

Patience, understanding urged for Tories

A definite tone of optimism predominated throughout the annual meeting of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association at Wyldewood Golf and Country Club Friday night.

Over 100 PC supporters rallied at the hour-long meeting and social gathering that followed—in sharp contrast to the handful of people who attended the Halton Liberal Association's annual meeting in Acton eight days before.

And those who spoke before the enthusiastic assembly wasted no time in pointing this fact out to fellow party members.

Continued references were made to the "exciting political climate" in Canada today, and hints were made of the strong possibility of provincial and federal elections coming about in the near future.

PC supporters were told "a lot of work and provincial activity" lies ahead if the Tories are to remain in power in Ontario—and to help bring Joe Clark to the top in Ottawa.

At the same time, members were assured, things haven't looked so good for the national party in a long time. To help bring about a change in federal party leadership, members were urged to expand current PC programs while working together to strengthen participation within the party and broaden the appeal of membership to those outside.

Bob Jones, Halton Association chairman Robert Jones opened the annual meeting on a light-hearted note as he explained why the meeting's location had been changed from a school auditorium to a country club.

"As you all know, our annual meetings have a tendency to be dry in more ways than one," he smiled. "So this year we've decided to try a different format."

"First of all," Mr. Jones said, "we're not going to have a guest speaker as in past years. Following the election of officers and clearing up the business at hand, we're going to have a social evening so everyone will have a chance to chat informally and get to know one another a little better."

More meetings "And," he continued, "I'm going to make a motion that we have more meetings of this nature in the coming year. They're not cheap, but they're worthwhile."

"Next," Mr. Jones said, "I'm going to ask that we dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting."

This suggestion was greeted with laughter and received unanimous support from the floor.

In the absence of treasurer Dorothy Chamberlain (who was delayed on an air flight), the auditor's report was given by Terry Baine. The report—dated October 31, 1976—disclosed a net balance of \$647.76 in the Halton Association's account.

Redistribution Prior to the election of officers for 1977, chairman Jones explained this year's elections would be based on the new geographic distribution of ridings by the federal government—effective June

Town water?

Taxpayers in the Fountain Green Community Association want water for the Sixth Line.

Councillor George Maltby told Halton Hills Planning Board on November 23 that residents on the Sixth Line are concerned about their future water supply and possible depletion of well water if a proposed development in the area ever materializes.

Councillor Joe Hurst said it was possible there could be town water for homes on the Sixth Line once the water main leading to the Seventh Line municipal building is installed and later looped for other areas.

Noting the region is putting in the water main and the town is paying for it, Councillor Harry Levy said the town should receive the financial benefits of anyone hooking into the system later.

Planner Mario Venditti said some day water might be able to be piped up to residents on the Sixth Line. Councillor Russ Miller said if water is on the Seventh Line the Fountain Green Community Association wants the town to consider water for their area too.

1977.

"The Federal Redistribution program means the addition of some new communities to our association and the redistribution of some of the old ones to adjust the balance of voters in our riding," he said.

"It means we lose some of our good friends in Georgetown who go to the east with Brampton, as well as losing our strong supporters in Erin to the north," Mr. Jones said.

Gain Milton "In turn," he said, "we're gaining the municipality of Milton. Until this time, our riding did not include the built up part of Milton."

After June 1977, then, the Halton PC Association's riding will include all of Milton, Acton and Oakville.

Should an election come before June, Mr. Jones said, Halton PCs would have to run the election based on the present boundaries. Should an election come after June, it would be run on the newly outlined boundaries.

"By mid-June we'll be in a position to nominate a candidate for our new riding," Mr. Jones said.

Founding committee As an interim measure, the chairman put forth a motion that a founding committee be formed, made up of the newly elected executive plus two representatives from the new area to be incorporated into the new riding. The founding committee would NOT, however, include representatives of the areas to be excluded after redistribution.

