

Halton East Candidates Want Georgetown To Tip Scales

The Halton East provincial campaign moved into the home stretch this week as the riding's four candidates make their final attempts to persuade the riding's 50,000 potential voters.

Today's vote marks the second time the riding of Halton East has sent a provincial member to Queen's Park.

Liberal Bob Blake, New Democrat Ken Gelok, and Independent Robert McGrath are trying to unseat incumbent Jim Snow, Halton East's first MPP.

Before 1967, Halton East and Halton West had been one complete riding represented by Progressive Conservative George Kerr. But in the 1967 provincial contest, Kerr swept Halton West with more than a 5,000-vote majority, while Jim Snow squeaked through by a narrow margin over Liberal Robin Skuce. New Democrat William Gillies finished third, over 3,000 votes behind the leaders, but with about 25 per cent of the popular vote.

This election, the 50,000 eligible voters represent an 11,000 increase over 1967. Thirty-nine thousand people were eligible that year, and 28,000 voted.

YOUNGER VOTERS

A major change in the riding's voter profile comes with the new 18 to 21-year-old voting group, and so far in the campaign, all four candidates have made it a point to speak to students at the all-candidates question-and-answer sessions in the riding's high schools.

The large urban area of Oakville is where most of the votes are, but Snow's narrow edge in 1967 came in Georgetown. Both Snow and Blake have branch headquarters in Milton and Georgetown, and all candidates have increased their efforts here.

As a minister without portfolio in the Davis government, Snow is running on his party's record of "28 years of good government," with special attention to the more than 130 new pieces of legislation passed since William Davis

became Premier last February. In his speeches, Snow frequently mentions recent government decisions such as the halting of the Spadina Expressway, the banning of logging operations from Quetico Park, the new Environment Act, and the Endangered Species Act, as examples of his government's "priorities for people."

OHC DIRECTOR

Snow is a director of the Ontario Housing Corporation, and can point to local OHC projects

such as the modern senior citizens' project in Bronte, and more public housing units in the riding. Last Friday's announcement of a 1,500-acre provincial park in Halton mentioned Snow as the chief government advocate for the park development.

Meanwhile, Liberal Bob Blake has been attacking Conservative government education spending, government education set-up for Halton, American control of the Ontario economy, and an over-

centralized bureaucracy in Toronto.

Blake promises a Liberal government would cut education costs by phasing out grade 13, requiring competitive bids from architects for university buildings, and keeping community colleges and universities open year-round.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Blake says the function of property assessment should be returned to the municipalities, and that the property tax share of

education spending be reduced from the present 45 percent to 20 percent. A Liberal government would then pay 80 percent of the cost of education from provincial tax sources.

On regional government, Blake argues that municipalities should take the initiative in asking for a regional set-up, and that such a Halton region must include Burlington.

TOUGH STAND

NDP Candidate Gelok shares (Continued on Page 11)

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Came from 16 Countries

36 Students Taste Canadian Family Life in Georgetown

Georgetown was invaded by 36 students from foreign lands over the week-end. The guests, all University of Toronto students, stayed with local families, from Friday till Monday.

They came from 16 different countries, including Western Europe, South America, Africa, Asia, Iran, the Philippines, and New Zealand.

Most are graduate students, many holding positions with their

home governments.

The host families entertained them in various ways, but almost all made a point of walking or driving among the colourful fall trees.

The visit was sponsored by the local Y.M.C.A., with the idea of giving foreign students a chance to live in a Canadian home, and see the Canadian type of family life. In addition, it was felt the visit might stimulate interest in

cultures other than our own.

The host families do not belong to any particular group. Some heard of the project and offered their services, some heard it at their church, and some were asked if they were interested.

The World Services Committee of the local Y.M.C.A., under chairman Marg Jaques, organized the student visit.

WINS U.C.W. SCHOLARSHIP



Gayle McLaughlin of 74 Duncan Drive, Georgetown, has won the University women's club of Milton and District scholarship. It will be presented at Commencement. Gayle is now studying first year arts and sciences at Erindale.

