

Liberals Back In Halton, Philbrook Beats O'Connor

2,000 Vote Lead Parallels 1972



DR. FRANK PHILBROOK, WINNER

Bad Odor Is Gone Or Soon Will Be, Official Reports

The days of summer months of agony are gone for Acton residents according to Gordon Trivett, assistant director of Central Region for the Ministry of the Environment.

Mr. Trivett was discussing the problem of a strong odor which is emitted from the local tannery, Beardmore and Company Ltd. He noted that the community has complained about the problem for many years.

"It's taken a very long time in resolving the problem but now it appears that the company has taken the right attitude at last," he said. "There is still an odor, but the problem is being resolved."

He pointed out that the company had instituted a program of draining and filling the numerous holding pits which stored the waste materials from the plant. "By filling the holding lagoons and putting in new equipment, the company has reduced to almost zero the occasions when there is a strong odor," Mr. Trivett added.

He noted that two weeks ago there was a recurrence but blamed it on a breakdown of a pump, allowing the water level to climb.

"Also, there is still an extensive lagoon pond on the site that won't be filled until sometime next year," Mr. Trivett said. "You can't expect to fill a pond, 30-40 feet deep and covering three to four acres overnight."

LESS ODOR

He felt that when this pond was filled the odor would disappear from Acton, unless, "there was a major equipment malfunction."

"From time to time, there may be upsets, but we don't expect these very often or for them to last very long," he stated. "There is an odor close to the plant which should be remedied after program."

The assistant director believes that the community can aid the ministry by reporting any discomfort to the Oakville branch by phoning the operator and asking for Zenith 33220. "The number of complaints we've received has been reduced over the years," he added.

"We don't have the staff or the budget to have someone in Acton all day long every day, and have to rely on the community to inform us of any problems they have," he said. "It's been a frustrating experience to bring this problem

under control at the earliest possibility, because we had to draw a balance between the action we wanted and the work the industry can do on it," Mr. Trivett explained.

Main St. Mall Opens Today

The Downtown Development Committee is holding a sidewalk sale on Main St. in Georgetown from July 10 to July 13.

The street has been closed off to traffic from James St. to Church St. with the Main-Mill intersection open for cars crossing Main St.

Don't get the idea that this sidewalk sale is only for the merchants of Main St. There will be boats from the Credit River Boat Co. and autos from Georgetown Chrysler on display as well as merchandise from the downtown stores. There will also be a farmer's market at the James St. end of the mall. Produce and homemade goods will be available.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE HALTON HILLS IODE was granted permission Wednesday night to hold its annual Tag Day during the Acton Fall Fair.

AS NORMAN SNYDER of Albert St. in Georgetown was turning the corner at Maple and Guelph, his car and another, driven by Linda Smith of Erin collided. The front and left front of Mr. Snyder's car and the left front of Linda Smith's car were damaged in the collision. Damages totalled \$1,700.

THE GEORGETOWN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT Committee requested and was granted the closure of Main Street South from John Church Street for a pedestrian Mall twice during the summer. The street will be closed from July 10-13 and later from Aug. 14-17.

CARS DRIVEN BY Lawrence Collison and Barry Watson collided when Mr. Watson was turning the corner from Raylawn Cres. onto Duncan Dr. at the same time as Mr. Collison was attempting to pass two cars parked at the side of Duncan Dr. Damages totalled \$900.

A NUMBER OF GEORGETOWN residents around Delrex Blvd. watched a sight which may have been a little bit of election hijinks when a man rode around on top of a car, "streaking". A reliable source reported that residents of Stockton Cres. and Irwin Ave. were treated to the "view" as the car drove down the street. A Liberal victory has strange effects on some people.

TWO CLASS DOORS and a glass foyer window at the Maple Ave. Baptist Church and a plate glass door window at the Georgetown bowling alley were broken by stone throwers over a period of two days.

