

Hectic 16-hour days for candidate Whiting

Shaking hands in shopping plazas, touring township farms, sipping away at coffee parties and out doing some early-morning visits at industrial plants... the life of a federal election candidate is a hectic one and produces some 16-hour days.

That's what Halton riding Liberal hopeful Rud Whiting has been doing for over two weeks now. His daily itinerary looks like a week's work for any man.

On the weekend, Mr. Whiting campaigned in Oakville, Acton and Milton, mainly in shopping areas where he greeted men, women and children. Monday was spent in Georgetown, then a banquet in Oakville and a couple of coffee parties in Acton.

Tuesday he worked in Oakville, ending up the day at a coffee party. Today (Wednesday) he's touring farms and rural homes in Essex Township, concluding the day with a dinner at a Drummond church and a coffee party in Oakville.

He'll visit Erin Thursday, then attend a three-candidate debate

at Erin Legion Hall in the evening. Friday's reserved for visiting Halton Centennial Manor in Milton and the town shopping areas. Saturday's campaign will be mainly in Oakville, as will his Sunday efforts.

Next Monday he files his official nomination papers with the returning officer, goes vote-catching in Oakville, and finally attends a voters' party at the home of Mrs. C. C. Sweetman near Hornby. Many early mornings he can be found greeting workers at industries or the GO train stops.

Asked at a press conference Thursday how the campaign was going, he said he was impressed with the support the Liberals are getting, thanks partly to the popularity of the new leader, Trudeau.

He said many voters in the far northern region of the riding, Erin and Erin-Township, did not even realize they were in the Halton riding until he paid them a visit to solicit their vote.

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D. Fulton, P. McWilliams solicit votes in Halton

Hundreds of Halton riding voters shook the hand of E. Davie Fulton, former federal minister of justice and public works, when he made a whirlwind tour of portions of the riding Wednesday of last week.

Accompanied by Halton P.C. candidate Peter K. McWilliams, former Halton-Cross Attorney, his 13-hour stopover in Halton took him from Oakville to Milton, Hornby, Georgetown and back to Oakville. He was the first "big name" guest brought into the riding by any of the three local parties since the nomination of candidates for the June 25 election.

First stop downtown was at the supermarket owned by J. M. Ledwith, one of four candidates for the Liberal nomination for the riding. Mr. Ledwith only laughed off any suggestions about tossing the Tories out of his store -- in fact he showed his respect for Mr. Fulton by attending the noon luncheon at Hornby Tower Golf Club where he was invited "as an ex-Mayor of Milton" to sit at the head table.

The duo also visited the downtown law office of Holden, Ford and Haszler, where Mr. McWilliams explained he formerly practiced law in partnership with K. V. Dick.

About 80 sat in for the luncheon, most of them from Milton, Acton and the northern part of the riding. Candidate McWilliams, in a brief speech lauded the present government for its "Santa Claus" politics and said it was time for some detailed views. He added the unemployment insurance fund was a "victim of fraud" and the working majority

had to pay the expenses of the lazy minority who manage to live off the fund.

Turning to the pension plan, he said it would not be worth much by the time you reach 65 -- the money would be invested in mortgages for the people.

Mr. Fulton also gave a brief talk in which he called for a majority Conservative government to end "the last three years of Liberal mismanagement." He said he was filled with admiration for the enthusiasm in Halton for Mr. McWilliams, and he referred to him several times as "your next member of parliament in the federal government."

Later he visited voters in Georgetown and Oakville, then dropped in at a town council dinner in Burlington where James Swanborough, a councillor, is the P. C. nominee for Halton-Wentworth riding.

Next stop was a Chamber of Commerce dinner at Oakville, then it was off to a wind-up rally at Blacklock high school where he delivered a major speech.

Balloon, hot air

Liberals to get airborne

Supporters of Halton Liberal candidate Rud Whiting hope to get his campaign literally airborne this Saturday, June 8.

Not only that, they intend to use a lot of hot air in the process.

The event is the launching of a giant air-filled balloon measuring 120 feet in circumference above Oakville's Hopedale Plaza, Third Line and Rebecca St. The balloon, red in color, is filled with hot air to get it airborne. It's the type with a carrier basket attached to it.

It's one of two owned by Mark Winter, of Toronto, but Winter won't be present. He and a crew plan to leave this week in their second balloon for a historic attempt to cross the Atlantic to Europe.

"But we'll have Mrs. Winter here to help us launch it," a Liberal campaigner said. "Department of Transport regulations won't permit us to fly across the riding in it. But we'll get it about 200 feet up in the air even with it anchored."

Supporters hope the novelty will attract hundreds of persons. They've also planned refreshments (to be served on groundside, of course) and a drop of about 2,500 small balloons.

Candidate Whiting will be present for the launch in the morn-

ing, but he won't say whether or not he plans to take a ride in the balloon.

