



LIBERAL HELPINGS of good humor as well as serious politicking were all part of Sunday afternoon's meeting at Acton music centre where Liberals got the chance to meet M.P. Rud Whiting and helped elect a new executive for the Acton Liberal Association. Left to right are Halton Association

president Bob Stewart, guest speaker M.P.P. James Breithaupt of Kitchener, organizer Lou Bonnette, newly elected president of Acton Liberals Aldo Braida and M.P. Rud Whiting.—(Staff Photo)

Liberals alternative 'tired Tories' speaker tells Acton Liberals

New people, new ideas and the coalescing of ideas under leader Bob Nixon have built the Ontario Liberals to the place where they are the alternative to the province's Conservative government, M.P.P. Jim Breithaupt of Kitchener told about 70 Liberals in the Acton music centre, Sunday afternoon.

The N.D.P. is always talking about "taking power" the engaging young Liberal critic said, but the Liberals prefer the term "assuming the responsibilities of government", far different than the "grasping" implicit in "taking power".

Mr. Breithaupt, opposition critic for the Treasury and Revenue Departments at Queens Park and second opposition chairman of the public account committee, was the principal speaker as Liberals from Acton, Esqueving and Erin townships met to elect new officers and meet candidates for the Liberal nomination in Halton East.

Ready for election
The speaker said Ontario Liberals, charged with new attitudes and the personal

involvement apparent at the recent Ontario convention, were ready for the approaching election.

"Only nine seats have to change hands and the Tories are out," he declared. He pointed out that several Tory M.P.'s, including John Robarts, are retiring, which should favor Liberal fortunes in the next election.

Mr. Breithaupt asserted that even the press, which hasn't been too receptive to Liberal ideas,

has caught on to ideas on participatory democracy espoused at the convention.

The press, seems to ignore Liberal aspirations but let David Lewis of the N.D.P. get interested and then it is a different matter, he charged. The environmental council idea was Bob Nixon's, he asserted, but it didn't rate space in the media until the NDP took up the subject.

"We have difficulty getting our points of view across to the news media," the speaker admitted.

M.P.P.'s target
Target for remarks about the present "tired" Tory government were local M.P.P.'s John Root, Jim Snow and George Kerr, among 68 Conservative members of the Legislature with two jobs. Only one or two don't have other jobs, he declared.

He singled out Jim Snow and the Ontario Housing Corporation post, John Root as vice chairman

of Ontario Water Resources Commission, George Kerr and the cabinet seat as being indicative of the empire the Conservatives have built up in the province.

Referring to a statement attributed to Mr. Kerr which quoted him as saying he was tired of being a policeman on pollution, Mr. Breithaupt said that if he was tired it was time to let someone else do the job.

He charged that Wellington-Dufferin M.P.P. John Root was not attuned to the vital needs of the province as he "nods through sessions" of the Legislature.

Mr. Robarts, he said, is willing to accept credit for all the good things that happened in the province but he must also accept the responsibility for things that have gone wrong, too.

Fail to vote
Failure of the Liberal party provincially in the past, Mr. Breithaupt said was due to the lack of voter stimulus. "If federal Liberals had all voted provincially we would have been in power."

He saw a change in the mood of voters for the coming election.

The speaker cited the Port Dover bridge, rental of a building on Bloor St. for \$50 million, cost of the Science Centre which rose from an estimated \$5 million to \$30 million, and the present 50 per cent hike for building Ontario Place, as examples of spending which the present government could not justify. If there are answers to these costs Mr. Breithaupt felt the public was entitled to know them.

Favor 100 per cent
He said that the Law Society, Ontario Medical Association and Ontario Hydro, among others, should be willing and able to answer for increases. He called the present medical plan where doctors collect 50 cent fees from patients "foolish." The Liberals favor paying 100 per cent of medical bills, he said.

Education? They should find out what it should be, he declared, knocking statements attributed to one Conservative leadership candidate about reducing education costs. Two-thirds of the education budget is based on salaries, he said.

