

ACTON LIBERALS demonstrate they're all behind Bob Nixon in business section with Halton West candidate Jack Lush. Left to

his bid to form a new provincial government. Mr. Nixon breez- right are Bill Coats, Mrs. C. Leishman, Mrs. H. Helwig, Jack ed into Acton on Tuesday morning, paraded up and down the Lush, Mrs. P. Waldie and Roy Goodwin. (Staff Photo)



DONALD C. MacDONALD, Ontario N.D.P. leader, is greated by Mayor Les Duby as he arrives in Acton for a short stop on the campaign trail Monday afternoon. Halton West N.D.P. candi-

date Ted McDonald, right, was also with the party as they were introduced to supporters and shoppers at the Glenlea Plaza. (Stafff Photo)

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# N.D.P., Liberal leaders visit Acton

A small cavalcade of handshaking Liberals, headed by piper Joe Sellars of Brampton, strolled up and down Mill St. on Tuesday morning doing a stint of political "main streeting," returning to the committee rooms for interviews, pictures, coffee

and doughnuts. The pipes and coffee party were laid on for provincial leader Robert Nixon, who stretched scheduled 20 minute Acton

stay to half an hour, meeting local stalwarts and interested voters. He arrived in an extralarge bus, accompanied by a dozen or so assigned reporters who joined in the town's Liberal-accented coffee break.

Personable Mr. Nixon was met here by local organizers and the Halton West candidate Jck Lush of Burlington. The two politicians joined forces to make the brief partisan parade.

Two high school students who are particularly interested in politics and had asked for time off to meet the Liberal leader. were pressed into service on excort duty bearing placards for the group.

No matter that one of the boy's father is a leading light in the Progressive Conservatives -they were asked to help and so willingly obliged.

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## Board will appeal to council addition to M. Z. Bennett

to the M.Z. Bennett school will be made by the public school board. Principal Elmer Smith is preparing a sketch of the proposed addition for a special meeting of

Another appeal for an addition

the board next Tuesday, and the detailed presentation will hopefull he made at the next meeting of No. one committee of council. The last time the request was made, it was turned down by No.

one committee. Since then many new homes have been built with a current influx of new students. The Robert Little school is now filled to capacity, with the library room in the stone school turned into a classroom this September. Part of the kinder-

as a library. The M. Z. Bennett school is

also completely filled. Principal Smith pointed out the original boundary between the two schools has already been changed, transferring children from the Crescent from the M. 2. Bennett school to the Robert Little school due to lack of ac-

commodation. The proposal will be for a 100- construction areas.

foot extension at the south end of the school to include a gymnasium, library, and second floor with three more classrooms.

The need will be spelled out again with figures' and the approximate cost obtained for council consideration of the capital expenditure.

Mr. Smith said if the addition

#### Paving begins

Highway 25 between Acton and Milton is receiving a new coat of asphalt this week. Workmen by Tuesday had completed the resurfacing from the main intersection in Acton south to 15 Sideroad at Spevside.

garten room is partitioned off The entire highway will be resurfaced to the point where it meets Highway 401. A two mile section between Highway 401 and the Campbellville (No. 5) Sideroad is also being widened to accommodate the heavy truck traffic.

> Police urge motorists to obey flagmen on the job, also the reduced speed limit signs at the

is constructed in two storeys. he will create a senior division in the school, moving the grades seven and eight to one wing. Classrooms will be assigned special uses there.

Area superintendent W. L. Mc-Neil (formerly inspector McNeil) was present at the meeting and PERT AND PRETTY Cathy commented "It sounds like a Clark, wearing number 16. good proposal. I'm going to in- outlasted 33 other contestants vite you to the opening of Brook- to win the first roller skating ville School, Oct. 27. They have marathon in Acton. Story and a room for science, a room for more pictures inside. geography and a library along with the home economics and

industrial arts rooms." Board members recalled that just after council had questioned their last proposal, announcement had been made of the houswhich subsequently altered the

They briefly considered district schools which are building additions. They indicated that they feel much more confident

Decision to appeal again was made at the board meeting last night (Tuesday).

of council approval this time.



