

# Tories honor Snow at \$50 plate dinner



THREE I'VE GOT, GIVE ME a four, says auctioneer Brian Hill at the Meadowview auction centre in Rockwood. Sales are held every Friday evening at the barn on Station St. The business which began two years ago has mushroomed to

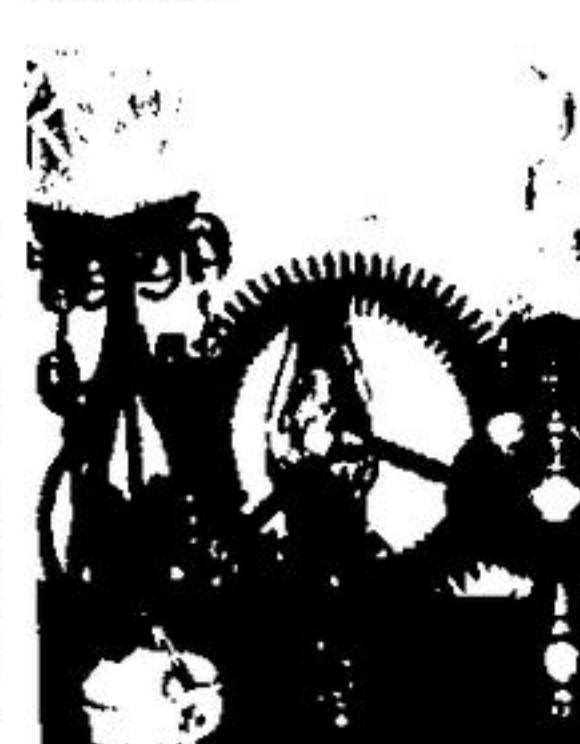
widely-known proportions. Brian is seen taking bids on some of the household items at a recent sale. The vintage hanging lamp was purchased quickly.

## Meadowview auction sales are popular at Rockwood

Okay now, give me a couple-a-dollars on it, two's a bid, gimme-a-three, three I've got, four, anybody got four, four I've got," says the auctioneer. The price climbs up and up until a wave of his hand signifies the sale has been completed and another item is held high for viewing, challenging the audience to start in all over again.

This is the way the story goes every Friday night at the Meadowview auction barn in Rockwood, located on Station St. in the former Rockwood Rockery building. Hundreds of items change hands under the able tactics of auctioneer Brian Hill of Guelph. "Everything goes" is part of his jumbled lingo and the audience watches or participates in the fun-game as everything from hydro insulators and colored bottles to antique brass beds and washstands, is sold for transportation to new homes.

centre only antique items are sold on a day-long, once-a-month basis. Rockwood sales are held every Friday evening from 7:30 p.m. on, until all items have been called. The partners started in two years ago after re-naming the sales barn Meadowview Auction Sales. They have been conducting the gradually-increasing business under that name ever since.



SALES of antique and household items attract many buyers to the Meadowview sales barn.

Popular Today, more and more people are scoring their calendar, making the Friday night sessions an important item on their weekly agendas. Customers attend from Windsor, Chatham, Dundalk, Mississauga and Toronto. Local people come in from Acton, Brampton, Guelph and Eramosa. Both Mr. Johnston and Mr. Hill work hard at the game of buying and selling merchandise. They cover miles of territory each week in an effort to pick up items of interest to keep their sales continuous. Quebec, England, Toronto, Hamilton, Collingwood and Barrie, as well as more local districts, come under their scope of purchase. "Mostly people call us," says Mr. Johnston. He

explains that most items come from estates, on consignment, from dealers, from people wanting to sell items or from people moving to other areas.

Consignment The auction buyer wants people to know that consignment purchasing is an important part of their selling at the Meadowview barn. He says the centre is open every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening for individuals who have items to sell. He explains this is really the bulk of the centre's sales and that it offers an opportunity for people who are clearing out attics or cellars to enjoy a turnover on unused items.

Mr. Johnston says that many customers can't believe that the interest in antiques can continue. "But we keep on selling them," he says and points out that many young couples are collectors nowadays, purchasing old pieces and restoring them at home.

The majority of buyers purchase useables, "not just as conversation pieces," he says. Once in a while a customer makes a purchase at an exorbitant cost just to store it away for ownership reasons. "Mostly, though, people buy old things because they like them. They are our repeat customers."

Milton Chansonettes supplied sweetness and light, Jim Snow and his wife Barb were gracious hosts. Transportation Minister John Rhodes supplied dialect jokes and Premier Bill Davis supplied the punch for the Halton East Conservative fundraising dinner Friday at the Galaxy Club, Oakville.