Liberals open committee room

Liberal headquarters opened Saturday, when the candidate Rud Whiting was in town for the day. The former shoe repairs store in the plaza, 14 Meadvale Rd., is being decked with signs for use as committee rooms.

Mr. Whiting mainstroated and knocked on doors, meeting many Acton voters during the day. He's set June 20 aside for Acton, too. He'll be here all day before taking part in the candidates' meeting at the United church that evening.

Stanfield to visit Toronto

Robert Stanfield, leader of the Progressive Conservative party, will be in the western end of Metro Toronto on Monday, June 10 to attend a reception at the Lambton Arena, Dundas St. W. at the Humber.

The west Toronto stopover will probably be the closest the P. C. leader will come to Halton riding during the current campaign.



FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER E. Davie Fulton, P.C. member for Kamloops-Cariboo riding in B.C., paid a visit to Halton riding Wednesday to assist Halton P.C. candidate Peter K. McWilliams with his campaign. Above, the campaigners chat with Acton supporters during a luncheon at Hornby. From left are Charles Leatherland, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. McWilliams and the Halton candidate, and Acton Mayor Les Duby. (Staff Photo)

Press conference

Unity number one issue — Whiting

Rud Whiting, Liberal candidate for Halton riding, held an informal press conference for Halton newsmen in Oakville Thursday where he discussed issues and answered questions.

After two weeks of touring the Halton riding, Mr. Whiting listed national unity as the number one issue in the mind of the Halton residents, and offered a Liberal Government with a strong majority as the only solution. He charged P. C. leader Robert Stanfield was aligning himself with Quebec at the expense of the people of Canada, and said his policies were not popular in the West.

The Liberal candidate promised a Liberal government would practice fiscal integrity. Trudeau will put his own house in order but will not tamper with foreign aid. "We do not promise any tunnels to Labrador or guaranteed income tax but we will promise a good hard look at social legislation and update it."

Whiting cited housing as basically a provincial responsibility but noted the federal government is active through Central Mortgage and Housing Authority. He noted the need for housing to be made available to those in the \$6,000 income bracket. He suggested there should be some subsidization for housing projects and pointed out there was no single solution to the problem.

He spoke out against the closing of the C.N.R. station in Acton and the method used to close it. "Dr. Harley is still looking into this matter," he said.

Asked about the Carter Report and recommendations in it to charge a tax on capital gains, the candidate replied "Mr. Trudeau and I are both against a tax on capital gains because the country requires all of the incentives possible to encourage investment in Canada."

During the question and answer period Whiting came out in favor of lowering the age limit. "There has never been such enthusiasm among the young people. Most of

them are well versed and I agree with Trudeau they should be allowed to vote."

The local candidate spoke highly of the Prime Minister's policy on encouraging investment. "Young people identify themselves with Trudeau and this is good."

The Liberal Candidate announced Minister of Finance Edgar Benson would be in Oakville June 5 (today) and Prime Minister Trudeau would be in Halton on either June 11, 14 or 19.

A penguin can swim at speeds up to 25 miles per hour. There are 20 living species of penguins with the largest over 3 feet tall.



THE APPLE OF THEIR EYES is Rud Whiting, Liberal candidate in the June 25 federal election for Halton riding. Liberal party workers Virginia Kennedy, Irene Krempolec, Ginny Rutherford and Penny Follis swarmed around the Liberal hopeful during a press reception he held in Oakville Thursday. Mr. Whiting spoke at length on national matters, then threw the meeting open for questions and answers. (Staff Photo)

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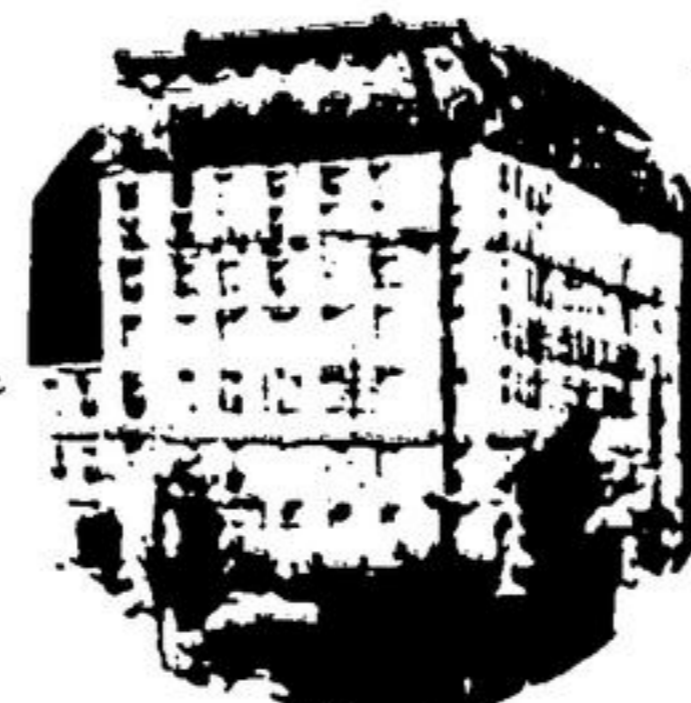
Minister of Finance Edgar Benson will be in Halton County today (Wednesday). The Liberal minister will leave Stratford to visit Burlington in support of John Morison who will be competing for the new Halton-Wentworth seat. Mr. Benson will attend an 11 a.m. luncheon at the Estaminet Restaurant and later go to Oakville, to meet Halton riding candidate Rud Whiting.

