

Federal election June 25

Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau removed all doubt for election speculators when he announced late Tuesday afternoon the country would have a general election Tuesday, June 25.

But the big question mark hovers over Dr. Harry Harley, Halton's present Liberal M.P. Contacted in Ottawa Tuesday, Dr. Harley said he hasn't yet made up his mind whether to run again or not. "I am thinking very seriously about it. I have made no commitments one way or the other. There are a few problems to be sorted out first."

He explained it was "personal and family considerations" that affected his decision. Asked if the new Prime Minister Trudeau had anything to do with his current decision, the M.P. emphatically replied he did not. "The new Prime Minister has nothing to do with it at all," he said, "I have every confidence in Mr. Trudeau and I am giving him all my support."

Dr. Harley campaigned for Paul Hellyer in the recent Liberal leadership race.

Halton Liberal President Terry Kennedy said he expected Dr. Harry Harley will try to retain his seat. "I have no indication he won't run, but if he should decide not to, it will put a whole new look on the nominating meeting," he said. Mr. Kennedy said he would be speaking to the Liberal M.P. as soon as possible.

Both N.D.P. president Albert Tuelch and Conservative president Douglas Latimer were unavailable for comment at press time Tuesday evening.

Both parties are expected to hold nominating meetings in the near future.

Dr. Harley defeated P. C. candidate Allan Masson of Oakville, N.D.P. standard-bearer Murray Kerrighan of Milton, and Henry Timmins, an "Independent Conservative" from Georgetown in the last federal election for Halton on November 8, 1965. He was first elected to parliament in 1962 and was re-elected in 1963 and 1965.

This will be the first election to be held since local ridings were re-distributed. The old Halton riding has been split into Halton and Halton-Wentworth ridings. The county is divided in half, vertically, with Nassagaweya, Burlington and Dundas teaming up to form the Halton-Wentworth riding. The new riding of Halton includes Oakville, Milton, Acton, Esquewaugh Township, Georgetown and Erin Township.

Malicious damage at Elmore Dr. site

On Friday malicious damage in Lakeview subdivision was reported to the police. At a construction site on Elmore Dr., concrete pillars were smashed, tented walls and plywood sheets broken and lumber was thrown into the basement. Damage was estimated at about \$50.

Acton police investigated.

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YAX BILLS will be in the mail by the end of the month despite the delay in setting the budget. There are two reasons and they're both pictured here. Town office secretary Lorna Marshall and office manager Joe Hurst are working overtime to expedite the work so ratepayers will receive their bills on time. (Staff Photo)

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STRIKERS AT THE H. K. PORTER plant on MacDonald Blvd. carry large placards as they patrol the road between the plant entrance and Warren Grove. Over 100 employees have shut down the Disston plant which produces saws and the Thermoid division's brake assembly line. Negotiations are at a standstill between the company and the Union Local 23650 of the Saw Workers. (Staff Photo)

Strike! No sign of settlement at H. K. Porter plant

Members of Local 23650 of the Saw Workers Union went on strike against the H. K. Porter (Disston Division) Co. Ltd., Acton plant Thursday afternoon last week.

Pickets were set up outside the main gate of the plant, on McDonald Blvd., shutting down production and barring anyone but management, office personnel and foremen from entering.

Pickets were still on duty before the paper went to press and union officials say the company had made no further attempts at settling the deadlock since their last offer was refused.

Picketing has been peaceful with no violence and Local officers and Canadian Labor Congress representative Jack Purcell said they intend to keep it that way.

There was one incident Friday when four cruisers from the O.P.P. drove up along with the Acton detachment's cruiser to escort an employee, who evaded the pickets in the morning, out of the plant. Strikers said they don't know why the cruisers were there because everything was peaceful.

The employee, a Toronto resident, did not return to the plant

Monday. Union officials said the citizens of Acton, and both organized and unorganized trucking firms are respecting their picket lines.

Six meetings to discuss differences between what the company offered and the Union asked did not resolve the basic differences. There was also a conciliation meeting which failed.

There are two main points of disagreement:

1. The pension plan.
2. Money

Final offer of the company last week on a two year contract was 13 cents an hour increase the first year and 12 cents an hour on the second. They offered no change in the pension scheme which Union officials said would yield only \$50 a month after 30 years' service.

Subdivision proposal of 250 housing units shown planning board

Possible building of 250 housing units on the Van Gils farm was discussed when planning board met Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Matthews of Starr Real Estate, representing Gellany builders of Weston, presented plans for the board's perusal.

