

# 200 hear candidates



Meet the candidates . . . and the moderator

THE CANDIDATES met the people at the Meet the Candidates night in the Robert Little school auditorium last Thursday evening. The program was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and drew a large, genial audience of just under 200. Left to right veteran moderator Paul

Nielsen, PC candidate Gary Dawkins, NDP candidate Bill Johnson and Liberal candidate Julian Reed. Questions came thick and fast during the two hours, with regional government the first subject of the evening.

An attentive, genial crowd of over 200 listened to the three provincial candidates and produced a steady stream of questions which kept last Thursday's two-hour meet the candidates night lively. Regional government, rent controls, housing, inflation and education were main topics in the evening's questions from the floor.

Moderator Paul Nielsen fielded the questions to the three candidates on the Robert Little platform Thursday.

The program was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and was the second of seven meet the candidate sessions for the three men.

Gary Dawkins with the PC banner, Bill Johnson as the NDP hopeful and Julian Reed with the Liberal hopes all received their share of questions and applause during the quick-paced program.

Would Nison repeal regional government? This was the first question of the evening, and it produced more questions on the same touchy subject.

Not necessarily, Reed said. The Liberal government would favor redistribution of power to the municipalities. It's up to you how to decide to do it. There are areas that municipalities can handle more easily and cheaply.

What about a plebiscite? Dawkins said we have to

Is today's system of education right or wrong?

Reed: Experimentation in discipline and relaxing of standards results in students graduating who are not fully literate. Standards of achievement should be imposed. Universities have courses in remedial reading. Where are we headed? We had a good educational system and it can be good again.

Johnson: I don't think there's anything wrong with the system, but the administration is wrong. We have to get back to local input on the school board. Universities lowered their standards.

Dawkins: The history of education shows that the system entered to the elite. There came an outcry that grade 13 exams were "inhuman and unfair" . . . now there are more opportunities and far more students in school . . . some standards did slip . . . now there are compulsory guidelines, basic skills must be stressed . . . my schools have reflected discipline. Education is a scapegoat. Let's not deny opportunities to people who never had them before (to applause).

Tax money for private schools?

Johnson: We can't afford individual schools; French schools have traditional rights under the BNA act. Reed: The public school system should take into account differences in people and attitudes. A way must be found provided schools are adhering to standards.

Dawkins: agrees with the public school system but we can't fragment it. You have to be practical.

Gas tax freeze?

Dawkins pointed out other provinces are doing the same. Johnson said the energy board should examine the books of the oil companies.

Reed: For Ontario to foot around with the price freezing is folly. We must have a national energy policy.

Preservation of farm land? Housing is given priority, yet poor agricultural land is not used for housing?

Dawkins: We must try to guarantee a sufficient income for farmers so they'll continue on their land. We have not gone far enough. He mentioned succession duty, gifts

to relatives, grants to improve food processing, farm tax reduction, credit program for young farmers, income stabilization plan.

The number of commercial farms has increased. "The government is doing something."

Johnson: NDP research shows agricultural land disappearing at the rate of 28 acres per hour.

Inflation? Reed spoke of carrying charges on a deficit budget and world inflation. The provincial deficit is double the federal deficit.

Johnson pointed out there is affordable housing in B.C. and Manitoba.

Dawkins: figures in themselves mean nothing; owing must be compared to income. Ontario has a triple A rating from New York investors; the province could retire its debt in six and a half months; Ontario is cutting back on the civil service while Ottawa increases; Ontario housing costs are up 4.3 percent, lower than Canada's B.C.'s or Manitoba.

Rent controls? Johnson is committed to

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Roseanne Brown

Sentence Sept. 19

## Pleads guilty to manslaughter

Sentence will be passed Friday, Sept. 19 in the case of Roseanne Brown, who was arrested in Acton following the shooting death of her husband Cons. Paul Brown last November. She pleaded guilty in Supreme Court in Milton to a charge of manslaughter Tuesday of last week.

She was released from custody until sentence is passed by Mr. Justice Thomas Callon.

She was charged with non-capital murder in the death of her husband at their home on Jeffrey Ave. He was a member of the Acton detachment of the O.P.P.

Disputes In court last week Inspector Eldon Bell of Toronto O.P.P. criminal investigations branch told the court about the murder, as Mrs. Brown occasionally wept.

Inspector Bell said marital disputes preceded the shooting on Nov. 10, 1974. He described various arguments and said the couple twice decided to break up their marriage.

Two psychiatrists testified Mrs. Brown did not know what she was doing at the

time of the shooting. They agreed she was fit to stand trial and said there were no signs of mental illness.

State of mind Mike Wadsworth, defence counsel, said the crime was committed when his client was in an unusual if not rare

state of mind not liable to occur again. He said she had had a severe psychological blow and asked the court to consider to what extent Paul Brown was the co-author of his own death.

Larry Owen, assistant crown attorney, said the seriousness of the offense would require a period of incarceration, but did not suggest the possible length of a jail term.

