

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## HALTON GOES CONSERVATIVE

### Georgetown Sends First Member to Parliament

A cavalcade of honking motor cars followed Halton's new member of parliament, Sybil Bennett, Q.C., in a victory parade around town Monday night when word was received at Progressive-Conservative headquarters that Murray McPhail had conceded defeat.

Miss Bennett's election was of more than usual interest in Georgetown for it is the first time in history that a Georgetown resident has sat in the federal House. She will succeed Hughes Cleaver of Burlington, who has represented Halton as a Liberal for several terms.

Flustered and beaming, tired after a hard campaign and, as she said "speechless for one of the few times in my life" a happy candidate clutched a huge bouquet of roses and spoke briefly to a large crowd which collected in front of the P-C committee rooms on Main Street. She was introduced by Leslie Clark, president of the Georgetown Association.

She thanked those who had worked with her and those who had voted for her, saying that in Ottawa she would be striving to serve Halton as a whole and not any sectional or political group. A fine tribute by supporters of the opposition Liberal party in town came later in the evening when Liberal officials went from their committee rooms further down the street to the P-C rooms to congratulate Miss Bennett, only to find that she had left for a celebration in Milton. Another visitor was Stan Allen, who ran as CCF candidate. Later in Milton, Liberal candidate Murray McPhail and Hughes Cleaver added their congratulations.

Her triumphant trip to the county town, in which she was accompanied by Stan Hall, MPP and other Conservative stalwarts, included dozens of local cars filled with well-wishers. After visiting the committee rooms there, she was piped down the main street to the town hall which was filled to overflowing with friends from all sections of the county.

The new Member spoke from the platform, saying she felt it a tremendous responsibility to represent one of the most important parts of Canada in federal affairs, and that

### THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:

This week's summary shows a full rain column. The total of 3.81 inches was over 1 inch more for the one week than the normal average for the whole month of August.

—Ern Butkin.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Aug. 3	73	48	.37
Aug. 4	73	54	
Aug. 5	76	55	2.66
Aug. 6	74	52	
Aug. 7	78	54	.02
Aug. 8	77	58	.16
Aug. 9	71	58	.60
Average	75	54	3.81

she would do everything in her power to work for the best interests of Canada as a whole and for Halton.

"I don't know just how effective this new broom will be, in view of election results across the dominion" said Miss Bennett, as she referred to the Liberal sweep which will return a large majority to Ottawa, and flourished a ribbon decorated broom presented by party members.

Also speaking briefly from the platform were Stan Hall, MPP, George Elliott, Milton, official campaign manager, Percy Cleaver, Georgetown, who is county P-C president, George Bird of Burlington and Alan Nicholson, Burlington, a former federal candidate who acted as chairman for the meeting.

Miss Bennett then proceeded to Oakville, and returned to Milton late in the evening where campaign manager F. W. B. Fitzgerald and his wife held open house.

### GLEN WILLIAMS

A visitor in Glen Williams for the next month is Mrs. Jessie Scragg of London, England. Mrs. Scragg, who works in the office of the British Council in London, made the trip to Canada on the Empress of France and is enjoying sightseeing trips to various parts of Ontario and is much impressed with the Canadian countryside. Her husband, who died some time ago, was a brother of Mrs. Hordern.

### Social and Personal

Mrs. Aileen Bradley and family are holidaying this week at Bala.

Eileen Kerr and Joan Chaplin are vacationing this week at Port Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGowan spent last week on vacation in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Enson, Margaret and Jeffrey spent last week at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doherty and Glenna spent last week visiting in Phelpsston, Barrie and Midland.

Danny Hewitt and John Doherty spent two days last week in Rochester, N.Y.

Vacationing in Hailburton last week, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurley stayed at Poudash Lodge.

Mrs. Walter Whitmee was a visitor in Collingwood for a few days last week with her son Ralph and family.

Mrs. William Carney has her grandson, little Daniel Carney of Toronto, visiting with her this week.

Frances Linton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Linton, is spending three weeks at the Jack and Jill Camp at Caledon.

Miss Lillian Watson, and her niece Paulene Watson were guests last week at Hollywood Lodge, Island Grove.

Mrs. Sam Tennant, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher, vacationed at Gravenhurst last week.

A patient for some time in Toronto General Hospital, Mr. Daniel Newlands is now a patient in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Harding have their little granddaughter, Madeline Kenney of Streetsville visiting with them this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kean of Flushing, Long Island, arrived in town on Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kean.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lee and family spent last week at Fort Erie, and this week they are vacationing at Wasaga Beach.

