



Enthusiastic crowd at Liberal rally in Oakville.

## PM star at Liberal rally

Although all the local Liberal VIPs from two ridings were in Oakville Saturday night to bask in any glory the prime minister might reflect their way, it was obvious who was the star of the show.

A crowd which grew to 2,500 began to gather at T.A. Blacklock High School two hours before the PM was scheduled to arrive. Over half the gymnasium was filled by 7:30 and when Trudeau arrived shortly after nine, approximately 1,300 people were crowded into the main hall's chairs, bleachers and aisles waiting. The overflow gathered in the school cafeteria or waited outside, listening to the proceedings over loudspeakers.

High school volunteers wearing Dr. Frank Philbrook T-shirts and Liberal hats handed out red balloons and promotional material for the local candidate as they squeezed as many people as possible into the gymnasium. Members of the Halton Liberal Association executive were ushered into reserved seats in the front rows.

A 1960's rock'n'roll group called the Fabulous Fireballs warmed up an already hot and sticky audience before riding vice-president Frank Allen introduced former Halton, MP's Dr. Harry Harley and Rud Whiting, Liberal candidate in Halton-Wentworth Eric Cunningham, and Halton Liberal president Miss Elizabeth Robson.

The Fireballs returned to entertain the audience, who were now watching the Halton and Provincial police standing at the exits. Trudeau was obviously the evening's main attraction.

The prime minister's entourage of Mounties, public relations men, secretaries and two buses filled with the national press covering his tour pulled into the jammed parking lot. The press flooded into the gymnasium to set up equipment and hustle for good photographic positions while Trudeau shook hands with the overflow crowd outside the building and in the cafeteria. As his bodyguard led the way into the gymnasium the crowd rose to its feet,

clapping and cheering. Shaking hands all the way to the front, Trudeau took his place in the stage party and smiled as he was officially welcomed by Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett.

**Leadership**  
Halton candidate Frank Philbrook introduced the prime minister as "the only man in Canada who could have given us leadership in the last few years, and who can continue in the years ahead."

The platform party rose and the cheering continued as the prime minister stepped up to the podium.

In a 20 minute, apparently unprepared speech, Trudeau called inflation the main issue of the upcoming election and accused the Progressive Conservatives of having brought

the election on to create an opportunity to sell their policy of wage and price controls. The 90-day freeze followed by 18-24 months of selective controls has been advocated by the PC's ever since the 1972 election, he said, "they've had four times 90 days since they began talking about it, but they still haven't said how it would work." He challenged the audience to ask PC member for Halton Terry O'Connor to explain the workings of the proposed controls.

He continued to attack the Tory policy, calling it a "simplistic remedy" since one-third of the increases in the cost of living come from outside the Canadian economy. The prime minister cited the "strife" wage and

## New pastor in Baptist church

Das Sidney began his position as the new pastor of the Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. Frank Byrne, former pastor, has gone to Indonesia as a missionary.

Mr. Sidney has been assistant at the Kipling Ave. Baptist church in Rexdale. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Toronto and received his B.Sc. At the moment he has one year left at McMaster,

before his ordination. Mr. Sidney was born in southern India. He lived in Ethiopia for six years, spent eight years in Ghana where he received his secondary school education, and has spent five years in Canada. His parents and his one brother live in Toronto. Before coming to Acton Mr. Sidney went on a three week trip to the Holy Land. Mr. Sidney will be living on Hill Street.

## Heraldic accuracy

Heraldic accuracy is holding up the deals for Halton Hills trucks.

Monday at works committee town engineer Peter Morris and works superintendent Frank Morvett told the story.

The truck insignia is ordered, with the new emblem designed by Dorothy Stone and the words Town of Halton Hills.

Since then Miss Stone has discovered that it is not correct to include all the emblem on vehicles. The crown above the shield and motto Hereditas Integra Veritas should go.

In the interests of Halton Hills accuracy, Miss Stone informed the department.

Let's do the thing right, felt chairman Len Cox. The engineer said there was time to change the order.