The \$50 a plate dinner attracted 600 hard core Tories who seized the opportunity to roar approval for positive aspects of the Government's record which Premier Davis enumerated as he capped the evening with a brief but hard driving speech aimed at downgrading the role of the press. Davis' dart was aimed particularly at the Toronto Globe and Mail which find some of his policies distasteful. He urged the party workers to get out and work for the upcoming election.

Davis did not elaborate on when the election would take place but the betting among those who attended, was the Mr. Davis "soon" meant the Fall. Others thought it might come sooner, even in June. It was a Tory blue evening with large posters of the premier gracing walls and swinging from the ceiling of the Galaxy Club, home base ironically for the United Automobile Workers.

Jim Snow and his wife Barb were presented with a painting "Signs of Spring" by a local artist in testimonial for his work in the riding of Halton East. Then the audience heard the Minister of Government Services suggest he still was not telling which riding he would run in during the upcoming election. Redistribution is breaking Halton into three ridings from the original two. Mr. Snow lives at Hornby but much of his business dealings are in Oakville.

Speaking to the enthusiastic Tories, Snow recalled it was eight years ago he was campaigning for the new riding of Halton East and he managed to scrape in with a 164 vote margin. In March 1971, he was invited to join the Cabinet under Premier Bill Davis. He voiced his deep regret that he could not seek re-election with all his constituents but

emphasized he was again going to seek re-election. "But I won't say which one."

Political press pundits speculated it would be the southern end but people from the north speculated it could be the north.

Which ever riding Snow chooses for his domain it is obvious the challengers are going to have their hands full with the popular Snow. Support at the \$50 a plate affair was not all Cadillacs and Mercedes. Toyotas Pintos and Vegas were sprinkled through the Galaxy Club's parking lot with Olds, Buicks and Chryslers that usually mark Tory gatherings.

Late arrival A late arrival by the premier delayed Mr. Davis' speech but he came out swinging, admitting the political climate was not as favorable as it was four years ago. He sensed a degree of cynicism exists and people were inclined to always look on the worst of any decision, an attitude he thought may have originated in the United States and infected those north of the border.

He said the present Government could have carried on in a non-controversial way but chose instead to step out into new frontiers where "difficult things were done — and maybe even wrong."

"Maybe we made mistakes but we also did some good things," Davis told the Tories, urging them to take a more aggressive stance in their own riding, defending Government policies. "I can live with the Globe and Mail editorials—they decide elections," Davis said "but the people who vote do."

He recalled the Conservatives had been in power at Queen's Park for 32 years and there would be people voting at the next election who have never known any other government. He ticked off what he considered accomplishments of the Government, suggesting Ontario was (1) the most progressive province in Canada

(2) had a wonderful educational system, (controversial maybe but he asked where else "my five kids could get a better education?") (3) best health services in the country and (4) major improvements in environment and planning.

Mr. Davis said because the Government took the second route it indicated it had the intestinal fortitude to look to the future despite the problems.

"We've never solved all the problems of regional government," he continued but insisted the next election was not going to be decided on that. "There are other more important issues," he told the cheering Tories.

He urged them to look at the Official Opposition and suggested Bob Nixon was no more attractive to the electorate now than he was at the last election.

Davis concluded his remarks with a tribute to Jim Snow's "hard work and commitment" and urged Conservatives in the riding to get out and support him and "See the Progressive Conservatives continue to administer the affairs of the Province."

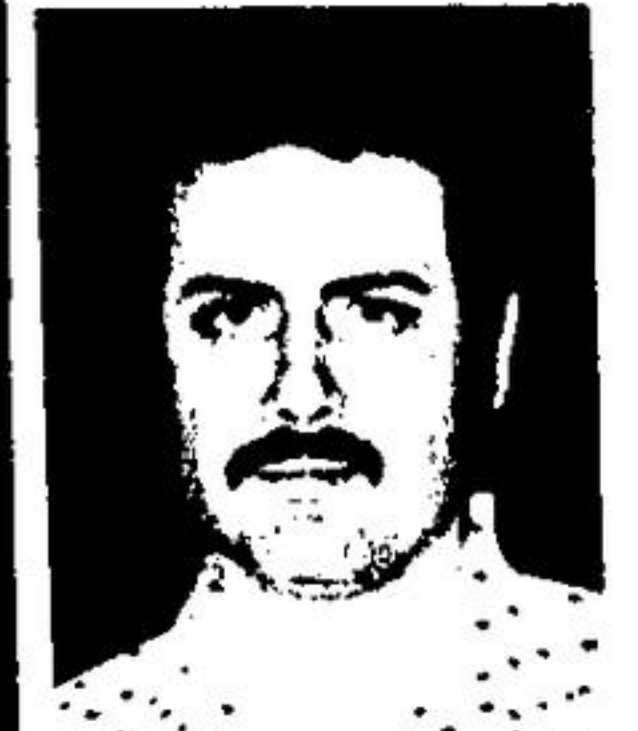
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**Festival**  
The annual Elmira maple syrup festival will be held Saturday, April 5. Pancakes and maple syrup, sugar bush tours, a farmers' market and handicraft sales will be part of the celebrations. Elmira is located 12 miles north of Waterloo on Hwy. 85.