MILTON OPP ARE INVESTIGATING A possible drowning Sunday at the Waterfalls Park, Sixth Line, West of Highway 7, James Costello, 41, of 108 Baconfield Dr. Toronto was found dead at the bottom of a four foot deep lake. The investigating officer is Walter Jordon, who responded to a call from the park at 2:45 p.m. Sunday.

Tenders Too Late For Changes

Halton Hills council decided Wednesday that it was too late to change any of the requirements for the proposed Georgetown pool until after tenders were returned.

During the meeting, A. V. Tennant complained that as a member of the building committee he was not kept up to date on the project and missed one meeting of the group. He added that a request for a list of specifications was not presented to him and he felt that "no one knows what we're getting for our money." "Someone is in a real rush to get this project to tender," he said.

However, Coun. Ern Hyde pointed out that the project was already to tender and they would be returned by July 16. He also said that he had made a request for options on the pool but had not received them. "The matter now is that the pool has gone to tender I requested a list of options and hopefully I'll have them before the tenders come back," he told the council.

Coun. Hyde's request was made at a special meeting of council one week ago Wednesday when the architects, Canadian Swimming Pool Design Services offered their proposals to council.

The pool, estimated to range between \$450,000 and \$550,000 by Doug Patton, the aquatic consultant for the firm had a list of options included with the tenders.

Mr. Patton pointed out that the number and type of option chosen by council would determine the final price of the pool.

Council was informed that a list of options would be prepared and presented to the councillors before the tenders were returned.

The Downtown Development Committee consists of all the merchants of Georgetown who wish to participate in the activities.

The Committee, by creating the mall on Main St., hopes to help in getting the merchants of Georgetown together to co-operate in one joint effort that can be continued in future years.



SUMMERTIME GAL

Marion Forbes, of 5 Temple Road Georgetown, is a student at Georgetown High School. For the summer Marlon is working at Joe's Tuck Shop on Main Street.

(Herald Photo)

Halton Hills Council Reacts, Asks For New Arena Drawings

Members of Halton Hills council made a surprise move Wednesday when they passed a motion asking for new drawings and specifications for the proposed Halton Hills arena.

Coun. Ern Hyde asked for the architectural firm of Lee, Elken and Beckstead to prepare drawings and specifications for the arena "not to cost more than \$900,000 and have seating for 800."

"The architect gave us something of a snow job when he was here last week, and I've had some serious doubts about my support for the \$1,200,000 arena," he told the council.

Coun. Hyde noted that there was no spectator type of arena in Georgetown and the main concern of council was for "an ice surface." "I doubt if the present arena is packed to the doors very often," he added.

"If we have to swallow our pride and not have such a beautiful thing, then this is what we have to do to afford it," Coun. Hyde said.

However, this decision upset the representatives of the various clubs and organizations in Georgetown who volunteered to raise funds for the arena.

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Tom Hill read a letter outlining what the groups wanted in an arena. These included seating for 1,000, an ice surface of 185 feet by 85 feet, provisions for summer ice and extras like heating and a committee room for meetings.

"Right now, I'm a little discouraged by their ac-

tion," said Jim Buck, one of the originators of the fund-raising plan. "Coun. Hyde has decided to pinch pennies for something he's not even involved in, he never comes to the arena now."

Mr. Buck had called the original meeting of the groups in February, to discuss the idea of fund raising to help finance the arena, and since there were two meetings with Mayor Hill.

CLUBS UNDECIDED

"What the representatives of the clubs and organizations will want to do now is hard to say, but we can't raise funds until council decides what to do anyway," he added.

The mayor, who was against the motion, was a little upset over the 5-4 vote. He noted that the problem was no longer his.

"The recreation director is going to have it put in his lap when he returns from holidays," Mayor Hill said after the meeting.

The question was brought out when A.V. Tennant, one of the members of the building committee studying the proposed recreation buildings, complained that he was not informed of what happened at the last committee meeting.