Only objector was councillor Ern Hyde. It's a shame! he exclaimed. Why shouldn't it be complete, just because it's on a truck? If we misuse the emblem, that's no reflection on Miss Stone's abilities.

The matter was held in abeyance to the committee of the whole meeting.

Meanwhile, someone suggested, the town trucks could be marked with a piece of chalk.

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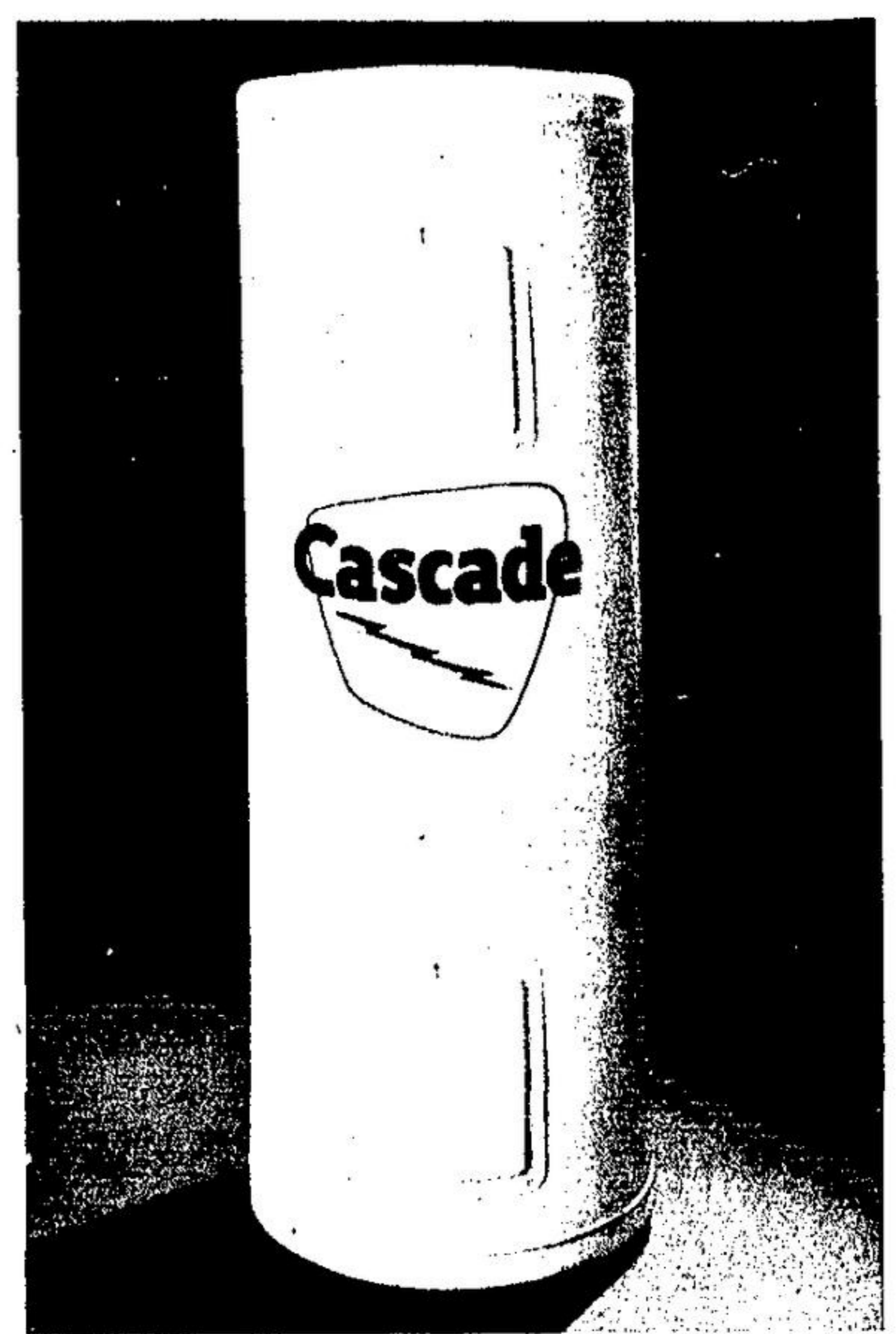
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**BLAME TRAIN**  
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The Acton Free Press, Wed., June 12, 1974 3  
Tom Rammatsingh, past president of the Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation for two years, received the Master of Education Degree from the University of Toronto on Tuesday, June 11, 1974.