He lauded Liberal leader Nixon's plans to streamline the cabinet as indicative of plans his party would put into effect if voted into power. The Liberals will pay 80 per cent of the cost of education, he said, and not be as slow as the Tories who, 27 years after the first promises, have finally succeeded in reaching the 50 per cent mark.

In conclusion, Mr. Breithaupt urged Acton and area Liberals to get involved in the party and its activities with a strong personal commitment.

Mr. Breithaupt practices law in Kitchener, is presently deputy commanding officer of the Highland Fusiliers with the rank of Major. He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1967. He was thanked by Halton Liberal Association member, Terry Kennedy.

"It's your move now" Darcy tells Halton-Peel

Regional government will come to Halton and Peel "when the fine folk of Halton and Peel are ready to make up their minds," Darcy McKeough told Halton East delegates at a candidate meeting in Oakville Saturday.

Plans for regional government in Halton and Peel were aborted more than a year ago when the municipalities involved failed to offer a consensus of opinion.

Long wait ahead
Plans for regional government are still on the shelves. It would appear the municipalities are waiting for McKeough to make his decisions and McKeough apparently is waiting for word from the municipalities. At that rate, it might never be achieved.

The major bone of contention was and still is the future of Burlington. Halton wishes to remain intact but the minister has said Burlington should go with Hamilton-Wentworth in a regional setup.

Several briefs and proposals have been forwarded concerning the matter and municipal leaders had expected regional government to be a reality long before now.

Head table
At the head table for the meeting were Lou Bonnette, Mrs. R. I. Davidson, Terry Kennedy of Halton Liberals, Mary Papillon, M.P. Rud Whiting, guest speaker James Breithaupt, Roy Goodwin, Eugene Braida, Mrs. Herb Helwig, Halton association president Bob Stewart, and Aldo Braida.

In his acceptance speech Mr. Braida paid tribute to Mrs. Helwig, Mary Papillon and Eugene Braida for their service to the party in the past and asked the support of all during the next year.

K. C. resigns

Esqueving Council has accepted with regret the resignation of deputy-clerk treasurer K. C. Lindsay, who has given the township over 30 years service as clerk, deputy-clerk and tax collector.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Lindsay expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all he has served with in the township throughout the years. He promised to be available to help council out on any occasion in the future, if needed.

Regret resignation
Council later passed a motion which read as follows: "Esqueving Council accepts Mr. Lindsay's resignation with regret, but wishes to thank him for his many faithful years of service along with wishes for his health and happiness on retirement. Council accepts Mr. Lindsay's kind offer to assist the



K. C. Lindsay

Report damage at laundromat

A continuing series of instances of damage finally caused the owner of Relaxo coin laundry to call police this week. Cor Snook said damage is sometimes done during noon hour and after school and told police details of some of the instances.

The police will be checking the laundromat to try to prevent further malicious damage.

Fire damages kitchen ceiling

Approximately \$25 damage to the kitchen ceiling resulted from a noon hour fire at the home of Oscar Manes on the Sixth Line of Nassagaweya, south of 25 Sideroad Thursday.

The fire is believed to have been started by overheated pipes. Acton Firefighters answered the call turned in by Mrs. Manes, who was alone in the house at the time.

Mr. Manes, working in the barn, was not aware of the fire until after the Acton brigade arrived. Mrs. Manes was reluctant to open doors of the house, fearing drafts would fan the flames.



JUDY FONG



MARILYN YOUNG

Local graduates at U. of Guelph

Last Friday in War Memorial Hall at the University of Guelph, over 110 students received their Bachelor of Arts degrees. A few master's degrees and doctorates were awarded as well.

Among the graduates were two Acton students and one former Actonian.

Spanish major
Marilyn Young received her B.A. degree majoring in Spanish. After working and studying part time she spent the last two years full-time at her university courses. She is presently working in the university library.

She is a graduate of Acton high school and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Young, Church St., attended the graduation.

Brenda Aherne received her

B.A. degree with a major in sociology. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Aherne, Meadvale Rd. Her mother and aunt Mrs. Burque of Georgetown attended the graduation ceremonies.

