



This is the first of what I hope will become a regular column which you will find both interesting and informative.

Before deciding to write a column for this paper, I had long discussions with the Editor to decide on the type of news we thought would be of interest to you, the reader. The Editor was very strongly of the opinion that I should not write exclusively about the regular business of the House of Commons as, after all, this news is already very well covered by the regular news service. It was felt that in this column I should talk more about my personal experiences as the Member of Parliament for Halton and to relate to you some of the background activities regarding committee work and other less-known public Government business. I agree with the Editor and I feel this should be the prime purpose of this column.

I believe you are aware of the day-to-day parliamentary decisions but are not always able to keep up to date with your Member's activities. I hope you will find in this column items which interest you and that you will gain a better understanding of how your Member of Parliament serves you and the country. I trust you will write to me about matters I discuss in this column so that I may have the benefit of your views and opinions. From time to time I will specifically ask for your views on certain issues which are topical by including a survey or questionnaire in this column.

The prime purpose, therefore, of this column will be to keep you informed of my activities as they relate to the life of a Member of Parliament. It will also serve to remind you that I am here to serve you and all the people of Halton Riding. My phone number in Oakville is 845-5985 and I would be pleased to hear from you if you have a matter you wish to discuss with me. In Ottawa I may be reached at area code 613-992-2406 and my office is located in Room 455 West Block, Parliament Buildings. On Saturday mornings I will be available for meetings at my office in Oakville which is located at 464 Trafalgar Road. This is a very convenient location for people living in the Oakville area. I am in the process of setting up offices in Milton, Georgetown, Acton and Erin. I will make it known, through this column, when I will be in the different communities but this does not mean that anyone wishing to see me must wait until I come to this particular area. Simply phone me in Oakville, or write to me in Ottawa, and the necessary arrangements to meet will be made.

Since my election on June 25 I made a trip to Ottawa to organize my office and have also seen many people throughout the Riding. During July and August I was amazed to learn how many constituents were having trouble obtaining passports from the Canadian Passport Office and I was able to assist about 30 of them in securing this important document. As a result of direct dealing with the Passport Office I was personally able to see some of the problems faced by the general public in their dealings with the Passport Office. I accordingly wrote a lengthy letter to the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs (who is responsible for passport operation) and made several suggestions which I hope will prevent some

of the problems which have bothered so many people in this Riding, and no doubt all across Canada, in their efforts to obtain passports.

One of the suggestions I made to the Minister was that the passport application form be reprinted in a more explicit manner, thus enabling the applicant to know precisely what information the Department requires of him. In many cases the application is returned to the sender simply because it is not entirely clear what information the Department requires. As an example, a passport application was returned because the applicant had stated Ontario as her place of birth instead of Canada. I believe this type of behavior is quite unnecessary.

In preparation for the Opening of Parliament I attended two caucus meetings. These meetings are most informative and very interesting. Following these caucus meetings I attended a number of meetings designed to acquaint freshman Members of Parliament and briefings on the various regulations which must be carried out on Parliament Hill.

As a new Member of Parliament, I have been contacted by the President of the Privy Council, the Hon. Donald Macdonald, one of whose duties is to assign Members of Parliament to various committees. In his letter he listed some 20 committees and asked me to indicate which of these I would like to serve on.

In keeping with the promises I made during the election campaign, I have chosen the following committees as being of particular interest to me. The Committee on Housing, Urban Development and Public Works; Agriculture (as it pertains to Eastern Canada); Regional Development; Industry and National Resources; External Affairs and National Defence; Labour and Manpower and Immigration.

There are many problems facing Canada and the world this year and I look forward to helping solve many of them in the House of Commons. Of course one of the most pressing needs in Canada is to solve our critical housing problem. I am pleased to report to you that a special housing committee has been formed by members of the Halton Liberal Association under the chairmanship of David G. Butler of Oakville. This committee has presented a brief to the Hon. Paul Hellyer. I was also very pleased to hear that the Oakville and District Labour Council is submitting a brief on the housing crisis. I look forward to following the findings of the Task Force on Housing with keen interest, and I would urge all interested parties who have thoughts on this important matter to submit a brief to the Minister responsible for housing, the Hon. Paul Hellyer.

When I took my seat in the House of Commons at the opening of Canada's 28th Parliament, I did so with a deep sense of responsibility to my constituents and the people of Canada. I am highly honored that the voters of Halton elected me to be their representative in Ottawa.

On Saturday afternoon, September 28, my family and I plan on visiting the Milton Fair and we look forward to seeing many of our good friends in the Milton area on this pleasant occasion.



HALTON M.P. RUD WHITING and son Jamie considered taking off with Mrs. George Young's prize peaches during their visit to the Fall Fair on Saturday. (Staff Photo)



QUEEN OF THE FLOWERS

### Three accidents involve Acton, district people

One man was injured and property damage totalled \$1,000 in three accidents involving Acton and district residents on North Halton roads during the past week, Milton O.P.P. files show.

Patrick John Graham, 105 Mill St. E., Acton suffered minor face cuts in a \$500 accident Saturday evening on Highway 7 west of the Seventh Line. His car and one driven by Michael John Hunter of 35 Raylawn Crescent, Georgetown collided.

Vehicles operated by Kurt Haefner of R. R. 2 Acton, Elmer Lucas of R. R. 3 Orton and Manfred Winstler of R. R. 4 Acton collided on Highway 25 south of Acton, Tuesday of last week. Damage totalled \$160.

In the week's third accident, cars driven by Donald Haggart of Milton and Gregory Tucker of Acton collided on the First Line Esquering near Acton Friday, causing \$340 damage.

### Parent-teacher talks special for grade 13

It was back to school for about 30 parents last Thursday as Acton District High School held parent-teacher night for grade 13.

In addressing the group, principal Ted Hansen explained that since grade 13 was so vital, he did not want to wait until the regular November parents' night.

Mr. Hansen introduced Mr. B. Skerrett, the new co-ordinator of the Guidance Department. Mr. Skerrett spoke briefly of the importance of guidance counselling and his intention to interview each grade 13 student in the next few months.

Parents moved as a group to the various rooms for ten-minute outlines of the courses and what was expected of grade 13 students. Both Mr. Hansen and Mr. Skerrett were available throughout the evening for those who wished to discuss individual problems.

Following the classroom tours, parents and teachers gathered in the home economics room for a social hour.

This year, there are 39 students in grade 13 at last count. Final attendance figures are taken on September 30.

Teachers are Mr. Lambourn, English; Mrs. Reed, French; Mr. Bray, Biology and Chemistry; Mr. Goodman, Physics; Mr. Swallow, History; Mr. Martindale, Geography; Mrs. Martindale, Latin; Mr. Coats, Mathematics; and Mrs. Hueniken, German.

### Saturday dance has good crowd

Attendance at the Saturday night fair dance in the community centre was about the same as a year ago, with a good crowd enjoying the music of the Shaynes.

A security guard, hired this year by the fair board, commented on the orderliness of the crowd.

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HOW'S THEM PUMPKINS, DAD!



BUNNIE-UP in the Junior Horse Show of Saturday's fair was Michael Gringer of Arkell. Cliff McKay emceed the program. (Staff Photo)