He also claimed a similar arena, without seating could be built for a total cost of \$700,000.

"At the only other meeting we had, the architect was asked to go back and do more drawings within our budget, not at \$1,200,000," he said.

"I was under the understanding that we were just building an ice surface for kids hockey, but I guess I was wrong," Mr. Tennant said. "I think before you continue you should find out what you want."

In the recorded vote of Coun. Hyde's motion, Councillors Hyde, Len Cox, Dick Howitt, G.W. McKenzie and Joe Hurst voted in favor of it.

DID YOU KNOW?

The sit-down strike originated in France.



AFTER A two-month campaign, it's all over and they've won. Workers for Dr. Frank Philbrook, successful

Liberal candidate for Halton, celebrated their victory at the Georgetown headquarters. From the left

are Elizabeth Robson, Bob Stuart, Alice Walker, Dolly Moulden, Jeanne Servos and Frank Allen.

(Herald Photo)

and national vote represented a rejection of the Stanfield wage and price freeze, but added that it was a vindication of Trudeau leadership as well.

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Red Wagon For Chief

Halton Hills council Wednesday had a little trouble deciding what color a fire department vehicle should be, yellow or red.

Tenders called for a station wagon for the fire chief of area one, Mick Holmes included an addition of \$150 to paint the vehicle red.

However, Coun. Roy Booth, felt that the newly accepted color for these vehicles was yellow. "It makes it easier to see and the vehicle in area two is already yellow," he noted. "It's up to council to decide what color this car should be, but I thought that yellow was becoming the standard color of the vehicles," he added.

Coun. Les Duby pointed out that Mr. Holmes had made a strong request to have the car red, because "if it was painted yellow, it would be in conflict with the other vehicles in Acton which are painted red."

Coun. Booth noted that in area two, only the chief's vehicle was painted yellow, and "it too is in conflict."

An amendment to have the station wagon painted yellow for Mr. Holmes was defeated.

AN EDITORIAL

A Second Chance

Canada's national election, Monday, was fought in Ontario.

Very few significant changes occurred across Canada, but in Ontario, the federal Liberals picked up sufficient extra seats, 19, to assure a majority government.

Ontario voters, who just happen to live in Canada's richest province, ignored the feelings of Canadians beyond their boundaries and stayed with Trudeau. They didn't want the anti-inflation price and wage restraints of the Progressive Conservatives and they even tossed out New Democratic Party Leader David Lewis, presumably for precipitating the election in the first place.

The Liberal tide even washed into Halton, where PC Terry O'Connor bowed out to Dr. Frank Philbrook. And to the north, in Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe, a longtime PC gave way to a Liberal.

The Liberals now have a new mandate, however geographically confining it might be, to govern. Hopefully, in the best interests of all of Canada, it will be a mandate regarded in a different light than it was in 1968. Those were the happy years after Trudeauism, which culminated in the minority Liberal government of 1972.

Ontario appears willing to continue its Trudeau love affair, but at best it should be regarded as one more chance. The Liberals have at least four more years to tackle the growing problems of inflation, regional disparity and world involvement. It's a tough role to tackle.

Labor Act, Board Are Called Biased Towards Unions

Brampton and District Labor Council says the Ontario Labor Relations Act and the operations of the Ontario Relations Board are biased towards unions.

Led by council president William Rannachan of Georgetown 85 local union officials called on Premier William Davis to make changes to the Act and to the operations of the boards.

The union leaders quoted passages from the act, and cited examples to prove their contention that the labor legislation "created endless delays and contributed to needless strikes."

"It has been our experience that the ministry is not living up to the intent of the OLR Act as spelled out in the preamble. Since the 1971 amendments to the Act the organization of the

unorganized and the obtaining of collective agreements has become progressively more difficult. This is particularly true in the small plants in our industrial area, and among the service and office workers where the employer pressure has the greatest effect.

