

# Reed winner by 463 votes

Halton-Burlington riding will send a Liberal MPP to Queen's Park, following an excitement-filled provincial election race Thursday.

The North Halton area, a Tory stronghold since the late 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

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 polled 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.

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 opposition. 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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## FINAL COUNT

Julian Reed, Liberal . . . 10,998  
Gary Dawkins, PC . . . 10,535  
William Johnson, NDP . . . 6,567

## Attributes loss to Ont. trend

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 provincial trend.

"We may have underestimated 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 overcome these issues."

He had the highest of praise for his workers and the organization of the campaign, and felt it was because of this that the result in Halton-Burlington was so close.

"A lot of people were very surprised," he had to admit. "But our personal campaign was overridden by the provincial issues."

Next time? He hasn't made a decision about that yet. But he definitely thinks the Progressive Conservatives will be successful in the next election, which he calls for the spring or fall of 1976.

Personally, he says he found the campaign a unique and very positive experience. He thinks he benefitted greatly himself from the intensity of the campaign weeks and the many contacts. He took last Friday off, and is back at work at M. Z. Bennett now.

## Sentence is suspended

A two year suspended sentence was handed down to Roseanne Marie Brown, 29, formerly of Acton, by Mr. Justice Thomas Callon in Supreme Court in Milton Friday.

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 no intention of killing her husband.

In his summation the judge said that he felt Mrs. Brown, who was under severe emotional pressure from her husband, was driven to the act as a result of threats to her security.

Evidence at the trial had shown that Brown had openly dated other women, berated his wife for her inadequacies and had threatened that she would never see her three-year-old daughter again.

The day prior to the fatal 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 their home to collect their daughter Mrs. Brown removed her husband's revolver from its holster. When another argument took place following his return, Brown was fatally wounded. Testimony had shown that the couple had twice decided to end the marriage but on both occasions Brown had persuaded his wife to reconsider their decision.

The conditions of the suspended sentence are that Mrs. Brown will reside in the Sault St. Marie area and report to the probation officer there. She is also to undergo any psychological or psychiatric counselling recommended by her probation officer.



Voters interested in analyzing the results of Thursday's election can do their own tabulations from the poll-by-poll results published with a map of the new riding in the centre spread of today's Real Estate Marketplace section.

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## Record crowds jam 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 thronged 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 program, reignited over the fair in her crimson robes. Tom Hill, mayor of Halton Hills, officially opened this year's edition.

15,000 attend  
Paid attendance Friday evening was 1,665 adults and 54 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 soon.

The midway operators had to bring in more prizes to meet the demand.  
"It's one of the best class C fairs in Ontario," agricultural representative Henry Stanley declared Saturday during the cattle classes. And hundreds of spectators in all parts of the grounds agreed with him.

Co-ordinate  
Keeping things co-ordinated with walkie talkies were fair board members John Rowe, Jack Marshall, Bill Nelles, Brent Marshall and Russell Murray.

## Police alter midway game

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

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

Wackenhurst Securities of Kitchener manned the ticket booths and parking areas. Officials report excellent cooperation with Halton Regional Police.

"All directors worked their heart and soul out," commented John Howe, "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 advertisers' 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 toaster.

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 electric frypan, was won by Margaret Spear, R.R.2, Hillsburgh, and fourth, a \$10 Eatons certificate, by Joan Nelles, Guelph.

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

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

More cash  
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 rain had kept some livestock away.

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 hall, more attractively arranged than ever before,

was packed with baking, 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-treasurer John Rowe.

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

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

The ride drew a great

crowd to the sides of the track.

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

The cattle were completely at capacity, with no room for more entries. Young people in particular flocked to the cattle show.

Sheep classes were well up, too.

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

Seven arrests

Police alter midway game

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.

Treasurer Harry Henderson said at Monday night's finance and personnel committee meeting that in addition to tax arrears notices issued in March, personal letters 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, as well.

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 \$370,852.

By way of explanation the treasurer pointed out that the figure was as high as half a million dollars at the end of 1974, because of the lateness in striking the budget that year and also because supplementary tax lists did not go 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 96 1/2 percent of its levy in 1974.

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 on it.

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 room.



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.