

Philbrook regains riding for Liberals

First-time political aspirant Dr. Frank Philbrook returned Halton to the federal Liberals in Monday's swing to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, knocking Conservative Terry O'Connor from the seat he wrestled from them in 1972.

Philbrook had almost a 2,000 vote margin over O'Connor while NDP candidate Archie Brown trailed the three man field, a poor third.

Dr. Philbrook's win followed the trend in Ontario where the Liberals took 19 seats from the Conservatives in almost a direct reversal of the 1972 elections when the PC party almost upset the Liberal Government.

"I knew I had won when we were coming back from a visit to the Georgetown committee rooms around nine. We had the radio on and they announced we had taken South-East Oakville," he told reporters in the steaming Liberal headquarters in Oakville where jubilant Liberals early sensed a trend to Philbrook and the Liberals. Affluent south-east Oakville was considered a key to voting in the south.

The north end of Halton also gave Philbrook an edge but the margin was close enough that it was 10 p.m. before Terry O'Connor, his wife and entourage, straddled into the Liberal committee rooms to congratulate a beaming Philbrook and lively Liberals, cheering every result that came in over TV channels.

Persuaded by former Liberal M.P. Rud Whiting to

give the defeated O'Connor a hearty welcome, the Liberals did that as O'Connor mounted a shaking, bingo table and told the jubilant crowd he "sincerely and deeply congratulated Frank and his wife, Midge on a great victory."

O'Connor said he had worked hard and had done his best to retain the seat but he knew Philbrook as a responsible articulate representative who would do a hell of a job "for you people. Get behind him and support him," he urged as the jostling crowd compressed into the room, broke out with "For he's a jolly good fellow."

In a spontaneous victory speech, Philbrook said O'Connor was a hard act to follow and he ascribed his victory to the work of the team.

"I'm thrilled—can hardly believe it," he told the crowd which swelled out on the sidewalks.

NDP candidate Archie Brown followed O'Connor in congratulating Philbrook, besieged by well wishers and glad handers.

A large chocolate cake, appeared from somewhere, baked by a lady who backed the Liberal candidate and it was ceremoniously cut and eaten while results were still being posted.

It was evident as early as 8.10 p.m. to those in the Oakville Liberal rooms that a Liberal sweep was in the works. There was some concern around 9 o'clock when O'Connor started to make some gains at Philbrook's expense but the rally was short-lived and later results showed the Liberal candidate again pulling steadily away.

A solid block of votes in Oakville polling stations 231 to 251 went to O'Connor and he showed considerable strength in Erin township but the rest of the riding gave Philbrook an adequate edge. Philbrook took 21 out of 26 Milton polls, 31 of 43 Georgetown polls and nine of 17 in Acton.

There was an extreme contrast between the Liberal and P.C. committee rooms at the Oakville headquarters. A subdued crowd at the PC

rooms watch sullenly as Philbrook surged 1,100 votes ahead of O'Connor by 9 p.m.

One attractive Conservative campaign worker felt the party had been let down by those who had not gone to vote. In her poll, she said there were 30 Conservatives who had not voted by 7.30 p.m. and the figures showed why O'Connor trailed.

By 9.25 p.m. Philbrook had taken a 1,700 vote lead over O'Connor and it was the signal for some of the faint-hearted watchers to head for home. The announcement that David Lewis had lost his seat in Toronto drew sympathy from the TV watchers who saw what were considered safe Conservative seats switch over to Liberals.

Back in the sweaty, jubilant Liberal headquarters well wishers appeared to congratulate and backpat the victors, including Ontario cabinet minister the Hon. Jim Snow, whose towering frame was easily visible over the sea of heads.

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PRESSED ON ALL SIDES by supporters newcomer Frank Philbrook bore the Liberal banner to victory in the Halton riding Monday.



