

# Halton-Wentworth Libs dump Morison



ELATED SUPPORTERS helped Norm McGuiness celebrate his upset victory over M.P. John Morison, after the final vote tally was announced at Monday night's Halton-Wentworth Liberal nomination meeting in Burlington. Joseph Soyka raises his arm in victory.—(Staff Photo)

Norm McGuiness, a 39-year-old marketing manager and father of four, from Burlington scored a stunning upset victory in his first political contest, wresting the Halton-Wentworth federal riding Liberal nomination from sitting M.P. John Morison, on the second ballot Monday night at a raucous nominating meeting, attended by well over 2,000 at Burlington's Central Arena.

Morison, a Dundas insurance agent, won the seat for the Liberals in federal elections in 1963, 1965 and 1968. He first contested the seat unsuccessfully in 1962.

McGuiness received 998 votes to 768 for Morison on the second ballot, which was completed shortly before midnight. The two polled an identical total of 709 votes on the first ballot. A third candidate in the race, former Burlington mayor Lloyd Berryman received only 522 votes on the first ballot, eliminating him.

Following his elimination, Berryman threw his support behind Morison, but those who supported him on the first ballot divided their votes between McGuiness and Morison.

**Congratulates winner**  
When meeting chairman Dennis O'Leary, president of the Hamilton Mountain Liberal Association, finally announced McGuiness had won, Morison climbed to the platform to congratulate him, then proceeded to the microphone.

"I suppose if I've been jubilant in victory before, I should be calm in defeat now," he said. "I hope you'll take Norm on to his second victory in the election."

Later, when asked by reporters if he would support McGuiness in the campaign, Morison replied, "Well I expect so. I've been a Liberal all my life. The election's the main thing."

He declined to say anything about his own personal plans for the future.

McGuiness, the happy victor,

thanked all his supporters and asked for the support of the entire association in the election campaign.

"I hope you're all as happy as I am tonight," he said. "The job ahead of us is quite clear. We have here tonight the makings of one of the most fantastic Liberal organizations this riding has ever seen. With the support of all of you, and I hope it will be all of you, we can win this election."

McGuiness later said he had not expected the contest to go past two ballots, but a source close to the successful candidate revealed he had expected a fourth candidate would be nominated from the floor.

**Nominate candidates**  
McGuiness' name was placed in nomination by Erumerson Lavender. Bob McNutt, unsuccessful Halton West Liberal candidate in last year's provincial election, seconded the nomination.

"There is a refreshing wind of change blowing through this



John Morison

riding," Lavender told delegates. "Norm McGuiness has proven his ability to work and motivate people."

Burlington alderman Bill O'Connell made the nominating speech for Morison. He reminded delegates Morison had won the seat three times in the last nine years. However, boos and hisses greeted him, when he called the M.P.'s record "great."

Morison's daughter Kelly, who assured the meeting she was no "political novice", having been involved in previous campaigns, seconded the nomination.

George Torrance nominated Berryman, calling him "a man, who can win without signs and balloons." Morison supporters displayed large signs carrying the words "Morison, he wins," while McGuiness backers carried balloons. Florence Bendall seconded the Berryman nomination.

All candidates and their nominators were interrupted repeatedly by hecklers throughout the large crowd.

**McGuiness speaks**  
McGuiness told the meeting he believes in getting people involved in legislation.

"In the 12 years I've lived in Burlington, I've been involved with people of all political affiliations. I'm proud of what we've accomplished," he said.

Speaking on the subject of the environment, McGuiness said "We must create conditions that will encourage industry and commerce to develop in harmony with our natural resources. We don't want to be left with a plastic model of a fruit belt."

Democracy, he said, must be centred around a mutual understanding and respect between an M.P. and his constituents. He promised to make this condition a top priority, if elected.

Morison greeted hecklers with the introduction "Ladies and gentlemen of the Liberal party

and maybe a few overnight guests—"

"Whoever wins this nomination, I hope we leave this arena tonight in unity, because we need unity now like we never needed before to send a member back to Ottawa," he said.

He said it is a good thing for an M.P. to face his constituents and be judged.

"You're never home," a voice from the audience shouted.

