

Whopping plurality

Reed renews his mandate to represent Halton-Burlington

When Liberal MPP Julian Reed goes back to Queen's Park he'll have a stronger mandate from the people of Halton-Burlington than he had when he was first elected 20 months ago.

The whopping plurality of 3,698 votes forms a definite contrast with the margin of less than 500 votes that put Reed in office in September 1975, when he topped Tory Gary Dawkins, and NDP Bill Johnson in the new riding of Halton-Burlington.

The new riding had formed parts of Halton and Halton East and those two ridings had been represented by cabinet ministers George Kerr and Jim Snow, both PCs.

Under their management the ridings were both considered safe ridings and unlikely to move from the Tory ranks.

But when redistribution came into effect and Snow chose to run in the south, the fray was open to the challengers.

Thursday's results have been described as "a stunning victory for the Liberals".

The plurality is greater than the predictions of even the most optimistic liberals.

The official results show Reed with 13,985, Gray with 10,287 and NDP Bill Johnson with 5,598. In spite of one of the liveliest election campaigns in the area for some time, the percentage vote is down by three per cent from last time. Sixty nine per cent of all of the eligible votes in the riding exercised their franchise.

Talking to reporters at his riding headquarters immediately after the results were in Thursday, Reed was saying the election represented a great defeat for Premier Bill Davis.

"We said all along he could lose two ways, one in the numbers game and again in terms of his own personal career. It will be interesting to see what happens now."

Political pundits have said since the election and before that the results would be crucial to all three party leaders.

There is no shortage of people ready and willing to take a stab at the Tory hierarchy. Some say that Davis'



CONGRATULATIONS are extended to returned M.P.P. Julian Reed Thursday night by jubilant Acton supporters Pete Papillon, Mr. and Mrs.

Roy Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denny. Reed, exhausted and suffering from flu, left the party early.

failure to return majority rule for the second time in two elections could hasten his removal from the premier's office.

Similarly Stephen Lewis

might decide that three campaigns as leader is quite enough. Stuart Smith is the big winner, moving his liberals back up from third to second place. After an in-

credibly weak start, Smith managed a strong finish.

The campaign took its toll on two of the three Halton-Burlington candidates. NDP Bill Johnson finished the

campaign on crutches and a cast, and Julian Reed had to take a day off during the last leg of the campaign when a nagging cold and a case of flu forced him to bed.

The situation caused Reed to refer to Tory hopeful George Gray as the bionic man. Only Gray got through the fray without sickness or injury.

Reed's best support came from the urban areas. He scored marginal victories in north Oakville, Burlington and Nassagaweya.

Milton, Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing were the areas where Reed really made his gains. Gray suffered losses in his home town and even in his neighborhood polling station.

Gray's best showing was in the Burlington end of the riding where he came a close second to Reed, polling 2,414 compared to 2,441 by Reed.

Johnson was disappointed with his showing in the urban areas. He had felt he was well known as an activist and an environmentalist in the urban areas of the region.

But even after the urban results came in, there was to be no joy for Johnson. After a strong showing in 1975, Johnson and his workers were looking for substantial gains but instead his popular support at the polls trailed off

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MRS. MARY DEVRIES sits surrounded by three generations of descendants. Her daughter is Mrs. Mary DeHaan, her granddaughter is Mrs. Mary Ann Chagnon and her great granddaughter is Anne-Marie Chagnon. The four generations were all together at the DeHaan home on 4th line Sunday for the picture.

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IT'S SCHOOL TRIP time! Elke Zeissig, a grade 7 student at M.Z. Bennett St in a spoke shaver, making dowlings at the saint Marie among the Hurons near Midland last week. Sixty-one students and eight chaperones went to the Georgian Bay tourist area on a camping trip-historical tour. For more pictures and full story see the Youth Page in the second section.

Barbecue, street dance, stalls set for Back to Acton Days

A barbecue, street dance and band concert are some of the events planned for the unique Back to Acton Days, being lined up by the Acton Business Association. Most of

Mill and parts of Willow will be blocked off on Thursday, June 30, Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2 for an exciting variety of events. The new association hopes the

weekend bash might become an annual affair. On the Sunday, the firefighters are staging their usual fishing derby and big fireworks display in the park.

Acton Citizens Band have agreed to play a concert some time during the weekend. The times of the barbecue and street dance have not yet been firming up, either.

There will be games, outdoor stalls and other special events.

