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One pick-up practical

The decision by Halton Hills council to stay with one garbage pick-up a week instead of the two usually made from June to October is practical. It is based on the assumption the Georgetown dump site will soon be closed, and trucks will be directed towards Oakville.

Engineer Bob Austin in a report on the subject noted the second pick-up during the summer months usually yields less than the first one and some trucks travel to the landfill site half-

empty. He pointed out it would not be economical to haul half or partial loads to Oakville.

The close of the Georgetown dump site means residents will find it virtually impossible to dispose of garbage residents took to the dump themselves so a special once-a-month pick-up will be instituted to compensate for it.

The report shows that Halton must soon make a decision on construction of a reclamation plant and incinerator before garbage becomes a monumental problem.

Commenting briefly

Jeanne (Brunelle) St. Denis writes from Sudbury commenting on the new style of The Free Press and wants to know if there is anyone in Acton and area who might be interested in trading police officer's arm flashes with her son who also collects army security badges and buttons. The St. Denis address is 1165 O'Grady St., Apt. A, Sudbury, Ont. P3A 2V7.

There can't be any power shortage in Acton, judging by the way lights are in operation at the tennis courts beside the arena. Some cold evenings they remain on at full blast with no one on the courts. Seems like a waste of power and money when no one is using the facilities.

Mountsberg Conservation Area, operated by the Halton Region Conservation Authority has also become a bird hospital. Birds found injured in the wild are brought to Mountsberg by the public. When they recover from injuries such as broken wings, but cannot be released they are kept on display for educational purposes. That's the place to take injured wild birds.

A caller this week brought our attention to the trash and refuse collecting on Willow St. just off the main business section and compared it to the fine improvements being made on the small plaza on Main St. South. The contrast in the streets was further heightened by the presence of a dead cat which the caller said had been there for almost a

week. According to the caller Halton Hills had been informed of the dead cat but it remained there drawing flies and emitting strong odors.

Residents in Lakeview subdivision who have been eating dust for the last few weeks from roads waiting for reconstruction after installation of new services last fall, will rejoice when work starts on the reconstruction. The dust and dirt has mixed well with the wet weather producing a fine film over windows and doors, and causing tempers to rise.

We rejoice with many others that the federal election is over after over a year of speculation and seven weeks of vigorous campaigning. At this writing there were no winners but face it we'll have to live with the party that wins, whoever they are.

Voters who live along Churchill road in the Acton rural area were disturbed because they had received no notice of where they were to vote. Apparently it is not common to this area. The Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association is also concerned about the revised elections Act and the provisions, or lack of them, for informing rural residents of such things as enumeration procedures, advance polls and polling places. There is a definite lack of information provided to rural areas. "Rural" is defined in the Act as any community of less than 5,000.

Rumors hard to control

Dealing with rumor is part of the newspaper business. It is true that for every official, factual statement brought to the editor's office there are ten rumors whispered in his hearing. Sorting the chaff of exaggeration from the germ of fact is seldom easy and often unrewarding.

No one in the publishing field will deny that rumor is unpredictable, intangible, easy to broadcast, hard to control and often difficult to reconcile.

Rumor is sometimes founded on vivid imagination. Rumor, too is a byproduct of envy. Rumor can be like a small, rotten nut under a coating of sweet chocolate.

Rumor may appear as the child of sheer malice, lacking substance, without source in honesty.

But, rumor can be the truth with an inferiority complex. This is the reason why rumor cannot be completely discredited.

Rumor does not come in packages marked malicious, biased, truthful or fantastic. A newspaper accepts and in-

vestigates rumor to search out the truth.

