

R. Stanfield fields questions

Robert L. Stanfield, the Conservative party's national leader was the fourth in a series of distinguished speakers to appear before Halton Young Progressive Conservatives, and he spoke and participated in a "bear-pit" style question period in Oakville Thursday.

Canada's opposition leader followed ex Liberal MP Judy LaMarsh, MPP Dr. Morton Shulman of the NDP, and provincial education minister Bill Davis in the YPC's series of notable speakers and the format of Thursday's dinner at the Holiday Inn was changed to allow a more audience participation.

Suitably attired for a night out with Halton's young Tories, Mr. Stanfield arrived wearing a mod-looking bronze suit with orange shirt and wide tie. But he found most of the audience represented the senior section of the county's PC group—the youth element was noticeable absent.

Party official blamed a lack of sufficient advertising and preparation time, and the fact Thursday in Oakville is about the smallest than expected attendance—less than 200. They expect a big turnout for their next gathering, perhaps in November, when Ontario Premier John Roberts is slated to speak.

In a brief address, Mr. Stanfield suggested the party had "more success than we had reason to expect" in performing its role as the official opposition in the House of Commons. He scolded the Liberal government for "a lack of any real inspiration in its programs" and for its tendency to go "much too far" in the changing of parliament's rules.

He accused them of downgrading the role of parliament and "converting the House into an emasculated chain of deputies."

Mr. Stanfield said it was time the Conservatives emphasized their role as the alternative party to the government—"now is the time to take OUR message to the people of the country; we have a great opportunity because the government has disappointed an increasing number of Canadians, in an increasing number of ways. We have to project a point of view that will demand support and confidence from the Canadian people."

Then he and YPC publicist Terry O'Connor took seats on a dais at the front of the room to answer verbal and written questions from the audience. Topics covered included:

- The US nuclear tests in the Aleutian Islands off Alaska: He said Canada should assert its claim of sovereignty over Arctic waters; Canada should have led in a joint protest with other countries; there was a risk of tidal waves reaching our country and the government should have taken measures to protect the testing.

- Guaranteed income: We ought to be able to provide Canadians with a decent income and a decent standard of living. But the emphasis should be on rehabilitation—it's not consistent with Conservative principles to discourage people from working, which is what the present system does.

- Canadian withdrawal from NATO: The forces committed to NATO should not be reduced, as Canada has a genuine interest in co-operating with the western countries.

- Too many civil service employees: The only effective way to curtail the number of employees is to control the number of programs. Some government programs, like medicare, mean more people. I favor a stringent review of this sort of thing.

- Civil service employees being forced to retire at age 60: Employees who are not prepared to retire at 60 should stay to age 65 so they would receive a full pension. I am against forcing people to retire before they are prepared to retire.

- John Diefenbaker: He is a former Prime Minister of Canada and is entitled to a special status as such. Whether Mr.

Diefenbaker is there or not, I have to maintain the confidence of my associates in the party.

- Lowering the voting age to 18: The Liberal party in Quebec lowered the voting age prior to its defeat. It really depends on what kind of an impact we can make on the young voters. We have had a problem, especially with young urban voters.

John Kilmer, head of the county PC's, thanked Mr. Stanfield for his frank answers. The speaker was introduced by Bruce McKinnon.

Halton's last federal PC candidate Peter K. McWilliams, the National YPC president Graham Scott and Halton East MPP Jim Snow were among the audience.



ROBERT L. STANFIELD, leader of the national P.C. organization, was guest speaker Thursday when Halton YPCs held their fourth dinner in the distinguished speaker series. Mr. Stanfield participated in a "bear-pit" style question and answer session, with Terry O'Connor as moderator. Stanfield is shown to the right of centre, hand on chin, as Mr. O'Connor reads a question from the audience.—(Staff Photo)

Kitching resigns from planning board position

A member of Nassagaweya Township's planning board submitted his letter of resignation to council Thursday night and it was accepted unanimously by the members.

Cameron Kitching, of R. R. 2 Rockwood, had recently become involved with a petition asking Nassagaweya Council to stop the proposed new plant of Ontario Plastics. Lawyers for Mr. Kitching and another north Nassagaweya resident had drawn the petition which was presented to council. It was later criticized for being "misleading in its wording," by some

members of council. Mr. Kitching had sold the land to Ontario Plastics for the new plant.

Deputy-Reeve Gordon Agnew said someone should step in to fill the vacancy right away and the name of Dr. Henry Best, a resident of the township, was put forward. Dr. Best, a York University administrator, is a grandson of Dr. Charles H. Best, one of the co-discoverers of insulin, and a brother of former Halton M.P. "Sandy" Best. The appointment will be finalized with an amendment to the appointments-by-law.

