

Halton East Snowslide Buries Three Candidates



Jubilant Jim Snow supporters whoop it up at the Georgetown PC headquarters after early returns indicate his re-election is assured.

A commanding majority of the Halton East vote has swept Progressive Conservative Jim Snow back into Queen's Park. Snow, a minister without portfolio, turned a narrow 1967 margin of 164 votes in a 1971 landslide - over 11,000 votes ahead of his nearest challenger Liberal Bob Blake. He won every poll in Georgetown and Esqueping, and almost all of the riding's 185 polls. The incumbent's easy victory came as Halton East voters went to the polls in record numbers. The 75 per cent turnout is the biggest voter response in more than a decade.

all three of his opponents combined, and Environment Minister George Kerr's even larger sweep in neighboring Halton West, represent the first clear-cut majorities in Halton County since 1929, and the largest majorities in the county since Confederation. The Halton riding was split into Halton East and West in 1968, and despite large Kerr pluralities in both 1963 and 1967, neither he nor Snow have ever won a clear majority. (A plurality is simply the number of votes over the closest challenger, while a majority is more than 50 per cent of the total vote.) From a few minutes after the 8 p.m. closing of the polls, the outcome was never in doubt.

CRUSHING DEFEAT
Indeed, despite Blake's second place finish, the Liberals suffered the most crushing defeat. Blake fell to 25 per cent of the vote, after former Liberal candidate Robin Skuce had won slightly over 37 per cent in 1967. Where Skuce won 9,703 of the possible 28,000 votes in 1967, Blake trailed with 9,653 of a possible 38,200.

GELOK'S SHOWING
Also, while New Democrat Ken Gelok increased the NDP vote by about 800 over 1967, he fell to 18 per cent as compared to former candidate William Gillies' 25 per cent in 1967. Independent candidate Richard McGrath, who had admitted he had no chance of winning before the voting even took place, came in a distant fourth with 283 votes, or less than one per cent of the total. McGrath was the first Independent to run in Halton since 1943, and won twice as many votes as any Independent in Halton's 104-year provincial history.

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OHS on the Job

Dog's Three Week Holiday All Over

After a three week period with no dog control, the Ontario Humane Society is now officially the dog control agency in town. Last Thursday night, council gave the third reading to the by-law appointing the Society as their agents.

Like East, Halton West Goes for PCs

Progressive Conservative George Kerr in Halton West steamrollered to one of the largest political victories on record in Thursday's provincial election. Kerr took 59 per cent of the total vote leaving his opponents, Liberal Bob McNutt and NDP Walter Mulkeiwich far behind. McNutt slipped into second with 8,444 to Mulkeiwich's 8,238. Halton West includes that part of Esqueping Township north of the Limehouse Sideroad. Every area of the riding went solidly for Kerr who topped over 200 of the riding's 214 polls. The few polls which went to Mulkeiwich and McNutt were scattered. Voter turnout was over 78 per cent.

Favour Council Salary After Bitter Hassle

Council members will be paid a salary of \$2,500 a year, instead of the present \$30 a meeting, if a decision made at committee meeting, Thursday night, stands up at the next council meeting. A long, bitter battle ended with the inclusion of a clause which will deduct \$30 a meeting for every meeting missed. Cr. Ernie Hyde pushed for the \$30 or more deduction while Cr. Phil Siddall and Reeve Ric Morrow felt \$20 deduction would be fairer. Cr. Ernie Sykes opposed the whole idea of a change in pay. Cr. Ernie Hyde termed the \$2,500 "an increase", which would average out to \$35 a meeting. Reeve Ric Morrow stressed he was trying to set a fair maximum, so the budget would not be exceeded. He admitted the \$2,500 was an increase compared to the amount paid councillors in 1970, but said it was less than was paid in 1969, when only one councillor made less than \$2,500. "Averaging those two years makes \$2,500 a reasonable maximum", said the reeve.

Bank of Montreal Opens

The Bank of Montreal has established a new branch in Georgetown Market. The branch, which is located at 294 Guelph Street, will open for business on Friday. The new B of M features convenient banking hours for Market Place shoppers. On Thursday and Friday, it will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. so that customers can shop and bank at one stop. Banking hours Monday to Wednesday will be 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. The modern B of M is fully equipped to provide a complete range of banking services. It has four teller's wickets, two private coupon booths for safety deposit box customers and an "around-the-clock" depository unit. There are good parking facilities as well. Manager of the Georgetown Market Place B of M is Don Kyle.

