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# Four Halton Candidates Together First Time Monday
# 150 Voters, Hecklers Hear Speeches, Fire Questions

Four candidates, four biographies, four platforms . . . and four personalities.

Near 150 learned to know the federal candidates and their beliefs at the first Meet the Candidate night in Halton county for the entire slate during the present campaign.

The interested crowd in the Robert Little school auditorium Monday — including a small band of out-of-town hecklers — listened thoughtfully, then fired a series of written posers at the quartette of candidates, who answered them deftly, factually and with good humor.

**Happy With Turnout**

Complete satisfaction with the venture was voiced by Chamber of Commerce organizers, who had in fact expected a small crowd to attend. While the meeting started at eight, individuals kept coming till 9.30 following other meetings and the first night of regular curling. Extra chairs had to be set up.

A welcome to the group was extended by Chamber retail section chairman Paul Nielsen who termed the evening a "public service". With him at the base of the platform were co-chairman Ted Pratt and Dick Jol of the Guelph Toastmasters' Club, who blinked lights and sounded a raucous buzzer to indicate time limits.

Three reporters sat at a specially provided table; two more were in the audience. Pictures were taken throughout the program for out-of-town papers.

**First Time Together**

On the platform were the four candidates; it was the first time Henry Timmins had joined the others in a public appearance. With them was chairman John Ruddy of the Toastmasters' Club who introduced them, read questions and once or twice asked the hecklers to postpone their interrupting remarks.

Order in which the candidates spoke was determined by a draw for names from a natty snap-brim fedora — provided by Mr. Nielsen. Each man introduced himself and told his biography, given in brief on page B6 of this pre-election Free Press issue.

Some excerpts from the ten minute speeches:

ALLAN MASSON, P.C.: Halton is one of the smallest yet wealthiest counties in Canada . . . a part of the golden horseshoe . . . with industry and good agriculture. Halton needs progressive and aggressive representation . . . I expect if elected to have a good record in Ottawa . . . I am concerned with the way the country is run and frankly I don't like it.

On national unity, sectionalism is increasing. Confederation should be preserved.

On honesty in government.

On Pearson's indecision. Scandal can happen to any government but has to be dealt with quickly.

On assistance where needed — not porkbarrel giveaways. "Where is the backbone of this nation going?"

On aggressive salesmanship and development of Canada for Canadians. We can't withdraw foreign capital tomorrow. At first the U.S. was maintained by British capital. Whether we like it or not we need it.

**Thumbs Assessed**

HENRY TIMMINS, Independent Conservative: Mackenzie King and St. Laurent surrounded themselves with the best brains in the country . . . This all changed with the arrival of Diefenbaker, "one of Canada's loudest Prime Ministers". He surrounded himself with good men but didn't take their advice. "Now Pearson with his gang" . . . "the biggest spender of money in the history of Canada" . . . is surrounded by mediocrity — and he takes their advice!" "The government relies on Time and the U.N. for its foreign policy and on the N.D.P. for domestic policy . . . in short it has no policy of its own and practices only expediency."

People say they are going to vote for Harley because he is a nice guy. (Applause) "We don't need nice guys . . . we need (blank city blanks) who'll step on some body's toes".

DR. HARRY HARLEY, present Liberal member: On his experiences sitting in a minority government: "It just does not work effectively" . . . the government had a great deal of trouble getting legislation passed but a great deal was accomplished in spite of the minority government.

The Canada Pension Plan "is not a handout", the auto agreement with the U.S. is especially important for Halton.

Main planks of his platform continued economic expansion, social progress such as the pension plan, Medicare, equal opportunity for all in education.

MURRAY KERNIGHAN, N.D.P.: Reviewed Tommy Douglas' qualities as a leader; we have 225 candidates and could form a good government and do a good job with half of that.

"Love" across Canada once a year . . . In Quebec he never found a separatist yet. Old age pensioners and free University Education were C.C.F. pledges years ago.

The Liberals promised Medicare in 1945 and 1949 and we still haven't got it . . . will we? "We aim not to be the third or sixth party but the government, because we can do the job."