"While the preamble to the Act itself proudly proclaim one right of workers to organize into a union of their choice and to bargain collectively for an agreement, the administrative sections of the Act set out delaying procedures and open avenues for company interference with these rights.

This interference ranges from sneaky underground harassment to costly and delaying legal manoeuvres. In many cases we find the em-

ployers blatantly violate the principles of the Act sneering at the petty penalties, so petty that many employers merely regard them as token cost to maintain a non-union shop."

Val Bjarnason, national representative, asked why the Ontario government had raised the requirement for automatic certification of a union from 55 per cent to 65 per cent. He told the premier that this proved a pro-employer bias of the government since Ontario is the only province with this stipulation. "Under no circumstances does it require more than a simple majority to win recognition and we intend to press until we win that in Ontario," he said. Mr. Bjarnason pointed out that automatic certification was most important because the Act

did not give any protection to workers who tried to form a union."

ACT A SHAM

Mr. Bjarnason claimed the Act was a sham when it came to protecting workers rights. As proof that it was virtually impossible to prove that a worker had been fired by an employer "for union activity," he quoted figures showing that only 16, or a mere eight per cent of all 208 cases presented to the OLRB in 1972 were won. He called upon Premier Davis to amend the Act to shift the onus of proof from worker to the company in such cases. Quoting from an Ontario Federation of Labor Brief he read the provisions of six other provinces which now require the company to justify its ac-

tion in firing a worker who claims it was for union activity. Mr. Davis would not give a commitment but promised to review the issue of onus of proof.

Bruce Lee, International Representative of the UAW, said companies were "getting away with murder" under the Labor Act. He said it was getting much more difficult to organize plants, especially the smaller ones. He cited the use of "petitions" as one of the most effective means. "Workers have to sign a union card, pay initiation fee, sign and counter sign a receipt before they are considered as being in favor of a union, by the labor board," he said.

"All a company has to do is get some boss or intimidated

worker to take around a petition, right under the foreman's nose, saying they don't want the union. It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to that kind of intimidation especially in a small shop. But the Labor Board officials recognizes those petitions and cancels out a union membership card for any worker who then signs a petition. This is absolute proof to me that the labor relations board is pro-company."

Dave Petty, International Representative of the Oil, Gas & Atomic Workers Union claimed that thousands of workers are being denied their collective bargaining rights by being "split off" from their fellow workers because they "don't have a community of interest" according to the

Labor Board. He also stated that the Labor Act still allows plants to dodge the union by moving even a few miles.

PROBLEMS

Frank Fairchild, International Representative of the UAW and an experienced arbitrator, enumerated problems created by the mandatory requirements for arbitration under the Labor Act. He told the premier that when the government took away labor's right to strike, during the war, it claimed that arbitration was a quick, inexpensive and just way of settling disputes. The alternative of the courts was slow and costly, according to the argument. Mr. Fairchild insisted that by now the arbitration procedure is just as slow as the courts, and just as

costly. In addition, the use of lawyers and judges, almost exclusively in arbitrations has turned the process into lawyer's dream and a worker's nightmare.

Companies are increasingly turning to the courts to appeal decisions unfavorable to them.

"So we get the double double, double cost - double frustration." He claimed that industrial disputes should not become legal issues. The endless delays, haltsplitting legalisms involved in decisions and the like, are turning workers against arbitration as a solution to their in-shop problems. The inevitable result is a pile up of grievances, by the time negotiations arrive, in the final analysis many strikes result from this process. A

better way must be found, he insisted.

Mr. Davis, replying to the heavy barrage of criticism, stated that the labor department has a task force at work studying the Act and the operation of the Labor Board.

He quite readily agreed that many procedures had been very slow, but insisted that steps had already been taken to try to speed matters up. He said he was well aware of the great deal of criticism among unions of the procedures for dealing with "unfair labor practices" and the long delays in some Board proceedings. He assured the meeting that the views expressed would be considered and that changes to the Act would be in the discussion stage "hopefully by this fall."