



**ACTON LIBERALS** demonstrate they're all behind Bob Nixon in his bid to form a new provincial government. Mr. Nixon breezed into Acton on Tuesday morning, paraded up and down the business section with Halton West candidate Jack Lush. Left to right are Bill Coats, Mrs. C. Leishman, Mrs. H. Helwig, Jack Lush, Mrs. P. Waldie and Roy Goodwin. (Staff Photo)



**DONALD C. MACDONALD**, Ontario N.D.P. leader, is greeted by Mayor Les Doby as he arrives in Acton for a short stop on the campaign trail Monday afternoon. Halton West N.D.P. candidate Ted MacDonald, right, was also with the party as they were introduced to supporters and shoppers at the Glenlea Plaza. (Staff Photo)

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

A small cavalcade of hand-shaking 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 a scheduled 20 minute Acton

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

Personable Mr. Nixon was met here by local organizers and the Halton West candidate Jack 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 escort 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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**PERT AND PRETTY** Cathy Clark, wearing number 16, outlasted 33 other contestants to win the first roller skating marathon in Acton. Story and more pictures inside. (Staff Photo)

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

Another appeal for an addition 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 the board next Tuesday, and the detailed presentation will hopefully be 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 kindergarten room is partitioned off 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. Z. Bennett school to the Robert Little school due to lack of accommodation.

The proposal will be for a 100-

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 Side-road at Speyside.

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) Side-road 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 construction areas.

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. McNeil (formerly Inspector McNeil) was present at the meeting and commented "It sounds like a good proposal. I'm going to invite you to the opening of Brookville School, Oct. 27. They have a room for science, a room for 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 house-which subsequently altered the picture.

They briefly considered district schools which are building additions. They indicated that they feel much more confident of council approval this time.

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

### 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 of the Canadian National Railway station in Acton.

Lone objection was raised by Councillor Ted Tyler Jr. who at first considered declaring a conflict of interest but was dissuaded by fellow councillors and the mayor who declared small towns in the course of the year often produced cases which bordered on conflict of interest.

Mr. Tyler registered his nay, 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 Drinkwater raised the roll issue during Thursday's enquiries declaring he was concerned about the article in The Free Press.

"What's going to become of our town. It will be a hard blow to our local industries. We shouldn't be too long taking an active stand

regarding our feeling on this," said Mr. Drinkwater.

Mayor Les Doby said his concern was very real, too, but he 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 Perry enquired of councillor Tyler who has the distinction of wearing two hats—station agent and councillor—if the proposed shut-down would really change things much.

Mr. Perry answered the 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 choicest news. The new master agency at the C.N.R. would mean the railway proposes to withdraw all accounting at the station here and relieve the operator and agent of all duties. After a period of time there would be a hearing in Acton at which the 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 is going to happen to the freight then we're in very poor condition," Beeve 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 transit system."

"On the other hand," said the reeve, "you've got to give credit

## 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 parliament 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 keep the station open."

## Committee of adjustment rejects Rubin applications

Applications of the Rubin Corporation were discussed at great 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 why a home can be built and completely finished before a variance application is presented to the Committee.

Summing up, the Committee felt 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

had no other choice but to reject the Rubin Corporation's Applications as they were not conforming to the by-law, and were not considered to be minor variances.

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