

Liberals, Conservatives meeting back to back

Halton Conservatives are expected to stand 100 per cent behind incumbent Terry O'Connor of Oakville, when the party holds a formal nominating convention in Oakville on Thursday, May 16. There were rumors last week that Jim Muir, an Oakville insurance salesman who opposed O'Connor for the nomination four years ago would be contesting the MP's bid for another nomination. But Muir told this newspaper Monday he was definitely not in the running, this time around.

The Conservatives had earlier hoped to hold a nominating convention on Tuesday, May 14 (one night before Halton Liberals' nomination meet) but it was delayed to May 16 in order to obtain Michael Meighen, president of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, as guest speaker. The convention is at 8 p.m. at White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville and May 2 (this Thursday) is the deadline for buying memberships and being eligible to vote, unless you hold a valid 1973 membership. Those with '73 memberships

can obtain a renewal right up until the time of the convention.

Halton Liberals are planning to meet Wednesday, May 15 to select a candidate to carry the party's banner in the next federal election—whenever it happens. To date just two candidates have announced intentions of contesting the seat—Oakville physician Dr. Frank Philbrook and Georgetown resident Frank Allen, equipment design manager for Northern Electric.

Elizabeth Robson, president of the Halton organization, indicates there may be other candidates in the race. The nominating convention will be held at Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton. To be eligible to vote, you need a membership more than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Former Halton MP Rud Whiting of Oakville, who was unseated by PC Terry O'Connor in the last federal election, will not be a candidate, he told this newspaper.



PALETTE AND PENCIL club held an exhibit and sale at St. Alban's parish hall Saturday. Of the club's 20 members two are from Acton, Jean Garrett and Laura Dittrich. They are pictured by some of Mrs. Garrett's water colors.

Palette, pencil club exhibit

Interesting new members were one goal of the Palette and Pencil club, during its exhibit and sale at the parish hall Saturday. This Halton Hills group has 20 members, two of them from Acton, Jean Garrett and Laura Dittrich.

The parish hall was attractively arranged for the hanging of the paintings by members. To one side, Mrs. Dittrich's batik tablecloths on card tables signalled the place to rest, chat, and have coffee.

Horton publicity: Marilyn Smith in charge of sketch trips; Eileen Patterson refreshments and Eileen Patterson and Irene Wakelin in charge of phoning. Exhibiting Saturday with Mrs. Dittrich and Mrs.

Garrett were Frank Black, Dorothy Marshall, Ellen Melton, Jean Horton, Ruth Gibson, Hazel Vokey, Marilyn Smith, Eileen Patterson, Jo Watterson, Dodi Scull and Dorothy Vokey.

Acton fire record best

Although the number of serious fires dropped, resulting losses went up in 1973 in Halton, according to a report released this week by the office of the Ontario Fire Marshal.

There were no deaths attributed to fire in Halton last year, although there were 212 fire deaths across the province.

Halton's major fire total dropped from 450 to 436 but the fire loss in those 436 fires rose \$693,000 to \$1,863,754. The 1972 total was \$1,170,749.

Best record
The Acton fire area had the best record of all—number of large fires dropped from 15 to eight and the fire loss fell from \$18,057 to \$8,207. Burlington had fewer calls but more damage when 193 calls were recorded but damage totalled \$533,867. In the previous year it was 210 fires and \$434,981 damage.

Milton and Oakville had similar statistics, fewer fires but more damage. Milton's calls dropped from 28 to 22 but the loss rose from \$157,152 to \$463,715. Oakville had 137 calls compared to 144 the previous year but the loss was up from \$483,700 to \$813,374.

In Georgetown, the number of fires increased from 53 to 76 last year but resulting loss was down considerably. Loss was \$44,591 last year compared to \$76,858 the previous year.

Two charged drug raids

Police this morning (Wednesday) report a local man was charged under the Narcotics Control Act, following a raid Tuesday at 11 p.m. at a Brock St. house. The man will appear in Milton court later this month.

Saturday night a local man was charged with possession of drugs following a raid at a local apartment. He will appear in court May 15.

Two stolen cars were recovered in town this week Acton OPP report. One stolen

April 25 in Toronto was recovered May 2 on Kingham Rd. The other, stolen in Guelph, April 24, was found on Commercial Lane (in the industrial park) the same day.

Two out-of-town youths were charged with possession of a five-speed bike stolen in Guelph.

An out-of-town man was arrested here for Guelph OPP.

One impaired driver and two liquor seizures were also reported this week.



DR. F. A. PHILBROOK

Lib hopeful

Dr. Frank A. Philbrook, an Oakville family physician, will seek the Liberal nomination for the federal riding of Halton when the Liberals hold their nomination meeting in Milton May 15.

Dr. Philbrook is a partner in the medical office of Brickley, Thurley and Philbrook in the Medical Centre at 331 Sheddon.

Honorary chairman of the Palette and Pencil club is well-known artist Frank Black. Both he and his wife have been popular night school teachers in town.

