

# Hear all candidates. . .

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Philbrook indicated it would be possible "if it doesn't upset our financial system." If the cost of living rises, he added, so must the pension.

Rebuking NDP arguments the corporations are at fault, Philbrook feels the "corporations must also work to stabilize the economy and deserve their fair share."

Philbrook assured the crowd the Liberals are doing what they can to reduce the high rate of ownership and mentioned the purchase of Texas Gulf Company and the proposal of a Canadian sponsored oil company.

Lacking  
He told the crowd Canada lacks domestic markets and the secondary industry to be entirely self sufficient. For this reason he said later in the meeting the Conservative policy of wage and income controls would not work.

"We barter overseas more than any other nation," said Philbrook, emphasizing control must also be placed on imported goods.

Philbrook was forced to defend the six year reign of his party and refute a charge of Trudeau arrogance. Prime Minister Trudeau, said Philbrook, is not arrogant, at least no more arrogant than conservative John Diefenbaker was when he held a large majority in the House of Commons.

Majority governments may inspire arrogance conjectured Philbrook, but I support this party sounded the Liberal candidate.

Good policies  
Philbrook says the Liberal government has worked to provide the country with good policies and that it was not worth the 27 million dollar price tag to call an election at this time.

On the question of Liberal government spending Philbrook told the audience government spending is no higher now than it was at the end of the Diefenbaker era.

The Liberals concluded Philbrook stand for a strong independent Canada — one with all regions united with a strong voice in international affairs.

## NDP

Why did the NDP wait 18 months before banding with the Conservative party to overthrow the Liberals in the House of Commons, asked Halton New Democratic Party candidate Archie Brown in his speech at "Meet the Candidates" night. "The NDP achieved in squeezing important measures from the government — more benefits to all working men and women," he answered.

To dispel any contentions the NDP solely supported the Liberal party during the recent parliament he told the crowd the PC party had sided with the Liberals on all legislation benefitting large business — measures which the NDP opposed.

Brown lashed out at the Conservative party charging their policy of tax concessions for large businesses was merely a "rip-off" for the money lenders and that the Tories had fought all attempts to allow the recently established Food Prices Review Board a chance.

Brown laid the blame for the rising cost of food with land speculators. Speculators, said Brown, are buying vast areas of farmland and that the amount of productive farmland was decreasing while the demand for farm products was rising, accounting for the high prices.

In a rebuttal speech following the speech Brown told the crowd banks collect

about 50 per cent of their funds from savings accounts and another 50 per cent from business' current accounts. The NDP candidate contended the institutions make about eight and three quarters per cent interest on funds received through savings accounts yet return only about four per cent to the savings account.

Pass on  
Brown suggested a larger chunk should be taken from current accounts and more profits be passed on to people with savings accounts.

Questioned about the possibility of lowering the retirement age to 60 Brown stated "if a man wants to leave the work force he is entitled to his pension."

Brown pointed out the large pensions paid out by the three NDP governed provinces. Brown continually commented on big business tax dodging and suggested the New Democrats would amend this problem. In light of increased Liberal government spending the NDP candidate suggested what his party may be able to do if they "cut down on government spending and collected taxes, too."

The NDP party, concluded Brown stands to represent all segments of Canadian society. "People matter more," he said.

O'Connor  
The main issue in this election campaign contends Halton incumbent Member of Parliament Terry O'Connor is the cost of living. Conservative O'Connor assailed the Liberal government for allowing the cost of living to rise to its present rate.

"To a certain extent it (the economy) is beyond our control," conceded O'Connor, "but, most of it is within our control," he stated.

O'Connor elaborated on the unavailability of housing and the cost for low and middle income groups. "It's preposterously high," said.

Out on ear  
"Prime Minister Trudeau put the only man with any good, well thought out ideas on housing out on his ear," said O'Connor regarding converted PC Paul Hellyer.

The new Liberal housing plan is ineffective and a gimmick, he charged. It's not high mortgage rates causing the problem he continued, but the high cost of housing itself.

It is the basic right of the people to have good housing and it's "part and parcel" of the whole economic program, said the Conservative.

The Conservative party, indicated O'Connor would work to remove the 11 per cent sales tax on building products, amend the income tax act to allow deductions for those paying over eight per cent mortgages and would embark on a program of residential land banking.

O'Connor questioned the Liberal position of "Postponing demand for housing." We need a positive policy, housing is a necessity.

The PC representative countered the remarks made by Liberal Philbrook regarding a rise in jobs. "Unemployment is up and the number of employed is down," said O'Connor quoting from the recently released May report. "You're entitled to the latest statistics," he said.

"Not us"  
"Who's responsible for this," he questioned. "Not us." "If you want it or continue you had better vote Liberal," he said, "but, if you want a change vote for us," he appealed to the crowd.

Questioned on the possibility of raising old age benefits, O'Connor suggested it would be nice to see and

increase to about \$200 per month but questioned if the economy can afford it. We don't want taxes raised, he cautioned.

O'Connor queried Philbrook's statement that the opposition parties had plunged the country into a 27 million dollar election when the proposed Liberal budget called for the spending of four billion dollars.

