

# Actonians meet candidates Monday



STUDENT COUNCIL president Hank Wissenz had searching questions for Halton West incumbent the Hon. George Kerr Monday evening. Mrs. Kerr (left) was also in



WHEN ARE we going to buy Canada back from the Americans? Merv Barber asks Liberal candidate Bob McNutt after the Meet the Candidates night in the high school Monday. —(Staff photo).



SO THEY lowered the voting age? Gareth Mulkwich, campaigning in town Monday. Marks, who's two weeks old today, has a long, long way to go. However he gets an affectionate look from NDP candidate Walter

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### Halton West trio speak on issues at forum Monday

An interested crowd of 200 heard and questioned their three Halton West candidates Monday night. The high school auditorium was comfortably well filled and the audience seemed genuinely interested in the candidates and their platforms.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event, as has become traditional before election. C. O. F. C. president Roy Goodwin chaired the program through its formal guidelines while Alan Eastwood tended the microphone at the back of the hall for the questioners.

**Friendly atmosphere**  
Seated stiffly in a row on the platform, all three candidates in their opening remarks made the atmosphere more informal as they spoke very capably, personally and directly, referring to local as well as provincial issues.

Each had five minutes before questions from the floor, answered by one or all three of the men.

**Stop for TV**  
Some partisan applause and a few calls from the audience showed some issues were "hot" ones. However, the question period was cut short since it was felt most would want to see the television debate between the three party leaders at 10 o'clock.

Coffee and doughnuts were served in the high school cafeteria by Mr. and Mrs. Alan

Eastwood and other C. of C. members.

**N.D.P. first**  
Walter Mulkwich, the N.D.P. candidate, in lavender shirt and tie, spoke first as drawn by lot.

The dominant issue is the election itself, he declared at the beginning. People are wanting a better job done. He referred to the tax load, and the piecemeal changes which are ineffectual. The government has failed to stop unemployment, he asserted.

**Seek alternatives**  
He referred to the problem of mass transit and said no swing has been observed yet to improve mass transit.

He was dissatisfied the way the pits and quarries act has been left to cabinet regulation. People are looking for alternatives, he declared.

**Member second**  
The Hon. George Kerr, Progressive-Conservative Candidate and the present Halton West member of parliament, rose second. He spoke quickly, covered much in his allotted five minutes.

He reviewed his stewardship—the government's accomplishments—No. 7 highway resurfaced from Georgetown, then on to Rockwood and eventually Guelph; No. 25 from Acton to Ospringe, eventually to No. 89; dredging of Fairy Lake; Scotch

Block dam for recreation as well as regulating water flow.

"I have attempted to help people in various ways: Workmen's compensation, student awards program, pensions, widows' allowances, SWEEP. Acton has its fair share of these programs."

**Tannery ahead**

The situation at the tannery seems worse; that company is under a ministerial order to install equipment; they are a little ahead of schedule and by January 1, 1972 the work should be completed.

The tertiary treatment plant was built with the assistance of the O.W.R.C.

The new school board has worked out all right, assists in the quality of education in Halton. Space is now being allocated in the O.H.C. housing; a condominium will be built here soon.

In public transportation the emphasis is less on highways; you'll see more GO trains using the present track. The escarpment is no longer an issue; money is allocated to purchase the other half. The Bruce Trail will be protected; there will be no further defacement. Pollution—moving into noise, air.

**Boosts leader**  
One of the main issues is

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LIONS CLUB stole the show in this year's Acton Minor Baseball Association T-ball league. Team captain Mike Overland hoists the Lions Club trophy he received from club president Art Gordon at Sunday's minor

baseball windup in the community centre. Coach Glen Jackson (right) looks on proudly. For story and more pictures see the Free Press sports pages.—(Staff Photo)

### Meet the people

Actonians met their candidates Monday. And the candidates meet the people.

The three Halton West candidates were in Acton all afternoon and evening and covered plenty of ground, both physically and politically.

Questions bombarded all three throughout the day, and all three were ready with the answers, backed up with leaflets, buttons and the sport of keen local organizers.

The Liberals have a campaign room next to the bus station while the Progressive Conservative have set up shop in the former Davis Jewellery store. The New Democrats work from homes of party faithfuls.

Election signs are dotting lawns and buttons dot lapels. Some signs are carefully tucked so high they can't be reached.

The three candidates were delighted with the questions tossed at them at the Robert Little school Monday afternoon.

They did some door knocking, had dinner here and then attended the Meet the Candidates night. It was the first of five similar nights this week for the trio.

The local PC association hosted the Hon. Kerr and friends at the

music centre after the meeting. Interviews with the three candidates will appear in next week's Free Press.

### Mill-Park job done

Paving project at the Mill-Park corner is now complete. The contract called for road widening, paving, new bridge, sidewalk and railings.

Appearance and safety are both much improved at the corner.

### Children report strange contact

Acton police and the R.C.M.P. are still investigating a report which caused some concern last Friday afternoon.

