

"Real" retirement for Fosburys now

A fond farewell was expressed to the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Fosbury at last Sunday's service at Churchill community church. Mr. Fosbury has been part-time minister here for six and a half years since his first retirement. He is a former United church minister at Acton and nine other charges.

Mrs. Ralph McKeown read a speech on behalf of the congregation; Geoff Denny presented a cheque and Ginger Denny presented flowers. On behalf of the Churchill Community Church Women, Mrs. Clifford Storey had a gift of a figurine for Mrs. Fosbury.

You have been our spiritual leader and sympathetic friend, Mrs. McKeown told Mr. Fosbury. She spoke of his patience, kindness, deep personal faith and sense of humor. She referred to his fine command of the English language. "We thank God we have been blessed with your ministry."

In Mrs. Fosbury you have a perfect helpmate, Mrs. McKeown continued, referring to her wit and happy laugh. Together they have brought hope and comfort to the sick and shut-ins.

Best wishes for a "real" retirement concluded her address, which she presented to the couple.

In his reply, Mr. Fosbury said he began his preaching career almost 50 years ago. In the 43 1/2 years he has had 10 charges. One time his family asked him why he spoke of "we" rather than "I" in his ministry. There were always other parties involved—his wife, the congregation and Our Eternal Father, he explained Sunday. He spoke of his loving family and expressed appreciation to the Churchill friends.

Ministers Mrs. Eleanor McFadden conducted the church service and preached the sermon. The church was filled.

The Rev. Bob Hyde, who was the first minister when Churchill became a community church told the children's story and said Grace before lunch.

Music played a special part in the impressive service. The church orchestra played beautifully. Erica Cornell sang a solo and the choir was well prepared with a special anthem.

The group of girls called God's Kids sang Day by Day and One Tin Soldier accompanied by Elizabeth and Mike Cooper.

After the church service and presentations, about 120 gathered happily in the church basement for a pot luck feast. Roasters full of scalloped potatoes, meat balls in pineapple sauce, crocks of beans, meats, steamy casseroles, salads, moulded jellies, home-made buns, huge cakes, elaborate

squares and trifles topped with whipped cream filled the tables. Outside rain poured down. Roads in all directions were sheets of ice.



ADDRESS TO the Rev. Walter Fosbury is read by Mrs. Eleanor McKeown Sunday morning. The congregation honored the Fosburys for their years of dedicated Christian leadership at Churchill



ALL CLERGYPERSONS at Churchill church—the Rev. Bob Hyde, Mrs. Eleanor McFadden and the Rev. James McFadden. Mr. Hyde was the first minister when the congregation formed a community church. The McFaddens follow the Rev. Walter Fosbury.

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Councillor Pat McKenzie reports

Interim tax bill
Although the Act permits the Town Council to collect up to fifty per cent of the previous year's taxes in the interim bill the Town of Halton only collected 30 mills across the municipality in 1974 and 1975. How did we arrive at 30 mills in 1974? The tax rate for that part of Oakville which joined Halton Hills had a tax rate of 60 mills in 1973 so we used 30 mills for all of the new town.

This year by majority vote the Town Council decided to collect fifty per cent of each part of the town in the Interim Tax bill for 1976. This resolution established the Interim Tax bill for 1976 as follows:

RESIDENTIAL	Interim Tax Rate
Ward 1 (Acton, 1975 tax rate 97.93 mills)	48 mills
Ward 11 (formerly Esquing, tax rate 74.12 mills)	37 mills
Ward 11 (formerly Oakville, 1975 tax rate 67.68 mills)	34 mills
Ward 111 & IV (Georgetown, 1975 tax rate 75.98 mills)	38 mills

Until we have equalized assessment we will always calculate our levy in four mill rates. We expect the new assessment for Halton Hills to be announced in 1976 for 1977 tax bills. Since Acton has a much higher mill rate it is difficult to see that our tax dollars are comparable. Below are the taxes on two average assessed homes in 1975. (At the present time a home assessed at \$7500 in Georgetown is assessed \$5984 in Acton).

