HARLEY PREDICTS FEDERAL ELECTION IN EARLY SPRING

Ottawa (Special to the Herald) — An election in early spring is likely in the opinion of Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal member of parliament for Halton. Dr. Harley was in Ottawa this week on some constituency business and was interviewed by the Ottawa bureau of the Herald.

"I believe the government will dissolve parliament and bring on the election itself," Dr. Harley said. "To wait until it is defeated would be psychologically bad for its chances."

He said he expected the government would take the action after it brings down an early budget, perhaps in February. In the meantime the government will have to seek interim supply as soon as the house reconvenes on January 21st, to tide it over the 11th month of the 1962-63 fiscal year.

The Halton MP said a number of pieces of legislation were passed in the three months that parliament has met but very little of national or major importance.

"In private business you naturally take on the biggest, hardest and most important items of business first, but in the government's case they must fear that they might be defeated unless they can get the support of one or both of the minor parties on their proposals" Dr. Harley said.

He said originally he found parliament frustrating and even tedious in the time taken to get things done. Later on he realized that this was the way the democratic process worked and while what same members are talking about may not be important to him, they were of probable importance to the speaker.

Disagreed Strongly

"He disagreed strongly with recently expressed views of NDP MP Douglas Fisher who criticized the calibre of the new Liberal MPs. Dr Harley said that, excepting himself, he found the new Liberals to be an intelligent, and hard-working group.

It is much harder for one Liberal in a group of 100 MPs to gain recognition than for one NDP member in 19 to make his presence felt" Dr Harley pointed out "The speeches made by some of the new Liberals were excellent and much better than some of those by the older members who are not presenting very much that is new A new MP has the advantage of being closer to the thinking of the people, having fresh ideas and having just come from working in some other business or profession"

He said he expects the Liberals will form the next government and will pick up seats in both Ontario and Quebec. The Quebec gains will be made at the expense of Social Credit, he suggested. In Ontario, a number of seats won by small margins by Conservative members could be expected to swing to the Liberal fold. He is convinced that the political position of the government is much worse today than it was before June 18th.

To support this he said people were still resentful about the austerity program and the surcharge and also about the freezing of civil service wages. The partial thaw on the wages has made things even worse because the government had denied increases to many of those in the lower income brackets of the civil service, Dr Harley charged.

He said that one universal complaint he hears in his own riding is the high price of meat with beef selling at over a dollar a pound.

Run Again

The Oakville physician said he plans to offer himself again as the Liberal candidate in Halton riding but there have not been any plans made for the holding of a nominating convention. This will not likely take place until after the election is announced. Dr Harley will face his June 18th opponent again as former Conservative MP Sandy Best has already been nominated by his party.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Edward Gibben of Calander spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibbens, 20 Guelph Street, His father, who has been a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, for several weeks, was able to return home on Sunday.

Still Seeking NDP Candidates Planning Nomination Night

The Halton branch of the New Democratic Party will probably announce the date of its nominating convention to select a candidate for the provincial riding in about two weeks.

No names of possible candidates have been announced so far "We are taking our time and looking around" said Carl Rouleau local candidate for the party at last year's federal election. "We want someone who is acceptable to the public and represents our ideas."

Mr. Rouleau said he did not think the recent endorsement of nuclear arms for Canada by Local 707 of the United Auto Workers was a blow to the party locally.

"I think the majority in the NDP are against nuclear arms for Canada," Mr. Rouleau said. "There is division in the NDP on the issue just as there is with the Liberals and Conservatives. There are very few members of any platform who will support its platform in every part. This applies to all parties."

GOT TO CATCH THAT TRAIN! A skiers' special Canadian National train is running every Sunday from now to March 10 from Toronto to the Collingwood area. Sports passengers leave Toronto in the early morning and are given almost seven hours to cavort at Georgian Peaks, Blue Mountain and other hills. Fortunately, getting to the ski train is downhill.

