, before closing time was purchased by former Actonlan, now living in Kitchener, Hughie Smith. He got No. A-97492.

Independent Conservative

Fifth Candidate Seeks Halton Seat

Candidate Number Five in Halton's Federal election race appeared on the scene Monday.

He is 33-year-old Henry Timmins of R.R. 2, Georgetown who says he will contest the seat of the "Independent Conservative" ticket and he definitely has a clear arm's length a must for Canada.

Mr. Timmins has owned a farm on the Eighth Line just north of Georgetown for the past two years. For nine years prior to that he worked as a stock broker in Toronto, two of the firm of J. R. Timmins and Co., members of New York, Toronto and Montreal exchanges. He is still connected with the firm.

"He is married and has two sons in public school and a pre-school age daughter."

"I am conservative in my thinking," he stated. "I don't see how I can be anything but an independent candidate running in this constituency."

Asked about the nuclear arms issue, he suggested the old line parties "invented the issue so they won't have to talk of the real problems facing us today."

"There is no question," he continued, "Canada should have nuclear arms. Why sell out men to the armed forces to protect our country with second grade weapons? We might as well give them nukes and arrows."

The candidate, however, did not say whether he would be at the "Great Britain" if he ever expressed anything like that sentiment. And, even so, gas was increased during World War Two because of the sales and taxes.

He also claims an independent candidate is best for Halton, because he will not be tied to a party's program strings. "I will be speaking and voting for a political party and not necessarily for Halton County's wants."

The candidate said he has already lined up some support in the Burlington area. He will devote most of his time between now and April 5 to the campaign.

He is presently attempting to line up some speaking engagements.

Not Serious.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Archie Bull says there are plenty of cases of colds, mumps and flu in the county but the situation is not serious.

Detail Alternatives in Sale For Town-Owned Y Building

The fate of the town-owned Y.M.C.A. building still has not been determined. Tuesday evening council heard a report from solicitor Algo Branda outlining three alternatives for disposal of the building.

The building could be sold and proceeds used for support of youth activities in town. Present tenants could be evicted and notification forwarded to the public trustee the town is no longer interested. Or, ownership of the building could be decided to the Y board until it ceases to operate as a Y.

Consideration for disposal of the Y originated when council evicted the now vacant post office for a municipal building. If the town is successful in obtaining the former post office, the town offices located in the Y building would have to be moved.

To pave the way for such a move, council dug out the files containing a copy of the late J. A. Murray's will outlining terms under which the town received \$20,000 for the construction of a Y.M.C.A. building. Confusion over the three words "build or provide" led to an intensive search by Mr. Branda to determine the town's position should they decide to dispose of the property.

During a meeting with the Y.M.C.A. board it was indicated board members were interested in obtaining ownership of the building under certain conditions. Council was unable to make a decision without clarification of the will.

Solicitor Branda met with the public trustee on two occasions and during a lengthy report submitted Tuesday evening, outlined three alternatives, approved by the public trustee.

The following are the three alternatives for disposal of the Y.M.C.A. building as outlined by the public trustee in the report submitted to Acton council Tuesday evening.

No. 1: If it can be shown that it is no longer practical to carry on the trust (i.e. the operation of the Y as trustees) then an application may be brought under section 15 of the trustee act, wherein the building may be sold and the money applied to a trust fund to support youth activities in the town of Acton.

No. 2: The second alternative is to evict the present occupants of the building and inform the public trustee that the corporation of the town of Acton no longer wishes to carry on its original agreement with the estate in which case the public trustee would bring an application under section 41 of the Charities Accounting Act with respect to obtaining direction as to the disposition and application of the property in such a manner as to carry out the intentions of the Testator. The public trustee might also bring an application under the same section appointing a new set of trustees. With respect to this latter alternative the costs of the application would probably be borne out of revenue obtained from sale of building if it is sold.

No. 3: The third is a complete conveyance of the building to the Y.M.C.A. board if the said board has obtained its charter. The conveyance would have to be under certain conditions which would have to be negotiated with the board with respect to upkeep and maintenance and an agreement entered into with the said board to the effect that if the building ceases to be used as a Y.M.C.A. that it should revert to the town of Acton.