The proposed homes in the \$17,000 to \$20,000 price range, include some semi-detached units.

The farm is presently zoned commercial holding.

The board considered the proposal, and the planning consultant will be contacted.

Members recalled the Seynuk proposal is for 190 homes, and all the new homes would overly tax the present sewage plant.

Mrs. Matthews said during the general discussion that a small shopping centre would be included, and the town could select the location for the required five per cent parkland.

Board members agreed to a special meeting Tuesday (yesterday) to look over the location of the proposed subdivision.

A possible builders' agreement for the town was discussed. Secretary Iain Williams was asked to contact Milton and Georgetown for copies of their builders' agreements. Some requirements such as paving and sewers, might be standardized.

The \$1,000 cut in the planning board budget made by council was also considered.

The Union is asking 20 cents an hour increase the first year and a further 20 cents the second year of the contract with a cost of living bonus not to exceed 10 cents an hour. In lieu of a cost of living clause they will accept a straight 25 cents an hour the first year and an additional 25 cents an hour the next year. They are also asking for increased pension benefits.

Hourly rated employees at the plant start at \$1.89 and top rate is \$2.59.

Steve Woloshyn, Local 23650's president, said the Union is open for talks at any time but so far the company has not signified they wish to renew negotiations.

Picket duty has been split up between the approximately 100 employees, including 20 women, on strike with a minimum of six placard carrying pickets doing duty on each shift. Strikers have set a tent up at the corner of Wallace and McDonald Sts. for protection against the elements.

A general meeting of the strikers was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the music centre but Union spokesmen reported there were no new developments. The meeting discussed allotment of strike pay.

Plant general manager Tom Shields has represented the company in the negotiations. He had no comment to make on the strike.

Wild dogs attack livestock

The Oakville Humane Society will be called in to help Nassagaweya Council rid the township of packs of wild dogs which are roaming the township and endangering livestock and residents.

At Monday's April meeting of council, members authorized clerk J. C. McIntyre to telephone the dog control officer of the Oakville Humane Society, whenever residents report packs of dogs roaming loose. Nassagaweya has no contract for service from the Oakville organization, but the clerk felt a basis for payment could be worked out.

Previous discussions about wild dogs culminated Monday when Mrs. Gordon Cragg of the Fifth Line attended the council meeting to relate a series of incidents at her farm during the past week. On Thursday a pack of five dogs attempted to attack her young daughter as she played in a field near their home. Mr. Cragg had to rush from the far end of the field on a tractor to rescue her.

Saturday while Mrs. Cragg was working in her garden, the pack re-appeared and one dog jumped into the barn where the calves

are kept while another invaded the chicken pens. Mrs. Cragg said she loaded one of her husband's guns and fired a shot at one dog, then another tried to attack her and was finally driven off when her daughter threw a stone at it.

The same pack returned on Monday and got two chicks, she said. Mrs. Cragg supplied a good description of the pack, the leader being a tall, slender, black shiny dog. She stated the 80 to 90 lbs. leader was the dog that

attacked her. "One is a neighbor's dog, and he knows it's in the pack," she added.

Mrs. Cragg said dogs have wiped out their original 30 head of sheep. "They paid us, but that's no compensation for the years of lambs we lost."

She said they were all owned dogs, not strays or mongrels, and in good condition. "You can't sit down at that barn all days, protecting 300 chicks and all the calves." She feared for her daughter's welfare, and called the O.P.P. on Saturday.

Reeve William Coulter told of a situation which occurred a few years ago involving a \$1,000 claim on turkeys. The actual loss was \$2,500 but the dog owner's insurance paid for it. The maximum claim for poultry he said, was \$1,000 per person.

Councillors reported one township resident had to give up a good sheep business, because marauding dogs had destroyed so many of his animals. Deputy-Reeve William Hoey, who also raised sheep, said he often had to shoot dogs molesting his flock.

In reply to a suggested patrol system, Councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur feared some gun-happy people might shoot pet dogs which weren't doing any harm. She agreed that if there was definite proof for such action against a particular dog, then naturally it should be taken. "We're going to feel pretty dreadful if in a week we hear of a child being molested. This is a very serious situation and we must do something about it."

In order to prevent the killing of just any dog, authorization will be in the hands of the clerk, his responsibility being to notify Oakville Humane Society. A regular road patrol system, suggested earlier in the meeting, was vetoed with the argument they wouldn't be around when they were needed most anyway. By the time they got on the scene of the crime the damage would be done and the dogs long gone. Councillors also feared many tame, pet dogs might be impounded.