The blocking off of Mill is being modified so no business will suffer. Council has approved blocking off Mill from the tracks to the main corner, and Willow from Mill up to the town hall.

The restoration of the town hall will provide a timely theme for the promotion.

Overnight parking rejected

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday night not to review the three hour overnight parking by-law. Gavin Strachan came to the committee Monday complaining about the by-law and asked what residents can do if

they don't have enough room for parking on their property. He said he got a ticket two months ago for parking on the street so the three family cars are kept in the driveway. Recently he got a ticket for blocking the sidewalk while

others parked on the street, over sidewalks and on boulevards didn't. He can't get the reason from police. Strachan wondered what councillors suggest he do about the parking problem. (Continued on page 2)

Colie MacColl says 40-hour work week good for health

"If you stop working, you die." This is the belief that motivates 71-year-old Colin ("Colie") MacColl of Acton to continue working 40 hours a week as a custodian, when by rights he should be leading the restful life of an Ontario "senior citizen."

But Mr. MacColl wants no part of the retirement syndrome.

"If I was to quit working, I'd die within six weeks," he said. "And I don't want to die. I like living too much."

"In fact," he said, "I feel better now than I did 15 years ago. I'm hoping to live to be 110."

As far as Mr. MacColl is concerned, his current 40 hour a week job is hardly a heavy workload.

"When I was young, I used to clock into work at 4:15 a.m. and clock out at 9:10 p.m.," he recalled. "I did that for well over 15 years because times was hard back then and you had to make a living somehow."

Born in Scotland in 1906, Mr. MacColl came to this country as a red-headed lad of eight with his parents, three brothers and five sisters in 1914.

He quit school at the age of 13 to work at the old iron foundry in Guelph. He stayed there until the foundry was shut down in 1953, leaving Mr. MacColl unemployed for the first time in his life at the age of 47.

So, to support his late wife, Mary, and their three sons, Ken, Bill and Colin, Jr., Mr. MacColl took a job as caretaker at Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett Public Schools in Acton. These he remembers as among the best years of his life.

"I loved working with the kids around me," he smiled. "You know, I used to play soccer with the pros when I was a teenager in Guelph and the school kids used to ask me to kick the soccer ball around the soccer field with them. It was great fun."

But Mr. MacColl hasn't played a game of soccer for the past six years.

In 1971, when he turned 65, Colin MacColl was informed he would have to retire from his job as school custodian.

"I didn't feel like retiring though," Mr. MacColl said. "Just because I was 65 didn't mean I wasn't up to working anymore."

Consequently, the grandfather of six went out job hunting and was hired to do cleaning and maintenance work for the Dills Printing Company.

He's been doing the custodial work at the Dills newspaper offices in Acton, Milton and Georgetown ever since 1971.

On weekends and during spare hours, Mr. MacColl keeps busy looking after some 240 homing pigeons at his Fairy Lake home.

"I got my first pair of homers when I was 11 years old and I've gradually accumulated the others during the past 60

years," he said. Mr. MacColl also enjoys travelling.

He's been back to Scotland twice since 1971 and is currently planning a two-week trip to northern Saskatchewan to visit one of his sons.



NEXT WEEK IS Senior Citizens' Week. One of their number who is still working hard at age 71 is Colin ("Colie") MacColl. In spite of his years, Mr. MacColl works 40 hours a week as a custodian — and, upon returning home to his Fairy Lake residence, the grandfather of six looks after some 240 homing pigeons.

Donates land for Catholic high school

Land for a Catholic elementary school, and for the first Catholic high school, north of Five Highway, has been donated to Halton Separate School Board.

Reg Green, R.R. 2, Georgetown, the president of Chantourby Developments told this newspaper the company donated 7.5 acres of land on the east side of Highway 25, two miles south of Acton to the Separate School Board, because he feels strongly there is a need for a Catholic high school.

He said he thinks Catholic high schools give more direction to the youth, and feels religious training should not be overlooked. He said it would

benefit both Protestant and Catholics in the area, by relieving pressure on existing high schools, and lower the cost of necessary schools since land would be there when it is needed.

Hartley Sherk, Halton Hills representative on the Halton Separate School Board, said the board accepted it gratefully, but emphasized this does not mean building would start immediately. He said an elementary school could be three to five years in the future, and a high school as much as ten years away.

Mr. Green said the company is also holding another six acres in the event future expansion of playing fields for the proposed high school is needed in the future.