ST. KITTS MAN FOR CATS

TOWN CATS GO FOR this man — or anyone bent on reducing the dog population. He's Ray Norton of St. Catharines who recently became assistant dog control officer here, joining Cec Robertson of Glen Williams in his constant battle with the barkers. He works the Georgetown area.

High School Cagers Defeat Acton 25-15

Georgetown High School Senior cagers hit on just 18 percent of their shots and still managed to dump Acton High School 25-15 in the second game of the Tri-School basketball schedule played here last Thursday.

Both teams sparkled defensively but it was the fast breaking of the GHS five that kept the visitors off balance. Gord Lee and Jack Heppes paced the winners' scoring with 5 points each. The teams will meet again on Feb. 15th.

In the first half of the double bill Georgetown Juniors had an easier time of it and swamped their Acton counterparts 43-11, spearheaded by the 18 point performance of Keith Gillett. Allan Peterson was second in personal point total with 6.

On their performances to this date it appears the Junior quintette has the best chance of going to greater heights. The Seniors, though the superior team in the tri-school setup, are going to have to scramble to get much beyond the district.

Both teams are in action against Milton today.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

STREETSVILLE

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority will present a $5,700,000 plan of flood control to municipal councils in the area early this year. Engineering studies in connection with the plan have been carried out on Mullet Creek, Streetsville, and two others.

OAKVILLE

The inside staff of Oakville's post office recently voted on the work-to-rule proposal and the ballots will be counted on January 21st. Oakville ballots have been sent to Ottawa to be included in the national count. Participating were members of the Canadian Postal Employees Association.

BRAMPTON

A new commercial building for municipal quarters, a liquor plebiscite and a general cleanup of the downtown area were three 'must' projects for '63, Mayor Russel Prouse said Monday. He attacked downtown merchants who "have displayed a singular lack of interest in their area."

ORANGEVILLE

Former Orangeville Mayor J. A. Maude has demanded a recount in the recent election which placed Harry Tideman in the mayor's chair He was represented at the inaugural meeting by his solicitor, James Wardlaw who asked council to pass a resolution declaring a recount to be in the public interest

FERGUS

The CNR has planned to discontinue its passenger service through Fergus it was learned last week. On Tuesday, town officials met with men from the CNR to discuss the matter. They learned the railway intends to close all its passenger lines west and north of Guelph as far as Kincardine on the west and Owen Sound on the north.

GUELPH

Fires in Guelph are on the increase. The total number of alarms responded to in 1962 by the Guelph fire department, 632, was an increase of 110 over the previous year. Within the city limits the increase was 92 calls. The greatest number were in dwellings.

ACTON

Acton's spanking new $176,000 addition to its waterworks system will be brought into service within a week. Word received at last week's council meeting was that the system is ready to be turned on. The water project started in 1962. The system has 16¾ miles of underground mains.

MILTON

A proposal to build a 18-suite apartment building on Martin St. was turned down Friday when the Ontario Municipal Board upheld a Town of Milton appeal against its committee of adjustment. The committee last July had granted developer Wally Nieradka of Briarwood Investments relief from the zoning by-law requirement of 180 foot frontage. The building site had only a 40 ft. frontage.

BURLINGTON

A theft which looked like an "inside job" has been proven otherwise. Following their arrest thieves who broke into a Burlington building and made off with a "good haul" confessed that they entered using a key and then smashed their way out to make it look like an inside job.

Glen Boy Wins Bike in Contest

In September of 1962, Dean Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hancock, R. R. 1 Glen Williams, filled in questions in a contest blank on the back of Kellogg's Corn Flakes box and mailed it off. On Thursday he was notified by letter that a new Raleigh bicycle was en route to his address from the Kellogg's office in Montreal. The bike is one of two hundred shipped last week to the contest winners.

The contest involved listing the number of errors in a picture on the back of the cereal box.

Dean, age 7, is a grade two pupil at Glen Williams Public School.