Turkey Shoot

Eleven sharpshooters were winners at a turkey shoot held by the Georgetown Anglers and Hunters on their property near Ballinafad October 16. They are W. McCormick, Cliff Grace, Gord Shoebridge, Doug Hills, W. Green, C. McCormack, Doug Logan, Dave Shoebridge, Tom Miller, and P. Gallina.

Clocks Go Back

It has been a six months wait, but this weekend you will finally regain that one hour's sleep you lost last spring. Before retiring Saturday night remember to turn your clocks and watches back. Standard Time replaces Daylight Saving officially at 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

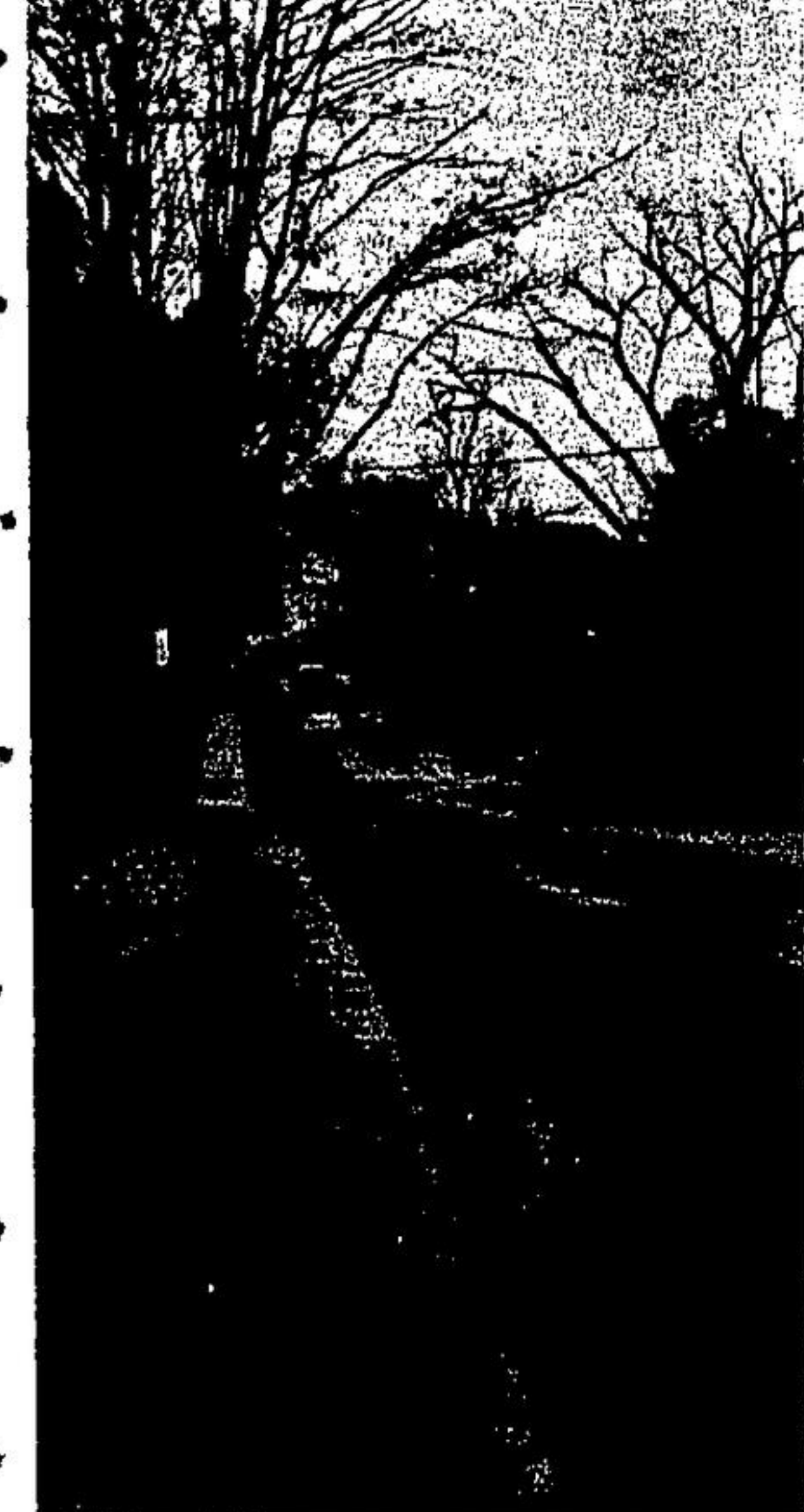
Vacuum The Front Lawn?