(Staff Photo)

There were few on hand at the Glenlea shopping plaza Monday afternoon to meet Ontario genial N.D.P. leader Donald C. MacDonald, travelling by bus with local candidates Bill Gillies of Halton East and Ted MacDonald of Halton

West. The reporters on the bus nearly outnumbered the local group, which included a few party supporters, reporters, some housewives shopping in the Red and White store and high school stud ents who strolled over after

Mr. MacDonald had a loudhailer with him so he could address a large crowd, but had no use for it here and stowed it back in the bus.

Acton N.D.P. executive members Brendan Aherne and Bob Drinkwalter welcomed the provincial leader and local candidate and Mayor Les Duby greeted them on behalf of the town.

The cavalcade bus was hitting various towns in Peel and Halton during the busy day and was off to Milton, Campbellville and Burlington next. Copies of the "New Democrat\* magazine were distributed, telling of party goals. The two MacDonalds and Mrs. Donald MacDonald introduced

themselves to the cluster of people and chatted desultorily, obliging with poses for pictures, before climbing aboard the bus again for the next scheduled stop.

Mrs. Donald MacDonald, witha pleasing and friendly personality to match her husband's, was asked where the bus was going next. She had to admit she didn't (Continued on Page 3)

#### Customs port reports jump in revenue

First six months of the fiscal year for Acton customs port has resulted in another recordentry. Customs Officer Murray Harri-

son reports this week. Entries were up slightly over the same period last year, 1315 to 1302, but revenue took a big

Last year's revenue for the period was \$113,612.87. This year the total jumped to \$160. 918.15, a rise of \$47,305.28. Mr. Harrison attributes the steady expansion of business in the port to the increased produc-

tivity of local industry.

### Candidates speak out on station closing

Reaction to closing of Acton's C.N.R. station was generally shock when the Free Press carried the news last week. However, to broaden the issue this newspaper asked the various candidates in the coming provincial election for their views on the subject. They follow:

JACK LUSH, LIBERAL CANDIDATE:

\*Closing of the Acton station indicates the complacency of the present government (Ont.) towards people in Acton. There are 21 industries which will now have to transport their freight from Guelph back to Acton, which in turn will keep costs rising. No indication of the closing was given to citizens of Acton. I feel parli ament should make citizens aware of what is happening so proper action can be taken to prevent citizens being put out of work and in turn effecting the economy of the town. I'm also wondering what is going to happen to the GO train service. Has any thought been given to local citizens who want to take families and children for educational, shopping and recreational facilities not available here? It's a disgrace people do not come first with our government. I intend to work towards helping all constituents in Halton West."

TED MacDONALD, N.D.P. CANDIDATE:

"I'm concerned about it, if it results in a delay in freight service like express. I'm alarmed freight might become the same thing as express. It is unfortunate. I feel the province should develop commuter train service and the freight service fully investigated.

GEORGE KERR, CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE:

\*This is unfortunate news. I would think this will inconvenience the many industries in Acton which use rail facilities from time to time. It could also mean prospective new industries for the Acton area may be reluctant to settle here because of lack of proper rail facilities. I would be happy to work with Dr. Harley to do everything possible to get the C.N.R. to change its decision and been the station open.

#### By 7-1 vote

# Council strongly objects to closing of C.N.R. station

Acton Council voted 7-1 Thursday night to prepare a very strong objection, "based on our needs," to the proposed closing

station in Acton. Lone objection was raised by Councillor Ted Tyler Jr. who at first considered declaring a conflect of interest but was dissuaded by fellow councillors and the mayor who declared small towns

on conflict of interest. Mr. Tyler registered his nav. declaring that support of the motion would be almost like subsidizing his own opposition. He is in the truck freight business with Tyler Transport Ltd.