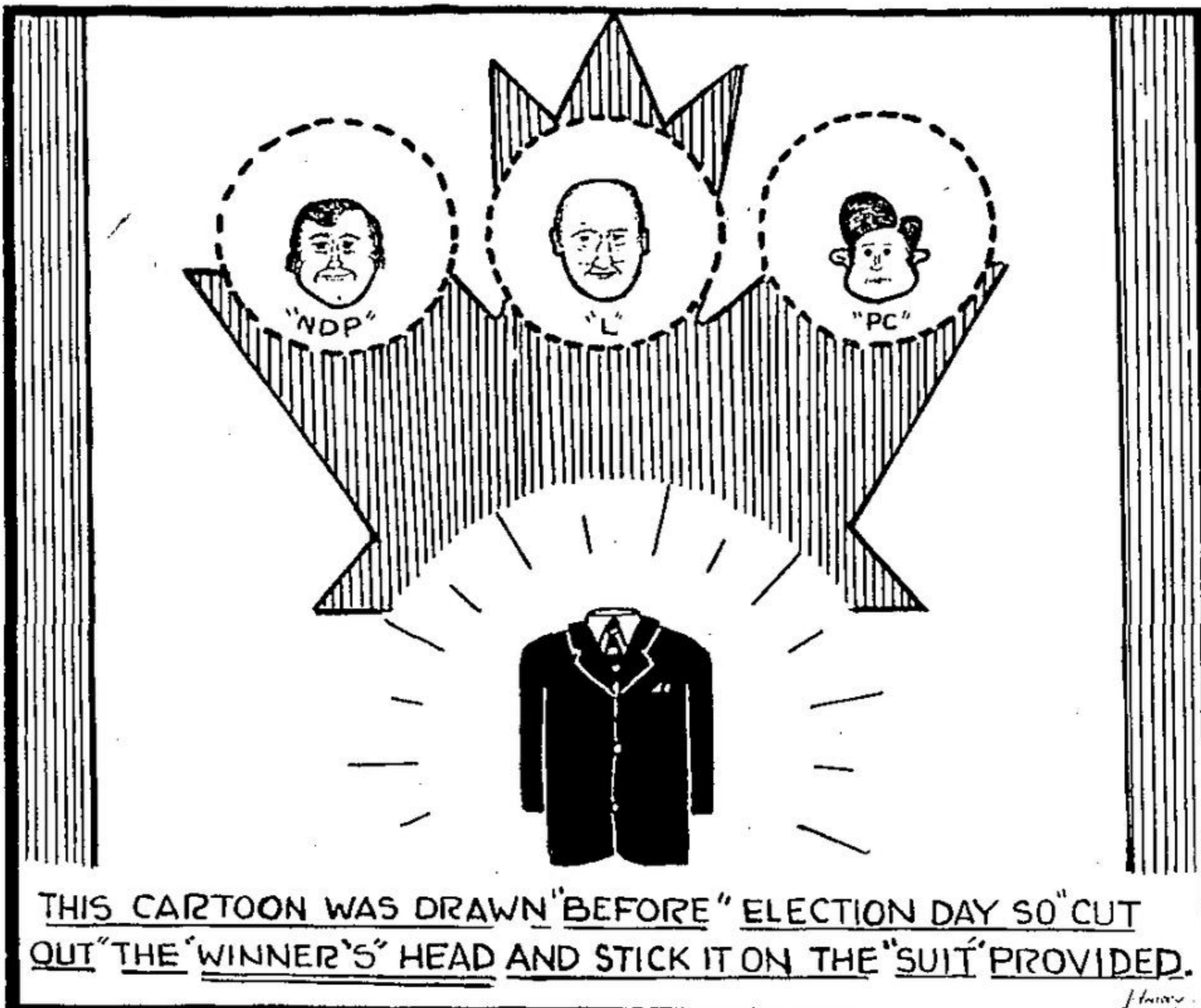
Rumor is based on unproved possibility or presumption of probability.

Rumors will persist so long as so-termed official statements are either lacking in substance or issued in such a way as to omit fact which should be public information.

—Foster Russel in Fourth Estate



Dejected Frank Philbrook



'People have spoken'

Philbrook defeated

By Peter Mills

It was so quiet, you could hear a poll drop.

Milton Mall last night was supposed to be the scene of a large and raucous party, but it turned into a wake as Halton's Liberal incumbent Frank Philbrook was defeated by Conservative challenger Otto Jelinek.

From the moment the first results began to trickle in 10 minutes after the poll closings, it was no contest.

It was Tory Blue all the way.

Dr. Philbrook never had a chance.

Of the 274 polls in Halton, 233 polls reported their results to Liberal headquarters. Many of the absentee polls were from the Milton area.

The somber, sedate mood was reflected in the faces of the people gathered at the Mall office of the Hal-

ton Liberals. That mood at times turned to anger. Two young people were asked to leave because of their profanities.

Another lady looked at the results from the Oakville area and said: "I just don't get it. Look at it. Just look at it. It's bad. Very bad. I didn't think the people in Oakville were that stupid."

Her companion said: "I just don't understand where the people have been for the last two months. Have they been asleep? Are they deaf or what?"

Blaming the electorate for the party's defeat is a common move, but the candidate himself chose to blame none.

"We were caught in a province-wide trend and an area-wide trend.

"We ran a good campaign and I'm proud of my people. We ran a better campaign than last time. We've got a good Liberal team in Halton, that's the main thing," Philbrook said.

He took his defeat gracefully and summed it up in the trite phrase: "The people have spoken. It's that simple."

He congratulated Otto Jelinek on his victory.

"I wish the best for the country. I hope that government can deal with the problems facing the country. I'm still enough of a Canadian to hope Canada can do well, regardless of who forms the government."

Dr. Philbrook declined comment on his personal future, saying "I'll make a decision on that in the days to come."

He said he had hoped the election would have been closer than it was.

Official returns were not available at press time, but of the 233 polls reported, Dr. Philbrook won 12. Three resulted in a tie between him and Mr. Jelinek with the remaining 221 falling to Mr. Jelinek.

The New Democratic Party candidate placed third in the popular vote, but didn't win a poll.

