

BURLINGTON TEEN BAND, 125 strong, serenaded Conservatives waiting for nomination results at Wednesday's meeting. The band, which has made appearances at the

famous Rose Bowl parade in California and Ontario Place, led a parade from Prospect Park through the streets of Acton to the high school. -(Staff Photo)

He anticipated a

environment.

George Kerr

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and the latter two Ministers recognition by members of the to ensure beef and dairy farmers environment, recalling a promise

Laces Liberals

without Portfolio.

George Kerr paid tribute to cabinet colleagues and centenarian C. K. Browne before launching his defence of the Davis Government and mounting an attack on federal government policies which he said were deliberately created to effect an economic slowdown.

"It isn't often when a government admits it is responsible unemployment," Kerr. commented acidly. He referred to the situation in Acton where unemployment had also hit employees at Mason Knit and rumors of employee cutbacks in another industry.

Government policies must ensure jobs for all, he charged, setting the new Ontario budget as a piece of legislation designed to increase investment and improve the economy.

He saw the resignation of three and a promise that the policies are splitting the party. To keep the province on the rails we must have a government which will plan ahead to solve the

problems of the day," Kerr said. The opposition does not qualify on any count, he declared, charging Ontario Liberals were a poor copy of their federal counterparts.

He said the Davis Government must also change with the times and bring in new policies.

Weathered transition

Referring to the education field where the Conservatives have received some searing criticism, Mr. Kerr said regional school boards had weathered a difficult transitional period and now he was happy to see the mill rate for educational costs was down, although the quality of education was maintained.

Farmers caught in the costprice squeeze got his sympathy

or four prominent Liberals as Government would do all it could improvement federal Liberals that economic survived. He said the he made about swimming in Government was Interested in the problems of the small businessmen and their efforts to escape being swallowed by large conglomerates. He also maintained changes in health legislation in the province made

Ontario a world leader in this

As minister of Energy and Resources Management, George Kerr feels that it is important to keep the quality of life. This in turn could lead to a new ethic in the province, country and the

world where with increasing hours of leisure citizens would need more space for recreation. No high density "As long as I'm in, the Niagara

Escarpment will be preserved with no high density development allowed on their prime recreation acres," he said. There would be a gradual program of land acquisition along escarpment.

