

Joe Clark's image is down but riding members are up

Despite the sagging popularity in the political polls of Progressive Conservative leader Joe Clark and recent political defections and retirements of three federal caucus members the Federal Halton PC Association is in good shape according to association officials.

Members of the association are more concerned with rebuilding the riding association, which was split apart by redistribution in June, and gearing up for their riding nominations in six months according to the association president, Bob Jones.

"Our people are very disappointed with the polls," said Mr. Jones, "but without sounding too paranoid he (Joe Clark) has received a little unfair treatment in the press. Some of our people are getting a little annoyed with it."

Terry O'Connor, the leading candidate for the Halton PC nomination echoed Mr. Jones' sentiments.

"Joe Clark's image is not what it should be, but the real issue has been taken away from the public," he said.

Mr. O'Connor contended that the Liberals and Prime

Minister Trudeau have over-emphasized the national unity issue when the real problem is the national economy. "People don't have the time to listen about the economy," said Mr. O'Connor. "They're more interested in Quebec."

The two recent defections to the Liberals of Jack Horner from Alberta and Raymond Lavoie from Quebec did not seriously hurt the party said Mr. Jones.

He described the recent addition to Trudeau's cabinet as a sore thumb ever since Robert Stanfield succeeded John Diefenbaker as PC leader in the 60's and a sore loser since Joe Clark succeeded Stanfield.

"Jack Horner won't even get re-elected in his own riding in the next election," predicted Mr. Jones.

Although it was costly to lose a much valued conservative riding in Quebec, Mr. Jones said Mr. Lavoie

never made much of a contribution to the caucus.

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Nominations will be announced in three to four weeks said Mr. Jones.

At one point Otto Jelinek had considered seeking the nomination in Halton after his current riding was removed by redistribution, but on the urgings of the PC leader, he decided to run in Etobicoke Jones said.

Although recognized as the prime candidate for the Halton Conservative nomination Mr. O'Connor will not publicly state his intentions.

Any announcement at this point would be premature he said.

Whoever is nominated though would have a good chance of defeating the incumbent Dr. Philbrook he said.

"The seat here has always been a swing riding," he said. "No elected member has held it for more than one term."

Since confederation this riding has been won by less than 100 votes several times Mr. O'Connor pointed out.

Mr. O'Connor added that when he had won his seat the margin was won by 2,200 votes and when he lost the riding it was only by 1,600 votes.

Released on bail

Manslaughter charge for Georgetown man

A 24-year-old Georgetown man has been released on \$10,000 bail after being charged with manslaughter following the death of Lloyd Sedore, also of Georgetown.

Dale Harold Morette, 3 Dale Gate, was charged September 16 after Mr. Sedore, of 12 Union St. suffered fatal injuries during a disturbance at the McGibbon Hotel around 9 p.m. that evening.

The accused was held in Halton jail in Milton. The Monday following the incident, Mr. Morette appeared in provincial court in Burlington before Justice of the Peace Brian McDermott. The

charges against him were read and he was to have received a bail hearing, but assistant Crown Attorney Fred Forsyth requested an adjournment until September 26. It was granted. He explained the adjournment would give the police a chance to interview witnesses.

When Mr. Morette appeared in court Monday, he was released on \$10,000 bail.

The deceased was pronounced dead on arrival at Georgetown Hospital by Dr. Alistair McIntosh. Mr. Sedore worked at the same hospital, and was a long time area resident. He was born in

Chicago Illinois, and came to Canada with his family when he was five months old. The Sedores settled in Norval in 1946, where some family members still reside.

Mr. Sedore joined the United States Marines in 1950, and remained in the services until 1956, when he received an honorable discharge. He also served with the Marines in Korea. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the International Order of Oddfellows.

Mr. Sedore is survived by daughters, Mrs. Kelly MacDonald, Mrs. Sandra Kraneddonk, Donna and son Richard, two grandchildren, as well as sisters and brothers.



TORY LEADER JOE CLARK chats with Halton Tory President Bob Jones and former Halton MP Terry O'Connor. Clark was at Wyldewood Golf Club for a Tory function Friday night.

Urge more control on mileage

Some members of Halton Regional Council want tighter control over money paid to councillors for mileage allowances.

The region's administration committee recommended that staff be authorized to overexpend the budget for councillor mileage after learning that 95 per cent of the budget had been spent so far this year.

Burlington Councillor Pat McLaughlin said that as far as he was concerned, once the

budget is spent, that's it. "If it is overspent that's too bad. We receive \$3,000 tax free and that should be enough to pay for mileage," McLaughlin said.

Councillors Mac Anderson, Archie Donaghey, Harry Barrett and Carl Eriksen all noted the need for tighter control.

A report will be filed from the Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid recommending a system of checks and controls on that budget.

Fee for hook-up to fire alarm

Fire alarm systems from companies in town have been hooked into the fire alarm panel at the dispatching office, with no maintenance fee charged, after the initial installation, according to a report from Fire Chief Mick Holmes.

He said he could find no formal agreement with the town and no charges made.

The Fire Chief said, after checking with surrounding areas, he found Milton

charged \$250 for the initial installation and \$100 per year maintenance, while Guelph charged \$150 installation and \$450 maintenance per year.

He suggested \$200 for installation and \$75 per year maintenance.

The committee agreed and made that recommendation to council.

The Chief pointed out the installation fee would apply only to future installations.

Town buys new printer

The town of Halton Hills will buy a 300 line per minute printer for the finance department, at a cost of \$12,070.

The cost will include the trade-in of a 200 line per minute printer, now in use.

The replacement printer will be used for tax bills and all other paper work. According to the treasurer it will reduce overtime with the greater capacity and would reduce paper costs as more characters per inch can be printed.

Sheehan resigns

Facilities Superintendent Pat Sheehan has resigned and will finish his employment with the town October 27.

Mr. Sheehan came here in February, 1975, from the Scarborough Parks and Recreation Department, where he also was facilities superintendent for several arenas.

Doug Colbeck, assistant manager at the Acton arena, will also leave the town's employ, October 7, to become arena manager at Listowel.

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