Misses Jean McAllister, Eva Benning and Betty Johnston of Toronto are spending their holidays at Cromarty Lodge, Bala.

Back from vacation at North Bay and Lake Nipissing are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malcolm, Gail and Douglas.

Three local young men, Brock Bradley, Bob McGill and Harry Greig are spending this week camping at Bala.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee, Stephen, Vicky and Nancy of Montreal were visitors on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn.

Mr. Claude Shankland of Dannville, Pennsylvania, was a visitor last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Shankland, Elgin Street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Morris and daughter Lynn of Toronto were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewardson and son Michael have returned from a vacation; which they spent in the Temagami district.

Mrs. Oscar Baker of Welland and Miss Jean Baker, of the Hamilton Spectator staff, are visiting for two weeks at Norval with Mrs. R. Gollop.

### WHAT COUNCIL DID

### Industrial Needs Increase Seek Second Water Source

Expected use of 200,000 gallons of water daily in the new Smith & Stone plastic plant, is causing the town council to consider adding to the present water supply in town.

The subject was discussed at a council meeting last week, and later in the week the water committee, headed by Reeve Kenneth MacDonald, met with Mr. Roberts of the Dineen, Phillips & Roberts firm of Brantford, which engineered the present deep well system in 1948.

The town water comes from a large well on lower Main Street which has a capacity of a million gallons a day, and is pumped into the water system with pumps operating several hours a day. It replaces the former gravity system whereby Georgetown got all its water from a spring reservoir at Silvercreek, which gradually dried up as land was cleared in swampy areas which fed the springs.

Up until the present, Georgetown has been using about 400,000 gallons of water daily, and increased consumption by Smith & Stone will raise this by a third, and bring the peak load close to the present capacity of the well, even with steady pumping.

Before any definite action is taken on a second source of supply, council intends to ask Smith & Stone for a definite answer as to whether the firm intends to continue as at present, or whether there is a possibility of installing a cooling system to reclaim water which will cost the firm eight or ten thousand dollars a year in water taxes.

Discussing the matter at council, Cr. Frank Petch said he would like to have the advice of a second engineering firm before any action is taken. Reminded by Mayor Armstrong that if two firms are consulted, there would be an extra charge to pay for investigation, Cr. McGilvray sided with Mr. Petch in saying this would be a small fee to pay for another opinion.

Cr. Allen suggested that council should hear Mr. Roberts' report first before deciding on any future course of action. Mr. Petch said he understood that Mr. Roberts would be saying in his report that a second source of water could be tapped a few hundred yards away from the present well. If this was so, Mr. Petch continued, he did not think it was possible without weakening either the old well or the new one.

Cr. Norton said he had already discussed this with Mr. Roberts and that it is quite possible to have several million gallons close together capable of being developed in two wells.

"Any engineer can make a mistake, but in order to do a job we have to choose one" said Mayor Armstrong as the discussion concluded.

"Mr. Roberts' firm was here before and gave us one of the greatest deep wells in this section of the country. We will hear their report and if council then feels that another report is necessary, we will get it then."

The mayor said that he went through a terrible time when he was acting mayor in 1948 during a bitter water controversy. One member of council wanted "witching" so a woman had been engaged to find water in this way. She had found it in the park near the armories, but tests showed a capacity of only 150,000 gallons daily.

"You'll find several places in town where there is water" said the mayor, "but to date no source has been discovered with a sufficient daily capacity to justify developing a well."

WHAT COUNCIL DID

ASHGROVE

What a dreadful wet Sunday we had and so much grain out in the fields. Oh well, we have the promise of seed time and harvest, so we must have faith that we will be given the weather to finish the job.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter and daughters are enjoying a holiday motoring up north to Kirkland Lake, North Bay and other places.

Miss Ann Barnes is having a delightful two weeks with friends up in Hailburton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Drake and family spent a week up at Wasaga Beach.

We are so glad to see Mrs. Fred Wrigglesworth able to be out again on Sunday morning. She has been laid up with a bad back, but it is improving and we all hope it will continue.

—Now the election is over, the next big days will be the local fairs

### Overwhelming Majority For Federal Liberals



PRIME MINISTER ST. LAURENT whose Liberal government was returned to power in Monday's federal election.

In a Liberal sweep almost as powerful as in 1949, Prime Minister St. Laurent's government was returned to power in Monday's federal election.

The Liberals will have 171 seats when Canada's 22nd parliament convenes this fall. Conservatives 50, CCF 23, Social Credit 15, and six miscellaneous members in a total of 265.

