

## O'Connor heads leadership bid

Terry O'Connor, Halton's Conservative MP from 1972 to 1974, has taken the next four months from his law practice to be campaign manager for Flora MacDonald. Miss MacDonald announced Oct. 8 that she is seeking the leadership of the Progressive Conservative party in the upcoming February leadership campaign.

O'Connor feels MacDonald's potentials and abilities can lead her right to the Prime Minister's chair. "Flora and myself were considered to be the red Tories in the caucus when I was there," he says. "We were close in thought and when I had to think in terms of who I might support in the leadership campaign I decided to support Flora. She asked me to be her campaign manager and I'm now starting full-time on that."

Tory organizer, lawyer Eddie Goodman, is taking charge of the fund-raising aspects of Flora's campaign. O'Connor explains, "Instead of just large corporations we are sending massive mailings to groups and individuals, as many as wish to participate in her campaign." One of the approaches is through a Five to Fifty For Flora mailing which began months ago.

The campaign is on the road next week with Flora appearing on open-line shows and press-related events in local media. During the month of November she will travel to every riding in the country, talking to delegates and soliciting their support. O'Connor worked as executive council and speech writer for Ontario Justice Minister Alan Lawrence before becoming MP in 1972.



TERRY O'CONNOR with Flora MacDonald when she spoke at the annual meeting of the Halton P.C.s. He began this month as her campaign manager when she threw her hat in the ring as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party. The leadership convention is expected to be held in February.

## 1,280 pupils attending district schools

End of September enrollment figures released Thursday by Halton Board of Education show there are 1,280 students attending Acton and area schools and a total enrollment increase of 94 pupils.

There are more students attending Robert Little School, M. Z. Bennett School and Acton High School this year but both rural schools in Limehouse and Speyside have experienced enrollment drops.

Acton High School enrollment went up by 20 students this year for a total of 652 pupils, while M. Z. Bennett School led the way for Acton schools with a 41 pupil in grades one to six increase. There are 591 students attending classes at M. Z. Bennett, Robert Little School has the highest elementary school enrollment with 660 and was only two students behind M. Z. Bennett in pupil enrollment increase for grades one to six. There are 25 fewer pupils

at Limehouse and Speyside schools in grades one to six.

Enrollment dropped 13 at Limehouse for a total of 186 students attending classes. Speyside School's enrollment dropped by 12 with 180 students in the school this year.

Board officials were surprised as their projection increase figures were wrong by eight to few students in grades one through six at M. Z. Bennett and misjudged Robert Little enrollment

when 15 more pupils showed up for classes in the same grades.

Projections indicated there wouldn't be any changes in enrollment at Speyside School and the board underestimated the attendance decline at Limehouse School by 10 from grades one to six. The board had expected 15 more students to attend classes at Acton High School than actually materialized.

Kindergarten enrollments are used by the board to

gauge the kind of growth a community's school system might encounter over a number of years. This helped the board plan for expansion of facilities.

Kindergarten enrollment at Acton schools went up very

little with only four more registrations at M. Z. Bennett than last year and 15 more this year at Robert Little.

Limehouse and Speyside schools both showed decreases in kindergarten enrollment with both schools experiencing a 14 pupil drop.

### Bodnar suggests

## Lock out teachers if others strike

Georgetown Halton Board of Education trustee Ernie Bodnar wants to be able to lock-out Halton teachers when their counterparts in other parts of Ontario go out on strike.

A motion from Bodnar calling for the province to change Bill 100 to allow all boards to lock-out teachers when other board's teachers go out on strike was accepted by Halton Board of Education Thursday. The board is going to petition the Minister of Education to make the change and will ask other boards for their support.

Bodnar said settlements at boards across the province were based on the contract gains won by teachers who went out on strike. He noted

this tactic of going out on strike, winning a huge wage boost, and then the precedent being used in negotiations at all boards has been successful and is supported by the various provincial parent bodies of the teachers' professional associations. Bodnar claims the success of this tactic of bargaining on the basis of what has been won by teachers who went out on strike means the tactic will likely continue.

His motion declared that teachers have set substantial future financial goals which threaten the economic foundation of the Ontario Education system and individual boards are powerless to fight the well-organized teacher organizations on a one to one

basis. Bodnar noted many trustees feel the teacher's wage gains are unjustified.

He said his suggestion would not destroy the autonomy of individual boards "but it will give us the chance to support other boards which are struck and break down this pattern in negotiations by using the lock-out procedure."

"I would describe this as biting the bullet. It is difficult but it must be done if we are to survive. Gains made at struck board's are being used as negotiating tools at all other boards," Bodnar stated.

### Nine portables in Acton

Almost half of the number of portable classrooms being used in North Halton are in Acton figures released by Halton Board of Education Thursday reveal.

There are 20 portables being used at schools in North Halton and nine of them are located in Acton.

Reflecting some crowding and need for more facilities there are four portables in use at Acton High School, three at M. Z. Bennett School and two at Robert Little School.

It is expected when the new Acton High School opens in 1977 the crowding problem will be solved.

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## Review time off for teacher heads

The whole subject of teachers' being given half time off so they can conduct federation business will be coming up for review next month it was announced Thursday by Halton Board of Education.

Reflecting a changed attitude on the part of some trustees since the last teacher contract was settled the board rejected a request from the Halton Elementary Teacher's Association (HETA) for half time off for its president. The board decided the time spent away from the classroom by the HETA president wouldn't be spent working in the school board's best interests and would be used to make the

teachers' position stronger come contract talk time.

The rejection of the HETA request touched off discussion by the board about the possibility of cancelling all half time off leaves for teachers conducting business for the various professional associations. Currently the president of the Halton Secondary School Teacher's Association (HSSTA) and a researcher who works for all the various teachers' federations in Halton are allowed half time off from their classes.

Wages for a teacher replacing a teacher who is on leave to handle business for a professional association is paid for by the teachers' association.

## Chairman should resign - Campbell

According to Evangelist and founder of Halton Renaissance Committee Ken Campbell, Judy Alexander should resign from her post as Chairman of the Halton Board of Education. Mr. Campbell made that charge during a speech he made in a Milton Church Sunday night.

According to Campbell, "If Mrs. Alexander is quoted correctly she should be asked to resign for a total abdication of her responsibilities to the people and a complete capitulation to the government of the public schools by the bureaucrats."

Campbell's statements and allegations were levelled after a group of parents protested the use of the book "Go Tell Alice" in a grade nine English class. He commented on a report in a Toronto newspaper that quoted the chairman as saying that under no circumstance would the board order a book off the shelves.

Campbell said the use of the book in the school system was part of the revolutionary strategy aimed at turning the children against the standards of decency and the traditional values of the home and church and society.

"Let these arrogant revolutionaries compete in a competitive educational market and they'd soon change their high-handed ways and begin to serve the interests of the home and society again, or they'd be out of work."

Campbell said he found it ironic that the schools which supposedly reflect the

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