

## Earl Masales heads race for six council seats 32 per cent of voters out for Tuesday election

A dense fog which shrouded Acton during the morning and turned into a steady rain throughout the rest of the day resulted in only 32 per cent of eligible voters going to the polls Tuesday to elect six councillors from a slate of 10 candidates.

Excitement ran high in the town office as candidates waited for results to come in from polling stations. The first results were taken over the phone by returning officer Jack McGeachle at 7:31 p.m. and the last at the town clock tolled 8 p.m., one hour after the polls closed.

At the Free Press, phones began to jangle shortly after the first results were posted. With only an election for six councillors, phones were not quite as busy as other years but two lines were kept open and results given to over 150 callers.

Voting began at 10 a.m. and polls closed at 7 p.m. As soon as ballot boxes were unlocked, deputy returning officers were busy counting ballots.

As soon as results came in from the first polling subdivision, ward 2, at 7:31 p.m., interested candidates and spectators at the town office began to consider the two poll leader positions would be filled by Earl Masales and Robert Drinkwater.

When the second results came in at 7:42 p.m. from

ward 1, subdivision 2, these two candidates were still jogging for top position. Ward 4 results, phoned in at 7:48 p.m., almost clinched top spot for Masales and Drinkwater, and at 7:58 p.m., results from ward 1, subdivision 1 clinched first place for Masales and second spot for Drinkwater.

With ward 3 results coming in at the town clock tolled 8 p.m., pencils were flying as town office visitors added up totals.

Final results showed Earl Masales with 483 votes; Robert Drinkwater, 443; G. W. McKenzie, 420; Bill Williams, 382; Ted Tyler Jr., 356; and Charles Perry with 304 votes, to comprise the 1967 council.

Defeated at the polls were Mrs. Dotis Fryer, who polled 260 votes; Robert Louttel, 242; Brendan Aherne, 193; and Earl Waller with 118 votes.

Mayor Lea Duby, acclaimed to office again this year, was a curious spectator in the town office as results began to come in. Faced with the job of choosing council committee members, he kept an eagle eye on the board with visions of a working slate for the next two years.

Soon after final tallies had been made, clerk-administrator Jack McGeachle, town office manager Joe Hurst, and the chatting spectators donned their coats and headed home.



SCANNING RESULTS during election Tuesday. Perry, newly elected to council, Mayor Les as clerk-administrator Jack McGeachle tabulates on a master sheet left to right are Charlie

### Voting by Wards

Following is a summary of voting Tuesday by wards listing in each division the number of rejected and unmarked ballots, total number of voters and results with the names of candidates elected to office in capitals.

| Ward     | Reject | Unmarked | Voters | Eligible | %   |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|-----|
| Ward 1-1 | ---    | ---      | 175    | 545      | 31  |
| Ward 1-2 | ---    | ---      | 87     | 377      | 43  |
| Ward 2   | ---    | ---      | 109    | 320      | 30  |
| Ward 3   | 1      | ---      | 219    | 552      | 25  |
| Ward 4   | 2      | ---      | 100    | 416      | 42  |
| Total    | 3      | ---      | 690    | 2,210    | 32% |

#### FOR COUNCIL (First Six Elected)

| Ward           | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2  | 3   | 4  | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-------|
| E. MASALES     | 123 | 49  | 81 | 161 | 69 | 483   |
| R. DRINKWALTER | 106 | 61  | 73 | 139 | 64 | 443   |
| G. W. MCKENZIE | 93  | 49  | 69 | 147 | 62 | 420   |
| W. WILLIAMS    | 94  | 44  | 67 | 124 | 53 | 382   |
| E. TYLER Jr.   | 100 | 48  | 46 | 115 | 47 | 356   |
| C. PERRY       | 78  | 35  | 41 | 110 | 40 | 304   |
| Mrs. Fryer     | 66  | 16  | 43 | 91  | 44 | 260   |
| R. Louttel     | 58  | 27  | 57 | 70  | 30 | 242   |
| B. Aherne      | 45  | 53  | 20 | 55  | 20 | 193   |
| E. Waller      | 29  | 17  | 21 | 32  | 19 | 118   |

## Year's stint in Viet Nam over Peter Hurst back home Saturday

After a year in the heat and sunshine of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia, Peter Hurst returned Saturday to the freezing climate of Ontario. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst and his fiancée, Miss Jeanine Praet, took an overcoat for him when they met him early Saturday morning at Malton airport.

He had been serving with the International Control Commission in Viet Nam, and left for home from Saigon, stopping at Manila, Guam, Wake Island and Hawaii.