The plans for the estate homes have not been discussed at Halton Hills planning board but Mr. Green said he hoped to approach the board by the end of the summer.

He pointed out the enrolment must be there first, and the provincial grants available.

Chantourby Developments owns 97.5 acres in the area donated to the Separate School Board, and hopes to build estate homes in the area.

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Services Centre may share Y office space

Acton Community Service Centre could expand its premises into the front of the town offices in the Y building on Mill St. if Halton Hills council accepts a recommendation from finance administration committee.

The rent for the town offices would be raised from \$160 to \$360 a month, with the Community Services Centre paying \$110 of the \$360 rent.

Councillor Peter Marks explained the proposal to the committee and presented drawings of the area. The Community Service Centre would use about one-third of the present town offices, to the left of the front door. The area would include the office of co-ordinator Terry Grubbe and a room which would be used as a counselling

room and community meeting room. These facilities are presently in a more cramped space in the Y.M.C.A.

The town offices would still be to the right of the area.

The Y board has approved the changes in the building, and the Community Services Centre board also agreed to the expansion.

Renovations to accommodate the Community Service Centre are estimated between \$3,000 and \$4,000 and Marks said Halton region is prepared to cover the costs with a grant. Partitions will be erected.

Marks said the present lease for the town offices was negotiated ten years ago and pays \$160 for approximately 1,500 square feet, plus utilities.

He explained the Y has trouble covering the budget. He reviewed the recreation program being run in the Y.

The committee decided to renew the agreement with the Y for three years at \$250 a month plus utilities. The remaining \$110 would be paid by the Community Services Centre. Under the agreement all taxes on the Murray Memorial Y.M.C.A. building are paid by the town, however the building has never been taxable.

Under proposed legislation the building could become taxable, so finance administration committee added a clause saying the rent would be renegotiated if the building becomes taxable.

To feed ducks next winter

Monday Halton Hills works committee decided to feed Acton's ducks again next winter.

Councillor Pat McKenzie suggested the committee consider what will be done about the ducks next winter in the spring for a change instead of waiting until the fall when options are reduced.

Both Councillor Les Duby and Mike Armstrong said the town should follow last year's plan which saw the ducks kept outside and fed and nothing more.

McKenzie wondered if the town should contact the province to have an expert determine how many ducks are too many for the lake to sustain.

Both Duby and Armstrong said it appears there are fewer ducks this year but McKenzie said that was impossible to say for certain since the ducks are spread

out more this year. Duby said the town should follow last year's plan unless there are objections or Beardmore reports they had problems with the ducks in open water near their plant.

Councillor George Maltby said an area of water near the poultry barn should be kept free of ice but the committee noted many people are worried about a child drowning if that is done.

Maltby also thought if the town penned up the ducks during migration season that council wants kept the rest would fly away and more wouldn't keep stopping and staying in Acton on their way south.

McKenzie said there is no question the ducks can fly since they are all over town now and are eating people's flowers and garden vegetables.

Parks disaster — Morris

Town cemeteries look like an English country garden, but the parks are a disaster, Councillor Peter Morris told Halton Hills finance administration committee Monday night.

He asked if the town does any weed spraying.

Treasurer Ray King said he didn't know, but did know the town had a spray liability insurance policy.

Morris said he had heard the Recreation Director say the parks had improved, but said he would like to know where.

Councillor Peter Marks said Prospect Park, in Acton, looked much better than last year. He said the contact with parks maintenance crew seemed to be "nebulous".

Get estimates improve park

Halton Hills works committee directed the engineering staff to do cost estimates on improvements to a part of Prospect Park. Councillor Peter Marks asked for the improvements Monday night.

He said a small portion of the park at the foot of Elmore Drive, which is used only for access to the park, isn't being taken care of properly. Marks suggests the whole area be levelled and seeded and a culvert built in a ditch there.

Deputy engineer Ted Ballinger said the area is inaccessible to the town's big lawn mower so it isn't maintained very well. He predicted it might cost as much as \$2,500 to make all the im-

provements Marks requested. Marks said the town would be critical if a private resident allowed his property to look like that.

Severances

Regional land division committee granted two applications for severances in the Acton area Tuesday night in the Ninth Line town offices.

One application was by the estate of Lorne Masales in care of Mrs. Jean Masales on part of lot 330 on registered plan 1098.

The second application was by Joseph Russell and Erika Mary Perry of the east half of lot 24 on the Third Line.