

# The Iron Hand In Velvet Glove

By Don O'Hearn  
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There were many, many sides to Leslie Miscampbell Frost, as you undoubtedly will have noticed in reading about him in recent days.

He was the smooth politician, the "gentle" man, the great compromiser, Old Man Ontario, tuned in to the back-fence feeling of his day.

Of all his qualities, however, I believe the most significant was his supreme determination.

**SOLD HIMSELF**  
This showed in 1949 after he won the Premiership. Although he had been a member of the Legislature since 1937 and a key member of the government since 1943, he was relatively unknown to the people of the province.

He set about to correct this. For a year and a half he travelled. He visited every corner of the province. In every location where there would be a group of people: pulp mills, hospitals, industrial plants, golf clubs.

His approach never varied. He would move through, sometimes for hours, shake every hand available with the one introduction: "My name is Frost. I work for the government."

He met many open mouths. The majority didn't know Frost who worked for the government. But when he left they did, and remembered so well, of course, that in 1951 he marked up the biggest election victory in Ontario's history, taking 79 out of 90 seats.

**THE STERN LEADER**  
Then to the public this premier was known as a kindly, sympathetic, most understanding, benevolent leader.

But not to his supporters, his troopers in the house. They knew him as a zealous disciplinarian.

Before or since there never has been an attendance of

government supporters such as the legislature saw during the regime of Leslie Frost.

There was a very good reason for this.

Leslie Frost, the kindly leader, kept his own attendance record.

He had a little black book which he carried in his pocket and any member who wasn't present for a session was marked off.

Enough marks, and it didn't need many, he was called into the sanctum and told about it.

Apparently told very fiercely, according to men who had been called in. They were dressed down to the extent that few ever left themselves open to a repetition of the experience.

**PARTY HIS BABY**  
Where the determination appeared most of all, however, was in pride of the Conservative party - the Ontario PC party.

Leslie and Gertrude Frost in their renowned marriage had no children.

On Mr. Frost's part he appeared to substitute the devotion, protection and affection of a fond parent for his children to his political party.

He would let nothing harm it. On the hustings the premier of the fifties would give powerful speeches, but speeches that were mainly alluded to his image of a man of good will. However, when the party entered into them he could become a man of heat.

Four of his cabinet ministers - George Doucet, Philip Kelly, Clare Mapledoram and William Griesinger - got involved in problems which put a blemish on the party escutcheon.

They were sacrificed.

As the history books come out millions of words will be written about Leslie Frost. They will talk of a great politician and a man of achievement. But those that catch him most properly will talk of a determined man with an iron hand in a velvet glove.



**Liberals in a Dancing Mood**

TOP: Mrs. Florence Hamilton, Bob Blake and Mr. and Mrs. G. Gillis talk across the table at the Burgundy Club during the Georgetown Liberal Association dance, Friday night. CENTRE: The Hutchisons, Anne, Heather and Stan, sit out a dance. BOTTOM: They could have danced all night, and many of them did at the Georgetown Liberal Association dance.

## Fireflies Club Children Bowl

Sixteen children of Georgetown Fireflies Camping Club spent Sunday afternoon bowling at Georgetown Bowl. They were treated to refreshments by the club after the competition.


Shella Anderson rolled the high game, 183.

Georgetown Fireflies are the local chapter of the Canadian Family Camping Federation.

## MEET TRUDEAU

Four Georgetown members of the Liberal party were guests at a reception for Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Jean Servos, Mrs. Alice Walker, Frank Allen and Grant Caseley, met the Prime Minister and his wife Margaret in the Ontario Room of the Royal York Hotel.



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9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
Nursery, Church School, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

## Georgetown Men Receive Ford Awards

Two Georgetown men have been awarded engraved plaques for outstanding community service from Ford of Canada. The men are Dave Olscamp, 10 Uplands Court, and Jim Faubert, 29 Airside Court.

The company's community service awards program was established in 1969 and held its fifth annual presentation Tuesday, May 1. The awards program recognizes voluntary citizen participation in community betterment endeavors by Ford of Canada employees or their spouses.

For the last six years, Dave Olscamp has served the Peel community as a Big Brother. He was the first Big Brother in the Peel County Association. He is currently president of the association and over those last six years has spent an average of 10 to 12 hours a week sharing experiences and being a good friend to a boy whose home lacks a father.

Jim Faubert was elected a director of the Georgetown Jaycees for 1969-70 and the following year was elected president. In that capacity, he spent as much as 25 hours a week organizing and directing the activities of the Jaycees. The following year, he "retired" to past-president, and this year the Georgetown Jaycees named him second past-president so he is still spending three to four hours every week on Jaycee work.

**TOP HONOUR**  
Robert S. C. Williams of Bramalea was named "citizen of the year" at Ford of Canada's National Parts Depot and Central Region Sales office at Bramalea four years ago. A week ago Tuesday night he received the Town Crier Bell, symbolic of the highest achievement in community service, from Roy F. Bennett, president, Ford of Canada. He has won this award twice.

Twenty persons received engraved plaques for outstanding community service and another 24 were awarded community service citations at the awards dinner held at the Airport Hilton.

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