



SAM TENNANT, foreground of the Acton volunteer firefighters takes a rest on his broom during a grass fire on Sunday evening. The fire was at the farm of Ed Halliday, Fifth Line of Nassagaweya. Bob Price also helped sweep out the flames.

"Real busy year" for Halton-Burlington riding

Frank Allen predicted a "real busy year" as he was elected the first president of the new provincial Liberal riding of Halton-Burlington. The founding meeting of the North Halton riding as held in Milton. The riding encompasses Halton Hills, Milton and northern Burlington.

Mr. Allen, former executive vice-president of the now defunct Halton East Liberal Association, has on his executive Alice Walker, executive vice-president (she was for-

mer Halton East vice-president); Dolly Moulden and Jeanne Servos, vice-presidents; Grant Casey, treasurer and Paul DesRues, secretary.

The entire executive resides in Halton Hills. In order to ensure equal representation on the executive there will be four Burlington residents and four Milton residents appointed as chairmen of various committees.

The formation of a new riding is a result of redistribu-

tion within the Region of Halton. The former Halton East and Halton West ridings are replaced by Burlington South, Oakville and Halton-Burlington.

No Liberal candidates have been announced as yet to represent the new riding in the next election. The decision as to whether the riding will become part of the Hamilton or Toronto District was also left undecided at the founding meeting.

Accepting his nomination to the presidency, Mr. Allen said, "I don't think Davis will call an election for June, if he did the Liberals would be a shoo-in. We're in for a fight. Davis has a lot more fences to mend, his name is tarnished and he's getting a lot of bad press. We'd better start gearing up for an October 16 election."

He then added, "They may lose their senses and call it for June, so there's a lot of work ahead of us."

N.D.P. meet

Halton New Democratic Party members will hold elections of an executive for the new provincial ridings of Halton-Burlington and Oakville at a meeting on May 28 at the U.A.W. Hall, Milton.

N.D.P. officials from North Halton and Burlington met recently at the Scotch Block home of Archie Brown, N.D.P. candidate in the last federal election, to establish closer links and develop means of co-operation between the three new provincial ridings of South Burlington, Halton-Burlington and Oakville.

It is expected the N.D.P. will elect not only provincial riding executives but also a new Halton federal executive. In addition the members will choose a provincial council delegate and delegates from Halton for the N.D.P. leadership convention to be held this summer in Winnipeg.

Brown said the participants at the recent organizing meeting discussed ways of sharing campaign literature, signs and advertising between the three new provincial ridings during the forthcoming provincial election.

He predicted there could be as many as 700 members and party workers at the meeting

scheduled for later this month and indicated he will seek a position on the new executive for Halton-Burlington. Brown announced that contrary to rumor he will not be seeking the N.D.P. nomination in Halton-Burlington.

Promotion

The merchants' Circus of Values shop-at-home promotion ended last Saturday. It was considered very successful.

P.C. meeting

Fran Baines president riding

Fran Baines of Georgetown was elected president of the Progressive-Conservative Association of the new riding of Halton-Burlington, with 130 Conservatives jamming a room in the Mohawk Inn with a seating capacity for 80.

The new executive of three women and two men are Fran Baines, president, Mel Phelps, Milton 1st vice-president, Gail Malby, Acton, 2nd vice-president, Irene Saunders, Milton, secretary, and Eric Gudgeon, Burlington, treasurer.

Only one nomination was received for four out of the five positions, but there was a race for the 2nd vice-presidency.

Charles Mann, Burlington, and Gail Malby, Acton, were nominated for the spot, and when ballots were tallied Mrs. Malby had won.

The Hon. Jim Snow said he and his wife Barbara had made a difficult decision when he opted for the new riding of Oakville. "It certainly wasn't because I didn't want to represent the wonderful people in the north, but 65 to 70 percent of my old riding is in the new Oakville one."

George Kerr M.P.P. said he hoped to be a candidate in Burlington South, and was

greeted with boos when he mentioned the new name of the northern riding—Halton-Burlington. "Well, what's in a name, both Jim (Snow) and I fought for the name of Halton," he commented. He said the southern riding association would help morally, physically and even monetarily. "We'll remind you of that,"

said a voice from the assembled Tories.

The new association approved the constitution drawn up by the steering committee, with the addition of an area director to be chosen from Esqueping, as well as Burlington, Nassagaweya, Acton, Milton and Georgetown, as had been proposed.

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South riding

At the founding meeting of the new Burlington South Progressive Conservative Association, Thursday night, Dave H. Coons was elected president.

Elected with him to the executive were Mrs. Audrey Ryckeman 1st vice-president, David Job 2nd vice-president, Ernest Lee secretary, Larry Smith treasurer, and Sue Serena membership secretary.

The four directors are Ron Orange, president of the Y.P.C., Gordon Richards, Cam Jackson and Jack McMillan.

Berry day

All senior citizens in Halton are being invited to a strawberry social at Black Creek Pioneer Village Tuesday afternoon, June 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Liberal leader blasts Halton region costs

Ontario Liberal leader Robert Nixon launched a stinging attack on the high costs of regional government and vowed a Liberal government would find ways of cutting costs.

Nixon charged local government costs in Halton had jumped a whopping 29 per cent during 1974 and the only thing which prevented staggering tax increases in

Halton last year were massive infusions of provincial government aid. He made the statements while speaking to a conference of the Organization of Small Urban Municipalities in Gravenhurst recently.

Nixon told the gathering of municipal officials that a Liberal government wouldn't allow the formation of any more regions and promised

his party would find ways of cutting regional costs if they win the next provincial election.

He said the province pumped \$7 million in aid into Halton which would have been better spent in more financially hard-pressed communities. Nixon claimed the money had to be given to Halton because of the provincial government's tampering.

Nixon informed the conference a Liberal government would undertake a mission overhaul of the tax structure by sharing income tax revenue with the municipalities.

Currently municipalities rely on provincial grants and property taxes to finance their operations but Nixon says this does not generate enough revenue for a municipality to be able to properly serve their ratepayers. His plan is for Queen's Park to unconditionally share income tax revenue with the municipalities.

Nixon said his plan would put the power over local projects back in the hands of councils and suggested it would make councilors more responsible for their spending.

He continued taxes would rise but instead existing revenues would be reallocated and the present provincial grant system replaced as much as possible by revenue sharing. Nixon added it would give the municipalities access to a greater pool of money which could be used for massive projects like housing.

Degree in Divinity

Das Sydney, pastor of Acton Baptist church, received his Master of Divinity degree from McMaster University Tuesday of last week. He previously had his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto.

His brother, Sam Sydney of Toronto, attended convocation. The Rev. Sydney's parents are in Nigeria.

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