Mrs. Brown has been living with her daughter and her parents at Sault Ste. Marie.

No one laughing at joke Someone played a practical joke on September 5, but no one was laughing.

Acton Volunteer Firefighters rushed to the firehall at 1:50 Friday morning and were directed to a car fire at Crewson's Corners. When they got there, they realized it was a false alarm.

Fire chief Mick Holmes told this paper that 27 out of 30 firefighters came out to the call, and it angers him when people pull pranks like this. It is also costly.

He said it took four minutes from the time the alarm started to sound, until the truck was on the road.

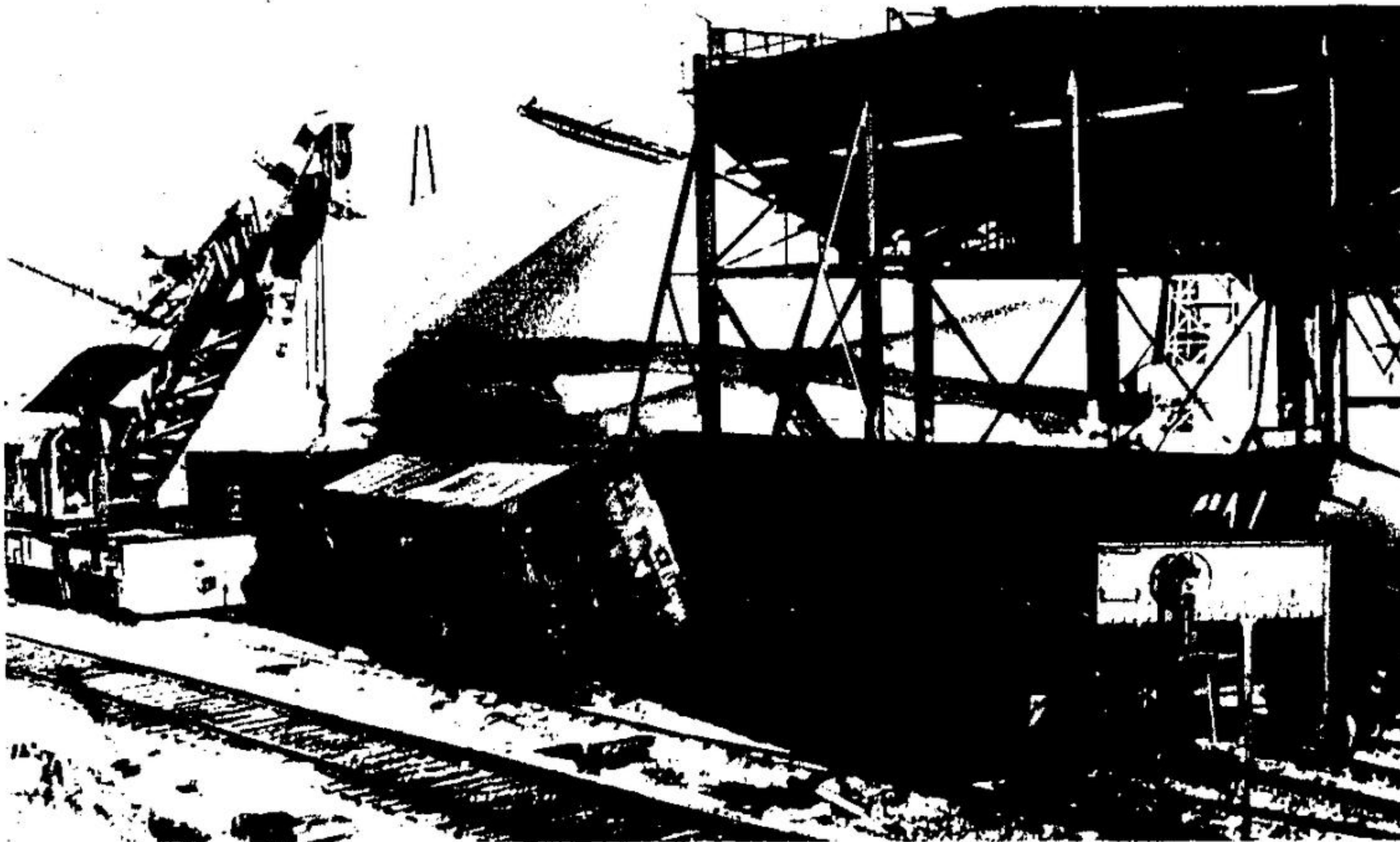
Doctor killed Dr. Norman McClintock of R.R. 2, Hillsburgh, was killed early yesterday (Tuesday) morning in a single car accident on 25 highway north of Hillsburgh.

The vehicle was south-bound on 25 when it went out of control and hit the east ditch gully and then a culvert. The vehicle overturned and hit another culvert. Damages estimated by investigating officers was at \$2,000.

