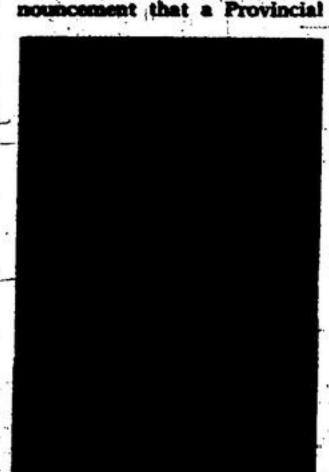
Election fever starts

Four candidates for Halton East

The strange lure of politics worked overtime in the new Halton East Provincial riding this week as two Liberals and two Progressive Conservatives announced their candidacy for their party's nomination.

The riding a result of provincial redistribution in 1965. consists of Cakville, Milton, Georgetown and Esquesing Township as far north as lot 22 in each concession.

The stadden rice in interest stems from a Toronto an-



WILLIAM B. SARGANT

election is likely to be called by Premier John Robarts for late spring. So far Oakville Liberals Murray Haesler and Robin Skuce and Oakville P. C's William B. Sargant and Bill Bateman have tossed their political hats into the ring.

However, the field is still wide open and there's speculation that as many as five or six will seek each of the old line parties' nomination.

So far there has been no announcement of a candidate for the New Democratic Party. Councillor William Gillies of Onkville was the party's candidate in the last provincial election held in the fall of

Halton's current representative George Kerr, P.C., of Burlington is expected to seek reelection, but in the new riding of Halton West. Halton West consists of Burlington, Nassagaweya Township, Acton and the upper portion of Esquesing Township. As yet there has been no announcement of possible candidates for either the New Democratic or Liberal

parties in that riding. William B. Sergent, a 22year-old University of Guelph student started the political ball rolling late last week with the announcement that he would seek the Progressive Conservative nomination in the

new riding of Halton East. A graduate of T. A. Blakelock High School and a second year student in a Recreation Director's course at the U. of G., Mr. Sargant declared. I'm close to the youth of the riding and I think I could interpret their problems. I have been given encouragement by older party members and I have no intention of trying to pit the young guard against the old guard. The youth of this country wants to help and they will, if given the oppor-

tunity." Although born in Hamilton, Mr. Sargant was raised and still lives in South-West Oakville (Bronte). He's a member of the Church of the Epiphany (Anglican) in Oakville and is an associate editor of the Ontarian (the University newspaper). He manages the intercollegiate hockey team and is an assistant Scoutmaster in

Mr. Sargant hopes to folow in the "footsteps of the late Stan Hall and Mr. Kerr (present Halton member George Kerr) in providing good representation for the

riding. Although he couldn't make an "accurate guess" of when the election might be, he did hope "it isn't in April - that's

Not driving

story in last week's Free Press indicated an accident on the Kelso Road January 7 involved a car "driven" by Leroy McIsaac of R.R. 4, Acton. Ac. tually, Mr. McIsaac's car was parked on the side of the road at the time of the accident. The other car, driven by a Milton men, Patrick Carr, skidded collided with the parked McIssec cur while the driver was trying to avoid an oncom-

exams." If however, he is nominated, "I'll campaign diligently and if elected I'll devote_full time to representing

the riding," he said. Murray J. Haesler, a Toronto-born criminal lawyer said, "I've always thought I'd like to seek a political office and I decided three months ago to try for the Liberal nomination

in this riding." An Oakville resident for the past four years, Mr. Haesler was elected to Oakville council for a two-year term in 1965. The 29-year-old Osgoode Hall graduate is a father of three and received his high school education in Mimico and his college education at the University of Toronto.

"This is a new riding and our party will need someone who can do something at the polls. I think I can," he reported. Mr. Haesler believed. the foremost problem facing the government will be to get closer to the people. The provincial government might as well be in Ottawa, it is as hard to reach."

He declared he would be actively seeking the nomination and plans a press conference for this week. The probable date for the election would be the first week in June, he indi-

MURRAY HAESLER

Party in Halton East.

Appleby College, Oakville.

al nomination indicated, "my

best guess is the election will

be held in the spring, probab-

ly May or June." He said it

was expected the riding's nom-

ROBIN SKUCE

by active riding Liberals. ___ William Bateman of Oakville, business administrator of the Oakville Board of Parks Management, is the second P.C. to enter that party's race for the nomination. He is first vice-president of the Oakville Progressive Conservative Association and has been active in county politics for several

ination convention would be

held in mid-February and not-

ed, "the Association is trying

to line up Bob Nixon (newly

named Ontario Liberal Leader)

as guest speaker." It is under-

stood the convention will be

arranged to fit in with Mr.