Midnight apparition

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Lost... one hour

Lost: one hour of spring. And there's no chance of finding it until fall.

Daylight Saving Time is adopted this Sunday at 12:01 a.m., and it's with us until October 27.

Remember: clocks go forward an hour on Sunday.

Two car collision damage total \$350

Damage totalled \$350 when two cars involved in an accident at Queen St. and Acton Blvd. at 11 a.m. last Thursday morning.

The drivers, both proceeding west on Queen, were James A. Collins of Burlington and Jacob Kulken of R.R. 2, Acton.

One car attempted to pass on the right, while the other car was making a right turn.

Chamber's citation to brigade Saturday

St. John Ambulance Brigade will be on duty Saturday night in full force - at the Citizen of the Year dinner.

They are to be the recipient of this year's engraved plaque, and the citation in their honor will be read by Mayor Les Duby. Scheduled to accept the award on behalf of the brigade are divisional superintendent Ken Thomson of Georgetown and George Hargrave. Corps staff officer Bob Hart will reply.

There are just four faithful charter members of the brigade, formed April 30, 1957, who are still with the busy group. Mr. Hart, divisional officer Wallace Gordon, treasurer Mrs. George Hargrave and Bella-Mae Rossell. Other brigade members at present are George Hargrave, secretary Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Tom Cook, Mrs. Bill Thompson, Mr. and

Mrs. Marius Camman and Miss Jakob Camman.

Their perennial duties will keep them busy even the day of their high honor. They have been asked to be on duty during the students' walk to raise money for the Cancer Society.

Representatives of the Tri-County novices will also be introduced.

The dinner co-incides with national Chamber of Commerce week.

Special guests at the dinner will be Brigade officials Col. J. D. Galloway C.B.E., O.S.T.J., C.D., M.D., the area commissioner of St. John Ambulance for Southern Ontario, and Mrs. Galloway of Hamilton; Lieut. Col. H. Lawlor Brown, Toronto, deputy-commissioner of Ontario Council, and Mrs. Christina Scindars, director of Communications.

Project-Action repeats walk for Cancer Society

Exactly one year ago Monday the newly formed youth group of Project-Action held a marathon walk from Thornhill to Acton, a distance of about 40 miles. Eight boys also started out from City Hall in Toronto the night before in hopes of beating the other walkers to the finish line.

Eighty some teenagers suffered blisters, pains and aching muscles to the tune of 20 cents a mile for each mile walked. The results of this venture netted over \$600 to be donated to the Cancer Society of the Acton district.

Once again the same teenagers are going to walk. Memories of pains and aches must disappear quickly for this year about 140 will attempt it.

They'll meet at the arena at 5:45 a.m. Saturday April 27. They'll be driven to Thornhill, Tyler Transport and Clarence Denny have both kindly donated bus service to get them to the starting point.

Almost 15 boys are going to start from Markham leaving Friday night. They'll be walking about 60 miles.

Because of the number of walkers registered this year it is difficult for the committee to find enough sponsors in time for the walk. Anyone who is interested in sponsoring a walker may do so by phoning 853-0417.

This year, under the direction of Mrs. E. Brown, the mothers of many of the walkers are setting up booths with refreshments and a place to sit for the weary.

Anyone who would also like to donate money to the Cancer Society may donate at the special booths. Donation bins will also be placed at the Rendezvous Beauty Salon, Elizabeth-Lo beauty salon and Reliable Snack Bar.

This year a party is also being organized for walkers Saturday night at the Y.M.C.A.

There probably won't be much dancing but a lot of stories will most certainly be told of the day's events.

Mill rate up 7.7 mills

After marathon budget sessions which stretched into midnight hours over the past few weeks, Acton council was reduced to sitting in at least provocative committee meetings this week. Meanwhile the town office is rushing to implement the decisions council made with running off the 1968 tax bills.

Acton's tax rise - a modest one mill residential and 8.2 commercial and industrial - is likely to be one of the lowest in the district.

Milton struck a record budget this week which raised the residential rate 7.07 mills and commercial 8.59. This will raise taxes on an average \$5,000 assessment by \$35.

School addition, library approved by O.M.B. Wed.

Ontario Municipal Board final approval for the M. Z. Bennett school addition and Robert Little library was received this morning (Wednesday) by clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie. Council will now prepare the necessary by-law and the work will proceed.



SOME OF THE INDIVIDUAL trophy winners at last Saturday's annual Legion Minor Hockey banquet are pictured along with Legion Minor Sports Committee members. Turn inside for further pictures and story. (Staff Photo)