Halton-Burlington riding will send a Liberal MPP to Queen's Park, following an excitement-fil-led provincial election race Thurs-

The North Halton area, a Tory stronghold since the late Stan Hall first won the seat in the mid-1940s, went slightly Liberal as voters locally reflected a province-wide anti-PC "protest vote".

Julian Reed, the farmer-actor from Norval who got into politics because he felt Halton Board of Education was stepping on his rights by closing Norval's village school, was elected to represent the newly-created riding in the Ontario

FINAL COUNT

Julian Reed, Liberal . . . 10,998

William Johnson, NDP . . . 6,567

Attributes loss

to Ont. trend

Gary Dawkins, PC

Gary Dawkins went back to

his principal's desk at the M.

Z. Bennett school this week.

attributing his loss in

Thursday's election to the

"We may have under-

estimated some of the

issues," he thinks. "This area

had more than its share of

issues-especially regional

government, the Niagara

escarpment, the green belt

and the hydro corridor.

Perhaps we could have

He had the highest of praise

for his workers and the

organization of the campaign,

overcome these issues."

provincial trend.

. . . 10,535

"A lot of people were very surprised," he had to admit.

"But our personal campaign

was overridden by the

Next time?

a decision about that yet.

Next time? He hasn't made

But he definitely thinks the

Progressive Conservatives

will be successful in the next

election, which he calls for

the spring or fall of 1976.

provincial issues.

Legislature. For the first time in many years the area will send an opposition member to Queen's Park as William Davis heads up a minority government with the New Democratic Party expected as the official opposition.

Reed topped the polls with 10,998 votes, a mere 463 plurality over Progressive Conservative standard-bearer Gary Dawkins, an Acton public school principal who pol-led 10,535. Third man in the race was New Democrat William A. "Wicked Willie" Johnson of the northern Nassagaweya area, who collected 6,567 votes in the day-long battle of the ballots.

Approximately 72.1 percent of Halton's eligible voters— 28,100 out of the 38,971 registered to vote-went to the polls in drizzly, rainy weather. Halton's voter turnout was 10

percent higher than the provincial average, but down one percent from the 1971 provincial election.

Reed winner by 463 votes

Vote again soon? As voters across Ontario registered protest votes labelled as "anti-Davis" and "anti-government" by the thousands, former Tory strongholds crumbled and the Davis PCs lost 23 seats to Liberals and NDP, While the Liberals elected more members (36) than in recent past, the NDP made even bigger gains and will send 38 MPPs to Queen's Park, thereby forming the official opposi-tion. Premier Davis and his 51 elected members head up a minority government with an uncertain life-experts predict the voters may be going to the polls again, perhaps as early as next June. It is the

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A two year suspended Evidence at the trial had sentence was handed down to shown that Brown had openly Roseanne Marie Brown, 29, formerly of Acton, by Mr. his wife for her inadequacles Justice Thomas Callon in and had threatened that she Supreme Court in Milton would never see her three-

Mrs. Brown, originally charged with non-capital murder in the shooting death of her husband, Paul Brown, a member of the Acton GPP who was killed with his own service revolver last November 10, had pleaded guilty earlier this month to a reduced charge of manslaughter.

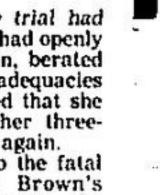
Testimony and a doctor's report had both indicated that Mrs. Brown was suffering from "a significant degree of diminished responsibility" at the time of the shooting. Mr. Justice Callon concurred with psychiatric evidence which showed that Mrs. Brown had Personally, he says he no intention of killing her found the campaign a unique husband.

and very positive experience. Summation He thinks he benefitted greatly himself from the intensity of the campaign weeks and the many contacts.

Evidence at the trial had dated other women, berated year-old daughter again.

shooting at the Brown's Jeffrey Avenue home, the couple had argued at a gathering in Milton. The dispute continued the next morning and while her husband was absent from daughter Mrs. Brown removed her husband's revolver from its holster. When another argument took place following his return,

Testimony had shown that the couple had twice decided to end the marriage but on both occasions Brown had persuaded his wife to re-



The day prior to the fatal their home to collect their Brown was fatally wounded.