Corporal Arbour

Asks help weekends

Cpl. Bob Arbour of the Acton O.P.P. reports he has asked for assistance of plain cars and additional officers on weekends to curb the increasing number of complaints of noise by shouting, squealing tires, being drunk in public and loitering.

Cpl. Arbour says starting this weekend there should be two officers on foot patrol in the business area and charges under the Criminal Code will be laid against anyone found loitering or causing a disturbance.

It's unfortunate that a few people can spoil things for so many he comments. "Warnings have been issued which have sufficed in some cases but there's no way elderly people are going to be forced to step off the sidewalk or be kept up at night by persons shouting and carrying on."

Acton employers unimpressed with Manpower expansion

Acton men working in the capacity of hirers of personnel are not impressed with the recent news that Canada Manpower services in Halton Hills will soon be expanded.

They see the centre, as it is presently located in Georgetown, as being too far away from the Acton scene for local applicants to use its services. Most business men have had little success with requests for applicants; others seem to hope that, although Manpower cannot supply their needs, they are able to supply those of other employers.

Orval Chapman, manager of A. P. Green Refractories (Canada) Ltd., said, "We don't have a large place and

don't require a great number of employees. We'd like to hire through Manpower if possible, when we need people." He said the problem he comes across is, when Manpower says they are sending people to fill a position, they don't always arrive.

"Promises of job fillment are not always carried through," says the local manager. Mr. Chapman thinks maybe a closer location with applicants not having so far to go may help Acton employers. He feels the difference in mileage between centres is like calling the other part of the country. "We should localize Man-

power to make it more effective," he said.

Unreliable

John Goy Sr. of Goy Cartage Ltd. says he simply does not hire through Manpower because of lack of reliability. He sees the truck driver today as a professional and maintains that Manpower is not knowledgeable enough to tell any employer that someone is qualified to drive a tractor trailer in today's high density traffic. "With traffic density increasing as it is today, public safety cannot be left to just anybody. Today's truck driver is a highly skilled professional." He said he has tried to employ through Manpower but with

unsatisfactory results. He said his company gets best hiring results by direct application.

Mr. Goy explained his drivers applying for work are first given a stiff oral test followed by a test run with a 20-year experienced driver. "Some of our employees are recommended through other companies," he added.

"Maybe procuring laborers through Manpower might be alright," said the dubious business man. He explained that the big problem he's found is that when Manpower first started up about two or three years ago, "it seemed to be in a glamor league rather than a meat and potato league." Mr. Goy said he cannot see much change in policies of employment since that time.

Unfilled vacancies

The personal viewpoint of David Whitaker, administration manager of Bank of Montreal is that he, personally, wouldn't ever use Manpower even if desperate. Mr. Whitaker's understanding is that vacancies are often not filled through Manpower, sometimes for months. He said that, in some cases, if companies waited for Manpower to fill staff requirements, they wouldn't have staff. Mr. Whitaker feels that, in the banking business, there is not the same need to work through such centers as there is, possibly, in industry. He explains that the bank with which he is employed has its own system of recruiting. He said lectures on job opportunities in a bank are given in the high schools to grade 13 students. "We get great response and never have to use Manpower," he said.

Mr. Whitaker feels that the type of people applying at banks for employment are not the ones who apply to

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Give region chance chairman tells press

People expect too much too fast from regional government, Halton Regional Chairman Allan Masson told reporters at a conference Monday.

According to Masson, criticism of regional government shouldn't be given in 1975 but in 1985. He claims all regions

with the exception of Toronto are too young to place judgment on. "You can't transform into a region overnight," Masson said.

Masson who has for some time favored a single tier system of local government claimed a staff under one council for the region could be

as responsive to the people's needs as town or city governments are.

He claimed people are more aware of regional government than they ever were of the county government. He attributed that to the fact the region has more responsibilities than the county had under the county system of government.

Masson was replying to statements made by reporters that a single tier system of government would remove government and the decision making even further from the people. Reporters had asked if bureaucrats at the region could be as familiar with area problems as a person who lived in the community and who was personally aware and affected by the needs and wants of the people in the community.