**Defends action**  
Defending himself against accusations that he did not spend enough time in his riding, Morison said, "In '63 and '64 I was accused of never being in Ottawa, because I was always home, now

I'm in Ottawa more and I have a better voting record than any member in this area. Well you can't have it both ways," he roared.

Morison said the Halton-Wentworth riding needs somebody to watch where their money goes, more than it needs economic expansion.

"Most of you are becoming one of the most affluent groups in Canada. You're younger, better educated. I don't think you want to see me at some gasorama or drinking beer at some festival, they're having in town."

"I may be guilty of non-parochial politics, but Halton-Wentworth has been well

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## O.P.P. report

### Playing children cause damage

During the reporting week of February 20 to February 27, the officers of the Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 12 general occurrences, ranging from the recovery of a stolen car to complaints re a vicious dog.

A Toronto man was apprehended in Acton after the car he was observed driving was reported stolen. The accused will be appearing in Provincial Court in the near future to answer to charges of theft and driving while disqualified.

Two youths were charged with "Causing a Disturbance" after an officer observed them wrestling on a public street and using obscene language. Other occurrences investigated included, one report of trespassing, a domestic assault, a request for assistance and a report of malicious damage.

There were four motor vehicle collisions during the reporting week. One of the accidents resulted in minor injuries to a local resident. The driver of one of the vehicles involved in the personal injury accident has been

charged with "Impaired Driving." The other three collisions resulted in property damage only.

**Respect property**  
A number of complaints regarding property damage, have been received at the police office. When walking to and from school children are often preoccupied with play and do not realize when they are invading private property. With the snow on the ground, plants and shrubs are not visible and can be damaged unknowingly. Explain to your children the importance of respecting the property of others.

Hopefully spring is not far off, and mild weather will again be with us. The thawing of ice-covered waters will accompany the mild weather and thereby create a danger to young children. Make sure your children are made aware of the danger involved in playing near ice-covered waters in mild weather.

—Prov. Const. Paul Brown.



An armful of trout

ICE FISHING on Lake Simcoe with brothers Noah and Bob and Sarge Forte, Alton Rowsell caught this 10-lb. lake trout over the weekend. It was Alton's first ice fishing venture. The

party was about a mile and half out on the lake near Hawkestone. Bait was a spoon.—(Staff Photo)

## Acton chemist part Ontario study mission

John Greifeneder, chief chemist of Beardmore and Co., Acton, will accompany an Ontario mission to Europe to study latest tanning techniques and developments.

The mission, organized by the Ontario Department of Trade and Development, will visit selected tanneries in Italy, Switzerland, Germany and France, ending the three week visit at the British Leather Manufacturers' Research Association headquarters in London, England.

Eight Canadian tanning firms representing 75 per cent of Canada's tanners and 90 per cent of the Ontario industry will take part in the mission.

Particularly of interest as well as the study of new European tanning techniques will be pollution-control development in Europe. The mission will meet with the Ontario Water Resources Commission after the trip to discuss pollution control developments.

The group, led by Robert Shelley of the department's Technology section, trade and industry division, leaves Toronto March 3 and returns March 25. Along with the Beardmore representative, will be industry people from Robson-Lang Leathers, Breithaupt Leather, Barrie Tanning, A. Davis and Son, Collis Leather, A. R. Clarke and Co. and Wickett and Craig Ltd.

## Lorne Scots to recruit 17-21 year-old students

The commanding officer of the Lorne Scots has announced the militia regiment has been authorized to carry out a program similar to last year's student summer employment program (SSEP) again this year.

Lt. Col. D. E. Egan said details are not yet available, but the course is expected to include full time training during the March school break and up to eight weeks employment during the summer.

The regiment is now preparing a recruiting day, scheduled for March 4, to take on students interested in the program.

"Only about 35 personnel can be accepted at each armory, due to a shortage of openings," said Lt. Col. Egan.

The regiment operates companies in Brampton, Georgetown and Oakville and facilities will be set up in each on March 4. Openings are limited to young men between the ages of 17 and 21 years.

Although the courses will be run in only the three locations, recruits will be accepted from anywhere in Peel, Dufferin or Halton Counties.

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