During a brief period for rebuttals Dr. Harley explained to Mr. Kernighan Medicare had been

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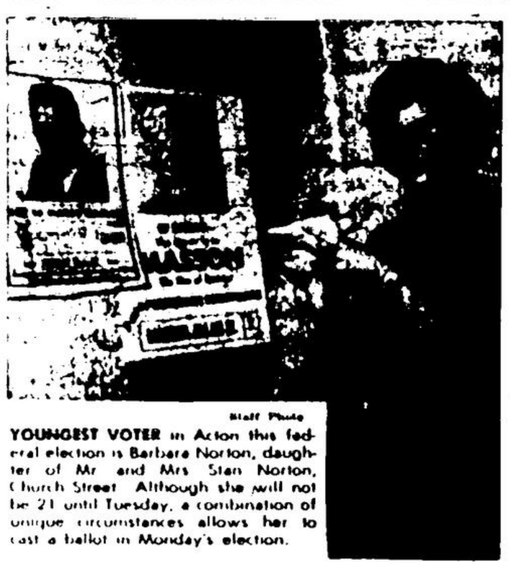

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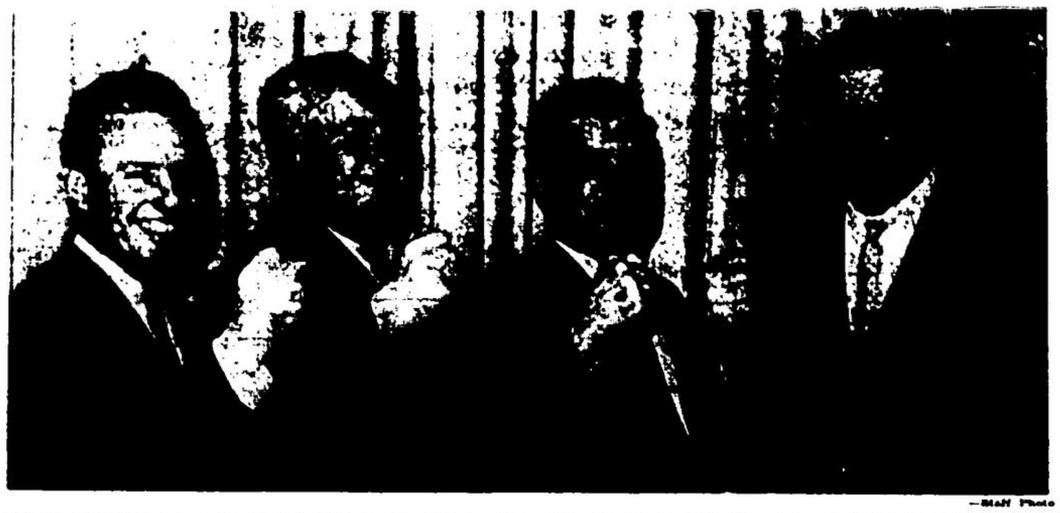
**YOUNGEST VOTER** in Acton this federal election is Barbara Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Norton, Church Street. Although she will not be 21 until Tuesday, a combination of unique circumstances allows her to cast a ballot in Monday's election.



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**THEY'D RATHER FIGHT** than switch! Halton candidates for the federal election November 8 take a prize fighter stance as they uphold their individual platforms. Monday night, the four candidates appeared together for the first time at a "Meet the Candidates Night" in Acton to present their platforms and answer questions from the audience. Ready to square off for the election November 8 left to right are present member Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal candidate; Allan Masson, Progressive Conservative candidate; Henry Timmins, Independent Conservative and Murray Kernighan, NDP candidate.

Youngest Voter

## Old English Law, Standard Time Give Right to Vote at Age 20

Youngest voter in Acton next Monday will be pert and pretty Barbara Norton. She is just 20 years of age . . . and voters, unless they're servicemen, must be 21.

But by a strange set of circumstances, Barbara alone will be allowed to cast her first ballot on Monday, November 8 — a day before her 21st birthday on Tuesday, November 9.

She gets her legal precedent making vote for two reasons.

**Old Law**

Under English common law a person is deemed to be 21 the day before the anniversary of his birthday, not on the actual day of his birth as most people believe. The Nortons read in a daily newspaper of a young man, born the same day as Barbara, who has claimed his right to vote.

But there's another reason, too, why Barbara is eligible to vote. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Norton, she was born during World War II at 12.20 a.m. — just after midnight. But those were the years when the country stayed on Daylight Saving Time as part of the war effort. But the Election Act apparently doesn't take D.S.T. into consideration. It's all tabulated on Standard Time. So, as far as the Act is concerned, Barbara was born the day before — November 8 — election day — and her 21st birthday!