Councillor Bob Drinkwalter raised the rail issue during

icle in The Free Press. town. It will be a hard blow to iod of time there would be a our local industries. We shouldn't hearing in Acton at which the

regarding our feeling on this." said Mr. Drinkwalter. Mayor Les Duby said his concern was very real, too, but he

of the Canadian National Railway wondered why council wasn't notified as soon as The Free Press. He charged the change would seriously change Acton's appeal for industry.

Councillor Tyler enquired of councillor Perry who has the distinction of wearing two hats station agent and councillor - if the proposed shut-down would really change things much.

Mr. Perry answeredthe mayor first. He had, he told the mayor. asked the C.N.R.'s public relations man the same question and received no answer.

For Mr. Tyler he reserved the be too long taking an active stand Board of Transport Commission-

ers would preside and make a decision on whether the station

should be shut down or not. Questioned by Mr. Tyler. Councillor Perry affirmed all freight for Acton was being handled at the station. Express was handled from Guelph.

"I'm concerned whether we are going to get better service." the mayor explained. "I can't see how you can have

better service," said Mr. Perry. leaning back in his chair ..... without a local representative." Councillor Pat McKenzie urged council to object to the closing strongly. "If what has happened

to express is what is going to

happen to the freight then we're in very poor condition. Reeve Hinton agreed, "Object very strongly through the Member of Parliament to maintain this facility in Acton. We're on a line in the Golden Horseshoe. It could eventually produce a GO-

"On the other hand," said the

to the C.N.R. as a public supported system for doing objectively what they are to solve economic problems in a moderntransportation system.

"In my opinion the express system as far as we are concerned is excellent." Mr. Hinton continued. "All in a 50 mile radius will benefit. Out of the way places will benefit. Acton may

lose, others will win.

Councillor Perry thought the reeve exaggerated about express service now. He maintained it was much better when it operated locally.

The poll of council swung to Councillor Earl Masales who felt the railway might look into engaging the reeve as a publicity

Deputy Reeve F.G. Oakes said he could talk on and on about the poor express service. "It's so bad we ignore it. he told council. He said veterinarians used parcel post when they wanted something or bus service when in a hurry. "Excellent C.N.R. service. I know differently.

"I fail to see how the reeve can support the C.N.R. Dr. Oakes continued. "We are ignored."

The subject swung to a possible G0 service and there was recomition it could happen in Acton since a survey was being made as far as Guelph...

Supporting his negative stand on the resolution Councillor Tyler said the people in the C.N.R. have had their fingers rapped on subsidies. They are trying to cut costs. I can see their point but feel they could update their methods.

"I could go on all night about this but I can't." said Councillor

Mr. McKenzie fired the last salvo in the round table discussion which only Councillor Bill Williams missed. He said the C.N.R. could keep their eyes on other progressive countries. Germany is considering having only trains carry freight. Trucks on the highways are to be banned.

#### Committee of adjustment in the course of the year often produced cases which bordered rejects Rubin applications had no other choice but to reject why a home can be built and com-Applications of the Rubin Corpthe Rubin Corporations Applicoration were discussed at great pletely finished before a variance ations as they were not conform-

length, at Monday's meeting of the Committee of Adjustment. It amazed the Committee that

a builder can apply for a building

permit, in the Town of Acton, and

then go ahead and build a house any way he thinks fit. The Committee also wondered application is presented to the

Summing up, the Committee telt they are being used for no less than a clearing house for other peoples mistakes, for example, the builder.

In closing, the Committee was

of the unanimous opinion that they

ing to the by-law, and were not considered to be minor varian-

The meeting was not attended by any representatives from the building company. Murray Smith was the only member absent.

Thursday's enquiries declaring he was concerned about the art- all accounting at the station here

choicest news. The new master agency at the C.N.R. would mean the railway proposes to withdraw and relieve the operator and "What's going to become of our agent of all duties. After a per-

GO transit system. reeve, "you've got to give credit

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