

## Philbrook starts new job Brown plans for next time

Dr. Frank Philbrook was sworn in as the Member of Parliament for Halton last week and admitted that he was somewhat awed by the whole thing.

"The feeling of awe and the sense of responsibility which I felt during and after the campaign was merely reinforced last week in Ottawa," Philbrook said. He spent several days in Ottawa last week meeting his fellow Liberals, attending caucus meetings and preparing the way for his entry into the Federal political scene.

"I was very impressed with the calibre, intelligence, and attitude of everyone at caucus," Philbrook said. He predicted that there would be a good working relationship between the back benchers and Cabinet Ministers. Philbrook said that he found "the variety of concerns and problems which my fellow M.P.'s brought from their different parts of the country particularly interesting." He described the caucus meeting as a very spirited affair and considered it to be a personal thrill. "There was a feeling of tremendous appreciation for what the Prime Minister has done for the party and the country," Philbrook added.

While the winner was getting settled into his new career the losers were busy elsewhere.

N.D.P. candidate Archie Brown has gone back to operating his Sleepland furniture store in Applewood Plaza, Mississauga, vowing to revamp the Halton N.D.P. Riding Association and to seek the nomination again when the next election rolls around.

Defeated incumbent Conservative candidate Terry O'Connor is vacationing at his cottage and so was unavailable for comment. News of his future plans is expected next week.

Brown says that there is no reason why N.D.P. membership can't be increased by

at least three times from its present 6,800. "I intend to go out and meet people in this riding and talk about our policies to anyone who is concerned about the future of Canada," he said.

Brown says that the N.D.P. campaign in Halton lacked polish as compared to the Liberal and Progressive Conservative campaigns. "We must be more efficient, better organized, and have more money next time," he said. The Scotch Block resident said that the N.D.P. spent about 60 cents for every vote they got while the other two parties spent more than a dollar each.

Besides his activities in Ottawa Philbrook has been busy with his medical practice in Oakville, planning a riding office, and getting his future housing needs straightened away.

He has been giving his partners some time off because they covered for him while the campaign was under way. "I think there will be some scope for my continuing as a doctor while the House is not in session. I don't want to burn all my bridges behind me," the newly elected M.P. said.

Philbrook pointed out his duties in Ottawa and riding work would come before medicine.

He plans to keep a family residence in Oakville and get an apartment for himself in Ottawa. "I expect to be back in Halton on the weekends with Friday evening and Saturday for constituency matters," Philbrook added.

A riding office should be set up and staffed in the near future. "We are looking at a number of alternatives and an announcement will be forthcoming soon," he said.

Brown expects to stay close to problems in Halton and continue to help people with difficulties. He would like to make personal contacts throughout the riding and meet people who supported him.

"I came into the race late

and so I didn't have a full grasp of what needed to be done but that won't happen again. I also want to polish up my ability to speak in public," Brown said.

There will be a meeting soon to evaluate the past campaign, sort out trouble spots, and work on methods of improvement he said. "We need more poll captains, more workers, and have to identify and evaluate where our local support lies throughout the riding," Brown stated. He noted that many people who put signs on their front lawns might want to get more involved.

He is trying to help some Oakville residents who are being evicted from their homes and not even given the opportunity to purchase what they formerly rented.

"I think I can get as many as 1,500 people to go with me to Oakville Council to protest. We have had great response to our petition," he said. Brown added that if he doesn't get action then he will go to the Region, Province, and Ottawa. "I would like to see Philbrook and O'Connor get involved in this too if they want to represent Halton let them represent," he said.

Philbrook has been devoting quite a bit of time to meeting various municipal officials and is getting together this week with Jim Snow, Minister of Governmental Affairs, Ontario, so that the three levels of government can work together. He has also set up liaison with several government agencies to see if he can help them deal with their problems and is working on several constituent's difficulties.

"I want to co-ordinate my riding work with my Ottawa duties so as to be the best M.P. possible for the people of Halton," Philbrook said. He was naturally pleased with the results of the election and said that he thought a victory was possible but that he expected it to be much closer. Philbrook won by 1,923



DEFEATED N.D.P. CANDIDATE Archie Brown takes some time out from a busy day at Sleepland for a little rest. He's resting up and planning strategy for the next Federal election. He's got lots of time to rest—at least four years.

votes. "It was a definite rejection of wage and price controls and an endorsement of the leadership of Prime Minister Trudeau," Philbrook explained as the reason behind the riding switching from Tory to Liberal. He said it was an excellent campaign and the Liberals peaked at the right time. "I thought it was a very clean and spirited campaign," he added.

"The Liberal party won the election under false pretences," Brown said. He pointed out that last week Prime Minister Trudeau said Canada would get the campaign goodies promised them when they could afford them. "Now why wasn't the electorate told this until after voting day?" Brown queried.

"People voted for Liberal promises which won't be coming so I think we lost by fraud," Brown stated. He also said the N.D.P. lost because of a lack of understanding of its aims and policies on the part of the electorate and he believes that some of their programs are a bit ahead of

their time. "There was no credible reason to return the Liberals, let alone with a majority," Brown added.