Locals Guests at Acton Fair Dinner

Attending the Annual Dinner of the Acton Agricultural Society on Tuesday evening were Garfield McGilvray, president of the Esquesing Society and Mrs. McGilvray, Mr and Mrs. George Ironside, Mr and Mrs. Walter Linham and Mrs. George Leslie

President Nina Brada chaired a very fine program which included Harold Dodds, supervisor of the CBC farm broadcasts, as guest speaker, and vocal duets by Mary Lou and Betty Ann Brown and accordion solos by Mrs Bert Benton of Limehouse Mr Dodds was manager of Halton Co-Operative Supplies in Georgetown a few years ago

Life membership pins were presented to five men who had been active in promoting the fair almost from its inception fifty years ago They were Robert J Kerr, Duncan Waldie, Smith Griffin Sr., Arthur Swackhamer and R J McKeown

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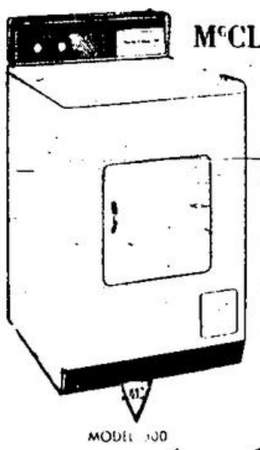

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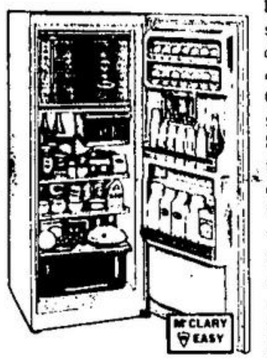

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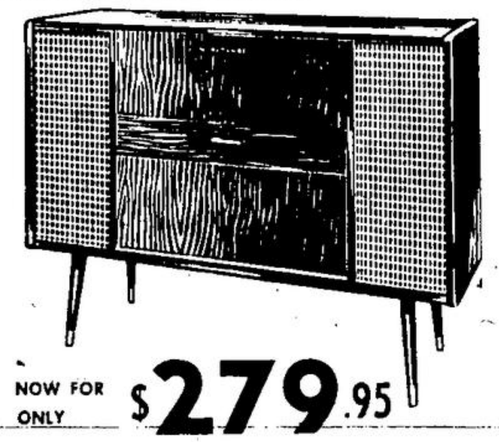

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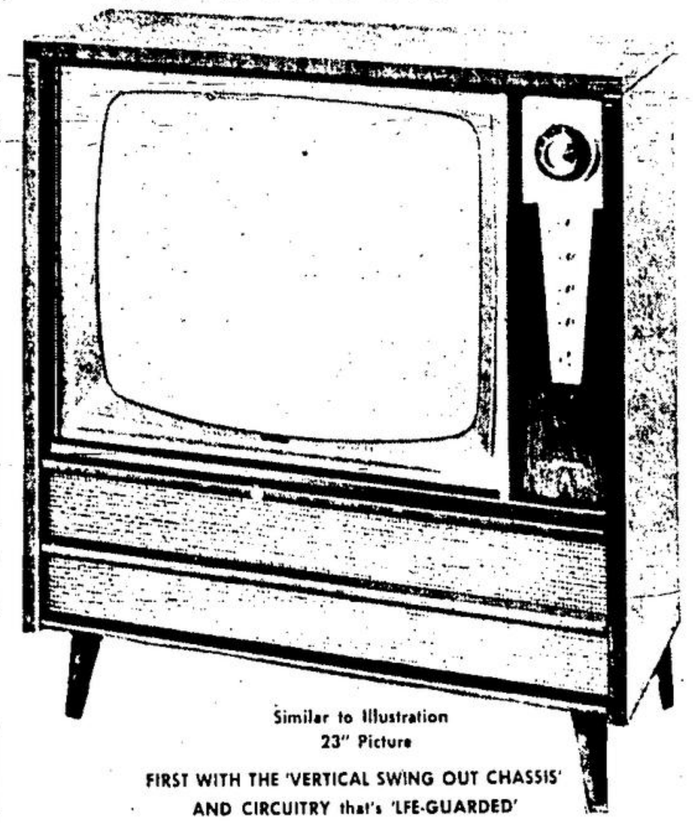

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