Fire drill

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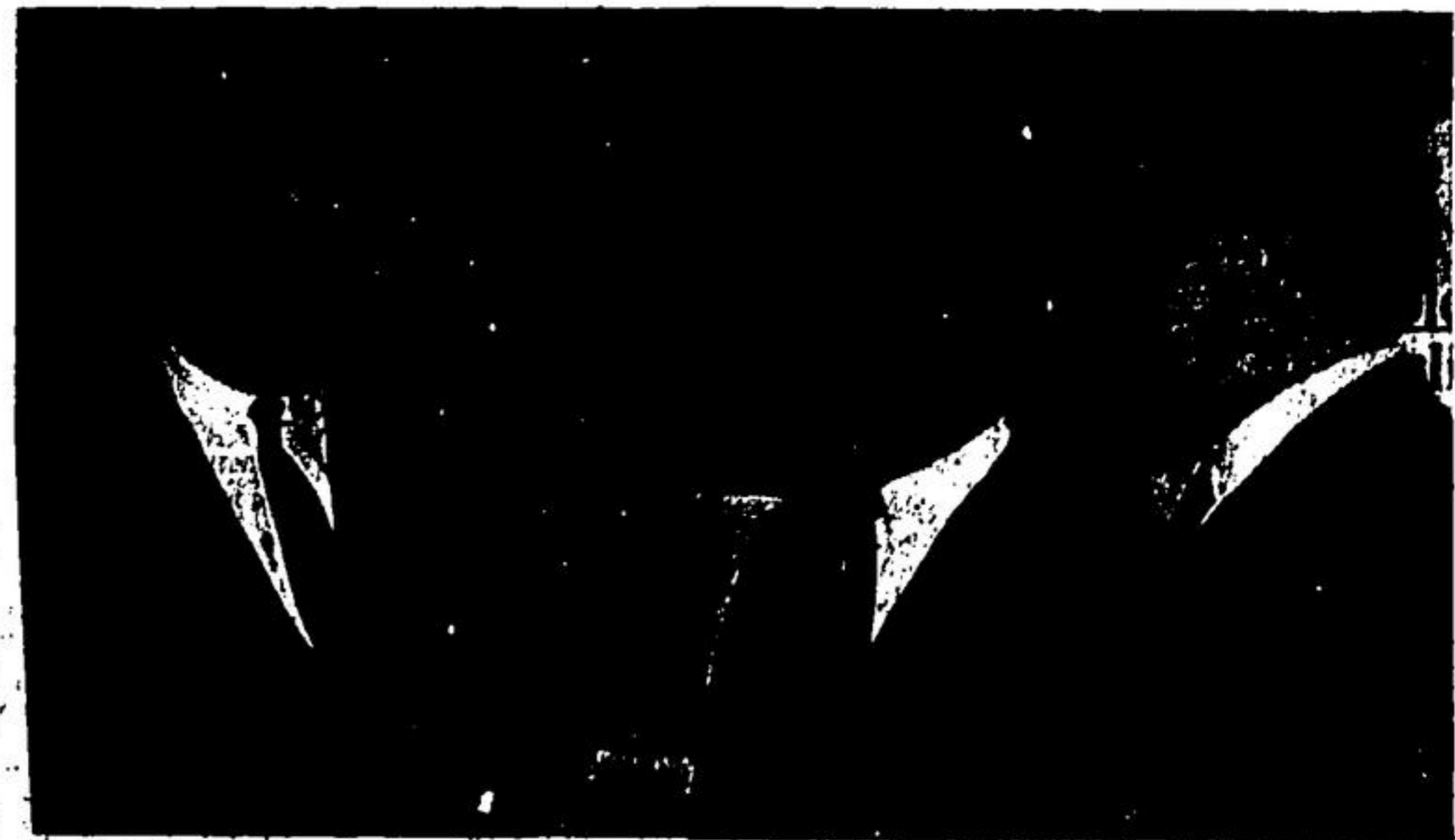
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MURRAY KERNIGHAN, Halton N.D.P. candidate, officially opened his campaign headquarters in Oakville recently. Mrs. Kernighan (left) chats with Bill Gillies, Deputy Reeve of Oakville, and Bob Nickerson of Oakville, who were on hand to help open the headquarters. Mr. Kernighan was winning converts. Mr. Gillies was N.D.P. candidate in the last provincial election and Mr. Nickerson is Mr. Kernighan's campaign manager.

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