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C.N.R. CLOSES ACTON, ROCKWOOD

Halton ELECTION BRIEFS

COST SEATS

41,841 VOTERS

High property taxes is an issue George Kerr, MPP for Halton feels could cost the Conservative Government seats in the October 17 election. Mr. Kerr admitted concern about the matter at a conservative gathering in Oakville last weekend.

SKUCE CAMPAIGN

Halton East Liberal candidate Robin Skuce will be a familiar face in this area the coming week.

His official agenda will include door-to-door canvassing in Drumquin Thursday (tomorrow), circulation at Milton Fair Friday afternoon, and he will be back at the fair all day Saturday.

OPENS OFFICE

Halton West Liberal Candidate Jack Lush has opened his campaign headquarters at 393 Brant St. in Burlington. About 50 supporters were on hand to witness the opening.

The Burlington stockbroker is actively campaigning to defeat M.P.P. George A. Kerr, the Progressive Conservative member for the present Halton riding.

Figures released by Halton West returning officer Don McMillan show 41,841 persons will be eligible to vote in the October 17 election.

The riding includes Burlington, and part of Esquesing Township. There are 36,941 voters in Burlington, 1,491 in Nassagaweya, 1,090 in Esquesing and 2,319 in Acton.

Of the 169 polling subdivisions in the riding, 149 are in Burlington. Anyone entitled to have their name on list A if it is not already on should contact a revising officer October 2, 3 or 4.

Officers are Jerome Ruty, 582 Deborah Crescent, Burlington; William Hourigan, 704 Courtland Place, Burlington; Hugh Dean, 570 Bromley Road, Burlington; and Donald Milligan, 418 Brant Street, Burlington.

Advance polls will be taken Oct. 12, 13 and 14. Candidates are George Kerr, Progressive Conservative; Jack Lush, Liberal; and T.H. MacDonald, N.C.P.

COUNTING NOSES

Allan M. Mason, former mayor of Oakville and Progressive Conservative candidate in the last federal election, is the re-

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AGENT CHARLIE PERRY, left, and Jean Marcoux, operator at Acton station will lose their jobs here if the C.N.R. closes the station. They will, however, have an opportunity to locate elsewhere in the railway operation. Neither one was surprised by the shut-down news. They have a combined service of over 52 years with the C.N.R. (Staff Photo)

November 6 shut-down date operate service from Guelph

Plans to close both Acton and Rockwood Canadian National Railway stations for keeps were revealed to The Free Press this week by a representative of the C.N.R. It is expected they'll be shut on November 6 this year along with stations in Hespeler and Preston.

Other rail stations in Moorefield, Drayton and Elora will be closed November 20.

All the areas served by these stations will be serviced from a master agency located in Guelph in a set-up similar to the one now being used for express delivery. A Zenith number will be provided and contact with the master agency by telephone will be the means of communication at no cost to the caller.

Two other stations in the area, at Fergus and Galt, will remain

open as "satellites" with only a small staff to handle duties.

Gordon Soutter, public relations representative of the C.N.R., outlined the railway's plans to close Acton and Rockwood stations after over 100 years of service to the areas. He said councils of the various municipalities would be notified by letter soon of the railway's intentions.

Public protest would be handled at a hearing of the Board of Transport Commissioners, probably held in the community where the protest originated. He said the railway anticipates no great outcry after the initial shock wears off but couldn't discount the possibility.

Employees here can remain on the job for several months after the station is closed down but they would have no duties. Even the telephone will be removed.

Mr. Soutter said they would be given the opportunity to locate elsewhere but employees said they would have to "lump" someone with less seniority in order to get a job. This would also result in a loss of pay amounting to \$150 a month in some cases.

Asked why a town with heavy freight traffic like Acton is closed when Fergus with a smaller volume is left open the P.R. man said he did not know the answer. Asked if it was due to an outcry in Fergus two or three years ago over a proposal to close the station there, again the railway representative said he had no information.

Mr. Soutter said he was more or less the advance party which prepared the way before plans were implemented. He admitted the C.N.R. must get permission to close the station from the Board of Transport Commission.

Rumors emanating from communities where stations have already been shut down are alike in charging the cases are "railroaded" through but Mr. Soutter implied the decision is decided on the evidence pro and con.

Would passenger service be affected? Could passengers still board train here? The C.N.R. representative could see no changes in present passenger service which consists of one stop in the morning for an eastbound train and another in the evening westbound.