THE LIONS POOL is progressing a little quicker. The pool had been behind schedule due to a lack of materials, but foreman Peter Rusu thinks that the masonry work and the roof will be completed in two weeks. With that in mind he thinks the pool might be ready by September.

Letter carrier service Sept. 9

Letter carrier service will be introduced to residents of Acton Monday morning, Sept. 9, it was announced by south area manager A. F. Cobbald of the South-Western postal district.

This will eventually mean full-time employment for six letter carriers.

A detailed survey of the town indicated there are 2072 points of call within the town and work is already underway to plan the most convenient routes for the letter carriers.

The preliminary work is being undertaken by post office route measurement officer Dan MacDonald of London, Ontario and he is assisted by postal officer A. J. Davies of St. Thomas. They have been here two weeks now.

By the date of the inauguration of the service 80 per cent of the

homes and business places must have mail boxes near their front door or a letterslot in it, Mr. Cobbald said.

All types of mail will then be delivered to the door of Acton residents — letters, cards, books, parcels, newspapers, registered mail and special delivery service.

A special ceremony will be arranged for the first morning of house-to-house delivery. Politicians will be there, post office representatives, and the six new letter carriers in their uniforms. A platform will be built at the post office for the auspicious moment.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

There will be advertisements seeking carriers and many applications are expected. There are training sessions set up.

O'Connor caught in sweep

Five weeks of intensive campaigning culminated with bewildered Halton Tory workers shaking their heads outside party headquarters in Oakville Monday night.

Unofficial figures showed Liberal Frank Philbrook, a relatively unknown figure in Halton politics, winning the riding with 23,479 compared with O'Connor's 21,556 and the 6,825 for Archie Brown of the NDP.

After serving the riding in what most observers agreed was a diligent manner for a year and a half Tory MP Terry O'Connor found himself turfed out as a result of a national wave that restored a majority Liberal government.

Tory sweep
Just a year and a half ago O'Connor swung the riding in a Tory sweep that saw Halton MP Rud Whiting ousted from his seat. Now the Tories had lost Halton and they were having trouble believing it. Several Tories shook their heads and muttered

statements expressing their amazement about the outcome. "I can't understand it," one worker said.

To most, though the message came through loud and clear. The country did not want price and income controls.

O'Connor attributed his defeat to the rejection of the Tory stand on price and income controls. "I really thought we were getting our message across and people were accepting the controls. That obviously was not the case."

Explain policy
O'Connor noted that all a candidate can do is put the policy before the people and put the people in a position of knowing what the party stand was. "We did our best in that regard and I have no regrets. That's politics."

O'Connor intends to take a short holiday and resume his career in law. Just where he'll work hasn't been determined at this point in time.

Asked to comment Tory campaign manager Bob Jones said, "I think it's tragic. Terry established a record as a good member but that's not enough to withstand the national tide." Jones also attributed the downfall to the price and incomes question. He noted his party had close to 2,000 people involved in the Halton campaign.

Dejected workers
The mood at Tory headquarters in Milton and Oakville was one of gloom as amazed workers pondered the situation.

For the Tories it was all over by 10 p.m. only two hours after the polls closed. Liberals jumped to an early lead that grew as more and more polls reported in most of which carried bad news for the Tory stalwarts.

Party worker John Sommerville grumbled, "Wait till the Liberals bring in their controls. You'll need permission to go to the washroom. I don't understand the people."

Better actor
A PC candidate in the 1968 election Peter McWilliams said that the results proved Trudeau was a better TV actor than Stanfield.

"For all his virtues Stan-



TERRY O'CONNOR Halton's M.P. for a single term was defeated Monday in a provincial trend that saw the P.C.'s lose Ontario seats. Early returns indicated the trend and O'Connor conceded before 10 p.m.

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