The autumn leaves drifting down from the trees may look beautiful, but they are a headache to the works department. Since the Department of Air Management banned the burning of leaves, no one seems to know just what to do with them. At a recent committee meeting, many suggestions were made. The selling of jumbo size garbage bags by the town to rate-payers at cost price was one suggestion. The leaves would be packed in them and picked up in the regular garbage pick-up.

COMPOST HEAP

Deputy-reeve Art Speight wondered about vacuum type unit. Town engineer said there was a vacuum unit which attached to the back of the regular garbage truck which was much cheaper than the big vacuum truck, used by Toronto. Cr. Ernie Hyde offered some land of his for a giant compost heap. Council asked the engineer to investigate the cost of a vacuum attachment.

responsibilities were carried out and his cooperation with the rest of council. "Many times I'm down here in this building during the daytime, and while I have encountered most members of council here, I have never met Cr. Hyde", retorted Reeve Morrow. "This is reminiscent of an election campaign", commented Cr. Siddall, as he said he would vote for any amount of deduction as long as it showed consistency in policy. "I'm going to oppose the salary whether with or without deductions", stated Cr. Ernie Sykes. "When I was elected I knew the pay was \$30 a meeting, and that's the way it should be till the end of the term". Continuing, Cr. Sykes said he would go for it if it became effective January 1973, when a new council would be in power. He stated flatly councillors have to be at the meetings. "This is where the work is done, and where the legislation is passed", he concluded. **HOLIDAYS** Cr. Hyde again pointed out \$2,500 was an increase, saying, "By the number of meetings set this year the most we could earn is \$2,200, and remember we had summer holidays this year, so it would be less". Cr. Harry Levy agreed the \$2,500 was an increase, but did not agree councillors were paid to attend meetings. "We are paid to fulfill a function", he suggested. "If we were paid for the time we put in it would be in the thousands," he added. The salary of \$2,500, with a deduction of \$30 a meeting missed, was carried.



Propose Pay For Recreation Board

The members of the Parks and Recreation Committee will be paid \$10 per meeting beginning January 1, 1972, if a motion passed at Monday night's committee meeting is endorsed at the next council meeting. Council members appointed to that board will not be paid, Finance Chairman Ric Morrow emphasized. "This is part of the idea behind paying councillors a salary", said the reeve. "one will not make more than the other depending on which committee they sit". Cr. Donna Denison pointed out that council members on Conservation Authorities are paid, while Cr. Siddall said council members of Planning Boards are also paid. Reeve Morrow pointed out these fees are controlled by provincial legislation. **POOR TIMING** Cr. Joan Smith opposed the payment, suggesting the timing was poor. She felt many people would ask why they should be paid when the many volunteers in recreation are not. "Has anyone asked the Recreation Committee if they want to be paid?", asked Cr. Siddall.

WON'T OPPOSE

Cr. Ernie Hyde pointed out he was paid as a member of the Planning Board, so didn't want to be in the position of opposing other council members being paid on the Recreation Committee, even if he opposed the whole idea of paying all recreation committee members. The motion was then broken up into two parts, first the paying of the members \$10 a meeting, and then the clause saying council members would not be paid. The motion passed in this form, but must be formally passed in council.

