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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.

Dr. Harry Harley made a clean sweep for the Liberals when he polled 590 votes giving him a 54.1 majority over his nearest contender, Dr. Sandy Best, Conservative candidate. A total of 1,066 voters out of a possible 2,318 went to the polls between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

With the exception of polling subdivision 29 and the advance poll, Dr. Harley won every poll here. In No. 29 he lost by just one vote and in the advance poll he lost by 16 votes to Mr. Best.

During the early hours of the election business was considered slow by the polling clerks but by mid-afternoon voters began to flow to the polling booths and by closing time at 7 p.m. the largest vote ever recorded in Acton was tabulated.

Election results were speeded up this year as a result of additional polling places. Both Liberal and Conservative committee workers were busy throughout the day driving voters to the polls.

In the last election June 18 in Acton Dr. Harley polled 803, Dr. Best—614, Rouleau—(NDP)—288 and Wilson (Social Credit) 24, with 15 rejects.

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.

About 40 crowded into Liberal headquarters saw their total soar from the outset. First returns were brought by runner at 7:30 and the last from a poll before nine. Officials waited till nearly 10:30 for results of the advance poll before closing up. An excited Acton and district group, headed by area manager Roy Goudwin, joined the victory celebration dance at Milton which concluded with a horn-blowing cavalcade through Milton streets.

The Conservative committee room in the Roxy theatre closed up early.

Both groups tabulated results and answered inquiring phone calls. Television was a magnet for many. Transistor radios went out with people who had to leave their sets.

During the day Dr. Harry Harley and Dr. Sandy Best were both in town.

A visitor at the Liberal committee rooms during the evening was Tom Watson, past-president of the Acton Conservative Association, offering congratulations.



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. He arrived there close to midnight, following earlier victory celebrations in Oakville and Burlington, to be welcomed and cheered by a crowd of over 200. Acton and Georgetown supporters did their celebrating in Milton, too. He's shown here (in the light overcoat) chatting with friends.

How Halton Voted

Table titled 'Acton' showing vote counts for various subdivisions. Columns include subdivision number, name, and vote counts for Harley, Best, Fullerton, Timmins, Wilson, and Rejects.

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Table titled 'Burlington' showing vote counts for various subdivisions. Columns include subdivision number, name, and vote counts for Harley, Best, Fullerton, Timmins, Wilson, and Rejects.

Table titled 'Georgetown' showing vote counts for various subdivisions. Columns include subdivision number, name, and vote counts for Harley, Best, Fullerton, Timmins, Wilson, and Rejects.

Table titled 'Advance Poll' showing vote counts for Harley, Best, Fullerton, Timmins, Wilson, and Rejects.

Table titled 'Halton Total' showing the overall vote counts for Harley, Best, Fullerton, Timmins, Wilson, and Rejects.

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.

In the past offenders picked up by police were lodged in the cells here until Justice of the Peace Jack McCoach could be obtained to sign authority to commit the prisoner to Milton jail.

Under terms of the new agreement with the county, police will take the offender directly to Milton jail and Acton will be charged at the rate of \$2 per day for lodging.

This action was spurred by lack of accommodation and supervision at the cells here.

Daylight Saving On April 28, residents will lose an hour's sleep when clocks are advanced one hour at 12:01 a.m. to adopt Daylight Saving Time. This hour will be gained back again, however, when clocks are turned back October 27 at 2 a.m. Council approved a by-law for Daylight Saving Time Tuesday.

Councillor Eric Johnston, chairman of the industrial committee, told members they had approved the gloomiest budget in the history of the town and it was bound to impose hardships on many residents. He also said future councils would have to approve even gloomier budgets unless new sources of tax revenue are found.

Program for Industry He stressed adoption of a pro-

gram to interest new industries in Acton and suggested council should consider a new town plan, zoning, sewerage, power and possibly annexation of surrounding land areas, before a start on enticing new industry could be made.

He stated the program would require a lot of hard work not only by council but a number of industrialists, merchants and town organizations in order to adopt a program "new industry for Acton."

Part of Honorarium At his request Reeve H. H. Hinton was granted permission by resolution, to receive \$150 as part payment of his honorarium in advance. Mr. Hinton explained he wished to donate the money to the Community Centre. Councillor J. Bert Wood voted in the negative.

Approval was given to install a fire-warning phone in the town office after it was learned calls normally answered by firemen's wives had been intercepted by the fire phone at the tannery and there had been some confusion.

Five Cent Increase The wage schedule recently adopted by council relating to town employees was altered slightly Tuesday when a merit increase of five cents an hour was granted in all categories of the schedule upon recommendation of the town superintendent.

Merit increases of five cents per Al Kirkness, George Cooper and Jack Frank effective April 8. (Continued on Page Three)

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.

Chairman for the evening, R. F. McKeown, principal of Glen Williams school, welcomed the large audience of parents and friends who filled the Robert Little school auditorium, Acton, for the final performance of this year's festival.

Also extending greetings were inspectors W. L. McNeil and O. G. McDowell and Acton school board trustee Vic Bristow.

During the evening the Miss Ruth Evans trophy was presented by inspector W. L. McNeil to Stewartsburg School when they captured top spot in the competition in the triple diet class for grades five and six, for schools with six rooms and under.

The Ebenezer church shield presented by Mrs. H. Savage will be shared by second place winners Glen Williams and Limehouse who tied.

