

Ruth's Angels fight vandals

Success for a new anti-vandalism program in north Halton depends mainly on the feet of leader Ruth Geurts and her six angels.

Miss Geurts is working with Halton Regional Police in District One on the program called Neighborhood Watch. The Watch is sponsored by the federal solicitor-general. Halton police picked the program for north Halton.

Six university and community college students started work this week in Georgetown, Milton and Acton on the program. Miss Geurts recruited the girls from applicants who plan on continuing their education next fall.

Neighborhood Watch is focussed on vandalism. "We want to dispel apathy and en-

courage citizens, when they see a crime taking place, to alert police," Miss Geurts said in an interview. The program's mandate is to reduce opportunities to commit crimes, she said.

Ruthie's Angels will carry the Neighborhood Watch message to schools, service clubs and about 11,000 homes in the three towns. But that is just the beginning.

Miss Geurts wants Neighborhood Watch to be more than a vague memory to citizens, so part of the girls' job will be encouraging people to adopt habits which will discourage vandals. Brochures are being printed which are designed to help keep the idea of the program going long after college resumes.

Some of the Neighborhood Watch program

will be handled by the post office, because as Miss Geurts says, the program does not cover transportation costs. Ottawa pays the wages. However, any item carrying the program's message which may be left with citizens to read or use is the product of the group's fund raising.

Some companies and service groups are considering donations, Miss Geurts said.

Neighborhood Watch was used by Niagara Regional Police last year, and that force is continuing the program this year. The Watch has also been used at Moncton, New Brunswick.

The program continues until August 24. Last year students worked with Halton

Police on another program—Operation Identification.

Miss Geurts is a fourth year political science and social worker student at McMaster University. The program has one girl from Milton: Natalie Brezden, a University of Toronto psychology student.

The balance of the Neighborhood Watch crew hails from Georgetown. They are Jeanine d'Entremont, who takes journalism at Ryerson, Janet Greenslade, sociology at the University of Western Ontario, Maria Seguns, commercial art at Sheridan, Carolann Hornung who is studying photography at Western, and Becky Ellis who is taking book-keeping.

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Otto-wa—here I come!



Progressive Conservative campaign workers whoop it up after learning of their victory over incumbent Liberal Dr. Frank Philbrook. Mr. Jelinek scored an impressive victory in the Acton area, totalling an estimated 2,317 votes to only 1,407 for Dr. Philbrook.

Acton Tories jubilant over victory

Acton Tory campaign workers were ear-to-ear with sweet victory smiles soon after poll results of yesterday's federal election started pouring in.

Their man—Otto Jelinek—swept all but one poll in town, and in that one he and Liberal incumbent Dr. Frank Philbrook tied. At 11:30 p.m. television reports gave Jelinek some 25,000 votes. Earlier on the Tory lead was about 7,700.

One poll in Limehouse failed to report, but local Tories did not wait for the results: they knew them. An hour and 50 minutes after polls closed, they closed up the headquarters in Glenlea and headed for a night-time party at Wyldewood Golf and Country Club.

The Conservatives clapped, smiled, chatted, and let out with high pitched Oh Yeahs! when

television reports registered any sign of a Tory leading in the country. The joy was heightened when two of the last three polls—Knox Presbyterian Church reported.

Across town, Liberal headquarters on Mill Street was a sombre barren office. Fifty-five minutes after polls closed Liberal Party worker Dolly Moulden said: "It's sad, that's what it is, when we can't carry our own polls in the country."

Phones continued to ring in the bad news for the Philbrook Liberals. Mrs. Moulden said she heard television gave the new Halton riding to Jelinek. She said she had not read the situation as a clear Jelinek win. A cliff hanger was her interpretation, with just enough backing for the incumbent to send him back to Parliament.

At New Democratic

Party campaign headquarters on Lakeview Street, worker Sharon Foster, indicated hopefully her candidate—Doug Black—would squeeze into second place in Acton.

Such was not Black's destination. He pulled about 870 ballots to Jelinek's 2,317 and Philbrook's 1,406. All figures are unofficial. "You know what it is, everyone's trying to get rid of Trudeau," said Mrs. Foster.

While the Tories were closing in on a large scale win, there was at least one note of indignation when the Conservatives tried to bring the Liberals across town up to date on the standings.

