Harley Queries News Handling — Sour Grapes Says Best

Gets Blunt "No" From Diefenbaker

HARRY HARLEY

Sandy Best, Halton riding Conservative candidate called a Liberal complaint that government departments were leaking information to him 'sour grapes.'

"I've been an MP myself and worked on various parliamentary committees. I try to keep in touch with what's going on," he said. "I'm proud to be first with information."

He was answering charges by Halton Liberal MP, Dr. Harry Harley, that he, the defeated Conservative member, had been first to make an announcement on the Georgetown sub-post office.

Harley received a terse 'no' from Prime minister Diefenbaker in Parliament when he asked if the government had representatives in each riding to make such announcements.

It was reported as one of the prime minister's briefest possible answers.

Commenting today, the Conservative candidate Sandy Best said: "I think a silly question deserves a short reply."

Best said his Liberal opposition Harley was 'very naive' in suggesting that he could be the only government representative in the riding.

"I'm still a member of the party that's in power. I have been an MP, and actively engaged in politics for ten years. Naturally, I have contacts in Ottawa. If my opposition isn't on his toes enough to find out what's going on that's his worry."

Best said he had heard Harley say at one time he had gone into politics as a hobby and more recently assert that he wanted to be a statesman, not a politician.

"I'm happy to say I take politics seriously. It's not a hobby with me. As for statesmen, let me quote the prime minister on that. He said all the statesmen are dead."

Best explained it was up to posterity to decide who were the statesmen and who were the politicians.

He charged that Harley was silly if he expected the government to use him (Harley) as the spokesman for its activities.

Harley had said that at no time had Ottawa ever notified him of the awarding of contracts, extension of post office facilities and other changes in government services — not even after the announcements had been made first by Mr. Best.

"I consider the government's action annoying, I hope to get more information about the practice, so it can be stopped," he declared.

His opposition Best said today that it was fundamental that every member of a political party, whether he be an elected one or not, speak for the good of the area and his party.

In a sense all members of political parties were representatives of the government, he said.

Best added that in his opinion an alert MP might have a 100 or so letters on his desk from his riding, and might be too busy dealing with them individually to occupy himself with personal surveys or 'foolish complaints.' "I didn't have time for such things when I was in Ottawa," he said.

Admits Gov't Contacts Calls M.P. 'Very Naive

SANDY BEST

Municipal Administrator System Told to Chamber

Advantages and limitations of engaging an administrator were explained by Kenneth Needham when he spoke to members of the Chamber of Commerce last week at their annual meeting.

Mr. Needham who holds this position in Oakville, proved an interesting speaker and his talk was followed with interest by the group which included several members of the town council.

Mr. Needham secured his early training as an administrator in his home town of Sarnia prior to taking the Oakville position.

He pointed out that, while structure of local government has changed very little in a century scope of municipal work has become increasingly complex.

The days when council always had a member or two who were self-employed and could take time off during the day for community work, are disappearing, he said, particularly in towns like Georgetown where many men commute some distance to work.

Committee System

The need thus arises for someone who will have overall control of civic functions. In large cities, a board of control serves this purpose in smaller communities the committee system, as in Georgetown, is common; while more and more municipalities are tending to adopt to administrator or town manager system, he said.

The system first started in Indiana in 1912 and today some 1800 towns in the United States and Canada have adopted versions of the system.

An administrator's purpose, he continued, is to draw a line of distinction between policy and administration. A council is elected to establish policy — the administrator is entrusted with details and his scope of activity includes enforcement of by-laws, supervision of staff, preparation of budget control and other reports, and to act as a liason between staff and council.

In Oakville the committee system has been eliminated. Council meets twice monthly for regular meetings and twice monthly as a committee-of-the-whole.

He pointed out that school boards and public utility commissions commonly engage a manager and it is logical for councils to also have such an official.

Busy Men

A continuity of planning is thus provided, and the system opens the council field to a broader group of men, as often busy men cannot seek office because of the large amount of time council work involves.

In a question period, Mr. Needham was asked if Georgetown could consider such a position. He said that when he commenced his Oakville job in 1956, population was 9,200 and assessment *sixteen million*, and at that time his position was combined with that of treasurer.

Asked about qualifications, he said no pat answer could be given. Just as in private business, managers have varying backgrounds, although he felt his own engineering experience had been helpful.

