

# Minister-Teacher Skuce is Choice Halton East Provincial Liberals

Rev. Robin Skuce, a French teacher at Appleby College, Oakville, will carry the Liberal banner in Halton East in the forthcoming provincial election.

The youthful, Irish-born United Church minister was picked as the party's candidate at a large and lively nomination meeting in Oakville Arena Pine Room Wednesday night, February 15th, winning out over two other aspirants for the honour on the first ballot.

Also seeking the privilege of representing their party as candidates were Murray Haesler, Oakville councillor, and David J. (Jack) Russell, a pharmacist and long-time resident of Oakville.

Skuce supporters were much in evidence at the meeting, displaying placards bearing the name of the man of their choice. Voting delegates numbered 247.

Norman Pierce of Milton, "I am convinced that together we will win this riding," said Mr. Skuce, in his speech to the convention. "I know Bob Nixon, and I am convinced that he is precisely the right man to be premier of Ontario at this moment. If I am elected I will be a full-time member."

When he had finished speaking, two young girls dressed as cheerleaders came out in front of the audience and called for cheers for Robin Skuce, which were forthcoming in considerable volume.

Moving the nomination of David J. Russell as S. Casey Wood, prominent Oakville Liberal and former newspaper publisher.

Murray Haesler's nomination was moved by John Ford, Oakville lawyer, K. P. Marshall of Esquesing was the seconder.

After the results of the balloting were in, the announcement of Skuce's victory was greeted with loud applause. Both other candidates went to the platform and pledged their support to the winner. Mr. Skuce introduced his wife to the audience, and announced that the Association plans to hold a policy convention to examine the Liberal program. A vote of confidence in Robert Nixon, the Liberal leader, was passed by the convention.

Chairman of the convention was C. M. Neiman, president of the Toronto District Liberal Association, of which the Halton East Association forms a part. At the conclusion of the con-

vention, Dr. Harry Harley congratulated the successful candidates and offered him his election campaign.

Robert Nixon, Ontario Liberal leader, who had been announced as the convention's main speaker, was not present. Vernon Singer, MPP for Downsview, spoke in his place.

**Moves Nomination**

Skuce's nomination was moved by Rud Whiting, of Oakville. In his remarks, Mr. Whiting said that if Mr. Skuce were elected, an effort would be made to have him appointed as minister of education to succeed William Davis, of Peel.

"He is the type of candidate that will help make Bob Nixon the next premier," said Mr. Whiting. "He would represent Halton East in the provincial House in a manner comparable to the magnificent job being done by Dr. Harley in the federal field."

The nomination was seconded

A couple who were married in St. Alban's Anglican Church 25 years ago were feted at a surprise party recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Barclay, Stewarttown.

A group of forty relatives and friends attended the party which honoured Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hills of Glen Williams. She is the former Lilly Barclay.

A tea service from the family, 25 red roses from Mr. and Mrs. Barclay Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Barclay Jr. and a number of other gifts were presented to them during the evening.

Among guests were their wedding attendants, John Holden and Mrs. George Blyth of Waterloo, and Mrs. Reg Williams of Stewarttown who was organist for their wedding.

The railway system of Mexico, mainly owned by the government, embraces 15 operating properties with about 12,532 miles of railway lines and 15,095 miles of all track.

**SILVER TEA SERVICE IS GIFT FOR ANNIVERSARY**

It was cold and frosty but the bus was full on Saturday morning, Feb. 11th for the annual winter trip to Toronto. The ladies met at St. Alban's at nine a.m. Some spent the day shopping, others went to a show, returning back about 7 p.m. and all reported an enjoyable day.

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## Who Would Guess Those Happy Dancers Are Taking a Course

Nobody but nobody has more fun while learning than members of the YMCA-YWCA's Square Dancing Classes which convert the Georgetown District High School Auditorium into a kaleidoscope of whirling patterns every Wednesday night, and no local group has such a wide span of ages as this one which counts both teenagers and grandparents among its regulars.