"Who was it who called me a stupid Englishman when I phoned the Liberal office to tell them the T.V. gave the riding to Jelinek," said grinning

Conservative John Shadbolt.

Conservative reading of the vote drew on more than one reason for the large majority. "Chip" Petrillo first said he thought it is a pro-Jelinek endorsement. Then he continued by saying he thought it was anti-Trudeau.

Fellow Conservative John DeBlauw said he saw an anti-Philbrook vote. Also he said the feeling against the bill on gun control is pretty big in Acton.

The second last week of the campaign, Mr. DeBlauw said, the party workers began sensing a pretty strong feeling for Jelinek. For example, he said, about 200 people turned out on Mother's Day for a rally at Brookville. Mr. Petrillo dated the swing in Tory favor earlier, from the last week of April.

After a Tory victory was a sure thing, the workers started congratulating themselves. "We didn't know we'd get it this strong," chirped Mr. Petrillo.

Tory Acton campaign manager Brian Cargill agreed with the size of the sweep, but added: "I'd have been as disappointed as hell, if we'd lost a poll." Later on he said he told Jelinek he would win by 10,000 votes. "What a turn out! Right from the beginning," said Conservative Marie Shadbolt.

Voter turnout appears to have been high. Tory indications were polls drew about 85 per cent, and some as high as 90 per cent. The NDP confirmed this in part at least with a report of between 80 and 82.5 per cent turn out at one poll.

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By Linda Kirby

There was a shower of confetti as exuberant Tory workers and fans celebrated the landslide victory of Otto Jelinek at party headquarters in Oakville Tuesday night.

The win was celebrated early, but then, from start to finish, PC party workers wore broad smiles, certain of their candidate's win.

Shortly after 10 p.m. Mr. Jelinek arrived at his victory party at Wyldewood Golf Course to deliver a speech of thanks and congratulations to his supporters.

"I thank you for winning the battle for myself, the riding and the country," he said to a jam-packed room at the Trafalgar Rd. golf course.

"Now begins the battle to return our country to the way it used to be—before Trudeau."

For nearly an hour crowds had impatiently awaited their hero's arrival.

Among those in the crowd were Dr. Frank Philbrook and his wife Mildge.

In a short speech to the audience, the defeated Liberal MP expressed hope problems in Halton and throughout the country would be resolved with the Tory win.

"Consider me on a sabbatical," he joked to the crowd, adding "you will see again in the future."

In an interview Mr. Jelinek said he did not "speculate" on the Halton outcome.

He said he was particularly delighted with the win because Oakville is his home town.

He credited much of the success of his campaign to his manager Will Rudd and "an excellent organization" of volunteers and party workers.

Mr. Jelinek proposes to establish a headquarters office in Oakville and offices in Milton and other areas in his riding.

"My priority is to look after my constituents."

He said he would be accessible to the public as much as possible.

Sharing in the proud evening was his 29-year-old wife Leata.

"I feel just fantastic. I couldn't be better," she stated upon arriving at the victory party.

Prior to the couple's arrival, the Jelineks paid a quick visit home to phone their respective parents.

Also on the receiving end for handshakes and hugs was campaign manager Rudd.

It was his first campaign.

"I'm just delighted and ecstatic," he stated shortly before the final votes came in.

"My prediction before the polls closed was for a win in excess of 5,000 votes."

He did not, however, expect to win by nearly 10,000 votes.

His work began 14 months earlier when Otto Jelinek first won the party nomination for Halton.

"I was concerned where the country was going. I had made a detailed study of Trudeau and what he had done over the past 10 years," he explained.

He described himself as a non-political person, someone who had never before door-knocked.

When he made his decision to run Mr. Jelinek's campaign, he took two months off from his business.

Working with a core of approximately 300 workers and 1,500 volunteers, he set about to organize the strategy, to win the riding.

Mr. Rudd credits the success of the campaign to the fact he had "an outstanding candidate with experience" and "outstanding team effort."

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Meet your new member: Otto Jelinek, Conservative candidate from Oakville, topped the Halton polls in Tuesday's election.

Two Oakville men charged in Acton

Two Oakville men have been charged by Halton Regional Police after they refused to comply with officers' requests while they were arresting two other parties. One man became violent, police say.

While on a regular patrol through Prospect Park this week, an officer noticed the chain barrier had been removed from the post.