AFFECTS TOWN

There are 3,900 workers who belong to Local 1967 on strike and 700 to 800 members of Local 673 on strike at Douglas Aircraft, many of them Georgetown residents.

Will Seek Full Time Fire Chief

Georgetown will have a full-time paid fire chief before the end of the year. Monday night, council followed up a committee recommendation and agreed to advertise for a paid chief.

Cr. Ern Hyde, the lone dissenting voice, strongly attacked the move. He said it was the first step toward a full time paid fire department. "If we had any reason to point a finger, it would be different," he contended. He emphasized that the fire rates in town were the lowest available. "They're none better anywhere in Ontario," he added.

He claimed that the hiring of the chief, and the eventual paid department would account for a quarter million dollar budget in a few years.

AFFECT INDUSTRY

Reeve Ric Morrow felt it was a timely move, since the town now has 17,000 people. "I think we have been very close to borrowing trouble by not having a paid chief," he remarked. He stressed that the present fire department is excellent, "but it is still a volunteer group." He said he foresaw a full time fire brigade within a few years. He suggested the lack of such a fire brigade could have an effect on industry coming to town. He reminded council that the fire marshal recommended a full time chief back in 1968.

"I realize it must be very difficult for anyone who has lived here all their life to realize the nature of the change the influx of population can make," said Cr. Donna Denison. She claimed the impact is not felt immediately but rather all of a sudden. She suggested fire services and recreation are most affected. She endorsed the idea of a paid fire chief and in time a paid fire department.

PROTECTS 21,000

Deputy-reeve Art Speight,

Commuter Rail Service

Davis Announces 'Go' Transit for Georgetown

Bliss Not Closing "Just Reorganizing"

E. W. Bliss (Canada) Limited on Guelph Street will return to full employment, possibly in as short a time as a year, manager Donald Knudsen told The Herald this week.

The Georgetown Bliss operation, which reduced its total number of staff from 85 to the current staff of 40 over the past few months, is being reorganized.

"We are not closing our plant," Knudsen assured The Herald. "We are just reorganizing our product lines and returning some lines such as traffic control signals, industrial timers and fire alarms to the States," he said.

He said the Georgetown operation will devote full attention to the manufacture of automatic dispensing equipment.

"We have also discontinued the fabrication of parts and sub-contracted to Canadian companies," said Knudsen.

He said that the company's total business is not off, but employment is down here because of the reorganizing.

"We expect to grow again, and may be back to peak employment in a year," he said.

GO transit rail service to serve Georgetown was announced Thursday by Premier Bill Davis.

He told a news conference he hopes the system can be implemented by late 1972 and plans negotiations with the Canadian National Railway on the possibility of initiating it.

The area served by the new GO system will be Georgetown, Brampton, Bramalea, Milton and Weston.

The GO transit scheme utilizes Government of Ontario commuter trains on CNR lines.

"I am satisfied that in this one instance, at least, the potential for commuter service exists and the economics entailed are feasible," Mr. Davis said in making the announcement. He said the Ontario government is examining the possibilities for a similar service, using existing routes, both to the north and northeast of Toronto.

"While commuter train needs have high priority with my government, they are by no means the only major plans we are developing for transportation in and around Toronto at this time," he said.

Explore Lottery to Finance Sport Complex

A major recreation complex and a town run lottery to help raise the money are in the works for Georgetown, Mayor Bill Smith revealed Monday night at council meeting.

While the idea at the moment is in its infancy, the mayor appointed two sub-committees to see if the idea is feasible.

One committee consisting of Crs. Donna Denison, H. Levy, Joan Smith and Ern Hyde, will investigate possible sites for such a complex while the other committee with Cr. Ernie Sykes, Donna Denison, Deputy-reeve Art Speight, treasurer Lloyd Peterson, and recreation director Doug Collison, will try to set up the lottery.

No specific outline of the proposed complex was given, but it could include a swimming pool and an arena.

Change Didn't Stand Ghost Of a Chance

Hallowe'en will be held on Saturday night, Council decided Monday night to reverse a stand they took at the committee meeting, which would have seen the festivities held Saturday night.