Driver, Passengers Hurt in Monday Crash

A two car crash at the corner of Guelph Street and Delrex Boulevard injured three people Monday afternoon. Sharon Watterworth of 56 Faludon Drive, the driver of one of the cars was treated at hospital and released. Three year old Bruce Watterworth in the same car suffered minor injuries, as did a passenger in the other car, Diane Koopman of Bellfontaine. Hilbert Koopman, the driver of the other car, was unhurt. Police put the damage at \$800 to the Watterworth 1967 Rambler and \$800 to the Koopman 1964 Pontiac. Another two car accident the same day resulted in only property damage, \$400 to a 1969 Chevelle driven by Ronald Arthur Giroux of Brampton, and the same amount to a 1971 Pontiac driven by Michael Armstrong of 7 Gibbons Place. The Giroux car was entering Guelph Street from Edward, and the car driven by Armstrong was eastbound on Guelph when they hit. An accident Sunday did a total of \$550 damage to a 1968 Dart driven by Harry Hayward of 60 King Street, and a 1966 Buick driven by Robert Taylor of Glen Williams. Hayward was westbound on Delrex and Taylor eastbound on Guelph according to police.

Record Was Set

Seventy-Five Percent Voted

Halton East voters took advantage of Thursday's perfect weather to go to the polls in record numbers. According to figures compiled by Halton East returning Officer Percy J. Cowan, this year's turnout — 38,211 — nearly equalled the total number of eligible voters in the 1967 provincial election. There were 38,958 eligible voters in 1967. Thursday's vote represented 75 per cent of the total 50,950 eligible voters. While enumerators listed 49,500, another 1,450 were added by the court of revision. The 75 per cent turnout compares with 66 per cent in 1967 and 1963. **BIG INCREASE** The 11,000 or 48 per cent, increase in the total number of eligible voters was credited to both the new group of voters between 18 and 20 years-old, and the riding's natural increase in population. Jim Snow, the Progressive Conservative incumbent, was re-elected with a 56 per cent majority. Liberal Bob Blake was second with 23.3 per cent, and New Democrat Ken Gelok was third with 18.8 per cent. Independent Richard McGrath came a distant fourth with .07 per cent. Snow swept all 13 polls in Esqueping Township with 1,578 votes all 25 polls in Georgetown with 3,718, all 18 polls in Milton with 1,933 votes, and 106 of 108 polls in Oakville for 13,517. Snow also won all five advance polls with 592 votes. **BLAKE SECOND** Liberal candidate Bob Blake finished second in all five areas: 793 votes in Esqueping, 1,606 in Georgetown, 809 in Milton and 6,197 in Oakville, with 272 votes in the advance polls. New Democrat Ken Gelok followed a consistent third with 527 votes in Esqueping, 1,355 in Georgetown, 583 in Milton, and 4,613 in Oakville, with 87 votes at the advance polls.

Mayors Coming To Talk 'GO'

Was the announcement of "GO" transit service to Georgetown and area an election promise? Mayor Bill Smith is taking Premier Davis at his word, and will host a meeting of mayors and Reeves from all affected municipalities. Council, in committee, endorsed the idea, but set no definite date.

Spooks Will Roam One Night Early

The Hallowe'en celebrations in town are back to Saturday, so council decided Thursday night. The on-again off-again trick or treat night was switched to Saturday night, after a delegation from the ministerial association appeared before committee, asking for the change. Rev. Albert Vanderpol, chairman of the ministerial association, said several churches and individuals did not wish Hallowe'en held on Sundays because of their religious con-

A Place to Walk

Part of the Main Street south project currently getting works department attention is a new sidewalk from Park Avenue to Maple. The cement was no more than dry when area residents were strolling on the walk where an uneven, narrow shoulder had made such casual travel almost impossible for so many years. An overlay of pavement on this section, and paving of the gravel portion of Main South below Maple are included in the work.

Changing My Mind

changing my mind because of something a certain reverend gentleman said to me on the phone", said Cr. Hyde. "The reverend gentleman told me people would remember things like this in the next election", Cr. Hyde remarked. Rev. Van Den Pol said that he deplored that approach and called it "Unchristian". Council officially stated they considered Hallowe'en to be Saturday, and schools, papers and radio would be informed of this.

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actions or personal convenience. Rev. A. Van Der Pol said many churches have evening services, or meetings on Sunday evenings. "Some children would be unable to participate if Hallowe'en is on Sunday", he added. Cr. Harry Levy said he had backed Sunday as the date because he thought U.N.I.C.E.F. endorsed that day but now he found this was not so. Cr. Ernie Hyde said he felt there would be confusion, with children out both nights, but he would go along with the switch. "I am not

