

Recount possible in Halton East

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Skuce edged Snow 13-10 and there were two polls tied. Gillies won seven Georgetown polls. Voters in poll 63 in Milton were about the most evenly divided of all. They gave Skuce 33 votes, Snow 32 and Gillies 31.

All four advance polls (Milton, Georgetown and Oakville) gave Snow a good lead. Excitement ran high around the P.C. headquarters in Oakville, where Jim Snow started out the evening's work. While results were flowing in, he visited each campaign headquarters in the riding to congratulate his co-workers and keep posted on the results.

Snow admitted he was pretty worried early in the evening when he dropped into his home poll at Hornby to watch the ballots being counted. The first four were for the N.D.P. and the fifth was a spoiled ballot, he related. He did win the poll, by the way.

He arrived back in Oakville while things were still in doubt, about 75 well-wishers surrounded him. It was not until 10.38 p.m. that the last poll was heard from and shouts of "hurray" filled the room.

Snow quickly grabbed his wife and son Jim Jr., aged 10, who travelled with him through the evening — and bestowed a big kiss on each of them. The crowd surged around — still hardly able to believe it was over — to offer congratulations and best wishes in the years of work in the legislature ahead.

Leaping onto a desk where he could be seen and heard by all, he began a victory speech but was interrupted by a telephone call from Doug Latimer, Georgetown area organizer. "Come on down to the house, Doug, the party is on," shouted the happy winner over the roar of the crowd.

Turning from the telephone to the crowd, he began with a modest "I don't know what to say." Everyone was invited to the party at the house. "I'm lost for words," he said, "it has certainly been a cliff-hanger here tonight."

"This would have been absolutely impossible without all the hard work of all you people," he went on. "It has been an excellent campaign and a tremendous experience for Barbara (his wife) and myself. But right from the beginning I had the greatest of confidence and I guess it paid off."

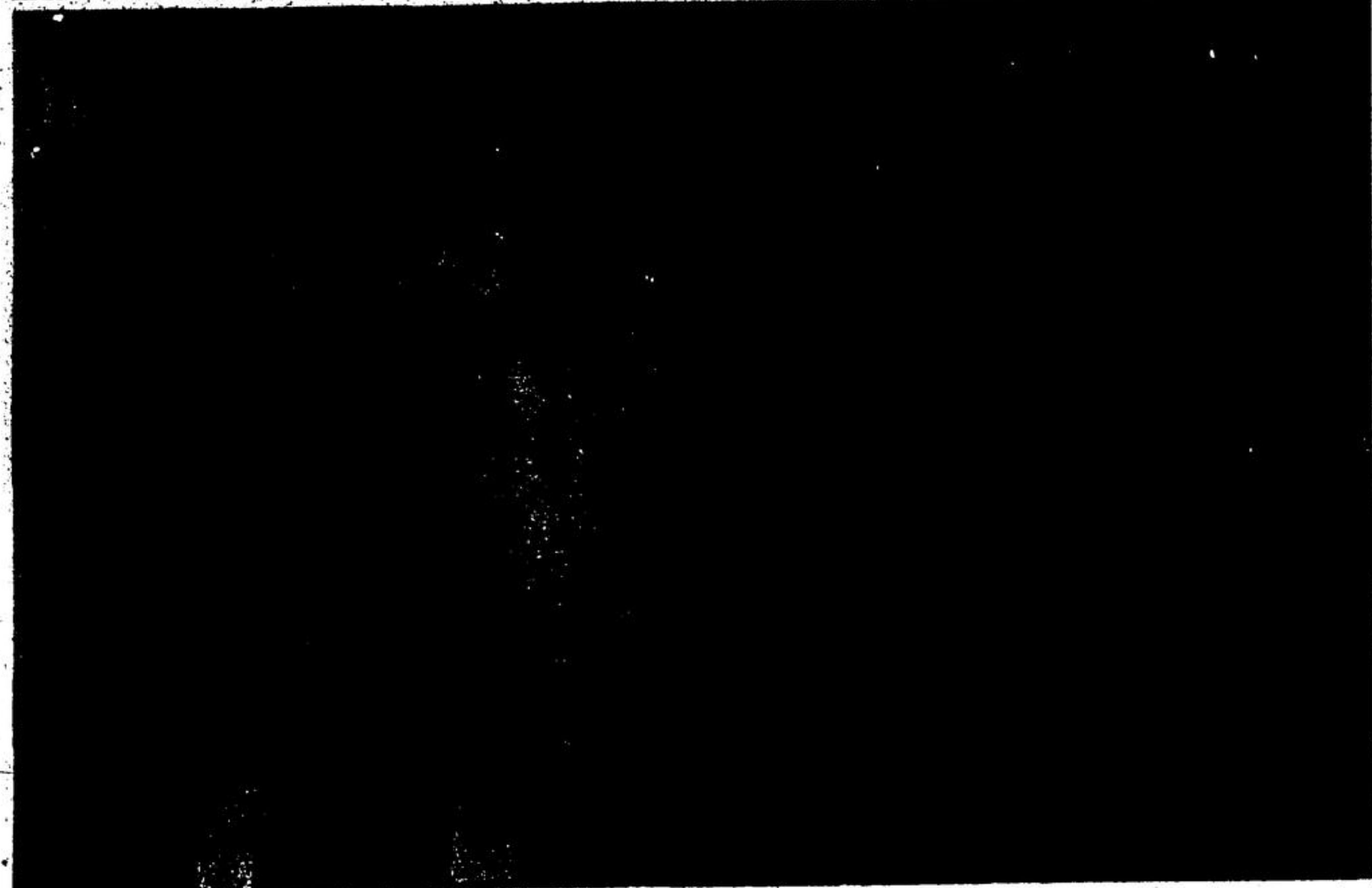
Loser Bill Gillies arrived to concede at 10.48 p.m., just as Snow was finishing his speech. The two shook hands and parted smiling.

