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Dr. Harley Sweeps Acton Record Biggest Vote Ever

A lengthy and spirited campaign and increased interest in politics attracted 82.2 per cent of eligible voters to Acton polls Monday.

With final outcome of the election apparent from shortly after eight o'clock, supporters in both Liberal and Conservative committee rooms didn't have the pins-and-needles excitement of the June 18 vote.



MOBBED BY HIS SUPPORTERS following his victory at the polls Monday night, Halton's M.P. Dr. Harry Harley could only grin a broad grin and say a quiet "thank you" to his loyal campaign workers at the Milton Liberal committee rooms.

How Halton Voted

Table showing election results for Acton, Esquesing, Nassagaweya, Milton, Oakville, Burlington, Georctown, Advance Poll, and Halton Total. Columns include candidate names, votes, and percentages.

Good organization, a popular candidate, and a national trend toward the Liberal party combined Monday to give Halton Liberal candidate Dr. Harry Harley a "steamroller" victory in Halton's federal election race.

The 36-year-old Oakville physician, in his second win at the polls in less than nine months, crushed his opposition and rolled up 25,229 votes or more than half the county total.

His Liberal machine swept nearly every polling station across the county, and he racked up 21 wins in Milton, Georgetown and Oakville over his closest opponent, former M.P. Dr. Sandy Best, Conservative.

Best Goes Down Dr. Best received 15,863 votes, a loss of 2,600 from his 18,458 votes last June. Unlike the last election, he lost in every municipality including the usually Tory stronghold, Burlington, although Dr. Harley's edge there was not such a large one.

N.D.P. candidate Ella Fullerton of Oakville received 6,888 votes, 1,300 less than candidate Carl Rouleau received last June. Independent Conservative Henry Timmins of Georgetown, a new entry in the five-hat race this year, picked up 477 votes with his major support coming from Burlington and Oakville.

Social credit representative Irv Wilson of Burlington, who received 547 votes last June, dropped his total to 335 Monday. There were 333 ballots rejected — less than one per cent — a drop from last June's 460 spoiled votes.

It was an 82 per cent turnout of voters, with 48,928 of the county's eligible 59,622 voters heading for the polls. The Halton turnout was slightly higher than the nationwide total.

The Liberal candidate lost the advance poll to Dr. Best, by 67 votes. He lost one poll each in Nassagaweya, Milton, Acton, Esquesing, Georgetown and Oakville, and 24 in Burlington, but swept every other poll in the county. There were 292 polling subdivisions.

The N.D.P. ranked third in each municipality, while Timmins came fourth in all but Burlington, where Soerel Wilson edged him into last spot.

The Armed Services vote, results of which will not be announced until this weekend, is expected to give Dr. Harley an even bigger majority. Last summer it was the service vote that decided the election, as the armed forces went 2:1 for the Liberals. There are over 400 in the armed services vote.

In last June's race the final result — a 98 vote lead for Harley over Best — was known for 10 days after the vote.

This year however, things were different. By an hour after the 7 p.m. closing of polls Monday, Harley was a sure winner as his early lead over Best continued to grow higher with the reporting of each polling subdivision.

He led all night. The Liberal machine led right from the first poll, and never gave up the lead all night. Radio and television stations were broadcasting the results from Liberal and Conservative committee rooms, and were sometimes two hours ahead of the official returning officer's figures.

The R.O. Dick West of Burlington, was unable to give a final report on all polls until 12:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The Liberals held their biggest victory celebration in Oakville's Pine Room, where hundreds gathered to watch the returns flow in and congratulate the winning candidate.

Acton, Milton and Georgetown supporters gathered in the Milton committee rooms at Milton Plaza. Dr. Harley and his wife arrived there just before midnight and a dance was followed by a 10:30 a.m. midnight cavalcade around town, with horns blaring.

Large Crowd Jams Auditorium To Hear 32nd Music Festival

Wednesday evening, adjudicator Earle Terry, leader of the Earle Terry Singers who appeared at the Coronation of the Queen, praised the singers competing in North Halton Urban Music Festival during Tuesday and Wednesday and lauded music supervisors for their splendid efforts in training the young singers.

Offenders to Cool Off In Milton County Jail

In future, Acton O.P.P. detachment will take offenders directly to Milton county jail rather than lock them up in cells provided in the town hall. This action was approved Tuesday evening by by-law by Acton council.

Former Hockey Greats Don Blades To Help Reduce Centre Mortgage

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Wildcat Strike Soon Settled

Negotiations between Micro Plastics officials and union representatives were completed Thursday of last week, a few hours after many plastics workers returned to work after two days on picket lines. The wildcat strike, called after an employee was "fired unjustly" according to union officials, was settled Wednesday and men went back to work. Company and union officials agreed to negotiate providing work commenced Thursday morning.

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TRIPLE DUTY winners during the North Halton Urban Music Festival at the Robert Little school Tuesday, six young singers from the M. Z. Bennett school proudly display their trophy. Left to right are Jennifer Bishop, Beverly Brunelle, Christine Brunelle, Mark Hunt, Bob Andrews and Jim McKeown. Adjudicator was Earle Terry of London. Competitors came in buses from Limehouse, Brookville, Milton, Glen Williams, Speyside, Norval, Campbellville and Stewarttown schools.

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Officials Score

Officials for the game which featured some fancy stick handling and accurate passing, were two fighters, one Kingston in striped suits who said they were "To Imlach" and "Punch Blake" but who turned out to be Ed Owen and Jack Bullough behind huge sunglasses. They were so incensed at Acton's lack of scoring punch, they carried the puck down and threw it into the Elora net claiming it was official since they were the officials.

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According to a report from local union president Don Blades, the workers fired Mike [Name] because he refused and union members are satisfied with the result of the negotiations.

"DANO" KENTNER not only got the nod from referees to take a rest in the sin bin, but he also received a helping hand from the two fugitives from the chain gang Friday night. The former Acton Tannet who donned skates to smother the Elora Rocks during the oldtimers' game was whisked to the penalty box by Punch Blake and Joe Imlach. It's anyone's guess who is who, but in reality they are Eddie Owens and Jack Bullough.