## A word to the wise

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LAST OF THE cement floors was poured in the new Legion hall last week. Workmen wait at the far end of the huge new room to prepare the surface. Official opening of the hall is not until September. This meeting room will be available for rental full size, or made smaller by dividers.

## Include all Halton Hills

The finance committee of Halton Hills council felt a request from Reliable Taxi proprietor Don Grein of Acton that taxi licences be issued on a ward basis rather than for the whole of Halton Hills would be restrictive and recommended a by-law being prepared include licensing for all Halton Hills.

Mr. Grein appeared before the committee at their last meeting to urge licensing by wards, suggesting his cars could be compelled to go to Georgetown for calls while charges did not start until the cab arrived there.

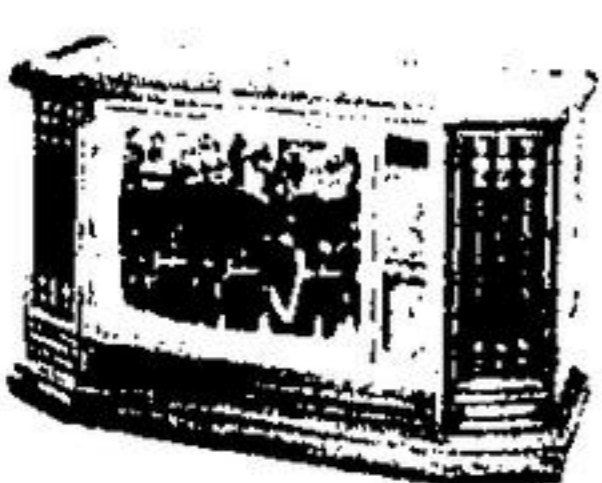
Councillor Harry Levy said he couldn't go along with licensing by wards because there might be taxi companies in the Glen or Georgetown who didn't mind going to Acton. "This is not Metro Toronto where we are trying to stop people from going to the airport," he said. He urged licences be granted for all of Halton Hills to help avoid parochialism. "A licence for Halton Hills is a licence for Halton Hills and it is restrictive if it is not for all of Halton Hills."

Councillor Russ Miller said Reliable wouldn't want to be just restricted to Ward 1 (Acton) and Ward 2 (Esquesing) could require trips as far as Hornby—so the issue was as broad as it was long.

"We can't be sticklers for the by-law," councillor Ernie Sykes felt, noting that the taxi firms could have their licences revoked if they didn't give service. He noted that calls requiring transit from one hotel to another should not be used as requisites for adequate service because they were sometimes made by inebriated customers.

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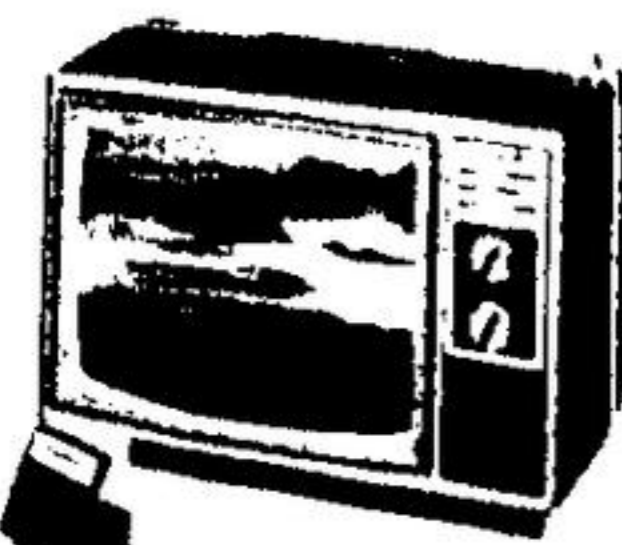


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