Farm freeze?  
A Liberal supporter in the audience asked O'Connor to enlighten the public on the Conservative policy to freeze all segments of the economy but the farms. She wondered if this would not affect industries immediately affected by the farming industry—such as Canada Packers.

O'Connor answered controls would be placed only after consultation with all segments of the economy and that standard costs affecting the farmer would remain the same.

Farming, said O'Connor is merely an expectancy and cannot be controlled. Industries affected by a rise in the price of agricultural goods could raise their prices accordingly. They would not, however, be allowed to make any extra profit during the freeze.

O'Connor wondered why the Liberals continually attack the wage and incomes control concept. "They're committed to it themselves," he charged.

Commends Trudeau  
In a change of tone, O'Connor commended Trudeau on the oil policy which fixed the price of Canadian petroleum at less than seven dollars a barrel. "Of course," said the Conservative, "some one else could have done it." A conservative prime minister may have been able to do it easier, he suggested.

The Conservative party, concluded O'Connor, stands for a Canadian owned and controlled economy and stands to provide for those who cannot work. He added both other parties may have similar stands but may emphasize different things.

## Board seeks new home

Halton Board of Education will form a committee to seek new headquarters for the board staff. The board agreed at a Thursday meeting to have four trustees and three senior staffers sit on a committee and recommend the location, the area and facility needed and financing of the project.

The board is expected to have a report back by Oct. 31. Members agreed an attempt should be made to see if it would be feasible to share facilities with regional council.

A committee of council is examining a number of sites in the county. Council hopes to have new headquarters established within three years.

The board moved to an office at M.M. Robinson High School and extended that building in June of 1971 to accommodate the board on a temporary basis.

A report from Bruce Landle, Superintendent of Business and Finance, indicated there was a need to consider permanent space at this time.



LIBERAL Dr. Frank Philbrook talks with two Actonians at the Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Meet the Candidates" night at Robert Little School Tuesday.



NEW DEMOCRATIC candidate Archie Brown chats with party supporters following an on-stage discussion with the candidates at Robert Little School Tuesday night.



INCUMBENT CONSERVATIVE Terry O'Connor listens to a question asked by an Acton voter at the "Meet the Candidates" night at Robert Little.

## Brown to spend \$5,000 wants Liberals estimate

Intend to spend, how we spend it and where the money comes from!"

The Acton Free Press, Wed., June 19, 1974

Halton NDP candidate Archie Brown said Sunday night in Erin, that his campaign committee will be spending "about \$5,000" in the July 8 federal election campaign.

Most of this expense will be for the purchase of campaign literature, which will be delivered to the doors of every voter in the riding by volunteer canvassers. Other expenses will be for committee rooms in Oakville, Milton and Erin. Compared to the NDP budget the Progressive Conservatives have been quoted as estimating their expenses as "approximately the same as the last election campaign" — that is, \$28,000.

"The NDP is appalled at the need for such a large estimated expenditure on the part of the PCs. The age of the vote-buying system—free buttons, balloons, pencils and roses—is a thing of the past, and indeed, an insult to the intelligent voter," said Brown.

Challenge  
No financial estimate has been received from the Liberal party. Brown has challenged Dr. Frank Philbrook's committee to publish their estimated expenses.

"Philbrook, O'Connor and I all wish to represent the people of Halton," said Brown. "The least each of us can do for these voters is to tell them how much we each

## Town to share cost of wall

The Town of Halton Hills will pay 25 percent of the cost of a gabion wall to shore up Nick Ferraro's driveway on 15 Slierend in Stewarttown. Councillor Roy Tooth maintained the town should pay a bigger share. He claimed the road was not properly ditched, causing every rainstorm to wash out more of the bank on the Ferraro property.

Councillor Harry Levy pointed out that the engineer said there were many such problems and warned this would be the thin edge of the wedge.

An amendment upping the town's share to 50 per cent was defeated.

## "Smacks of rip-off"

Regional Councillors should not be involved in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System pension plan, Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson told the region's Administration Committee, Wednesday.

Anderson said the matter should be received and filed. "It smacks of the big rip-off." The matter was filed at the committee level and unless regional council reverses the action, no pension for councillors will be initiated.

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## The O'Connor Record

Terry O'Connor has worked hard in Ottawa to give Halton the representation it deserves.

As Opposition critic of the Auto Pact he first disclosed in the House of Commons that the price differential between cars purchased in Canada and the U.S. has reversed and widened. He has fought for better safeguards for the Canadian auto industry and the jobs it provides.

Terry was a principal participant in the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee which framed wiretap laws to protect Canadian industry.

He was a member of the standing Committee on Elections and Privileges and chief opposition author of the new Election Expenses Act.

Terry O'Connor has proved himself to be a valuable Member of Parliament.

## Re-elect O'CONNOR



## Toyota Community Calendar

What's doing in North Halton area!

### MERCHANTS CELEBRATE

Acton Merchants are getting into the swing of the Town's 100th Birthday. This week they are staging Centennial Days and as well as holding special sales, management and staff will be dressing in old fashioned costume. Centennial Coins specially minted will also be common currency and merchants will be awarding 350 of these to special draw winners.

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