General Services	Ward 1 (Acton)	Ward 3 or 4 (Georgetown)
Town of Halton Hills	\$187.12	\$187.13
Region of Halton	\$ 40.69	\$ 41.18
Education (Elementary) (Public or Separate)	\$157.14	\$156.45
Education (Secondary)	\$122.91	\$122.40

SPECIAL AREA CHARGES

Town of Halton Hills (for garbage, streetlighting, crossing guards)	\$26.55
Sewers	\$36.15
Total taxes in 1975	\$566.01

When you examine the above figures the only significant difference comes under the heading SEWERS. For a few years now the taxpayers in Acton have been paying for expansion at the sewage disposal plant while in Georgetown they have just let the contract for an expansion that will cost over four million dollars. When ward 111 and IV start paying for this debt for an enlarged disposal plant, which will allow for considerable growth in the urban area, their cost for sewers will increase.

It is important to remember that the INTERIM TAX bill, which you received last week, is for fifty per cent of your 1975 taxes. What will the tax rate be for 1976? We do not know at the present time. Until the Area Council of Halton Hills receives the levy from the Region of Halton and the Boards of Education we cannot finalize the tax rate for 1976. Since all wards had a small increase in assessment in 1975 we can absorb a small increase and use the same mill rate as last year. Where the Councillors of Halton Hills have control you can be assured that we will hold the line and live within the guidelines established to curb inflation.

Plan church service

A special interdenominational church service is arranged for this Sunday, February 22, in conjunction with the world-wide observance of Ten Days for World Development. Many countries are focussing their attention on the underdeveloped countries of the world during this week.

Programs are planned by the Acton Ministerial Association and the high school.

Dr. Frank Philbrook M. P. will be the guest speaker at the service in Knox Sunday evening. There will also be a film and a chance to discuss it afterward with Dr. Philbrook.

Everyone in the community has a special invitation from the committee to attend this service. Coffee and doughnuts are being served afterward. Members of the Ministerial Association arranged observances in their own churches last Sunday and in the coming week.

Sitting on the committee for Ten Days for World Development here are chairman Eldon Comfort, Grant Punccheon, Lorna Clark, Emilio Rodriguez, Bob Krul, Louise and Peter Papillon.

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Halton PCs split

By Bob Burt
By the time this weekend is over, Canadian Tories will have chosen one of 11 candidates to lead the Progressive Conservative Party in the next federal election.

But even now as convention activities swing into action in the nation's capital, even the bravest of pundits are not suggesting who the big winner might be. There are so many delegates still uncommitted that all the predictions are just educated guesses.

Generally speaking Claude Wagner, Robert Stanfield's 50-year-old Quebec lieutenant Brian Mulroney, a 36-year-old Montreal lawyer; Flora MacDonald, a veteran in Tory backrooms and Conservative MP and former Liberal cabinet minister Paul Hellyer are considered to have the best chance of running away with the crown.

May be surprised
But if Halton riding delegates provide any reflection of what the rest of the delegates are thinking, the pundits could be in for a whole of a surprise.

Halton riding is entitled to seven voting delegates but MPP Jim Snow and Ontario PC Party vice-president W. S. Thomson also receive delegate status because of their positions. Halton will send six alternate delegates to the convention as well.

A poll of nine candidates indicates that John Fraser, a 44-year-old British Columbia lawyer, is the only candidate with more than one committed vote among the Halton delegates.

Fran Baines of Georgetown, president of the Halton-Burlington PC riding association, has been committed to Fraser for more than a year now and has been spending most of her time during the last few months working on his behalf.