Brenda took advantage of Guelph's semester system to finish her arts course. She is presently working in the library at the university.

Former resident
Judy Fong also received her B.A. degree last Friday. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fong who lived formerly in town on Church St., she had been living in Guelph for the past few years.

Both her parents attended the ceremony. Judy received an honors B.A. degree in fine art.

Initiate seven new members

Initiation of seven new members highlighted the annual dinner of Branch 197 of the Acton Legion, Saturday night.

New members included John Turnbull, Norman Roy, Lloyd Waddell, John Nielsen, Leslie Graham, George Flinders and Maurice Staley. Sergeant-at-arms Alvey Gordon paraded the candidates to the head table.

Impressive ceremony
Branch president Bob Angell conducted the impressive initiation ceremony assisted by special guests, Deputy District Commander William Shields of Oakville and Deputy Zone Commander Al Greenwood of Bronte.

Head table guests for the dinner, served by the Legion ladies' auxiliary were Mr. Shields, Mr. Greenwood, President Angell, vice-president Gord James, Branch secretary John Chapman, Branch membership chairman Doug Guthrie, and Mayor Les Dudy.

Thanks ladies
Vice-president James thanked the ladies on behalf of the members and Lois Gordon replied, saying it was a privilege to serve the men's branch.

Legion Chorallers entertained following the dinner. President Angell announced the group has been asked to open the provincial Legion convention in May.



LEGIIONNAIRES enjoying a funny tale following Saturday night's Branch 197 annual dinner are left to right deputy district commander William Shields of Oakville, Branch 197

vice-president Gord James, deputy zone commander Al Greenwood of Bronte and Branch 197 president Bob Angell.—(Staff Photo)

Acton lucky

Supt. praises works crew

Acton was really fortunate in the way it dug out of the storm, according to town superintendent Alf Dudy. "The boys really did well," he said, with a special pat on the back for John van der Brink who has been in charge of the snow removal on the main streets.

Mr. van der Brink worked many hours at plowing and removing banks of snow in the main section of town, usually with only two or three others at the most to help him. Another two workmen would be busy plowing the other streets.

Note co-operation
Much of the work had to be done before 8 a.m. when cars arrive.

Mr. Dudy said the crews notice the good co-operation this year from citizens who don't seem to be blocking the plows with parked cars as much as last year. He doesn't know if this is because of the police warnings or whether the people are simply more aware of the town workmen's problems in snow removal.

The town's snow blower was at

work Tuesday for the first time on the streets this year.

"It works fine," Mr. Dudy says, "but we just can't get enough trucks to draw away the snow fast enough." At least five and probably seven trucks are needed to keep up to the blower and they just aren't for hire right after a storm. They're busy elsewhere.

This year the snow is being dumped on the reclaimed land beside the arena.

Other problems

A full day and a half's work, while roads were still bad, kept town workmen in the cemetery. There were three funerals on Friday alone.

As well, there was regular garbage collection, plus a couple of sewer blockups.

Low on sand

The sand pile is "very, very low" for this time of year, according to the superintendent, and more will have to be purchased soon. The sandpile at the town works yard on Main St. S. started the season with 110 tons left from last year and 800 new tons. He estimates there are only about 80 tons left this week.

A normal winter sees about 600 tons transferred from the pile to the streets. And the icy days of March are still ahead.

Private operators

Working at clearing snow are about 20 private operators this winter. A "bugbear" to the town men is that some snow plowed off parking lots, garage lots, etc. is pushed back off onto the streets. Then it's the town's responsibility again.

They have had some complaints about this aspect of the problem.

Couple injured in car accident

John and Beryl Constantine of Acton were treated at Acton Medical Centre Saturday following a collision on Mill St. W. Mr. Constantine was driving and the rear of his car received an estimated \$200 damage.

Driving his father's car, Charles Doornbos was the other driver involved. Damage to the grill was estimated at \$30.

Cons. Paul Brown investigated the Saturday accident.