Skuce never did concede. "I haven't seen him all evening," Snow said later.

The Liberals, meanwhile, were ending the election activity at the Pine Room of Oakville Arena with a smaller-scale party. Later, several party workers went to the home of candidate Skuce.

The youngster confronted his mother, "Didn't you tell me the stork brought me and that I weighed 8 pounds? Yes, well for your information the stork hasn't the wingspread to carry an 8-pound load."

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ACTON AND NASSAGAWEYA supporters were among the first on hand to congratulate George Kerr on his victory at Progressive Conservative headquarters in Burlington last night (Tuesday). Stew Cramp, Nassagaweya P.C. president, left, Gary Dawkins, Bruce Cargill, Acton P.C. President; the winner and still champion George Kerr, Frank Spielvogel, Brian Cargill and Halton Warden Bill Coulter. "If we only had C. K. Browne here now," grinned the member for Halton West. (Staff Photo)

G. Kerr sweeps Halton West by big majority

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lines was felt to have reduced the total number who exercised their franchise in the township.

Returning Officer Don McMillan's figures showed almost 67 per cent. of the new riding's eligible voters showed up at the polls. Only 140 of the over 28,000 ballots were spoiled. The heavy vote confused those who predicted it would be light because of a lack of issues. Voters obviously felt there were many issues.

George Kerr, sitting member for the old Halton riding, was elated at the win, his third since he was nominated to lead Halton Tories. His supporters poured into Conservative headquarters in Burlington from all over the riding to offer congratulations.

George Kerr told The Free Press he was "very happy" with the results particularly those from Nassagaweya, Esquesing and Acton. "All those areas gave me a good vote and I finished first in all three," he pointed out.

"I appreciate the help campaign organizers and helpers gave me, especially in Nassagaweya where I got a big vote of confidence, said a weary but obviously happy P.C. candidate.

Easy winner of the three way contest, Mr. Kerr had words of praise for his opponents especially Ted MacDonald, the N.D.P. candidate, who surprised a lot of the liberals by emerging as runner-up in the contest ahead of Liberal Jack Lush.

"I'm not surprised at the N.D.P. doing so well," said Kerr. "Ted MacDonald was a good candidate. He was tell-

ing the truth about shaking over 4,000 people's hands over the campaign. He did real well in the short time available. The number of voters who cast ballots for him is a tribute to him personally."

The jubilation moved over to the Estaminet Inn, Burlington, after P.C. president Andy Frame closed down headquarters and supporters continued to arrive to convey their personal congratulations until well on in the evening.

Mrs. Kerr was with her husband all through the trying night and helped George accept congratulations.

There was never any doubt of the outcome at the returning office where representatives of this newspaper made their headquarters. Returning Officer Don McMillan ran a taut ship and returns were handled smoothly and efficiently.

The first 10 polls were received by 8.25 p.m. and they gave George Kerr 758, Jack Lush 357 and Ted MacDonald 244. At 8.30 with 35 polls reported Kerr had added up 2,415 votes, MacDonald swept into second place with 1,238 and Lush trailed with 1044.

By 8.45 it looked like a sure win for Kerr although a meteoric jump by MacDonald's figures at this point gave P.C. supporters a short fright. But by 9.05 p.m. it was established no one could beat George Kerr. One hundred and thirty polls gave Kerr 9,872, MacDonald 6,013 and Lush 4,654.

Both losing candidates closed party headquarters early and moved over to congratulate the happy winner, surrounded by cheering supporters.

At convention

The Ontario School Trustees convention in Cornwall ends today, after sessions Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Acton public school board trustees attending are Doug Manning and Cyril Bishop.

At rally

A carload of Acton supporters attended the Liberal rally in Hamilton on Friday evening. The program was seen later on television.

Y's Men will sponsor Hallowe'en for UNICEF

Again this year, Hallowe'en fun and assistance for needy children of the world will be combined.

Acton Y's Men's club will continue to sponsor Hallowe'en for UNICEF as part of their World Outlook program.

Boxes for contributions will be given out at the schools as before, and all instructions will be given to the students at the schools.

The main return depot will again be the Y.M.C.A., but for children not wanting to go back

as far as the Y, collection depots will be set up at three garages as before. Y's Men will be on duty there as well.

Each year at Hallowe'en, more and more Canadian children carry little UNICEF boxes on their "Pennies for UNICEF" rounds. The coins they collect are used by UNICEF - the United Nations Children's Fund - to help provide food and health and schooling for other children.

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Greenock Damsels continue wool study

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The 4-H pledge began the meeting then the six girls answered the roll call which was "Name one wool material and its weave".

Mrs. McCulloch explained how to shrink wool; this was to roll the wool in a damp sheet and lay on a table overnight, then press with a press cloth and let dry completely.

They also learned that the term grain is the direction of the yarn in the material. It was also learned that the true bias of a material is a 45 degree fold, forming lengthwise and crosswise grain, the true bias is also quite stretchy.

Each member was assigned to shrink her wool material before the next meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

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Contacted by telephone, Skuce said he was really pleased with the entire campaign and although the preliminary figures indicated he had lost, he was still satisfied with the Liberal support at the polls. "It was especially satisfying in Milton," he said and he singled out organizer Norm Pearce for special praise.

"Milton was better organized than any other part of the riding, and it was mostly Norm Pearce," he said.

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