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SWEEPS ACTON AND ESQUESING

Tom Hill tops polls, beats Levy by 1,000



AND I WANT IT THIS BIG, SANTA!

Four-year-old Craig Barrager of Windsor Road appears mesmerized by the man in the large white beard and red velvet suit following his arrival in Georgetown Saturday. More than 5,000 people are estimated to have turned out to see the Lions Santa Claus Parade wind its way from Moore Park Plaza down Main Street to Maple Avenue, along Guelph Street to its end at the Georgetown Market Centre. More pictures on Page 13. And the crusty old gent tells all in an exclusive interview with The Herald on page 4.

Santa's Mailbox makes its first appearance in The Herald. This week on Page 7.

A traditional rural vote combined with uncertain, but critical Acton area support combined Monday to spearhead victory for incumbent Mayor Tom Hill in his bid for re-election.

Mayor Hill defeated first-time contender Harry Levy by 1,073 votes as he swept the polls in Esqueving and Acton. Unofficial results show Mayor Hill with 5,465 votes and Harry Levy with 4,332.

Early results didn't reveal the trend until about 9:30 p.m. as anxious Hill supporters milled about campaign offices in the Georgetown Market Place.

Mr. Levy, however, said his "efficient" returning organization indicated early that a rift had developed and by 10:30 p.m. he predicted the 1,000 vote margin as he conceded defeat.

The rift, first showed about 600 votes and as the rural polls were tabulated this gradually increased to 1,000 and at one point, based on a radio broadcast, widened to 1,400 votes.

Mr. Hill polled 1,180 votes in Acton to take the ward by 378 votes over his rival. His sweep of the 17 polls in Ward 2 showed a landslide victory as he topped it with 1,925 votes. Mr. Levy came out a poor second with 647 votes.

But voting in Ward 3 split as Mr. Hill captured 12 of 18 polls and a slim margin of 103 votes over Mr. Levy.

Ward 4 voting pattern was all Levy as 13 of the 14 polls showed strong support for the challenger. Both men tied in one poll with 79 votes each. Mr. Levy totalled 1,639 while Mayor Hill recorded 834.

Mayor Hill had expected Ward 2, former Esqueving Township where he had been elected its last reeve prior to regional government, would return heavily in his favor.

Campaign worker Don Schenk said early in the evening that Ward 1 and Ward 3 would be critical. No one in the organization had expected the split in the Ward 3 returns.

"We were well satisfied with the voting in Ward 3 and in Acton," Mayor Hill commented following his victory. "We were damn pleased with the vote in Ward 2 and very pleased with the voting in Ward 4."

He said he expected Ward 4 to concentrate heavily in support of Mr. Levy since he had represented the ward as town councillor for the past three years and as a five-year veteran of the former Georgetown council.

Earlier Monday Mr. Levy said he needed a heavy voter turnout in the urban areas in Wards 3 and 4, Georgetown and Acton.

His turnout was partly successful as early poll reports showed as much as 20 percent of the electorate voted by 1:30 p.m. at some polls in the urban areas.

"I did not expect it to be any different in Ward 2," Mr. Levy commented late Monday, after results were known "but I had hoped it would be better."

Mr. Levy obviously disappointed and tired at the end, said Acton played the critical factor in his defeat.

He said comments he had received during the campaign indicated people in Ward 1 were "dissatisfied with the service of their representatives."

"They (the people of Acton) see the town of Halton Hills as Halton Hills sees the region," he said slowly. "They are at the other end of Halton Hills and get things done last."

He speculated that voters may see him "as a man representing the urban area of Georgetown and would be less likely to give them support than a rural man. It's difficult to say."

Mr. Levy a former finance **499 donors**

The "Gift of Life" was given at a very successful Lions and Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, Monday, with a smooth flowing operation of 499 donors, who filled 471 blood packs.

Flu and colds were the main reason for 28 rejects. Last year 411 donors came out and 58 were rejected.

Marilyn Sunnucks and her telephone committee again were busy contacting registered donors, which contributed to the success of the clinic, along with service clubs help.

committee chairman and a comptroller and general manager of a firm with annual sales of \$12 million, said he will be available for any position council may consider him capable of serving on as a citizen.

"I think that the future of this town is based on its fiscal

and land use planning," he said. "Fiscal planning is the most important because unless town council keeps control on finances we are heading for a period when we could get into financial trouble."

Proposals for the \$900,000 addition to the municipal office

on the Seventh Line were "very much" defeated by the electorate Monday, he said, pointing to the defeat of Coun. Ern Hyde in Ward 3 who maintained his support of the proposal through a series of all-candidates meetings.