In the triple diet class, for grades seven and eight in schools with seven rooms and over the Milton Kinsmith Club trophy presented by John Bell, of Milton, went to the Robert Little School. Second place shield donated by the Halton County Music Festival Association and presented by Ken Trowbridge went to Brookville school, where he is principal.

winner of the Tuesday competition, sing "Cornish May Song." The Robert Little school boys' changed voices choir who won Tuesday sing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," the M. Z. Bennett boys' unchanged voices choir, trophy winner Tuesday, sing "Awake My Soul," Brookville grade four choir, Tuesday winners, sing "The Little Sandman," Stewart school senior choir, Tuesday winners, sing "The Swiss Toy Girl" and the Brookville school senior choir, winner on Tuesday, sing "Praise Ye the Father."

All day Tuesday, school buses travelled up and down the line at the Robert Little school as excited young competitors arrived from their respective schools in North Halton.

Adjudicator Earle Terry praised the youngsters for their excellent performance and handed out a few pointers to both competitors and music supervisors in charge.

In the triple diet class for grades five and six, for schools with seven rooms or over, Acton M. Z. Bennett school captured the Kinetite Club of Milton trophy which was presented by Mrs. C. F. Leatherland, Acton. Taking second spot, Milton W. I. Dick school received the Milton Bank of Nova Scotia shield presented by Mrs. W. Switzer, wife of the bank manager.

Brookville primary choir placed first in the kindergarten to grade three class for schools with seven rooms and over and received the John Milton I.O.D.E. trophy from Mrs. D. E. Martin, Milton.

The Acton Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. shield presented by Regent Miss Mamie Manning went to the Milton J. M. Denves school in the same class. Acton M. Z. Bennett school competing in the junior choir class grades five and six with seven rooms or over won with the Acton Lakeside Chapter I.O.

and Acton Old Timers skated for a warm-up session. The two teams lined up on the blue lines for The Queen and a one minute silence in memory of former Acton and Elora hockey players and officials.

Each Introduced Then the teams were introduced individually. Playing for Elora Old Timers were Red Brown, Vic Walser, Dud Rummels, Maynard Rombough, Alex Nelson, Reg Ridley, Alec Fleming, Floran Miller, Bobby Fisher, Jim Bimco, Jim Quinn and Nels Chambers.

In the Acton lineup were Herb Woods, Frank Gibbons, Lorne Munnis, Walter Lewis, Margie Keown, W. Pharo, John Cox, Ben Rathless, Lums Marzo, Bobby Anderson, Joe Woods, Henry (Duke) Arby, Sonny Townsley, Norm Morton, Ivo Marzo, Johnny Brush, Ted Barden and Jack (Dang) Kentner.

Out for Revenge Since the Tannar Old Timers trimmed Elora at a similar night in Elora, the Rocks were out to get revenge. Led by the goal tending of Red Brown and Vic Walser, they blanked the Acton gang 4-0.

"It made us feel good" said one of the Elora players. Those Acton guys were always a goal ahead of us in the O.H.A. This is some compensation."

Officials Score Officials for the game which featured some fancy stick handling and accurate passing, were two tuggers, Ken 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.

They also sentenced Jack (Dang) Kentner and Maynard

Former Hockey Greats Don Blades To Help Reduce Centre Mortgage

They turned back the hands of time in aid of the final remnants of mortgage existing on the community centre. Friday night and nearly 1,400 people jammed their way into the newly renovated auditorium to see hockey skills of a bygone era.

First it was the old timers from Acton and Elora playing a short 30 minute exhibition that delighted the throng but the highlight of the evening was the N.H.L. Old Timers-Acton Tanners game. The N.H.L. Old Timers recent left removed from the bus tone and they rounded the Tanners 1-6. Elora Rocks Old Timers meanwhile blanked the Tannar Old Timers 4-0.

To add variety to the fun-filled evening lucky numbers were continuously drawn from a huge drum situated in the penalty box. There were 52 winners.

Profits from the event, sponsored by the self-styled "dirt-down" who successfully conducted the community centre fund campaign went into their coffers to further reduce the small mortgage on the centre. Approximately \$1,800 was raised, leaving a balance of \$800.

Consequently it was quite an order for former mayor, now recreation commission head, John Gov to officially turn over the building to Mayor Les Durb in a ceremony at centre ice as a debt-free community centre.

The campaign committee, in turn, presented John Gov with a framed Award of Merit certificate in recognition of his initiative in spearheading the drive for the community centre.

The crowds started to file into the centre early Friday evening to view the proceedings from the best vantage point. They were serenaded by Acton Citizens Band, replete in their scarlet uniforms.

As the band played the Elora

to Jackie Hamilton, Toronto, Herbie Cain, Boston; Murray Ecard, Pittsburgh; Guy Hadfield, Toronto and Cal Gardner, Toronto-New York.

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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.

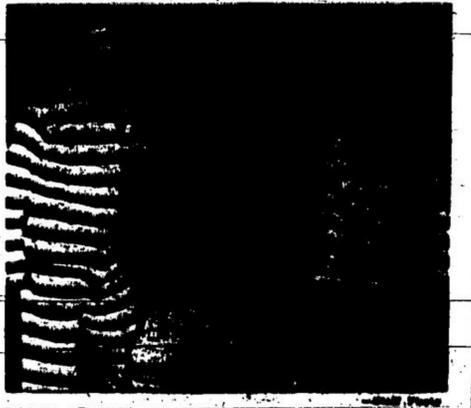
Acton, Milton and Georgetown supporters gathered in the Milton committee rooms at Milton Plaza. Dr. Harley and his wife arrived there just before midnight and a dance was followed by a 10:30 a.m. midnight cavalcade around town, with horns blaring.

Dr. Harley expressed his deepest thanks to all who had worked to make it such a big victory, and promised he would try to be "the best M.P. you ever had."

Results of the Halton voting will be found elsewhere in the paper. All figures are unofficial until the returning officer makes a formal announcement following the service vote count.



TRIPLE DIET 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 Huest, 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.



"DANG" 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 Tannar 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.