**Official O.K.**

Halton Returning Officer Rich West has talked to the family about their unique case and agrees Barbara is eligible.

She was not put on the voters' list, since the family didn't realize these surprising implications that have come to light since. It was a neighbor, bringing over an article in a Toronto paper, who put them on the trail of the day-early first vote.

Barbara would have been ineligible to vote in an urban area since her name was omitted from the voters' list. But a rural area, as Acton is classified, is different. It is legal to vote here if an eligible person brings someone who is on the voters' list to vouch for him.

How will Barbara vote? She doesn't know yet. Not expecting to be able to, she explains she didn't really study the issues. She's doing that now.

Delighted with the prospect of her unexpected birthday gift vote, she will probably take her parents or next-door neighbor Tom Watson to vouch for her at the Y.M.C.A. gym Monday.

**Where It Started**

The news article in a Toronto paper which first raised the possibility for the young Acton woman told of Donald McAlpine, a third-year arts student of the University of Toronto, who learned about the common law from a reporter when he complained about his bad luck in missing the election by just one day. The young man consulted with the chief electoral officer in Ottawa, and a spokesman said he could see nothing to prevent the student from voting. The spokesman said no one had ever raised the point before, and Parliament would be asked to clarify the law at its next session.

Acton's precedent-setting voter, a former Acton high school student, works with Co-Operators Insurance Association in Guelph. She lives with her parents and pet budgie at 50 Church St.

## Liberal, PC Headquarters Will Trace Victory Next Door Monday

Both Liberal and Progressive Conservative campaign headquarters will post election results as fast as they come in from Acton polling subdivisions. Special telephones have been installed to keep abreast of results throughout Halton.

The Liberal headquarters now located in the former post office on Mill St., is under the supervision of Roy Goodwin and callers can obtain up-to-date results by phoning 853-1630.

The Progressive Conservative campaign headquarters is right next door in the former Baxter Drug store and is in charge of Tom Watson. Election results can also be obtained there by calling 853-0021.

**Expect Crowds**

Both headquarters are expected to be crowded election night as party supporters gather to watch results posted.

The Free Press just maintains a telephone service during municipal elections and results will not be available from there Monday evening.

Acton Progressive Conservative Association plans a pre-election cavalcade Saturday afternoon as well as a victory parade through Halton Monday in the event their candidate, Allan M. Masson, gains a victory.

Saturday afternoon, a pre-election cavalcade will tour Halton and Acton supporters will be out to greet Mr. Masson at 12.30 p.m. as he rides through town in an open convertible.

The Progressive Conservative candidate also plans to be in Acton election day and again in the evening as part of his rounds through Halton winding up at the Oakville headquarters.

**Posters Up**

Local campaign headquarters have been buzzing with activity and Tuesday night campaign posters sprung up through town as workers placed posters on trees.

Tuesday evening the local liberal Association members moved into new campaign headquarters in the former post office on Mill St. Posters appeared immediately on every window in the main section of the building and by morning the town had been blitzed, with posters appearing on almost every tree.

Liberal candidate for Halton Dr. Harry Harley plans to be in Acton on election day and although no definite plans have been made, it is expected he will return in the evening for a victory parade in the event he gains a victory.

On Saturday, November 13, the Liberal party plans a party at Oakville.

**Election Results**

**Monday Night Only**

TELEPHONE

LIBERAL HEADQUARTERS

853-1630

or

CONSERVATIVE

HEADQUARTERS

853-0021

Few Tricks, Mostly Treats

## Police Patrols on Hallowe'en UNICEF Collection Best Ever

Plenty of fun with few problems characterized Hallowe'en night Saturday evening. Children roamed the streets happily for several hours and then the usual evening quiet prevailed. There were more callers at doors than ever with parties arranged for older youngsters.

**UNICEF Best Yet**

Collections for UNICEF this year totalled higher than any previous years. Children toting UNICEF boxes from door to door collected over $253 Saturday night. Last year's total was under $200.

Over 300 public school children obtained the boxes at schools Friday on a voluntary basis and as well as collecting the usual treats, received pennies from willing donors.

Returns from the collection will assist needy children in foreign countries. Acton Y's Men's Club sponsored the project again this year and were assisted by volunteers in counting and wrapping the coins.