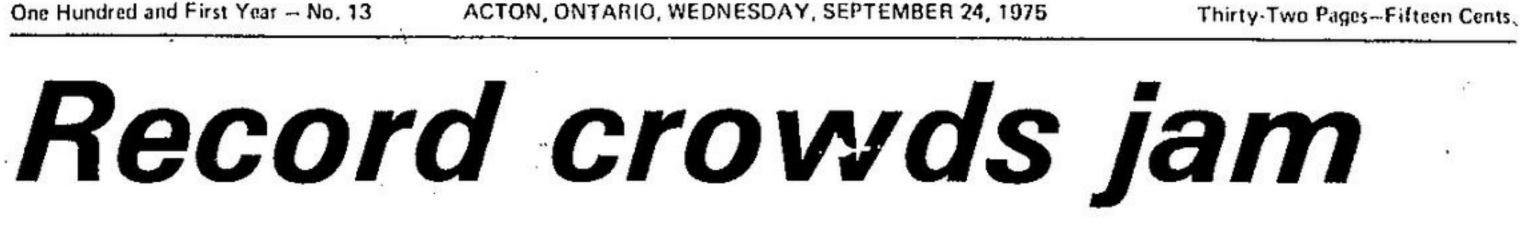
consider their decision.

The conditions of the suspended sentence are that Mrs. Brown will reside in the In his summation the judge Sault St. Marie area and said that he felt Mrs. Brown, report to the probation officer who was under severe there. She is also to undergo emotional pressure from her any psychological or psyhusband, was driven to the chiatric counselling



The fairest at the fair

WINNERS AT THE Miss Acton Fair contest held opening evening at the Community Centre were 1975 Miss Acton Fair Jill Pardy, first runner up Jennifer Rowe and second runner up Lorella De Pieri. Karen Hilfman, 1974 fair queen helped to emcee the ceremonies and officially handed over her crown and title.



Fair for three days

Crowds, attendance, receipts, exhibits, prize money—everything was "up" at this year's fall fair. Well satisfied, the fair board and secretary promise they'll be back next year. "Same place, same time.

Threats of rain disappeared to provide a traditionally fine fall day on Saturday as hundreds of people through the park. Sunday was cooler, but the extra time and space for the special events that day brought much satisfaction to exhibitors and participants both.

Miss Acton Fair, Jill Pardy, chosen during the well attended Friday night Kitchener manned the ticket program, reigned over the booths and parking areas. Offair in her crimson robes. ficials report excellent co-Tom Hill, mayor of Halton Hills, officially opened this year's edition.

15,000 attend

Paid attendance Friday evening was 1,665 adults and 541 children. Saturday there were 4,482 adults but hundreds of children-maybe 5,000 of them-came in free. Sunday's gate showed 1,438 adults paid and 600 children. Total could be as high as 15,000—a record.

Admission charge was up this year. Adults paid \$1.50, but most towns nearby now

charge \$2. Happiland Midway was the same as last year, with the addition of two more rides including a ferris wheel. Organizers were pleased with their setup. Arrangements for next year will be made

The midway operators had to bring in more prizes to meet the demand.

"It's one of the best class (fairs in Ontario," agricultural representative Henry Stanles declared Saturday during the eattle classes. And hundreds of spectators in all parts of the grounds agreed with

Co-ordinate

Keeping things co-ordinat-Russell Murray.

Wackenhurst Securities of operation with Halton Regional Police.

"All directors worked their heart and soul out," commented John Rowe, "plus a few other people!"

"It's surprising how much time it can take. ...and it's over so soon."

There will be a meeting as soon as next week to begin plans for next year.

Lady luck was at fair

Mrs. Mabel Frank, R.R.1, Acton, had a lucky day Saturday, when she won two of the prizes at the fair. Mrs. Frank won the ad-

vertisers' special in the fair book, which gives her a \$25 voucher good at any advertisers' store. She also won the third prize

in the fair board ladies' draw, a touster. Board draw

The fair board ladies' purple pansy quilt was won by Mrs. Marcia Wilkinson, Acton. She said it was her lucky day, too . the first draw ticket she had bought, and her birthday! Second prize, an electic

ed with walkie talkies were frypan, was won by Margaret fair board members John Spear, R.R.2, Hillsburgh, and Rowe, Jack Marshall, Bill fourth, a \$10 Eatons cer-Nelles, Brent Marshall and tificate, by Joan Nellis, Guelph.

Police alter midway game

One game was changed from a ring throw to a type where money is thrown on a

All games in the midway were checked by Halton Regional Police before the fair weekend rush arrived at the grounds.