Mr. Skuce's education in-

cludes two years "at Trinity

College in Dublin, two. years

at the University of Toronto-

he graduated with honors from a modern language

course - two years of post

graduate work in Edinburgh,

Scotland and two years at Vic-

toria College in Toronto

where he was ordained in the

His five years in the minis-

try included appointments to

charges in Northern Ontario

and Toronto as well as being

a chaplain in the Canadian

In 1963 he moved to Oak-

ville to teach at Appleby Col-

lege and since that time has

been active in Halton Child-

ren's Aid Society work and

started to think seriously

about running for the nomina-

tion two weeks ago. He indi-

cated he had been approached

Mr. Skuce said he, first

community boys' work.

Nixon's schedule.

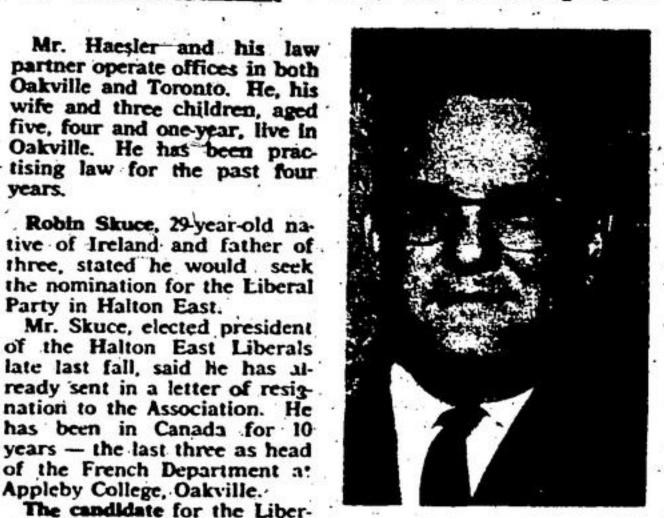
United Church.

Army Reserve.

Although Mr. Bateman says he is "very definitely interested in running," he was waiting to check with his employers before making a final commitment to enter the race. The Parks Board was just being-appointed this week and he wanted to discuss his ambitions with its members.

A native of Toronto, he is married and has two children. aged eight and five. He is 34 years old.

Mr. Bateman worked for the Trafalgar Township Parks Roard until it was anialagamated with Oakville eight years



BILL BATEMAN

ago. Prior to that he was with the building development department of Toronto Township, the Ontario Department of Mines for three years and the water engineering department of Metro / Toronto for two years. "All my life has been spent in municipal work of one kind or another and I

feel this experience will be valuable to me", he indicated. Unlike the other three announced candidates, Mr. Bateman did not think the election would be held in the spring or summer of this year, but in the fall. On the Provincial level, he feels the governmenthas been running smoothly but several farming matters should be cleared up in the near fu-

One other possible candidate rumored to be seeking a Halton East nomination was Mavor McLean Anderson of Oak ville. But on Monday he emphatically denied the rumor.

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Steward, Ray Thompson; Junior Deacon, Alf Duby; Junior Steward, Ray Mason and Organist J. Lowrie. Back row is Inner Guard C. L. Rognvaldson. Missing when photo was taken were Chaplain George Musselle, treasurer, R. H. Elliott, Tyler S. J. Joe and I.P.M. T. S.

Centennial services planned in all 12 Eramosa churches

township will all be participating in holding special services during 1967. A church organization section of the Eramosa township centennial committee has announced a schedule of

The first will be at Barrie Hill church on January 29 when Prof. Theakston will give Presbyterian Church; Septeman illustrated lecture on Expo ber, Rockwood Roman Cath-67 and there will be a short musical program.

other 11 churches will organize ber, Stone United Church.

The 12 churches in Eramosa services to be attended by the general public during the year: February, Eden Mills Presbyterian Church; March, Eden Mills United Church; April, Everton Disciples church; May, Mimosa United Church; June, Oustic Roman Catholic church: July, Rockwood Anglican Church; August, Rockwood olic Church; October, Rockwood United Church; Novem-In the ensuing months, the ber, Speedside Church; Decem-

First fire in '67 car on Cobble Hill

Acton Firefighters answered their first call in '67 Friday afternoon when they raced to a car fire on Cobble Hill Road. When they arrived at the scene the fire had been extinguished. It is believed the car was driven by Ralph Mathews and had backfired causing a

fire under the hood. If you dip the roasting fork in butter before sliding the marshmallow on it and hold the fork level while toasting, the marshmallows will slip

in town hall centennial show Rockwood-Mrs. Max Milne fund will buy sweaters for Pee of Rockwood is not depending Wee and Squirt ball teams in on anyone else to begin a Cen- Eramosa township. ship Centennial Committee Mrs. Milne has done a won-

tennial project, but has her own all well planned. In the derful job in putting together Rockwood town hall on the ev- this event and is thrilled at the enings of February 3 and 4, lo- co-operation she has received. cal talent and others who once Anyone wishing transportation claimed Rockwood as their please phone 856-9946 and it home town, will join to bring will be readily provided. two full evenings of enjoy- Frank Allsop will be master

Mrs. Milne has contacted and been contacted by many T. D. McCutcheon, Dick Dupwho are more than willing to uis, L. Deebank, Frank Schnelhelp in any way to make, the project a success. A short history of Rockwood will be prepared and with readings, vocal solos, instrumentals, skits, group singing and square dancing, the program offers wide variety.