PREMIER BILL DAVIS and the Hon. Jim Snow were the stars of Friday's \$50 a plate fund raising dinner for Jim and Barbara Snow. Greeting the premier at the door of Oakville's Galaxy Club were 600 Tories out to have a good time and take a few digs at the opposition.

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## Ottawa Report

by Dr. Frank Philbrook — Halton MP

My wife Midge and I enjoyed a delightful evening in Erin on Saturday, March 1st when we attended a dance in the Legion Hall. About a hundred and twenty-five people were there and I had a chance to talk with most of them about general matters related to politics and government.

Earlier in the day I accompanied a group of Halton Hills businessmen into Toronto to meet with the Honorable Barney Danson, Minister of Urban Affairs and Housing. These constituency business people have some innovative ideas on housing which may prove to be quite beneficial to the housing industry. The Minister was quite impressed with the presentation offered by our Halton business people and I hope to see some of our products in use in the not too distant future.

That same Saturday morning I was in Toronto attending a course for Members of Parliament on constituency affairs. The purpose of the course was to help people like myself make better use of the riding constituency office. We discussed unemployment insurance, pensions, small business legislation and the food prices review board, among other subjects.

More and more people are making use of the constituency office to pick up brochures and other information. It is located at 321 Lakeshore Road East in Oakville and the telephone number is 844-4146 or 768-9110.

There is a surprisingly large number of French-speaking people in our riding, particularly in the Georgetown area of Halton Hills and, to a lesser degree, in Oakville. I am continuing to take French classes and am encouraged by the number of French-speaking people in the riding who use French when they come to see me or write to me at the House of Commons in Ottawa.

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## I'm a pop astrologer.

BY ALLEN SPRAGGETT

Some people collect African tribal masks, raise alligators for pets, or become chess champion of the block; well, I cast horoscopes. It's more fun and it tells you a lot more about people.

I don't profess to delve into the profundities of astrology on CFRB, but aim to inform, amuse, and if possible occasionally amaze my listeners. (Sometimes I even amaze myself by making an accurate prediction!)

But there's a more or less serious purpose behind what I do. You see, I happen to think that astrology is true.

By "true" I mean that scientific investigation provides growing support for astrology's claim that our lives are governed by cosmic cycles...that the real and often colourful differences in people's personalities are not merely accidental.

The facts?

Well, the great psychiatrist, Dr. Carl Jung, found astrology so accurate in judging people that he often had horoscopes cast for his patients. French psychologist, Michel Gauquelin, found that even people's occupations are statistically related to the hour of birth.

Dr. Robert Becker, a New York biophysicist, discovered that admissions to psychiatric hospitals are correlated with both moon phases and bursts of sunspot activity. And a three-year study by Dr. Leonard Ravitz at the University of Pennsylvania revealed that crimes of violence were significantly more frequent at the time of the full moon.

A Czech gynecologist, Dr. Eguen Jonas, uses astrology as a method of birth control since his discovery that a woman's fertility cycle coincides with the three-day period each month when the sun and moon are in the same relative positions as at the hour of her birth.

These bits of data are but a small part of the evidence for astrology which continues to come from many branches of science.

Mind you, astrology itself is not a science. Not yet. But I think it's fair to call it an ancient wisdom evolving toward a modern science.

The credo of astrology—a sublime one, really, which recognizes man's oneness with the universe—was summed up by D. H. Lawrence:

"The cosmos is a vast living body of which we are parts. The sun is a great heart whose tremors run through our smallest veins. The moon is a great nerve-centre from which we quiver forever."

Personally yours,  
Allen Spraggett

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