He anticipates being a delegate to the next N.D.P. leadership convention and though he supports interim leader Ed Broadbent he wants to hear what every leadership candidate has to say.

Philbrook plans to spend some more time in Ottawa, continue to help out his partners, and maybe take a little holiday before Parliament begins in late September. "I might be able to contribute as a committee member in the next session in the areas of Health, for obvious reasons, Industry Trade and Commerce, because of my background in the pharmaceutical industry, and External Affairs because of my experiences in India," he said.

"I intend to spend the next few years finding out what the people of Halton want and why they didn't vote for us," Brown said.

## Apart 17 years

# Mutual Aid merges with Fire Prevention

Two local fire agencies, Halton Mutual Aid Association and Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, have decided to merge and work together again after a mutual separation of 17 years.

The Mutual Aid Association was founded in 1951 when the eight fire departments in Halton decided to establish a co-operative program of mutual firefighting assistance. Training, firefighting methods and equipment were standardized so the firefighters from each department could move in and lend assistance if a serious fire. The mutual aid system has always been under the supervision of a coordinator Fire Chief J. D. Wilson of Oakville, with Chief A. E. Clement of Milton as Deputy Co-ordinator. The men of the various fire brigades have kept abreast of firefighting developments and exchanged knowledge with each other through regular meetings, usually one evening a month.

In 1957 the Mutual Aid decided to step up its fire prevention program and a separate bureau was formed to concentrate on promotion of fire prevention across Halton. The Halton Fire Prevention Bureau has operated independently ever since, and has enjoyed success with its annual Grade 5 fire prevention poster contest, inspection programs, spring clean-up and Christmas fire safety programs. The Bureau has also benefited from group buying of literature and joint ownership or rental of films, and has engaged a part-time public relations officer to help get its fire prevention messages to the people of Halton.

Fewer brigades Membership of both agencies has comprised firefighters from the Halton fire departments (which have since been reduced from eight to four through amalga-

mations of Oakville-Trafalgar-Bronte, Acton-Georgetown and Burlington-Nelson). Over the years many of the same fire department personnel have been active in both mutual aid and fire prevention groups, and sometimes the programs overlapped.

This duplication of efforts, combined with a declining attendance in both organizations, prompted the groups to consider merging and pooling their efforts.

Now the group has a new name, too. "Halton Region Fire Services Association" has been approved as a more suitable name. Association members expect to continue both programs—fire fighting training and fire prevention—as they have in the past.

Daytime meetings will also be introduced for the fire chiefs, fire prevention inspectors, full time firefighters, on a regular monthly basis. These daytime meetings will also be open to any part time firefighters who are able to attend. The association will hold at least five evening meetings a year

for the benefit of the large number of voluntary (part time) firefighters. Each fire department (Burlington, Oakville, Halton Hills and Milton) will host the evening meetings on a rotating basis.

The organization is funded by a \$1,200 grant from Halton Region Council. The bulk of this money will go into fire prevention programs and literature as the mutual aid division is mainly an information-sharing program.

Lt. Jim Coulson of Milton has been named chairman of the fire prevention committee, with Inspector Peter Campbell of Oakville as treasurer and Roy Downs of Milton as secretary.

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HOLIDAYING AT HORNBLY, one big and two small pachyderms named Sheba, Dina and Shaunci took a week's rest from the circus with their owners and did some sunning at Les King's farm.

## In sunny Hornby

### Elephant trio holidays

We don't usually think of Hornby as a vacation spot but if you're an elephant who's been all over North America by truck and trailer in the last year, it's quite a treat to get out in a field and munch your hay.

Remo and Irene Cristiani and their three elephantine friends Sheba, Dina and Shaunci, have been travelling with the Garden Brothers Circus for the last three years. Last week was a holiday. Remo and Irene

came to visit Les King's farm at Hornby and parked their elephants behind the barn. They became the centre of some attention since people driving through Hornby don't generally expect to see elephants.

You feed an elephant much as you would a horse, Irene said, lots of hay and grain. Sheba is 19 and daughters Dina and Shaunci, who are four, came over from India with her three years ago. At the end of September they will be making a return visit

to this area to attend the international plowing match. When we went to see Sheba, Dina and Shaunci, we were advised not to disturb them. They'd had quite a bit of company in the last few days and wanted to enjoy their sunning in peace.

### Lorne Scots Target practice

Participants in the Lorne Scots summer Militia program are getting in plenty of weapons training these days at the firing ranges at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The youths have been training with a variety of weapons and going through dry run attacks. Firing on the ranges has been done with the F1, C1 and C2, the official automatic rifle of N.A.T.O.

Valuable marksmanship practice has also been done with the Sub-Machine Gun, Bren Gun, and the Browning nine millimetre pistol. They are firing at four foot bullseye targets and man size targets from distances of 100, 200 and 300 yards.

Before hitting the ranges the Militiamen undertook extensive weapons safety training. They received lectures on the capabilities, history and development, and the practical use of each type

of firearm. They were also instructed in the care and feeding of their weapons, namely how to clean it and load it. How to hold each weapon, various firing positions, and the method involved in squeezing off a shot were dealt with in depth.

In fact, before they were allowed to go to the ranges each man could strip his weapons with his eyes closed.

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