Sacred Candidate in Running Irving Wilson Contests County

Irving R. Wilson, 43-year-old Social Credit candidate who was technically on the R.C.A.F. during the war, Mr. Wilson has been affiliated with Social Credit for nine years and was a friend of the late Solon Low.

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C. of C. Hears Speaker Review Safety Scheme

"Driver education courses in Secondary Schools, ensure that the child is educated in the right way to drive. Drivers who have taken the course have a 50 per cent better accident record; an 85 per cent better violation record; and insurance companies recognize this certificate," said J. Cronkite while speaking to the Chamber of Commerce at their regular Wednesday evening meeting. To the question, "Isn't 16 too young to be behind the wheel?" Mr. Cronkite pointed out that 21 was the age with the worst accident record.

Training Period

In outlining the Secondary School program, Mr. Cronkite said the All-Canada Insurance Federation will train teachers free of charge at a two-week summer course usually the vehicle is donated by a local dealer. The course is an extra curricular course and does not encroach on the academic schedule. The students receive six hours driving practice, 18 hours of observation and 25 hours classroom instruction. The cost is to be about \$30 per student but this has been cut down. Boards usually charge the student \$10 and the board is responsible for the teacher's salary.

Mr. Cronkite and J. Watts, Department of Transport, Highway Safety Branch attended the Chamber meeting to outline the aims, objectives and methods of establishing a local Safety Council.

List Possible Projects

Other possible projects for a Safety Council discussed were a

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Mortgage Burning to Wipe Out \$2500 Community Centre Deficit

So the community centre campaign may conclude with complete success, as envisioned two years ago, a mortgage burning April 5 to eliminate the debt is being arranged. The original committee which first discussed the possibility of burning out the last \$2,500 balance.

The mortgage burning campaign will begin with an intensive door-to-door canvass to sell tickets to a special program at the community centre.

Rural areas will be covered in the same manner as in the first campaign.

The prime objective is to burn that mortgage. The selling of admission tickets and the chances on lucky draws are only of secondary consideration.

The citizens of Acton and district have already given approximately \$6,000 to provide the new facilities of which everyone is now so proud. This amount was raised on the understanding that no capital cost of the project would be added to municipal taxes. The \$2,500 is the balance required to completely pay the capital cost.

This \$2,500 is primarily accounted for by the dropouts in pledges from the original campaign a year ago May. The committee feels that since citizens strive so hard to put the amount over the top this relatively small sum should not now be added to municipal taxes. They feel a small contribution by everyone will complete the job.

All Costs Underwritten

From the very beginning, fundraising costs of the project have all been underwritten. This is the case again with this mortgage burning program. Every single dollar collected will be a direct contribution toward burning the mortgage. Purses for the draws are all being contributed.

Printing and advertising are again donated. There's no rental for the arena for that night. The profit from the booth goes to the draw, too.

Somebody will even donate the match to burn the mortgage.

All Capital Costs Paid

The money raised in this campaign is for the capital cost of the erection of the community centre and the installation of the artificial ice that has proven such a boon in the town. None of it is for regular operating costs.

On the program will be a hockey game, sitting the local Tappers against the R.H.L. Old-Timers, and an exhibition by the Tappers Old-Timers and the Viers Rocks Old-Timers.

Details were worked out at a meeting Saturday morning in the now familiar third floor office of the Free Press.

North Halton Plan One Telephone Book

Can Acton, Milton and Georgetown be included in the same telephone book and on the same toll-free telephone exchange?

Officials of the North Halton Urban Board—an informal group comprising councillors from the three towns—meeted in the town of Milton on Tuesday to discuss the possibility of having a single telephone book for the three towns.

They have invited representatives of the Bell Telephone Co. to attend their next meeting in Georgetown March 20 and discuss it. Management and Engineering Township officials have been invited to sit in on the discussion.

RON BAGO assistant director of the Agricultural Society, Toronto, snipped the white ribbon, to officially open the Ballinafad community hall, Friday evening. A public address system set up in the basement, enabled the overflow crowd to hear the guest speakers and musical numbers.



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