A prize will be given for the best costumed performer (1800's) and the best old-time number. Several other prizes have also been donated. The program will begin each night at 8 p.m. Part of the proceeds will go toward a large bench. which will be placed near the cenotaph. This is hoped to be especially beneficial to senior citizens. The remainder of the

stating he was too busy with - municipal work in Oakville to devote the time to a Provincial member's work.

Several others are rumored. to be in the race for either Liberal or Conservative nominations but at press time today could not be contacted or were still "thinking" about their decision.



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of ceremonies with Mrs. Allson as pianist. Others assisting are

der and Mrs. F. Taylor, the chairman of Eramosa Town-

Mrs. Milne would like as many as possible of the audience to be in costume as well, but no prizes have as yet been donated for this. For further information, please call 856-9948 or 856-9942. Make your plans include both February 3 and 4 at the town hall. A different program will be presented each evening.

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Field secretaries annual conference

Twenty-two blind field secretaries from all over Ontario met in Toronto recently: for their annual conference on future benefits for-the blind of the province. With the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, these men are responsible for the CNIB service program on a community lev-

W. K. Lawson, the local CN-IB representative for Halton County, reported that the conference focused attention on the position of the blind in modern society:

The group examined the ON-IB and to 130 blind university students in Canada. They are including Electrical Engineering and Comparative European Literature.

Some students with residual vision read inkprint books with special magnifiers provided by the CNIB. Others use the CNIB library, which provides recorded and Braille. books transcribed by volun-

teers. Mr. Lawson reported that 33 blind Ontarians were newly blind workers in manufactur- trial was being held. ing plants outside the CNIB. The field man was proud of eight blind people in a new ca-

broadening horizons of mo- others facing murder charges dern science. In the field of re- in recent years have been habilitation, the CNIB helped found insane during prelimin-28 newly blind persons this ary hearings, and unfit to year through the specialized stand trial. Adjustment Training Course, where they learned skills for daily living such as typing, Braille and travel-training.

Among the many duties of the majority of field men, is the administration of one of 10 district residences which provide a home atmosphere and recreation for 512 elderly

The conference studied expansion of services for them. Prevention of blindness was a topic of active discussion. Last year, 2,771 had sight saved or improved through eye

examinations, operations, or

some other type of assistance provided by the CNFB here in Ontario.

"Through prevention of blindness and promotion of eye safety, the CNIB serves not only the 8,000 blind of the province, but the whole population," the ONIB man; concluded.

Lite sentence

"Charged with capital murder of an 18-year-old Burlington girl on September 27, a Hamilton man was convicted of non-capital murder by the Supreme Court jury in Milton Monday night. Mr. Justice D. studying a variety of subjects. R. Morand sentenced the 31year-old to life imprisonment.

The court case caused widespread interest during the past week. It was the first murder trial held in the Halton Court House in several years.

It was opened Tuesday of last week and ended Monday night when the jury brought in its verdict. Special arrangements had been made to house the 12 male jurors in a motel employed in industry alone several miles from Milton, and during the last fiscal year, they were bussed to and from bringing the total to over 215, the court each day while the

In the fall of 1964, three manslaughter cases were heard in the Halton Supreme reer - computer program- Court sittings. Two of the accused were sentenced to three This is a field with a future and 10 year terms and the for the blind as great as the third was freed. At least two

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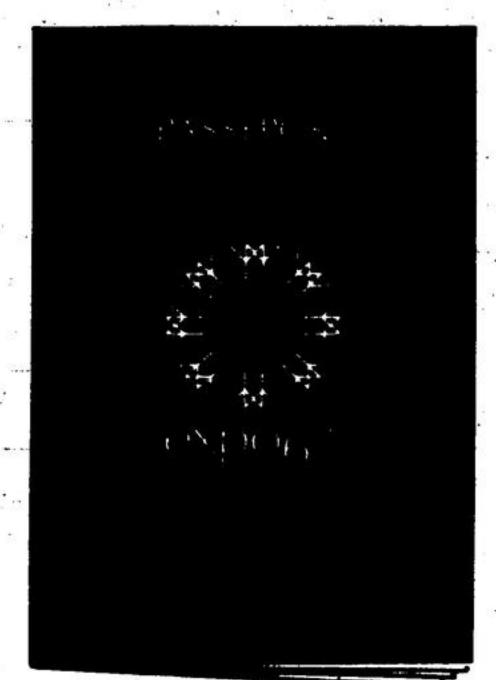
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