The greatest challenge fac-

ing the new council, Mr. Levy said will be its controls on the proposed new facilities several candidates endorse during campaign talks. These include library cultural and recreation facilities.

Halton Hills, with exception of a library project, has not

had to carry any debentures for the past three years of regional government and the previous five years as Georgetown.

"It is going to take a lot of financial constraint and financial wisdom," Mr. Levy predicted.



HARRY LEVY



TOM HILL

BOXSCORE

MAYOR

Tom Hill

WARD 1

REGIONAL
G. 'Pat' McKenzie
AREA
Les Duby
Peter Marks

WARD 2

REGIONAL
Russ Miller
AREA
George Maltby
'Pat' Patterson

WARD 3

REGIONAL
Roy Booth
AREA
Walter Biehn
Pete Pomeroy

WARD 4

REGIONAL
Ric Morrow (acclaimed)
AREA
Mike Armstrong
Peter Morris

SCHOOL BOARDS

SEPARATE

Hartley Sherk

PUBLIC

H. (Bert) Hinton (wards 1 and 2)
Don Long (wards 3 and 4)

REFERENDUM

Results of liquor referendum will not be known until late Tuesday. Details next week.

Region to promote (finally) Halton's industrial viability

Regional council recently decided to promote Halton to industrial developers, a responsibility it assumed from municipal industrial commissions about two years ago.

From 40 to 50 per cent of Halton Hill residents work out of town, estimated town planner Mario Venditti, and with the closing of Domtar and reduction of Abitibi staff about 300 will be unemployed.

Fears that Halton Hills will gradually evolve into a dormitory community are not shared by Mr. Venditti, however. He feels increased residential development, combined with promotion, will be a catalyst for industry and commerce.

A larger population hopefully will expand the local skilled labor market thus enhancing the attractiveness of Halton Hills to developers seeking factory and store locations, Mr. Venditti explained.

A regional official, who requested anonymity, doesn't agree. He said the reverse is true: Jobs lure people.

It's a chicken and egg situation. Mr. Venditti said families move to Halton Hills even if the breadwinner is employed in one of the large nearby centres because it is quiet, less congested, houses are cheaper and taxes are lower.

Yet he added the cost of commuting to work is too steep for middle income people who desire employment in their home community.

The opening of new plazas **Pot seized, couple charged**

A Toronto couple has been charged with possession of 15 pounds of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking following an arrest by RCMP Wednesday on 10 Sideroad.

Oakville RCMP said a material believed to be marijuana was found in the back seat of the vehicle.

Charged are: Richard F. Milne, 30, and Brenda Wadsworth, 23. Both were placed in custody pending a bail hearing in Burlington Monday.

Milne is also charged with dangerous driving in connection with a chase in which the car he was driving ended in a ditch.

now under construction and expansion of industry along Armstrong Avenue will help fill the latter need, he believes.

The ideal situation is for Georgetown to be "self-sufficient" with a healthy industrial tax base, in-town employment rate, in-town shopping and a variety of housing.

This, said Mr. Venditti is his long-range goal.

"How to accomplish this is another matter," he admitted.

Taking the example of an enclosed shopping mall, Mr. Venditti said within 2 or 3 years the population of Georgetown will probably warrant one, while now many shoppers radiate to Guelph and Brampton.

"You have to create a demand first," he said, pointing out that McDonald's Restaurant decided to open a Georgetown outlet only because the trend is towards growth.

A recent report by the planning department speculates that by 1981 Georgetown's population will jump from 18,842 to 25,558 while Acton may grow by about 1,000. These figures are based on internal population multiplication only, excluding out-of-towners who settle here.

Mr. Venditti believes an increased work force combined with the availability of land for

Industrialization, municipal services, gas and electric power plus Halton Hills close proximity to Highway 401, the airport and the CN railway line are elements lucrative to industrial developers.

In the housing sphere his priorities are apartments for those who cannot afford a house and senior citizen's accommodations.

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POOR LOSER

Poor Loser, portrayed by Hal Porter gets down on bended knee to beg for his life during an emotional comedy scene from the Georgetown production of the Bungalow. The locally written and scored musical premieres tonight at the Howard Wrigglesworth public school auditorium and is the second in a series of plays being produced this season by

the Georgetown Little Theatre. In this emotional exchange Chief (John Minns) left, refuses to budge from his decision to seek a new creative dinner from the young Indian brave. Looking on at the rear is Brave Paul McGrath.

(Herald Photo)