Tory win -tradition

Halton went true to form... again.

The riding has been a traditional barometer. The party capturing Halton tends to do well on a national scale.

The only difference came in the degree. Had the Halton total been reflected nationally, Joe Clark would have had a majority government, and a pretty healthy one at that.

Liberal incumbent Dr. Frank Philbrook fell victim to the same kind of trend that elected him in 1974. His good fortune in '74 was tied to Pierre Trudeau's success every bit as much as his defeat in '79 was tied to Mr. Trudeau's apparent failure.

Before the results started coming in last night, Liberal campaign manager Al Wilson said he was encouraged by the heavy voter turnout.

"It shows the people really stopped and looked at the record and that's what we wanted them to do."

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A JUBILANT CELEBRATION was held in Oakville where Otto Jelinek and his wife Leata were showered with confetti once the PC victory was clear. Former High Park Toronto MP, Otto has now been elected in his home riding of Halton, ousting Liberal incumbent Frank Philbrook.

Back issues

10 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Wednesday, May 28, 1969

Graduates—Jill Hurst, Edward Lynch, Winifred Dunbar, Murray Smith, Linda Parker, Neil Franklin, David Ryder, Donald Long, Jayne Probert, Gay (White) Peck, Gordon Peck, Gary Masales, Alan Hayward, Mary (Moffat) Naudrajong, Randy Daly, James Bellamy, Michael Hurst received his Masters degree in Business Administration.

A large crowd enjoyed the annual ball game and fireworks at Eden Mills park and the booth did a roaring business.

The New Apostolic church was formally dedicated Sunday morning and extra chairs had to be placed in the attractive building to accommodate the crowd. The rector is Rev. K. Eckstein of Guelph. There are 18 members in the new congregation. The church has the distinction of being free of debt.

Father Ryan and Father Zettel are leaving the parish of Rockwood and Oustic. Bob Angell was elected Legion president, Gord James first vice-president, Fred Allen second vice-president.

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 21, 1959

Members of the Three Star Hi-Y Club presented their fashion show in the parish hall. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirkness were commentators and models were Denise Ridley, Carol Goodwin, Kate Kirkness, Sandy Davidson, Jean Lidkea, Ann Davidson, Sandi Hudson, Jane McPhedran, David Hunter, Dave Grahame, Jon Hurst, Bill Dawkins and Barry Kirkness. Miss Betty Fosbury played the piano. Make-up was by Mrs. J. Dowding and Mrs. W. Sproston.

School board chairman C. W. Bradley and secretary W. Middleton learned from the demolition contractor that the old school should have been condemned years before, and was a hazard. The only portion holding the walls in place was the roof.

Clarence Rogvaldson was awarded his Bachelor of Arts degree at convocation at McMaster University in Hamilton. Mr. Rogvaldson left his position at Baxter Laboratories to resume his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lidkea held open house on their 25th wedding anniversary. Champions are announced in all the bowling leagues. That winds it up for this trip so adios, amigos.

Tennis courts are ready for the season. Ron Lewis is club president.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 23, 1929

The librarian, Mrs. R. P. Watson, has a new instalment of books ready. The catalogues have been on sale since last Saturday.

At Wonderland on Friday the feature offering will be "Lilae Time", the most magnificent spectacle the screen has ever given you. One of the most sensational daring things of its kind. Starring Colleen Moore. On Monday the offering will be the much heralded "Wings" with Clara Bow and Charles "Buddy" Rogers. The thrilling hazards of aviation.

Piano pupils of Miss Annie Jolliffe held their recital in the Rockwood Town Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harris presented certificates.

Acton Public Utilities Commission announces a reduction in all classes of power for Acton consumers. The new rates will mean quite a saving to all users.

Mr. Neil Gibbons and Miss Mason attended the meeting of the Inter-County league, which includes the Acton Ladies ball team, at Preston.

A choice spirit was called to her reward when Miss Annie Corrigan quietly passed away. She came to Acton 60 years ago as a wee girlie.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 22, 1879

Bathing is a favorite evening amusement for boys, youths and young men.

A. McMillan Esq., principal of the Rockwood Academy, and one of his pupils were driving into Guelph when the horses became frightened and ran away. The gentlemen were thrown from the buggy and were insensible for a time, but were able to return to Rockwood on the evening train. At last accounts the horses had not been recovered.

An aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Snyder were surprised by many of their six sons and six daughters and their families on their 50th wedding anniversary. They moved to Esquesing in 1844. Mr. Snyder has passed 76 winters while his wife is 73 years of age.

Those who are setting out trees will receive the thanks of generations yet to be.

The sudden death of Edward Moore after illness of four days duration cast profound gloom on our village. He was 45 years of age. He was one of our most successful businessmen, a member of the School Board and an active worker in the Methodist church. He was the father of the proprietors of this journal, T. Albert Moore and H. P. Moore.