Robert Little school children told their teacher a man had offered them tablets, and said he would put some in a pop bottle in a certain location down the railroad track.

A man was seen walking down the track; a pop bottle was later found and the contents are being analysed.

Other information about the incident is still being followed up by police in their efforts to locate the man.

### Gals tangle

Two women were charged, and summonsed to appear in court later this month, following a disturbance at 1.40 a.m. Sunday. The two Acton residents were fighting at the Mill-Main corner.

### Want township farm stone for unique Founders' Day cairn

Gus Goutouski, chairman of Nassagaweya Founders' Day Committee presented an outline of his plans for the celebration to be held in May, during a meeting

of council in Brookville Monday. He said a cairn would be constructed with a stone from every farm in the township and stones from various parts of the world. The plan is to have children representing various ethnic groups place the stone from the country they represent. Stones from the farms would ensure complete involvement, Mr. Goutouski said.

The pyramid-styled cairn will be placed in front of the township hall and will commemorate the township's history. Members of council said they like the international flavor Mr. Goutouski and his committee had created in their efforts.

Originally the chairman was given \$50 to organize the Founder's Day but he found council in a more generous mood last Monday and received

approval to purchase a suitable bronze plaque for the cairn.

Mr. Goutouski said he would return with a more complete proposal and cost estimate within 30 days. He said a 25-word essay contest for young people would be held and the winning essay would be engraved on the plaque. The essay would deal with why the youngster liked Nassagaweya and what the township meant to the individual.

### Y programs underway

All Y.M.C.A. programs are now "go", organizers announce happily this week.

Even the ladies' slim and trim class, which started out with almost no registration, seems to be getting off the ground next week.

Last Friday 58 boys and girls went to Guelph Y for swimming lessons.

Saturday morning 22 very enthusiastic girls began their 3-F program of crafts, sports, volleyball, ping pong, etc.

The boys' club is underway but needs volunteers to help supervise.

After about two hours of discussion at a special meeting of Halton County Council Friday, members turned back a report of a special committee for further study. The committee was set up

### More money

several months ago and the report dealt with restructuring of county council committees.

If the report had been adopted it would have eliminated all but four of the 13 committees now in existence and cut the council representation at Children's Aid Society meetings from six to three persons.

**four Committees**

The various duties now dealt with by separate committees would be lumped under four broad titles. Community services would include work done by Board of Health and Social and Family Services Department, while the Engineering and Works Committee would combine Economic Development, EMO, Planning and Roads.

Committee number three would handle finance matters and matters dealing with the Halton County Museum and the fourth committee would assume the responsibilities defined by legislation pertaining to county homes for the aged.

Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur and Reeve Tom Hill of Esquesing objected to a recommendation calling for meetings to be held all day long, twice a month. They pointed out the difficulties they would have in arranging time off work.

**Bar too many**

Mrs. MacArthur said that recommendation would bar all but the self-employed sector of the population from running for county council. "It would eliminate a lot of gifted people from running for county council until they reached retirement age, and that wasn't the time to get interested. A professional person or a person in industry would not have a hope in the world of getting a full day off," she said.

Currently committees meet in the afternoon once a month and ratify their business at one monthly council meeting. Under the proposed arrangement committees would meet twice a month. Their meetings would be held in the morning and the full

council would sit in the afternoon to act on recommendations.

**More work**

The report on one hand recommends cutting the number of committees from 13 to four to streamline the operation. On the other hand they argue the county should assume responsibilities for children's aid societies, county fire and police departments, waste disposal, engineering, planning and a county legal department.

Oakville Reeve Allan Masson said members would at some time in the future have to accept the necessity of all-day meetings, especially if they were going to take over new responsibilities. "There is no way to continue afternoon sessions if we are going to increase our work loads."

**Should be more?**  
Several members agreed the county should be pressing for more council members on the Children's Aid Society, rather than fewer, as recommended.

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STATION HOTEL'S new proprietor Charles Gunta presented a cheque for \$320.75 to Mrs. Ray Arbie, president of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society Monday night. As an opening night special, Mr. Gunta offered free

drinks for everyone of age from 6 until 8 p.m., then donated to the Cancer Society a cash donation matching the cost of the drinks.—(Staff Photo).

On Sept. 30 at 8 a.m. at the Mill-Main corner, a tractor-trailer driven by John Hasson, Aylmer, was in collision with the car driven by Dorson Frizzell. The Frizzell car's damage was estimated at \$300. The tractor-

trailer was making a right turn onto Mill St.

Again at Mill and Main, a hit and run accident resulted in a charge being laid against an Acton area man, Floyd Tucker, Oakville, had an estimated \$400 damage to the rear of his car, struck by the vehicle which drove away. The incident happened at 5 p.m. October 3.

On October 4 at 5.30 p.m. cars driven by Glen White and Leslie Carnochan were in collision at the corner of Main and Church St. Both cars were damaged.