Norm Harmsworth, well

known caller and square dance instructor from Brampton, is teaching the class now in its fourth week of a fifteen week course. Mr. Harmsworth is guiding the group in western style square dances as opposed to old time square dances. The former and less exhausting and better known in other countries around the globe.

While the music is recorded the calls aren't and it's here that Mr. Harmsworth has some fun with his pupils and tests their square dance savvy. He'll sel-

dom call a dance the same way and deliberately toss in a few surprises like cross-overs, and swinging corners where they are least expected, just to keep his pupils on their toes and attentive.

The square dance classes are the first here since the Y tried a similar scheme four years ago without great success. This year one look at the numbers attending and their faces as they grand-chain, dip, whirl and promenade, proves the success of this most recent effort.



All ages find fun while learning.

The quest for the Holy Grail formed the basis for Tennyson's Arthurian legends and Wagner's drama, "Parsifal."

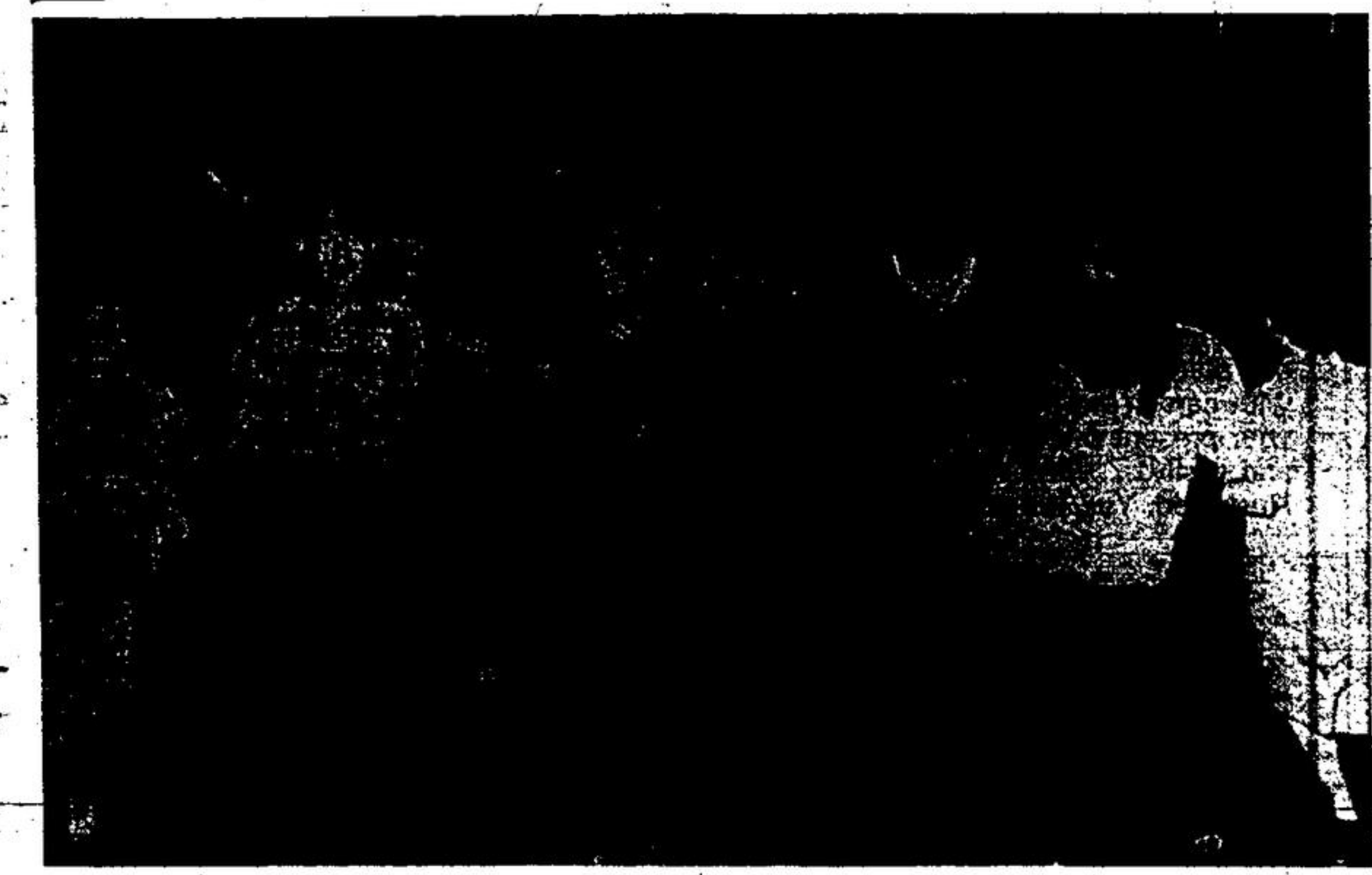
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#### Bazaar, Scout Dinner Church Guild Agenda