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Nassagaweya council asked to support fireworks restrictions in township

Nassagaweya Council received a letter from Burlington Council which dwelt on an explosive situation for all concerned—fireworks—which asked Nassagaweya to support Burlington on the problem of the sale of fireworks.

The letter contained a copy of a by-law passed in both Stoney Creek and Saltfleet townships which bans firecrackers and puts strong restrictions on the sale, purchase and use of many types of fireworks. Among some of the ground rules laid down by the by-law was the banning of the sale of fireworks to anyone under 18 and the banning of the sale of any exhibition fireworks to anyone under the age of 21.

Residents of those townships are liable to up to \$300 in fines under the by-law. Deputy-Reeve Gordon Agnew told council there was an unrestricted sale of fireworks in Nassagaweya at present and with Halloween coming soon, the problem will get worse. Councillor Art Gibson said it was hard to control such a municipal by-law since the township did not have any way

of policing a fireworks by-law. The Ontario Provincial Police would not be able to enforce such a municipal by-law. "I feel there is merit in supporting your neighbor," said

Fire parade in Oakville

About 70 uniformed firefighters from Halton's five fire departments will march down Lakeshore Rd. in Oakville this Sunday morning—but they won't be heading for a fire.

The firefighters will be heading for church, Knox Presbyterian Church to be exact, to join the minister Rev. Robert G. McMillan and his congregation for the 11 a.m. service. The occasion will be the annual church parade of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, held annually to draw attention to the county-wide observance of Fire Prevention Week.

Firefighters will form up at Oakville's Legion Hall at 10.30 a.m. and march behind the Oakville Citizens' Band to the church service. The parade is

held in various towns around the county each October and the last fire prevention parade held in Oakville was in 1966. Oakville Fire Chief J. D. Wilson is in charge of parade arrangements. Firefighters are expected to attend from Burlington, Milton, Acton and Georgetown fire departments. Georgetown Fire Chief Jack Cunningham, the 1969 chairman of Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, will head the marchers.

Police dogs noses out first kidnapping clue

It was Kanaka, a German Shepherd from Tanhardt Kennels, who nosed out the first positive clue in the Nelles kidnapping.

Four years ago the dog went to work for the Ontario Provincial Police and he has been proving his worth regularly ever since. The nearby kennel is operated by Miss Laura Treble, R.R. 1, Georgetown.

Kinfolk of the six year old sleuth have brought literally hundreds of awards and ribbons to the stable.

It was Kanaka and his OPP trainer Col. Ab Boley who nosed out the first positive clue in the \$200,000 kidnapping. Kanaka was given the scent off a raincoat belonging to Mrs. Mary Nelles and then taken to join the clue hunt in the Muskoka area.

Just east of Highway 69 Kanaka stopped and began to dig. When Boley scrambled up a rocky ledge to see what the dog had found he saw the corner of a slab of sponge mattress. Mrs. Nelles had described a sponge mattress on which she lay in the back seat of the kidnapers' car. Kanaka continued to dig, turning up tape and bandages, a binocular case and two blankets.

Moments later Ernest Bond, another searcher, looked under an old wheel barrow and found \$200,000 in cash in green plastic garbage bags. While naturally proud of Kanaka's detective work Miss Treble wasn't amazed when she read of his part in solving the Nelles case.

"He's been doing this kind of thing ever since he completed his police dog training," she said. So many of his feats, in fact, have made the news in the past four years that Miss Treble has a scrap book of his press clippings. In Kanaka's case, press clippings are every bit as valuable as show ribbons in Tanhardt trophy collection.

Esqueusing Township Council

At their regular meeting, Monday night Esqueusing Council:

- Received a letter from the Town of Acton informing Council that a letter the township received earlier from Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee, criticizing dredging operations at Fairy Lake, had been circulated without the knowledge of Acton Council and does not necessarily represent Acton Council's feeling about the matter.

- Granted permission to United Gas to extend their line north from Milton along highway 25 to the McKinley Transport property.

- Instructed clerk-treasurer Delmar French to send a letter to the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management to say that burning at the township dump is now being kept to a minimum and that consideration is being given to the erection of a gate and signs restricting the hours within which dumping is permitted.

- Received a letter from Ontario Hydro requesting the clearing of brush and trees from number 17 sideroad on the east side of highway 25 so that they may proceed with the erection of a line. Ontario Hydro received a request for installation of services from Mrs. Eva Krausz. The Krauszes are building a home near the road. Council referred the matter to roads superintendent "Bud" Snow.

- Received a letter from R. V. Anderson Associates informing Council that they would be pleased to attend a meeting of residents of the Milton Heights—Perry area to straighten out any misunderstanding that exists about the water problem in that area.

• Approved road accounts totalling \$30,829.70

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