**Treat Later**

Each child who participated will be treated to a movie at a later date. This year, the club dispensed with the usual costume judging and awards for best costumes to allow children to return to the beat, picking up more candy.

Depots for UNICEF collections were Sandy McIsaac's garage, Bill Toth's Shell Service and Jack McCallum's Texaco Station.

**Police Patrols**

Police officers Constables Bruce McArthur, Bruce Kressler, and Mervin Harness were assisted in patrol of the town by Auxiliary police members Leo Riemer and Elmer Roszell. Milton O.P.P. detachment had several police cruisers scouting throughout the rural area. The fact that police were very much in evidence perhaps deterred some from malicious pranks.

Even the usual tossing of eggs and balloons filled with water was curtailed slightly by the active police patrol. Damage to fences and buildings was at a minimum as well.

District O.P.P. officers also reported few pranks.

Many adults accompanied their children as they knocked on doors for treats, while a few

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## List Acton Polling Places

Here's where you vote in Acton Monday.

Polling subdivision No. 22; comprising that portion of the town of Acton, north of Fairy Lake and the school creek. Vote at 62 Guelph St.

No. 23: Comprising that portion of the town of Acton, north of Beardmore Creek and Mill Street, south of Fairy Lake and west of Main Street to the town's west limits. Vote at Knox Presbyterian Church.

No. 24: Comprising that portion of the town of Acton north of Mill Street, south of Fairy Lake and the school creek and west of the C.N.R. and east of Main St. Polling station at Acton Council Chambers.

No. 25: Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, north of Queen St., east of C.N.R., west of Wellington St., and south of the town's north limits. Vote at 191 Mill St. E.

No. 26: Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, north of Queen St., east of Wellington St., south of the school creek and south and west of the town limits. Vote at 43 Young St.

No. 27: Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Mill St., west of Beardmore Creek to town limits. Vote at Y.M.C.A. Gymn.

No. 28: Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Mill St., east of Main St. and north of Beardmore Creek and west of Frederick St. Vote at Y.M.C.A. cloakroom.

No. 29: Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Mill St., east of Frederick St., and north of Beardmore Creek, and west of C.N.R. Main Line. Vote at 7 Frederick St. S.

No. 30: Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, South of Queen St., east of C.N.R. Main Line, north and west side of Roseford Terrace, north of Wescott Road to east limits of town. Vote at 50 Roseford Terrace.

No. 31: Comprising that portion of the Town of Acton, south of Wescott Road, south and east of Roseford Terrace, east of Main Line of C.N.R., and west of eastern limits. Vote at 79 Roseford Terrace.

## Will Call Tenders Again For New Hydro Building

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

This appears to be the motto of the Acton Hydro Commission in its decision to call again for bids on a proposed new hydro building on Alice Street.

This time, it is hoped to cut costs by deletions in proposed building plans and omitting a penalty clause in the contract which is suspected of adding at least 15 per cent to the overall cost.

**Tender Deadline**

Tenders are to be in by Thursday, November 18, which is the next meeting night for the local commission. This action was approved Thursday evening of last week after architect Donald Skinner reviewed plans showing certain deletions which, combined with a winter works program, are hoped to reduce the cost of the proposed building.

Original tenders submitted by contractors ranged anywhere from $100,000 to $150,000 which proved exhorbitant to commission members. Original estimates by the architect and commission ranged from $58,000 to $60,000. After the opening of original tenders, architect Donald Skinner was asked to investigate possibilities of cutting costs without reducing the purpose of the proposed building.

**Review Building**

Thursday evening of last week was devoted to a review and discussion of the proposed changes which, it is hoped, will enable the building project to proceed. Mr. Skinner told the commission most contractors are still quite busy and urged members to proceed immediately in order to apply for a winter works program.

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**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE** received a $25 donation from Acton Y's Men's Club Thursday of last week during the monthly club meeting. Receiving the cheque from Y's Man Bill Mainprize is Area Superintendent Robert Hart. A total of $1,040 was presented during the meeting by the club to various organizations including the Y Board.

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**THE UNION JACK** was retired by the Girl Guides and Brownies Sunday morning during a special ceremony at St. Alban's Anglican church. The new Canadian flag with the red Maple Leaf was dedicated and will now be the official flag flown. The Union Jack will be sent to Acton, England as a gift by the girl guides. Taking part in the service left to right were Ellen Wissenz, Barbara Nicolak, Rev. Ritchie McMurray and Betty Ginger.