He and Miss Praet will be married at Knox Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 30. Then he will report back to the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa for further posting.

While Peter was posted to Viet Nam, Miss Praet lived here with the Hursts and worked at Northern Electric, Brampton. Of Belgian descent, she now has her Canadian citizenship papers. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Praet, live in New Orleans, Louisiana.

They met when both were working in Toronto at the National Employment office.

On the weekend there was an early Christmas party at the Hurst home. All the relatives were there to welcome Peter back home, and he was the "Santa Claus" of the day with many beautiful gifts from the Orient.

During his travels there he purchased many things, and most of them will be arriving later, such as paintings and musicals. However, he was able to bring with him silver coffee spoons with Oriental handles, gifts of jewel-

ery and ornaments. Chinese characters add an exotic note to the lovely pieces of jewelry.

His bride's engagement and

wedding rings are both from the east, too.

Only person missing at the family gathering was Mrs. (Continued on Page 8).



PETER HURST returned Saturday from a year's stint in Viet Nam with the International Control Commission. He is shown with two of his many souvenirs purchased while away. One is a solid hardwood, hand-carved Philippine peasant girl statue made from one piece of wood and the other a lacquerware plate with mother-of-pearl inlay. Many of his other souvenirs haven't arrived home to date.

## Likely in May Choraliers to sing at Expo

The Choraliers will be singing at Expo.

An announcement was made Monday that the Acton choir is one of 292 amateur groups chosen so far to perform at the Montreal fair.

Acton Branch, Royal Cana-

dian Legion Choraliers applied to sing at Expo at the beginning of October, and had been awaiting word of a decision.

The latest list of acceptances from Montreal includes the names of 42 groups from all across the country.

The 24th of May weekend was specified when the choir applied. They understood they would be required to appear in perhaps two or three consecutive days. The information they received indicated they should perform from 30 to 50 minutes.

When the group discussed applying, they expected that if they were accepted, they would each pay their own expenses, at about \$50 per singer.

They are currently raising money for more music and new trousers to go with their gold jackets.

Learning of the group's acceptance Monday, delighted leader George Musselle said "I want us all to go, without exception!" He had not, until Wednesday morning, had any direct word. Information came first to Acton in a press release to the Acton Free Press.

When the application was sent in, a tape of some of the group's best songs went along, too. Two tapes were made by Henry Arbic and the best was selected.

Likely the group would travel to Expo by bus, and be away four days.

## Alter school rental cost for badminton

High school board trustees altered a charge of \$10 per evening for use of the auditorium to the Badminton Club to a minimum of 50 cents per person or \$2.50 per hour. This action was taken Monday night during the regular board meeting.

Hugh Patterson, chairman of the badminton club and member of the recreation committee, was present to request consideration for lower rates. He told trustees the club was using equipment supplied by the school and on the best night attendance was 21 players. He told the board the \$10 nightly charge hadn't been expected by the players and if the board insisted on the \$10 fee, the club would have to make some arrangements.

After Mr. Patterson left the meeting the decision for charges was made.

The mystery of the boiler room has been solved and repairs will be made in the near future. Property chairman Kerwin McPhail informed members that heating circulator valves had been turned off causing a backlash of cold water hitting the hot boiler.

During principal E. A. Hansen's report it was learned that Christmas exams would be written from December 9 to December 16. He also reported a very successful "get acquainted" gathering had been held Thursday, December 1 of public and high school staffs which public school inspector W. L. McNeil attended.

## Election dispatch service

Six volunteer drivers were on hand throughout election day Tuesday waiting phone calls from ratepayers wishing a drive to the polls.

With fog blanketing the town most of the morning and a steady rain falling the rest of the day, drivers expected a rushing business. They were disappointed when only 43 calls were received as only a small portion of voters cast ballots.

The Acton Chamber of Commerce sponsored the dispatch service in an attempt to spark interest and provide a service. Phone numbers advertised connected callers with Paul Nielsen's clothing store and Roy Goodwin's Sports Corner.

## 90 per cent cost granted for Mill-Main stop lights

A former resident of Acton who rose to the rank of deputy-minister of highways for Ontario, this week handed Actonians a gift-wrapped Christmas parcel. The Department will pay 90 per cent of the cost of traffic lights at the Mill-Main intersection. Acton's share will be 10 per cent of the cost.

The Acton Free Press was informed by M.P.P. George Kerr Tuesday that Deputy Minister of Highways A. T. C. (Cam) McNab had informed clerk-administrator Jack McGeachle of the available grant following a review by the department.