Ontario has been backward, he feels, in not establishing training courses in municipal work. An extramural course is offered by Queen's University for assessors. Carleton College has a course in public administration and Assumption College is planning one, but the study course is more for civil servants, he feels.

Don't Seek Bargain

Asked about salary range, Mr. Needham said a town the size of Georgetown should think of a combined job in a $9,000 to $12,000 range.

"Don't look for bargains if you see an administrator," was his advice.

Introduced by Murray Henley, Mr. Needham was thanked for his talk by Jack Armstrong who presented a bouquet of flowers from the Chamber to take home to his wife.

LEGION NOTES

by Don. N. Platt

SPOTLIGHT

The Women's Auxiliary is a very active, yet unheralded part of the Canadian Legion. Branch 120 formed its Auxiliary on September 13th, 1928, and the ladies have worked untiringly since that time to help further Legion aims. Georgetown's W.A. is presently 133 strong, being composed of wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of ex servicemen.

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Mrs. C. Day, who is 1963 President held the same office from 1956 to 1960. Other members of the executive are: Past President, Mrs. J. H. Emerson; 1st Vice President, Mrs. R. Holley; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. E. McDermott; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. Stamp; Financial Secretary, Mrs. J. Lockhurst; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Kemshead.

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Through various activities such as catering for dinners the ladies raise money to carry on their very worthy and extensive work. Some channels of a national character to which they direct their time and money are the "Legion Scholarship and Bursary Fund" and the "Legion Fresh Air Camp". Of a more local nature, the Auxiliary not only contributed over $1,000.00 toward the Branch pledge of $16,000.00 to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, but they also provided the Bassinet and flag for the hospital. In addition, half the Branch contribution toward the organ for Halton Manor was provided by the ladies.

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These and many other unmentioned activities help draw a picture of a Women's Auxiliary that are of Branch 120 can be justly proud.

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One form of assistance the Auxiliary can always use comes in the form of new members. Ladies who would like to become a part of this worthy organization are invited to contact any member of the executive.

ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT

Branch 120 and The Lorne Scots will hold a Robert Burns Night in the Legion Hall on Friday, February 8th, at 8:00 p.m. A buffet lunch will be served to help provide energy for dancing. Admission is $3 per couple and tickets are available from the Steward.

SPORTS

There will be room for 96 competitors in the Industrial Dart Tournament to be held on Saturday, February 16. The boards will be set up in the upstairs hall to ensure enough room for the large number expected to compete.

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The dart enthusiasts appear to be invading the television lounge. Considerable renovation is going on at the rear of the lounge where the wood butchers are installing three new dart boards and their associate fittings. We understand the plans are to hang easy chairs from the ceiling at the front of the rooms to accommodate the chairs evicted by the dart boards.

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We hear that one of the more renowned hockey players in the branch, Jim Bradley by name, came out of retirement in order to show the finer points of the game to some small fry. The game, which took place in Jim's back yard, resulted in his immediate retirement with several cracked ribs. Jim's only association with the game in future will be in front of a television set.

ZONE MEETING

A Legion Zone Meeting will be held in Brampton on Sunday, February 24th, at 2:00 p.m. All members are cordially invited to attend.

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DUES

The drive is being accelerated to have all dues paid by March 31st, this being the due date. Bud Hill is standing by ready and willing to accept all offerings.

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50-50 DRAW

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BALLINAFAD

Silver Spoons as 4-H Credits

Three girls from the Ballinafad "Leisure Lassies" attended Achievement Day for the 4-H Homemakers Club for Halton County in Milton on Saturday. Louise Snow, Diane Snow and Irene Kier exhibited the housecoats they had sewn as well as the record books kept of the meetings. Irene Kier had a three minute commentary on the exhibit prepared by the girls "Good Quality in Cottons." Each girl received a silver 4-H spoon as her credit. Mrs. E. Snow and Mrs. A. Kier are the leaders in this work and they would like to see more girls taking part in the next Club which is to be called "Dressing Up Vegetables."

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Quite a number from this community attended the opening of the new hall in Hillsburgh on Friday night when over 900 paid admission. The winner of the chesterfield suite was Mr. Jimmy Hall.

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C.G.I.T. met for their regular meeting on Monday night. In recognition of Youth Week a special worship service was used and the girls packed the used Christmas cards to send away. The group also attended church on Sunday and participated in the service by singing their C.G.I.T. hymn.

