



GEORGE ELLIOTT of Eden House sold tickets on a rug he hooked himself, at the Eden House tea and craft sale.

## Reed returns surplus after election battle

Julian Reed, MP for the riding of Halton-Burlington, returned \$4,397 to his riding office after a subsidy he received in the last provincial election.

Reed spent \$16,647 against receipts of 15,028 in the June election—an election which cost him \$3,343 more than his last election in September 1975.

Reed was able to return the \$4,397 to his riding office after a \$6,567 subsidy. His campaign advertising cost \$4,927, and he received \$4,725 in contributions of more than \$100.

Gifts of \$500 included those from Rex Heslop, Georgetown; Ted Ralfe, Burlington; 278310 Ontario Ltd., Georgetown; and Aldo Braida, Acton.

Halton-Burlington, Burlington-South and Oakville area provincial candidates spent anywhere between \$10,000 and \$30,000 to win seats in the June election, and they defeated some well-financed rivals in the process.

An expensive campaign was mounted by the Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton-Burlington, George Gray. Gray spent \$31,601. His deficit of \$6,567 was made up by the subsidy.

Gray received a \$1,300 gift from Peter G. Lush and Associates, some \$800 of which was returned under law. He had numerous gifts of \$500, the limit for donations.

William Johnson, New Democratic Party candidate, spent \$9,375, against receipts of \$12,995. He returned \$6,738 to the riding association.

Financial returns filed with the Commission on Election Contributions and Expenses show Halton area candidates raised hefty amounts of cash, yet often spent more than their receipts. But the subsidy enabled them to return a surplus to their respective riding associations.

The returns of some area candidates were still unavailable when last week's deadline passed, but they are expected to arrive early this week. The law requires the records to be postmarked no later than last Thursday.

Transportation Minister Jim Snow's report is due. Runner-up in Oakville Liberal Walt Elliott spent \$12,471 with a surplus of \$1,897 while NDP Doug Black spent \$8,441 and finished with a surplus of \$6,118. In each case the surplus went to the riding association.

Environment Minister George Kerr raised \$32,992 to more than offset his \$29,715 in expenses. The \$3,276 surplus, plus a subsidy of \$8,416, permitted him to return a healthy \$11,692 to the PC riding association.

Kerr had total contributions of \$26,492, including \$19,375 for contributions in excess of \$100. Campaign advertising cost \$3,604.

Gifts of \$500 came from Livingston Construction Ltd., Burlington; Fenco Consultants, Toronto; W. O. Chisholm and Associates, Agincourt; James F. McLaren Ltd., Willowdale; King Paving and Materials Ltd., Oakville; Hunter Drums Ltd., Burlington.

Other donations were received from: Tridon Ltd., Burlington; Pendivic Contracting Ltd., Burlington; Zigmund Krajna, Burlington; Acres Consulting Services, Toronto; Bestway TV Appliance Ltd., Campbellville; Ainsley and Associates Ltd., Collingwood; Holland Chev-Olds, Burlington.

Also Rolling Lands Ltd., Oakville; Phillips Planning and Engineering, Burlington; Mayotte Ltd., Thunder Bay; Brantwood Manor and Nursing Homes, Burlington; Dallo Holdings Ltd., Burlington; Moyer Diebel, Rexdale.

Seaway Multi Corp. Ltd., Toronto; Heart Lake Development Ltd., Brampton; Atwater Development Ltd., Burlington; Monarch Construction Ltd., Willowdale; and Knox Martin Kretsch Ltd., Burlington also contributed to Kerr's campaign.

## Block contact people

To improve communications, members of the business community will all be contacted eventually by a "contact person". The new system was talked about at the meeting of Business Association Wednesday evening.

There are about 65 businesses in town. If these were split into 12 areas, one person would be responsible for getting in touch with the people in each area. Each person would contact six or eight business people.

The system could be used for information, advertising, and to get a better sampling of opinions.

Ed Wood dreamed up the

plan and all present agreed to try it.

Members discussed their advertising plans for the next year, deciding they would probably have five or six flyers and at least 12 block ads in the Free Press a year.

As Wayne Ruse explained, the merchants are "looking

for an image" by advertising together.

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WEARING LOOK-alike outfits are Evelyn Near and her children Lisa, three, and Raymond, five, as they call on Santa Claus. Mrs. Near made the family set.

## Public sale

The former pumping station on Main Street, Acton will be offered for sale by public tender, Halton Hills finance committee recommended Monday night.

The selling price will not be less than a price established by the town planner and clerk administrator.

The disposition of the land was discussed at a public meeting in Robert Little School, Acton, November 30.

## May cut hydro to resident who owes

One Acton hydro customer on an equalized billing plan has been sending N.S.F. checks to pay his \$70 a month and hydro can't get in touch with him to straighten the matter out.

When hydro workers go to the door there is no answer, nor is there any reply to letters sent to him.

## \$200 grant held over

A request from Acton Centennial Atom Hockey Tournament association for \$200, was held over by Halton Hills finance committee, Monday night.

The request will be considered in the '78 grants budget.

The tournament will not be held until March 1978.

## Thefts in town

A Ransom St. resident notified police last week that someone had stolen a leopard-skin blanket, a thermos and a bag of maps from his car while it was parked at the rear of a local hotel. Police report the man had left his vehicle unlocked. Another Acton resident reports her snow shovel was stolen from the front porch of her home.

Don't forget to hop a ride on the Christmas bus!

They had a problem with this customer before, and he came in with assurances there was enough money to cover the checks, and paid up part of his bill in cash.

He now owes \$117.75 and will be receiving another bill soon to raise that figure to around \$200.

"It just doesn't seem fair," said one commissioner. Somebody can run up a \$4-500 bill, lock up the house and leave."

The commission voted to send the customer a registered letter telling him to clear up his accounts or face being cut off. They planned to check with the law to find the amount of time they had to give him to settle his affairs.

In another money related matter, the commission voted to propose an increase to their basic deposit to \$25 from \$15. Georgetown charges \$25 for a house with no heat,

charging \$150 for the heat. Acton charges nothing in the deposit for an electrically heated house, meaning all houses pay the same deposit.

Conservation The commission voted to purchase 2,050 energy conservation books, called Worth Watching, from the government and send them out in the

same envelope as the billings. Total cost for the books will be about \$200.

"So many people beef about the hydro but they don't make one effort to conserve," noted chairman Wilf MacEachern.

## Halton nurses meet postponed

For the second time in as many weeks the Halton branch of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario has been forced to cancel a meeting to be held in Georgetown because of inclement weather.

The meeting scheduled for November 28 was postponed

to December 5 and then cancelled again.

Dr. C. A. Thompson and Dr. J. A. Panabaker were to be the guest speakers at the meeting to be held at Georgetown Hospital.

The meeting has now been postponed until sometime in January.

## Town helps out parking authority

The town is going to help the Halton Hills Parking Authority out of some of its financial difficulties.

Halton Hills works committee approved charging the Parking Authority only \$475 for coin handling instead of the required fee of \$950.

Last March the Parking Authority asked the town to pay for the coin handling

along with \$225 for legal and auditing fees, \$300 for the storage and repair area.

Wish your friends season's greetings, in the special Holiday Greetings section of The Free Press.

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