Expected costs known to date for installation of lights, street signs and road markers are around \$5,000. Unknown costs at present are for street widening and curbing.

Clerk Jack McGeachle told the Free Press complete installation of lights is expected some time in February, 1967.

The following letter was sent to Mr. McGeachle by Mr. McNab:

"This is in reply to your letter of Nov. 24, 1966, concerning the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Mill St. and Main St. of the town of Acton.

"The policy for determining our contribution to traffic signals on connecting links has been under review by this department. As a result of this review a revised set of traffic warrants has been adopted.

"On Nov. 21, 1966, the Department of Transport was advised that under our new policy the traffic signals at the Main and Mill St. intersection in the town of Acton would be eligible for connecting link subsidy.

"I am pleased, therefore, to advise that it is in order for your municipality to submit a connecting link construction agreement in the normal manner for this signal installation."

Yours truly,  
A. T. C. McNab, deputy-minister

## Return George Leslie reeve in light Esquering vote Monday

Less than 25 per cent of the eligible electors turned out at the polls in Esquering Township on Monday and selected a reeve and three councillors for the 1967 term. George Currie was acclaimed Deputy-Reeve and William Lawson and Russell Miller were acclaimed to school board posts at the nomination meeting last week.

Incumbent Reeve George Leslie was re-elected for a fourth term in office by the slim margin of 57 votes over the challenger—Deputy-Reeve Wilfrid Leslie.

Second year councillor Thomas Hill of Glen Williams led

the polls for council with 165 votes, Clifton (Pat) Patterson, also a second year councillor, was runner-up with 743 votes, and newcomer James Goodlet was elected to council for the first time, with 539 votes. E. George Bates, making his first bid for a council post was unsuccessful as he polled 294 votes.

Returning officer K. C. Lindsay estimated the percentage turnout at about 24.21 per cent or 1,041 of 4,229 eligible voters. The 12 polls closed at 8 p.m. and less than 10 minutes later some returns were available at the Township Administration Building. By 8:30

p.m. all the polls had reported. About two dozen ratepayers and candidates turned up at the Administration Building to hear the results. Most of the victorious candidates gave out cigars.

As soon as the final poll was heard from, Deputy-Reeve Wilfrid Leslie congratulated Reeve Leslie on his victory. The incumbent polled 540 votes compared to 492 for the challenger. Councillor Patterson led in 10 of the 12 polls in the battle for a council seat. However, Thomas Hill's strength in two Glen Williams subdivisions boosted him into the overall lead in the council race.

## Rev. van Dijk leaving Acton for Orillia

After about three years in Acton, the Rev. Wiebe van Dijk leaves the Christian Reformed Church here to become pastor of the Christian Reformed Church at Orillia. He, his wife and two sons at home, Andy and Adrian, expect to move to Orillia early in the new year. He begins his new pastorate the first of January.

Although his new church is about the same size as Acton's it is the only church of its denomination in a very large territory.

The local church will likely have a temporary appointment until arrangements are made for a new pastor here.

Andy and Adrian have been attending the Toronto District Christian high school.

Mr. van Dijk succeeded the Rev. Jelle Nutma here.

## \$292,194 Brookville addition approved

Approval for the financing of a \$292,194.70 addition to Brookville Public School was given by Nassagaweya Township Council at their meeting Monday.

The proposal would add nine classrooms (including library, home economics and shop) plus staff rooms, nurses' room, new heating plant and a new septic system to the present school. Brookville presently has 12 rooms plus an auditorium in use as a classroom, and two portable classrooms.

Members of the township school board reported seven bids had been received, and they had accepted the low bid of A. Battaglia Construction, Guelph, at \$279,995, on the condition the architect could elim-

inate some extras to effect a saving of \$10,000 on the price. With architect's fees and furnishings, the total cost would come to \$292,194.70.

The board earlier applied to council for a \$283,000 school. (Continued on Page 3)

### Extra!

Extra! Read all about it! The "extra" section in today's Free Press tells about the installation and operation of the new press in the Acton plant. Today's first offset issue, jam-packed with news, also has election ads and Christmas gift suggestions galore from local stores.



SANTA CLAUS was a popular fellow with the youngsters last Saturday when he perched on a chair in the former Post Office building and heard the kiddies' requests. He made the long trek from the north pole especially to help out during the Santa Fair sponsored by the United Church Women. Left to right with Santa are Suzanne, Ian and Jerry Paul, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul of town.