In 1949, party standing after election was: Liberals 193, Conservatives 42, CCF 12, Social Credit 10, and miscellaneous 5.

One of the greatest election upsets was in Halton, a Liberal stronghold for many years, where P-C Sybil Bennett reversed her standing in 1949 to win a 1284 majority in her previous bid for office, Miss Bennett trailed veteran member Hughes Cleaver by 1426 votes. Stan Allen, CCF candidate fared no better than his predecessor in 1949 and ran third to the two old parties.

Miss Bennett had a majority in her home riding of Georgetown, as well as in the southern municipalities. Murray McPhail, Liberal, running for the first time, had majority approval in Esquesing, Nassagaweya, Milton, Acton and Bronte.

While the total number who voted was almost 1000 greater than in 1949, the vote in Halton was less percentage-wise because a heavy population increase more than accounts for the increase. Over 20,000 people cast ballots, compared with 19,300 four years ago.

### THE COUNTY VOTE

	P-C	Lib.	CCF
Georgetown	802	604	223
Esquesing	802	891	135
Burlington	1678	1084	220
Oakville	1475	1219	285
Acton	601	642	110
Milton	498	591	53
Bronte	204	257	79
Nelson	1879	1365	315
Trafalgar	1585	1449	268
Nassagaweya	336	511	65
	9858	8613	1763

### THE VOTE IN GEORGETOWN

	P-C	Lib.	CCF
Municipal Office	120	81	35
Chapel School	105	80	28
Library	146	79	8
Old Town Hall	116	90	44
E. Martin	61	85	30
Alex. Kean	158	95	19
Walter Gummer	96	94	59
	802	604	223

### THE VOTE IN ESQUESING

	P-C	Lib.	CCF
Milton Heights	63	72	16
Quatre Bras	43	84	6
Hornby	57	53	5
Norval	107	112	20
Stewarttown	115	147	6
Dublin	71	120	9
Limehouse	46	46	14
Silvercreek	90	112	12
Glen Williams	210	145	47
	802	891	135

### Ewing Street Extension College View-Highway Link

Major improvement in traffic facilities in the north end of town is in the planning stage by town council.

Discussed several times during past years, is a continuation of Ewing Street to Ontario, to provide a through road from No. 7 Highway to the College View section of town. Rapid expansion of the Smith & Stone plant, which has just opened a new addition which will employ an extra 75 persons, has created a traffic bottleneck at the John Street subway and this dangerous situation will be considerably relieved if the new road is constructed.

At a recent council meeting, town clerk John D. Kelly was instructed to have a by-law prepared which would call for a \$27,000 debenture issue for the new paved roadway. Estimated costs of this amount were submitted by county engineer Roy Smith who had been asked to make a preliminary survey and recommendations.

It is planned to put in a 56 foot long culvert west of the present creek, which will be diverted into a new creek channel 330 feet long. Mr. Smith estimates that 6000 yards of fill would be needed for the new road which would be 40 feet wide.

A secondary benefit of the road extension should be an easement of flooding which takes place every

spring because of the twisting nature of the creek. Once the creek bed is straightened, there should be considerably less danger of major flooding in the spring.

The new road would be subject to a 50% grant from the Department of Highways.

### Georgetown High School Upper School Results

BECKETT, MARY — English Comp. c; Eng. Lit. 2; Physics, c; Fr. Auth. c; Fr. Comp. 3; German Auth. 2; German Comp. 3.

BERG, ELLING — Eng. Comp. 2; Eng. Lit. 3; Physics, c; Fr. Auth. 2; Trig. and Stat. 1; Physics, 3; Chemistry, 1.

DEVRIES, JULIA — Eng. Comp. c; Eng. Lit. 3; Physics, c; Fr. Auth. 2; HUGHES, WILLIAM — Eng. Comp. 2; Eng. Lit. c; Algebra, 1; Geometry, c; Trig. and Stat. 3; Physics, c; Chemistry, c; Fr. Auth. c; Fr. Comp. 3.

McCLURE, GEORGE — Eng. Comp. 3; Eng. Lit. 3; History, 3; Algebra c; Geometry, c; Trig. and Stat. c; Physics, c; Chemistry, c; Fr. Auth. c.

SCHENK, ELEANOR — Eng. Comp. 2; Eng. Lit. 3; History, 3; Fr. Auth. c; Fr. Comp. c; German Auth. c.

### HALTON COUNTY'S NEW FEDERAL MEMBER