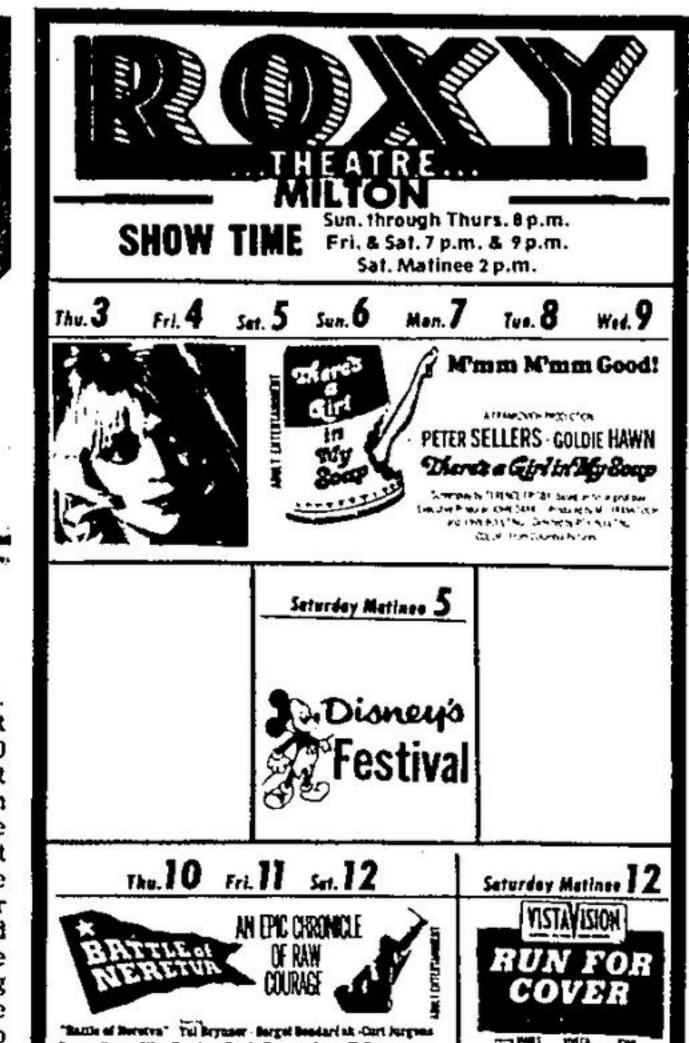


HON. GEORGE KERR, nominated to again carry the Tory banner in and Gary Dawkins, right, following the Halton West discusses some of the current nomination meeting Wednesday. -(Staff rumors about the date of the Ontario election Photo) with Acton supporters Dave Muckle, left,

newly Bruce Cargill, president of the Acton P.C.'s



100-YEAR-OLD Browne never missed a beat as he spoke to about 400 enthusiastic Conservatives at last Wednesday's Halton West nomination meeting. He urged fellow Tories to get out and vote when election time rolls around. George Kerr told the audience "C. K." had been his supporter since he discovered two rocking horses at the Kerr home were white in a joking reference to Mr. Browne's lifelong attachment to the Orange Lodge. ---(Staff Photo)



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nominations, especially those from Burlington who made up a large part of the audlence hoping they appreciated the "elevated" view Actonians got when they surveyed the county from 1200 feet above sea level.

Warden Frank Oakes, reeve of Hamilton Bay in 1975. His son said he would "dissolve" if he tried but the resolve was still there because he saw improvements already in the Earlier Acton Mayor Les Duby welcomed delegates to the

No secrets

Acton, made no secret of his personal political sympathies, by telling the delegates he felt Halton had a good representative in George Kerr. He had no trouble conveying messages to him. Any government has its strengths and weaknesses, the warden said, but there was nothing he couldn't settle with George Kerr out behind the

Dr. Oakes paid tribute to the Burlington band which instilled "lots of life" in the meeting but reminded delegates the hoopla was only the Icing on the cake. Choosing a representative was serious business.

Both Ministers without Portfollo, Jim Snow and Richard Potter, briefly told the meeting the Progressive Conservatives had served the province well over the past 28 years and Mr. Potter maintained the Davis regime was a new government with only three ministers from the cabinet of John Roberts retaining their own portfolio-one of them the Hon, George Kerr.

Prediction true Minister of Mines Leo Bernier remembered the last nomination meeting when he had prophesied George Kerr would get a cabinet post and his prediction had come true. Looking out over the crowd, Bernier estimated it was at least double the attendance at the last nomination meeting Burlington and he thought this indicated new interest in the party.

He forecast better things for the Tories in the North where they took five scats in the last election. He predicted they would take eight or nine in the upcoming ballot battle.

"My constituents see what is happening in Manitoba where an NDP government was elected recently," the big minister asserted predicting there would be no NDP members in Northern Ontarlo if the Manitoba government kept on its present

Bernier's riding in Kenora is as large as the British Isles with 22 Indian Reserves and only one voter every seven square miles.

Chairman for the two hour meeting, delayed by the parade and late arrival of guests, was Robbie Foster of Burlington.

Cam Jackson, president of the Young Progressive Conservatives, was last to speak and he asked to delegates to entrust young Conservatives with a bigger contribution than posting signs in the next election or face possible estrangement. "The fate of the party hinges on

Same instructors for skaters here

the young people," he warned.

Mrs. Nancy Skuce and Mrs. Sally Leatherland will again be instructors for the Figure Skating Club next season, the executive announces this week.

The Skuce-Leatherland duo has successfully directed the club for several years.

cheque for \$1077, from Branch first vice-president Joe Ashton. What will he do with the money? "That's easy," Ron replies "It'll go towards that new

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Voice of Acton

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as "The Voice of Acton", hit the

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