Modifications were also made to other games at the suggestion of the police, to give the public a better chance of winning a major

Continuous checks were made throughout the course of the fair, according to Staff Sergt. Ward.

More cash

The Acton Free Press

Most classes of competition had been revised and changed this year, with the prize money much improved. Number of exhibitors in all classes was very pleasing to the organizers, although Saturday morning's threat of ram had kept some livestock

Some out-of-town exhibitors said they could hardly believe a town Acton's size could have such a good show New exhibitors were particularly welcomed to the fair; some of these were in the

homecrafts classes. Hall, arena full The ball, more attractively

arranged than ever before,

pickles, quilts, crafts, and group exhibits, brightened by the annual display of flowers arranged by Caroline Nurseries. The commercial space on the arena floor was sold out and exhibitors were very satisfied, says secretary-

was packed with laking.

About 60 percent of the exhibits were left in the hall for Sunday. A few changes were nude to fill up gaps.

treasurer John Rowe.

OPP ride

The track was widened, graded, rolled and harrowed especially for the OPP Golden Helmets ride and the beavy horse pull.

The ride drew a great

crowd to the sides of the

Voters interested in anal-

yzing the results of Thursday's election can do their own tabulations from the poliby-poll results published with

a map of the new riding in the centre spread of today's Real

Estate Marketplace section.

A hundred new poultry pens had been built and the show was one of the best. The building also has new sheeting outside.

at capacity, with no room for more entries. Young people in particular flocked to the catle show.

The cattle were completely

Sheep classes were well up,

There was a large field and implement exhibit.

Lions club section included the Carlsberg team and wagon, a refreshment truck and the popular refreshment tent. The Saturday night dance was attended by 700 and was

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Acton record best

Crackdown on town tax arrears

Halton Hills Council is taking positive action to collect tax arrears, with which penalties and interest totalled \$370,852 at the end of August. The arrears apply not only to the town of Halton Hills, but also to the three former municipalities of Acton, Esquesing and Georgetown

Seven arrests

Saturday night Halton Regional police learned there 'might be trouble brewing' between local youths and carnival employees at the fair grounds. Officers called in assistance from other precincts and quelled the

All was quiet until the dance ended at the arena, when there was more pushing and shoving. Officers asked the crowd to disperse and leave the arena Several refused and the police took million dollars at the end of action, making seven arrests 1974, because of the lateness for violations of the Liquor in striking the budget that Control Act.

They charged three Acton mentary tax lists did not go men, two Georgetown men. one Erin district man and one Acton district man.

Reinforcements from Milton and Georgetown were catted to town.

Treasurer Harry Henderson said at Monday night's finance and personnel committee meeting that in addition to tax arrears notices issued in March, personal letlers have been sent to taxpayers with taxes in arrears for three years or more and those owning vacant properties with tax arrears one year or more The letters request payment or arrangements for payment Taxpayers who fail to respond to the letters will be subject to Warrants to Distraint for taxes.

All property owners will receive tax arrears notices, as prepared by a computer, commencing September 30, and each month thereafter,

Henderson's measures are a result of a question raised by Councillor Harry Levy at a previous meeting asking why the town had \$500,000 outstanding in tax arrears at the end of 1974. That figure has since been reduced to

By way of explanation the treasurer pointed out that the figure was as high as half a year and also because supple-

out until November. Of the \$500,541 outstanding for the current year at the end of December 1974, \$109,779 represented supplementary taxes for which bills had not

been issued until early December. These payments were not actually due until January and February of 1975, Henderson explained.

He also reminded members of the committee that in rural areas like former Esquesing township, many farmers were accustomed to paying the first 50 percent of their taxes, but withholding the second half until they had received their provincial

government rebates. In Esquesing, Henderson said, 15 percent of the total levy was still outstanding in the best year. The township had as much as 32 percent outstanding at one time. In Acton, by contrast, where six instalments were used to pay taxes in recent years, the town collected 9612 percent of

its levy in 1973. Of the three former municipalities. Acton showed the best record by far for collecting taxes in arrears.

Taxpayers who have arrears may not pay current taxes until the arrears are cleared up. By law, the municipality may put up for sale property which has more than three years tax arrears

A break and entry was reported from the Robert Little school Monday. A window was broken and 19 flags were missing. Mustard was splattered in the home ec

room.