An Acton youth has been charged with possession of narcotics following an investigation of persons in the parking lot of the Acton high school, according to police.

Standardbred office, Mill St., reported to police someone had entered their premises between May 17 and 18, when the office was closed. "The interior was found to be in the usual order," police report.

The investigation is continuing into an incident at the Breezes Park on Fairy Lake. Police say they have no suspects after someone kicked in the door to a storage shed, causing \$50 in damages.

There was also \$50 damage to the back door of Action Restaurant last week after someone tried to gain entry. The investigation is continuing.

Police were called to Commerce Court last week after a woman reported someone had stolen the ownership to her vehicle while it was parked at Davis Truck Equipment.

The Halton Hills north west side of Pro-spect Park last week. The canoe was valued at \$220 police say.

Final score

(Unofficial figures at 1 a.m. Wednesday)

NATIONALLY:

Progressive Conservatives:	135 seats
Liberals:	115
New Democratic Party:	26
Social Credit:	6

IN HALTON:

Otto Jelinek, PC:	28,831
Frank Philbrook, Liberal:	16,620
Doug Black, NDP:	7,327

Woman pleads guilty in variety store robbery

Cindra Kirby, charged in connection with last July's armed robbery at the Royal Variety Store, must wait until June for sentencing in county court.

Kirby pleaded guilty as an accessory after the fact to the knife point robbery charge in county court at Milton, Tuesday. She also pleaded guilty to a break and enter at

Coral Park near Kilbride in June. Testimony was heard by Judge Thomas E. Quinlan.

Kirby was charged with Stephen William Jones, of no fixed address, on the armed robbery charge. Kirby, who was expecting a baby in September, was remanded until after the birth. Jones pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine months in jail.

Police Week awards

Citizens' courage rewarded

A 34-year-old drill blaster was honored with a civilian citation award from Halton Regional Police Tuesday evening in Milton.

John Duffield of Eden Mills was the key figure in the recovery of 17 stolen sticks of dynamite, buried behind a Limehouse church last August.

Halton Regional Police received an anonymous phone call from a male person on the morning of August 4, 1978 who reported there were stolen sticks of dynamite hidden in a driving shed at the rear of a Lime-

house church.

Mr. Duffield made a search of the shed and uncovered three sticks of dynamite buried just under the surface of the ground.

Fourteen more sticks were found in a dangerous state and removed from the building by Mr. Duffield and members of Peel Regional Police Bomb Squad.

Mr. Duffield is an eight-year employee of Indusmin Ltd., Aggregate Division in Acton.

The dynamite was taken to the Indusmin site in Acton for disposal. The police award to

Mr. Duffield was one of 19 presented to 14 individuals from Halton region and five from outside the region.

The annual ceremony, held this year in Milton Town Hall council chambers, included the presentation of service awards to members of Halton Regional Police force, by Police Chief Ken Skerrett.

Milton resident James Davison, of 26 Victoria St. was commended for his assistance to a member of the local Milton detachment.

Mr. Davison assisted a constable with the arrest

of an 18-year-old youth, after the teen assaulted the police officer.

The youth was subsequently charged and convicted of assault and causing a disturbance.

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Thomas Oliver and Lurval A. Reid.

Receiving an award for 25 years of police service was Staff Sergeant Michael Stasiuk.

Eight policemen were awarded bars for 20 years of service.

They included Inspector James Currie, Staff Sergeant Bernard Ward, Sergeant Frank Banner, Sergeant William Puskas, Sergeant Boris Yacyshyn, Constable Rodney T. Donaldson, Constable William Parry, and Constable Arthur Trihart.

The pair walked into the Queen St. variety store just before closing time on July 8. While Kirby engaged the lone clerk in conversation, Jones found a 10-inch knife with which he approached the clerk from the rear.

The pair got away with \$724.

After a six-day stake out by Halton Regional Police detectives at the North Halton Camp, near town, arrests were made. Less than \$90 was recovered plus some stolen coolers from a July 12 theft at a Rockwood Conservation Park.

The couple spent most of the variety store loot entertaining themselves at Oakville's Holiday Inn, just south of police headquarters.



The proud recipient of a civilian citation award from Halton Regional Police Chief Ken Skerrett is John Duffield, 34, of Eden Mills.