Dorothy Vokey is president, Ellen Melton vice-president in charge of exhibits; Ruth Gibson treasurer; Hazel Vokey (the president's daughter) secretary; Jean

Car-bike collision school lane Thurs.

Five vehicle accidents were investigated recently by Acton OPP.

On May 4 at 5:35 p.m. Gregory Smith, 12, suffered cuts and bruises in a bike-car collision at school lane and Main N. Driver of the car was Dianne Nolan, Linthouse.

On May 2 at the Mill-Main corner at 11 a.m. a car driven by Margaret Besley, R.R. 1, Acton and a tractor driven by Stanley Kamminga, R.R. 4, Rockwood, were in collision. The car came off the worse with \$300 damage.

Three same day

In a two-car collision April 30 at 4:15 p.m. on Queen St., drivers involved were Julie Redgrave, Toronto, and Eva Sansom, R.R. 4, Acton. The Redgrave car had estimated \$200 damage and the Sansom car estimated \$50 damage.

Another accident occurred at the Mill-Main corner April 30. Driver Christina Britton, R.R. 4, Acton, had estimated \$250 damage to her car and

Roy Dykeman, Lucan, no damage to the tractor trailer he was driving. Time was 3 p.m.

Third April 30 incident was at 10:15 a.m. on Queen St. Sam Tennant, Wellington St., was driving a town truck which received \$100 estimated damage and James Duncan Ermise, Guelph, had about \$500 damage to the car he was driving.

Cyclists mishap

Last Sunday a group of eight motorcyclists riding into Acton had a slight mishap on No. 7 Highway. One of the riders skidded into the soft shoulder and fell with his bike. Another rider rode into the fallen motorcycle and also went down.

Fortunately no one was injured.

Decoration Day funding sought

Setting up Decoration Day in Acton this year could provide some difficulty for the committee in charge unless they receive the same monetary support from the Halton Hills council as from the former Acton council.

It was decided that a letter will be submitted to the council of Halton Hills requesting a similar amount of money—about \$60—be provided. The money from council is applied to costs incurred in the organization of Decoration Day.

This year's service will be Sunday, June 2.

Decorating the Fairview and Dublin cemeteries and planting new trees at the Pioneer cemetery has been a long-standing ceremony for the Decoration Day committee. As well as council, organizations in Acton also

support the committee annually.

At Thursday's meeting a new slate of officers was appointed. President of the committee is Jessie Coles with David Hunter, secretary-treasurer.

Several matters were discussed including the possibility of the Legion Choralists participating in this year's service. A line-up of organizations and the parade were also reviewed.

Education cost up

A budget calling for an expenditure of \$52,274,693 to finance education in Halton, was passed by the Halton Board of Education.

The board rejected a bid by trustee Dick Goodin to slash the budget by 10 per cent and a bid by trustee Tony Goodyear to place \$150,000 in supplementary taxes against the budget, to reduce the mill rate.

It was argued there was no guarantee of receiving the supplementary tax. That tax is received by boards in fast growing areas. Last year the board received \$300,000 in supplementary tax.

Unreasonable request
In a prepared statement finance chairman Tom Watson of Acton told the board his committee felt Goodin's request was unreasonable.

He said the cost per pupil has increased by 10 per cent over 1973 and it would be necessary to operate at the same expense as last year to meet Goodin's goal.

Watson claimed a large portion of the increase was due to salaries and indicated it wasn't fair to expect the staff to work without an increase in pay.

The budget is up over last

year's spending by about \$5,000,000. The municipal share is up by an average 2.5 mills over the region or an average of 6.5 per cent.

Burlington will pay \$8,534,948 while Halton Hills will pay \$2,559,983. Milton \$1,694,682 and Oakville \$7,453,994. The balance is made up from provincial grants.

Instructional costs account for \$37,333,398 or 71.42 per cent of the total. Other costs are shown as follows: business administration, \$706,650; education services, \$1,052,397; attendance, health and food services, \$168,220; plant operation, \$4,638,632; plant maintenance, \$1,031,667; transportation \$1,229,165; tuition fees, \$107,900; capital expenditures, \$161,260; other operating expenses account for \$26,500 while debt charges account for \$5,393,713.

Charged
An 18-year-old Limehouse girl and a 19-year-old Limehouse man have been charged with possession of narcotics following a May 2 search of a motel room by the Milton OPP.

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AND WHEREAS, the problems of crime touch and affect all segments of our society, undermining and eroding the moral and economic strengths of our communities and their citizens;

AND WHEREAS, there is still a reluctance on the part of many citizens to involve themselves in actions to ensure the protection, rights and well-being of their fellow citizens;

AND WHEREAS, the Halton Regional Police Force continue to implement and release programs aimed at combatting crime and fostering better relations throughout the year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

I, THOMAS J. HILL, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS, proclaim the week of May 12 through to May 18, 1974, as POLICE WEEK, and ask that all citizens of Halton Hills do take advantage of the opportunity to assist the POLICE in creating a stronger partnership in the enforcement of law and the administration of justice.

Executed under my hand and seal, this 1st day of May, 1974.

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