Stolen car is found in north Ernie Marks has his car again. It was discovered in Matheson in Northern Ontario with no damage, after being taken from in front of his home on Mill St. Aug. 31. A man who had been visiting in town was charged in connection with the theft and brought back to Halton by Corp. Bob Arbour and Cons. Bob Willmott. He had a bail

hearing Monday and is in custody until Wednesday (today) when he appears in court. Archie Harkins, Mr. Marks' son-in-law, took the train to Matheson to drive the recovered car home again. Apparently the man was walking down the street when he decided to drive north—in Mr. Marks' car—to look for work.

TAKING A REST ALREADY. The first graders were hard at work at Robert Little School earlier this week. Five-year-old Lillian Hurlburt said she liked the first day last week and decided that she would like to return.



THE MAIN LINE OF THE CN was blocked from one o'clock Monday afternoon until 7 p.m. when six gravel cars were derailed at the Acton Indusmin plant, between Limehouse and Acton. The cars buckled when they were shunted into loaded

cars and spewed over the Indusmin siding and the main line of the CN. Equipment and men brought to the scene worked all Monday night to clean up the mess.

## Derailment blocks CN

The main CNR line through Halton Hills was blocked from 1:20 p.m. Monday afternoon till about 7 p.m. following a six-car derailment on Indusmin property just east of Acton.

Two huge CN cranes, men and equipment worked throughout the night by flood-

light to move the toppled cars off the tracks and to repair the rails.

The accident happened when an engine pulling 50 empty box cars made its regular weekly trip into the Indusmin yard. Waiting were 50 cars filled with gravel, ready to be hauled out.

Derailed The incoming train struck the filled cars and six empty cars were derailed.

There was extensive damage to the loading bins at Indusmin as well as to the cars and rails. There were no injuries. Indusmin is unable to ship

by rail now until the loading bins are repaired. Supporting pillars are crumpled and the bins cannot be filled.

By truck Indusmin spokesman Len Draper, the purchasing agent, said repairs to the bins should be finished about the

first of next week. Meanwhile they are continuing to ship out orders by truck, filling them with front end loaders.

Indusmin regularly ships 50 train cars of gravel a week from the site.

There was a derailment at the fourth line last year.

## Upgrade intersection Highway 7 plan

The bottleneck at the junction of Highways 7 and 25, in Acton, will be improved but not eliminated if plans to widen and straighten Highway 7 from Acton to Guelph are implemented.

Halton Hills engineer Bob Austin said two little strips of land will have to be acquired by the town. A three to four wide strip, 100 to 150 feet long on both sides of the tracks will

be used in the widening of the Y shaped intersection.

Accident-prone Edward Stevenson of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications told Halton Hills council Tuesday night the area between Rockwood and Acton was more accident prone than the portion for from Rockwood to Guelph, due to a narrow stretch and long straight areas with sudden turns.

He said the speed limit would be 60 miles an hour all the way upon completion, the roadway would be widened to a 24 foot paved portion and eight foot shoulders, and turning lanes added at some intersections.

Raise road Part of the 15 mile project will include raising Highway 25 at the junction of Highway 7 an additional four feet to allow better vision for drivers turning on the Highway 7 from 25.

Mr. Stevenson said the highway would be levelled eliminating some of the hollows and curves at Crewson's Corners, and on both sides of Rockwood.

Councillor Joe Hurst asked if there was any chance of acquiring more land around the Highway 25 and 7 intersection so the railroad crossing could be moved west.

Ideas The Ministry representative said a variety of ideas had been investigated including a grade separation, but it was uneconomical. He said the traffic volume did not warrant the expense. He

pointed out the radius on the inside of the "Y" would be widened, so motorists could start a turn sooner. He said curbs and sidewalks would be constructed on one side of the tracks but not beyond. He said there would be no islands constructed.

In answer to a question from Councillor Harry Levy Mr. Stevenson said the present bicycle paths or provide private rights of way.

He said the Ministry was prepared to subsidize traffic studies of which bicycle paths may be a part.

Councillor Hurst predicted a through road for trucks may be possible in the future, and asked councillors to make any recommendations they had in mind at this time.

Mr. Stevenson said the final design has been started and forecast work starting in the spring, with completion date about a year later.

## Four way stop at Acton-Peel

Halton Hills council was split on the location of stop signs at Acton Boulevard and Peel Street, Acton.

The stop sign is on Acton Boulevard at present, and works committee suggested it be moved to Peel Street.

Councillor Joe Hurst contended it should be a four way stop. He claimed the traffic by the high school would simply speed up if the sign is moved to Peel Street. He said a hedge hinders the

view at the intersection and motorists are going through the existing stop sign.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said he understood the Regional Police felt the removal of the stop sign on Acton Boulevard would make matters worse.

Councillor Les Dudy said residents are afraid of increasing speed near the two schools, and stated he was prepared to back a four way stop.

Councillor Dick Howitt pointed out a four way stop wouldn't help if the problem was speeding, but would if it was a bad intersection.

Councillor Ric Morrow suggested a flashing stop sign with a red light above it might solve the problem.

Council referred the matter back to works committee for recommendations from the police and the engineer.

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