The St. Alban's Ladies Guild held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Bob Reynolds last Monday evening, February 13th with nine members and one visitor in attendance. Mrs. Tom Haines, the president was in the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes were read by Mrs. J. Hooper. Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Len Murdoch. Several items of business were dealt with. Plans for a bazaar were discussed, also the supper for the Scouts and Cubs Father and Son banquet to be held on March 9th in the Parish Hall.

The next meeting was announced for March 13th at the home of Mrs. George Sargent. The meeting closed with prayer and a social hour followed with tea served by the hostess. At this time she was given a small gift from the ladies prior to her leaving on a holiday in England.

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### HOSPITAL NEWS



by Les Clark

The monthly board meeting was held last Thursday evening with a full quota of directors present. A number of important reports were given and a monthly report from the administrator and nursing director.

A number of small donations were received in the past few weeks, and the administrator reported that he had been contacted by one of our larger industries, with a view to making a further donation to commemorate Centennial year. This is a very fine gesture on the part of this firm, and will be most useful. The size of the donation indicated is a large one, and can be used in many ways. With the hospital literally bursting at the seams these days, patient-wise, there are many urgent needs in various areas. When the gift is finalized we will have more to say about this community spirited company. Along with Smith and Stone and Varian's, this makes the third old established firm in the past few months who have recognized the needs of the hospital in a financial way.

We hope that many of the industries in the community will follow their lead in this, Canada's Centennial Year. This would be a fine project for any industry or organization to take on — by this means they would not only be commemorating the Centennial in a fitting manner, but would be helping the community needs. We might point out once again, that except for day by day operating costs, the hospital depends entirely on industry and organizations for new equipment and improvements. Often one hears "The government takes care of it" . . . This is just NOT true, as NO level of government contributes one red cent to the equipping or expansion of the hospital.

Quite a number of new industries have located here since the building of the Hospital six

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years ago, and even more since the fund raising campaign started in 1959. We do hope that many of these industries will see fit to give financially to a local institution that is available to them and indeed to all citizens. If any of the new industries should have any suggestions about the Hospital or have any questions, we would be only too glad to answer them. And we are equally certain that the administrator or chairman will be equally happy to do so.

An Industrial night is being arranged in the future, to allow people to see our hospital, and to acquaint our new industries with the services available there.

The Hospital Association annual meeting is to be held on Thursday, March 9th in the Cafeteria of the Hospital. We do hope that a goodly number of members will turn out for this affair. Last year it was held for the first time in the Hospital, with a considerable improvement in the crowd. Still far short of the numbers that should attend, but a decided improvement. We predict that this year's report will be the best in the Hospital's history, and will be worth anyone's while to attend. Refreshments have been arranged, and we understand a short film will be shown. This film will be most interesting, "A Century of Medicine in Canada" and very briefly highlights Canadian progress in our 100 years.

Added to the many groups of ladies who have helped the hospital over the years is a recent donation from Norval Women's Institute. The ladies have made another sizeable donation and we commend this busy group for their continuing interest.

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