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A group of ladies representing the Institute went to Milton Manor on Tuesday afternoon to entertain the residents there for the January birthday party. A delicious lunch was served, including a birthday cake with candles and there were about twelve who sat at the head table in honour of their birthday. Mrs. L. Jamieson, president of the Institute brought greetings from this community and others taking part in the program were Mrs. F. J. Shortill, Mrs. Fred Roden, Mrs. Robert McEnery, Mrs. Jesse McEnery, Mrs. J. Black and the McEnery Orchestra.

ELECTRIC HEAT POPULAR

Electric home heating continues to gain in popularity. At the beginning of the year 4,000 residential installations were completed, 11 times the figure for 1959.

NORVAL

Investigate Robbery At Maple Lodge Farm

Sometime during the night of Friday, February 1, thieves broke into Maple Lodge and robbed the safe of the day's receipts. They broke in through the door but nothing else was taken besides the money from the safe. Maple Lodge is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence—May and sons Jack and Robert. The police are investigating the robbery.

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On Friday evening, February 1st, Bonnie Fendley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fendley, entertained her friends at a skating party on the Credit River after which they enjoyed dancing and lunch at her home.

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Attending Peel and Dufferin UCW Presbyterial from Norval United Church were Mrs. H. McLaughlin, Mrs. J. Doane, Mrs. J. May, Mrs. E. Burk and Mrs. J. Laidlaw. It was held on Tuesday, January 29th, in St. Paul's United Church in Brampton.

STEWARTTOWN

Former Rector Dies in Texas

Friends of the Rev. W. G. Brook were sorry to hear of his death in hospital in Texas January 25. Rev. Brook was a former Rector of this parish a number of years ago.

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Members of St. John's Anglican Church held their Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday evening, February 3rd, in the church hall immediately following the Sunday evening service. The Rev. J. E. Maxwell opened the meeting with prayer and was chairman for the meeting. Those elected to office were: Vestry Clerk, Mr. Fred Armstrong; Rector's Warden, Mr. Harvey Clare; People's Warden, Mr. T. Howard Briggs; Lay Delegate, Mr. Thomas Warnes; Substitute Lay Delegate, Mr. John Ottaway; Treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Grant; Choir Leader, Mr. Thomas Warnes; Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Howard Briggs; Chairman of Sidespmen, Mr. John Ottaway; Chairman of Advisory Board, Mr. Harry Savings; Other Advisory Board members, H. Clare, Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Mrs. C. A. Grant, Mrs. Cyrus Wilson, John Ottaway, Thomas Warnes, C. G. English, Auditors, Mrs. William Hulls and Mrs. C. G. English.

Mrs. Fred Armstrong gave the yearly report of the Guild, Mrs. Thomas Warnes the Choir Report and Mr. T. H. Briggs the Sunday School.

Several items of church business were discussed and the meeting closed with prayer.

A cup of coffee served by the ladies was much appreciated.

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Mrs. Elgin Laughlin of Caledon visited this past week with her sister Mrs. Walter Lawson.

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Mr. Walter Lawson is still a patient in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, and has many friends in the district wish him a speedy recovery.

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Members of St. John's Choir and their friends enjoyed another dance in the Church Hall on Friday evening. Robert Armstrong supplied the music.

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Happy birthday to Allan Densmore who will be 6 years old on Tuesday, Feb. 12th.

Operated General Store in Meadowvale

Operator of a general store in Meadowvale for 35 years, William Thomas Lamb, 79, died on January 17th in the Barnes Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

He was a Meadowvale native and except for six years spent in Florida after he retired from business, was a life-long resident of the community. He was active in the Meadowvale United Church.

He married Maud Williamson of Malton who predeceased him 23 years ago. He later married Margaret Milner of Malton, who survives him, with a son, James Albert of California and two daughters, Mrs. R. Coombs of Niagara Falls and Mrs. R. W. Cunningham, 17 Byron Street.

Rev. J. P. Ashwin of Huttonville and Rev. E. V. Warner of Princeton conducted the funeral service at the David A. McClure Funeral Home in Brampton. Pallbearers were Bill Reed, Bill, Hugh, Jamie, Ross and David Cunningham. Interment was in Churchville Cemetery.

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