Fraser camp
W. S. Thomson, Bob Jones

and Louise Drowley of Oakville are all reported to be strong Fraser supporters. Mr. Thomson is serving as Fraser's convention chairman and Mr. Jones is working as his deputy campaign chairman. Miss Drowley was unavailable for comment but she is reported to be in the Fraser camp as well.

Former Halton MP Terry O'Connor has been working full time for the past four months as Flora MacDonald's campaign manager. Jim Snow, John Ham and Mel Thorne are all on the list of uncommitted voters. Mr. Thorne told this reporter he had narrowed the choice to two and would probably have made a decision prior to going to the convention. Mr. Ham and Mr. Snow won't make their decision until after they have seen all the candidates on one stage and have had an opportunity to get to know each one better.

Take it all
Mr. Thomson said he had no way of knowing what would happen on the convention floor, but said he'd like Fraser to take it all.

Mr. Thomson, a veteran of many conventions, said he had made it a habit not to necessarily support the person he had known the best or the longest.

"I think the best of the lot is Fraser. He's not as well known as I'd like him to be."

Mr. Thomson scoffed at the results of polls taken and said he felt Fraser was higher than any of the polls give him credit for.

And he rebuked political writers who have suggested the delegates will be manipulated into voting for Brian Mulroney.

Never in office
"There are four or five I could be quite happy with, but he's the one I will support. Whoever wins will have to unify the caucus behind them and they'll prefer one from

amongst themselves—not one who doesn't know what it is to stand and say give me your vote."

Mulroney has never held elected office. "He would have great difficulty unifying the party," Mr. Thomson suggested.

Asked about the possibility of the party splitting on differences between the left and right wing philosophies, Thomson suggested that aspect had been overplayed. "I don't see any real left wingers among those who are running. There is a difference between social justice and socialism."

Don't write him off
Mrs. Baines acknowledged Fraser had not attracted a lot of media attention but she said there was no way Fraser could be written off as easily—as some of the pundits and pollsters would have you believe.

"We've got good first ballot support . . . good solid support that will stick with us to the end, however long that might be."

"I think it will be decided right on the convention floor. A lot of people have developed a short list and eliminated certain candidates. We're on a good number of short lists. John isn't on anyone's hate list. A lot of delegates are just sitting and waiting."

Mel Thorne described the plight of the average delegate. "I've been to countless receptions and meetings. I've tried to get to as many as I could and still maintain some sanity in my life. You can't get to them all."

First one
Thorne is among the first time delegates and is looking

forward to it. He's uncommitted now but expects to work for one of two candidates when he gets to Ottawa. John Chamberlain is one of two youth delegates. Going into the convention he's leaning towards Paul Hellyer.

Hellyer's style, manner, economic and social policies have impressed Chamberlain. He too is heading into his first political leadership convention.

Gun show

There was a large attendance at another in the series of Gun Shows at the Legion on Sunday. Exhibitors set up displays.

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World Day of Prayer on March 5

Men, women and children of all faiths will be welcome at the World Day of Prayer service in Acton to be held on March 5 at 2 p.m. in St. Alban's Church.

"Education—For All of Life" is the theme for the World Day of Prayer this year. Although there are realities of division, oppression and injustice in the world today, the church must use knowledge and understanding to make life more human in the situations in which we live.

In Canada, the World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the Inter-Church Council which has its headquarters in Toronto and is composed of representatives from ten Christian denominations, the YWCA, the John Milton Society for the Blind and the Armed Forces Chapel Guilds. Offerings from the World Day of Prayer are used to support ecumenical programs that meet human need, both in Canada and other countries.

Mrs. Margaret Creasey, president of St. Alban's Anglican Church Women presided at a planning meeting for the World Day of Prayer service at Luxton Hall on Tuesday. Ten ladies were present and included representatives from St. Joseph's, Trinity United, Acton Baptist, Evangel Tabernacle and the Christian Reformed Church who will be participating along with members from Knox Presbyterian Church.

GO stop

New signs indicating stops for the GO buses were put up in town this week.