Reaction to the railway's action wasn't long in coming. The Free Press phoned Dr. Harry Harley, M.P. for Halton who was in Ottawa attending the current session of Parliament which started Monday. The news came as a complete surprise to him.

"I had no knowledge of this," said Dr. Harley. "This is the first time I've heard of it. It seems funny because Acton is the one town in Halton County where industrial assessment is heavier than residential. You have a heavy concentration of industry there." He mentioned several of the larger ones which would be affected.

Dr. Harley said he would look into the closing of the station right away and phone The Free Press as soon as it was available.

In the absence of Mayor Duly, The Free Press got in touch with Reeve H. Hinton about the closing. He was also surprised. Mr. Hinton said he was concerned that Acton was losing a facility and unless it was absolutely necessary he would resist it. He thought probably the economics of the situation dictated the closing of the station.

The reeve was also concerned about the adverse effect closing of the station could have on new industry interested in locating in Acton.

"It would be one more mark against the town," he said but he didn't think this would be the only factor influencing a decision to locate here.

Mr. Hinto said express service has been more efficient since it was moved to a central agency in Guelph but other Acton businessmen polled by the Free Press didn't agree. Some felt service on express now was at its lowest ebb and envisioned dire results if freight was operated under the same plan.

Acton has had rail services

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Blood clinic in legion hall

Residents of Acton and district are reminded that a blood donor clinic will be held in the legion hall tomorrow (Thursday) from 2 to 5 in the afternoon and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the evening.

The town and district was canvassed by telephone but anyone from 18 to 65 not contacted is free to donate blood during clinic hours. Everyone under 18 must have written permission to do so.

Mrs. W. Finlay has charge of the Acton clinic which had 347 volunteer donors in the spring of this year. She hopes this one will be as much a success.

Rev. Peter Brouwer ordained at Christian Reformed Church

The ordination as a minister of the Word and installation of Rev. Peter Brouwer as a pastor of the Christian Reformed Church took place in a service which was

conducted by Rev. J. Joosse of New Market. (formerly of Georgetown) while Rev. J. Nutma from Bowmanville (former pastor of Acton), delivered the ser-

mon based on John 3:29. "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice this my joy therefore is fulfilled."

Rev. J. Joosse then read the form of ordination where upon the ministers, Rev. J. Joosse of New Market, Rev. Nonikes of Orangeville, Rev. De Pater of Holland Marsh, Rev. J. Nutma of Bowmanville and Rev. P. Jonker of Brampton took part in the Laying of Hands ceremony. At that time the congregation rose and sang the well known hymn.

Rev. P. Jonker charged the ordained minister and the congregation.

Numerous speakers were on hand to congratulate Rev. P. Brouwer on this joyous occasion. S. Brouwer, a cousin, spoke a few words on behalf of the C.R.C. of Guelph; G. DeKleer for the C.R.C. of Georgetown; Rev. A.H. McKenzie spoke for the Ministerial Association of Acton; Rev. G. Nonikes spoke for the Classes, Toronto; Rev. J. Joosse as former councillor for the Acton congregation during the vacancy.

John Proper spoke for the local church. He addressed the congregation that they pray for the new pastor, and also spoke a few words of appreciation to the former councillor Rev. J. Joosse for the work that he had done for this congregation.

Refreshments were served in the basement of the church, where different speakers from the societies had the opportunity to speak a few words of welcome.

Relative of the new minister were present, too. Among them were the mother of Rev. P. Brouwer who had recently arrived from the Netherlands for this occasion, a brother from California, and an uncle from Ottawa. Many other visitors and guests had come from Hamilton, Brampton and Oshawa to witness this special occasion.

Rev. P. Brouwer came to Acton after completing his studies. He received his B.A. Degree at Calvin College and his B.D. Degree at Calvin Seminary located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Prior to going to Calvin College the Brouwers had made their home in Brampton as well as Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Brouwer have six children ranging in age from 4 to 11 years, and are attending the Georgetown and District Christian School located on the 7th Line of Georgetown.



MRS. E. NIESCZERI escaped from this Volkswagen with only a few minor cuts and bruises following an accident on No. 7 highway, east of Acton near Cedar Springs motel last Thursday. The car collided with another vehicle and hit a telephone pole before coming to a stop. (Staff Photo)

Two-car collisions in area on weekend

Three Acton and Limehouse residents were involved in the past week's motor vehicle accidents in the north Halton area covered by Milton O.P.P.