Cr. Joan Smith said she felt the little children would be home by 8 o'clock anyway and having the trick or treat on the Hallowe'en night, Sunday, would not affect

school the next day. She thought the Saturday night would encourage older children to keep coming to the doors till a much later time.

Cr. Harry Levy said he had contacted the U.N.I.C.E.F. office in Toronto and they did not wish it changed from the traditional October 31st.

So Sunday night, October 31, is the day for the witches, goblins and trick or treat.

Pickets Back on the Line As Hydro Strike Drags on

A full picket line has reappeared in front of Georgetown Hydro building on Water Street. George Herrington, member of local 1766, I.B.E.W., said the full picket line was resumed to stop any attempt to bring in outside help. He said, too, they planned to ask people paying bills to honour their picket line. The hydro bills could still be mailed.

Herrington said the union has modified its demands since the beginning of the three month old strike. They originally sought \$4.90 an hour for outside workers and 12 percent increase for inside office workers. The modified demands ask for \$4.70 an hour,

with an increase of 10c an hour in January '72, and 9 percent on April 1, 1972. The inside workers have come down to 8 percent.

HOLDING

The hydro commission, according to Herrington, is holding at their original offer of \$4.70, and 6 percent for inside workers. The contract expired April 1, 1971, and according to a spokesman for the union, the Commission had their wage proposal since January 1971. Since they are receiving no strike pay, some of the 13 hydro employees have been working at odd jobs, he said.

NOREPLY

Graham Farnell, Georgetown's hydro manager, said at the request of the union, the Commission had a meeting with union representatives and the president of local 1766, Robert Warnes of Oakville. "He made revised proposals which the Commission considered. I advised him of our decision and as yet he had no formal reply," said Farnell.

He pointed out normal maintenance was being carried out and street lights replaced by supervisory staff. He said the soccer field had been illuminated by supervisory staff.



Foreign students arrive by bus for three day stay.



The lights illuminating the Cedarvale playing field went on officially Monday night when Georgetown Kinsmen Club vice-president Warren McLaughlin flipped the switch in a brief ceremony at the control box prior to a game between

LIGHT UP TIME

the Kinsmen and the Minor Soccer Association coaches. The installation of lights at Cedarvale has been a project of the Kinsmen. From left are McLaughlin, mayor Bill Smith, Recreation Assoc-

lation member and councillor Harry Levy, and Recreation Director Doug Collison. That's one bank of lights penetrating the Monday night fog in the background.

Georgetown Cabbies Claim By-Law Tough

A new draft taxi by-law was questioned by three taxi owners at Thursday night's council committee meeting. Carmen Maltby of Flash Taxi, and William Emmerson and Leonard Verschuere of Glen Taxi, told council \$200,000 minimum insurance was more than they could afford.

Maltby said the city of Toronto, where the traffic hazards are much greater, only requires \$100,000. He emphasized that this \$200,000 required, does not include collision or property damage.

When the taxi drivers could not say how much passenger hazard they carried, Cr. Ern Hyde asked them to find out and come back to committee.

Maltby contended the length of time taken, sometimes a month or six weeks, to investigate a background of a driver, was a hardship. He asked that a temporary license be issued while the investigation is being made. He said this was the

practice in other communities.

LOST DRIVERS

He stressed that they are in favour of an investigation since it made sure no-one with a criminal record or poor driving background received a license. "After all they are our cars we don't want them wrecked," he added.

Emmerson explained that the length of time taken in the investigation also lost them potential drivers, who could not wait around that long and took other jobs.

Maltby concluded by questioning a clause in the by-law which states a license may be granted or revoked without any reason given. "This may never be used against us," he stated, "but we don't like it in there."

The committee seemed to agree and asked him to leave it with them. The taxi owners were told to come back and the subject would be reconsidered.



Norma Weir, Marjory Lane, Dick Grace, Evalonne Deforest, and George Herrington walk the picket

line as hydro strikers resume their mass picketing to discourage any attempt to bring in outside help. Local

1766 IBEW struck the Georgetown Hydro Commission August 1.