Mr. Jones also moved that the founding committee "proceed with the necessary actions to draft a new constitution and call a founding meeting in accordance with the requirements of the PC party of Canada and any other actions they deem necessary for the good of the new riding."

His motion both for the formation of a founding committee and for the drafting of a new constitution—were unanimously carried.

Thanks supporters Robert Jones was unanimously re-elected president of the Halton Riding Association. Also re-elected were secretary Marilyn Sanci and treasurer Dorothy Chamberlain.

Terry Raynor was voted first vice-president, Wendy Buykes second vice-president and Fran Baines third vice-president.

The new area chairman are: John Meane, Oakville North; Jack Robertson, Oakville West; Russ Stock, Oakville East; and Mike Harwarth, Oakville Central.

Elinor Taylor was voted chairman for outgoing Erin and Glenn Magnuson was elected to represent Georgetown.

George Kee is the new area chairman for Milton and Fred Dawkins has been chosen as Acton's representative.

Jim Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications and MPP for Oakville was asked to come to the podium and say a few words.

Grimming from ear to ear, Mr. Snow began by poking fun at a recent news story involving Otto Lang and his Nanny, then went on to tell a joke he'd heard in Calgary—aimed at Prime Minister Trudeau.

He told the gathering that when he pulled up at the country club and saw the full parking lot, he was sure there must be two different functions going on, but switched to a more solemn note as he told

supporters Friday's meeting was "a very important annual meeting—especially in lieu of the political climate we have in Ottawa now."

"Challenging" Mr. Snow called his past 13½ months as Minister of Transportation and Communications "very interesting and challenging."

"There's never a dull moment in Transportation and Communications," he noted.

He said one good thing about having a minority government as we do now, is that the public has an opportunity to see the opposition move and to hear what they have to say.

Asked when he thought the next provincial election might be, Mr. Snow replied: "Based on a rapid calculation and summation of the situation, I'd say there's not going to be a vote against the government between now and

February.

An opinion "However," he added, "following the Throne Speech in February and a month or so of debate after, there could be a vote of non-confidence around the first of April. But in my opinion, the most likely time for a motion of non-confidence to be voted by the NDP would be around the end of May or the first part of June."

Mr. Snow stressed that this

was only his personal opinion—not a statement of fact. Before breaking up for the "social hour", Chairman Jones again took the floor to comment briefly on the recent election of Rene Levesque and the Parti Quebecois to the government of "La Belle Province."

"Be cool" "In my position I have an opportunity to travel this country extensively and get to know a lot of people," Mr. Jones said. "And I want to assure you, those who live in Quebec are no different from those who live here in Ontario."

"They're great people who have a deep heritage in this country," he said. "They are concerned about Canada and I know our friends in Quebec want to be a part of this country."

He urged Halton PC voters to be firm in approaching the

issue of maintaining Confederation, but warned members not to "overreact" and to avoid the temptation of "political manoeuvring" when so much is at stake.

"We must be cool, patient and understanding over the next few years," Mr. Jones said.

Then quoting the late Sir Winston Churchill, he added: "Remember, if we open a quarrel between the past and present, we may lose the future."



NEWLY ELECTED Progressive Conservative Area Chairmen George Kee of Milton, Fred Dawkins of Acton and Glenn Magnuson of Georgetown share a laugh following the Halton PC's annual meeting at Wyldewood Golf and Country Club Friday.

Expand Bell

Bell Canada is spending \$280,000 to expand the capacity of its switching centre on Campbell Avenue, Campbellville and provide the capacity for an additional 200 telephone directory numbers, Bill Barnes, local Bell Canada manager, said today.

A contract to add a one-storey addition plus basement to the rear and sides of the existing building, measuring 34 feet by 38 feet, has been awarded to Demik Construction Ltd. of Hamilton. It is scheduled for completion by March, 1977.

Equipment to add 200 directory numbers to the existing capacity of 900 numbers will be installed.

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