In a two-car collision on Highway 7 at the Seventh Line Sunday morning, Peter Hoekstra of Limehouse suffered injuries to the knees and chin, and his passenger Audrey Hoekstra received a nose injury. Both were treated at hospital and released. Mr. Hoekstra's car received \$900

damage and a car driven by Charles Ralph Brown of Huttonville received \$500 in damages.

Friday evening a two-car collision on Highway 7 just west of the Seventh Line saw cars driven by Mrs. Ursula Nieszczeri of 54 Mowbray Place, Acton, and Willard Thompson of 51 Prince Charles Dr., Georgetown received a total of \$1,100 damage. A hydro pole that was struck by one of the cars received \$200 damage.

Perennial problems

Curlers ask reduced rate for rental of ice this season

Any agreement between the curling club and the two-hatted recreation committee-parks board for ice time here during 1967-68 curling season hinges on the rapport curlers achieve with concessionaire, Roy Goodwin.

This was the end result of a meeting between representatives of the curling club and recreation committee at their regular meeting Thursday night in the council chambers.

Dick Lee, Ken Marchment and Allan Ellerby, representing the curlers, submitted a four point proposal to the committee asking:

1. That the club can rent the arena in its entirety for specified mutually agreed dates for \$70 a day.
2. Storage facilities for the brooms.
3. In the event ice conditions are unsatisfactory the curling club can take corrective measures at the expense of the recreation committee.
4. No other agreement to be contracted unless mutually agreed upon by curlers and the committee.

At this juncture, committee member Brendan Abernethy interrupted to remind the delegation they would have to exclude the snack bar from the agreement because a contract had already been signed with the concession operator which gave him full jurisdiction over the booth except on special occasions.

"If that's the case," said spokesman Lee, "then the curlers will agree to rent the facilities except for the booth for \$60 a day with the stipulation that the club can have as many banquet permits as the law will allow."

Offer Expo trip to p.s. students

Grade seven and eight students at the Robert Little School will have the opportunity of seeing Expo, if their parents agree to finance the trip. Letters have been sent home, and if a bus can be filled, the school will make arrangements.

No date has been set as yet. The bus holds 41, including five chaperones. Cost is \$45, plus meals and spending money, which would come to about \$75 per pupil.

Parents have until Friday to sign.

The teachers decided that since many young people have not yet had the opportunity of seeing the World Fair, they would make it possible for a school group to go if enough interest is shown. A group of high school students saw Expo last spring.

"Each member had a different idea of the charge," he stated.

New committee member, Art Cooper said the going rate for hockey was \$12 an hour and the way he calculated it, the curling club was getting ice time at \$3 an hour, a premium rate no one else could get.

"What are you renting it to the Legion hockey for?" retorted Mr. Lee.

"That's a different thing," replied the ex-secretery. "The Legion pays this out of their own pockets for the kids."

Confessing to a conflict of interest because he was a curler, Ted Tyler Jr. one of the two council members on the committee, asked what the curlers meant in their submission about taking the necessary steps to fix ice at the committee's expense.

"I have confidence in the recreation committee to provide good ice," said Mr. Lee, "but the ice deteriorated last year and continually got worse. It made us look like chronic complainers," he explained.

"The only complaint I've heard was from one of our own members," said Mr. Masales recalling he was on the board for most of the season.

Mr. Lee said he personally appeared before the recreation committee to register a complaint.

Vice chairman Brendan Abernethy said the committee would like to see curling continue at the arena but at the same price as last season which was reasonable. He asked an end to the perpetual bickering with the concessionaire, otherwise he felt the

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LATE NEWS in Brief

Halton M.P. Dr. H. Harley phoned The Free Press just before the paper was put to bed to say he had written to Mr. McMillan, head of the C.N.R. and to the Minister of Transport Mr. Hellyer asking for a thorough study of the transportation system in Acton.

Dr. Harley said this could possibly have been done but

since no one seems to know about it this would bring the matter in the open.

The Halton M.P. felt that the heavy concentration of industry in Acton warranted a thorough study of the situation.

Further details of what is transpiring will be available when Dr. Harley receives them.



NEW MINISTER of Beth-El Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Peter Brouwer was ordained recently in a moving ceremony at the church. Mr. Brouwer with four-year-old Michael John

on his knee, Tricia 7, Mrs. Brouwer and Freddy 5, Peter 8, left in the back, Sonya 9 and Garret 11, moved into the church rectory on Queen St. from Grand Rapids, Michigan. (Staff Photo)