



PC candidate George Gray and Acton association executive

## Acton PC's elect executive

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
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Haltom-Burlington riding Tory candidate George A. Gray, is calling for a provincial election in the near future.

Speaking to the annual meeting of the Acton Progressive Conservative Association Wednesday, Mr. Gray said he believes that "the time is fast approaching when, if the Ontario opposition parties do not cause the government to fall, Mr. Davis should in the interests of Canada, go to the people of Ontario and ask for a majority mandate in order to provide strong opposition to the Liberal government in Ottawa, and to provide a strong Conservative government to deal with the socialist leaning P.Q. government of Quebec."

Mr. Gray pointed out some pre-campaign ground work he has been doing in trying to get new industry for the area through talks with the Minister of industry and tourism, and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

He says he spoke to the housing minister concerning the construction of a second Senior Citizen's building in Acton and now that sufficient applications have been received construction will proceed.

Mr. Gray is also concerned that there are no nursing home beds in Haltom Hills. Since

nursing home beds cost only one-quarter of what hospital beds cost to operate, he feels that Haltom Hills should have such facilities available.

Bob Jones, president of the federal Progressive Conservative Hiding Association for Haltom-Burlington, outlined the new boundaries for the riding which will take effect on June 12.

Haltom will gain the portion of Nassegetaway which is not now in the riding, but it will lose Erin Township, and the area of Haltom Hills north of the 10th Sideroad and east of a line between the Sixth and Seventh Concessions, he said.

Mr. Jones also suggested that the members present discuss some way to get around having to buy two, or even three, party memberships. He pointed out that unless people have a mem-

bership in the federal riding association they are not entitled to vote for its executive. Nor can they vote on provincial executives unless they have a provincial membership. Acton being a local association, a membership in it is not valid in either of the other associations, he said.

Fran Baines, president of the provincial riding association said that while this is technically true, the memberships which Acton sells are provincial memberships. The provincial association returns a portion of the fee to the local association, he said.

Dr. Frank Oakes said it isn't fair to ask people to buy memberships when they don't know what they're buying.

They can't understand why they should have to buy two memberships.

Brian Cargill questioned why one card could not be issued that would cover all three associations with the fee split between the federal, provincial, and local levels.

Mrs. Baines explained that since some people vote one way federally and another provincially they are often not interested in both associations.

## Acton facelift

Downtown Acton is going to make the best of the reconstruction of Main Street this summer by simultaneously installing attractive, interlocking stone sidewalks at a bargain price.

Henry Stachyra, chairman of the board of management for Acton's Business Improvement Area (BIA), reported to the Acton business association Wednesday that the board will similarly be paying only \$1,800 for the special stone sidewalks to be installed along Mill Street from Main Street to Eastern

Avenue.

The board, he explained, is taking advantage of the town's plans to rebuild the sidewalks on both streets by ordering the special stonework at the same time. While taxpayers across town will be paying for the actual reconstruction of the sidewalks, he said, the BIA board will only be paying for the additional cost of the colored, interlocking stones.

That amount, Mr. Stachyra said, will be 20 cents per square foot, or \$1,800 total for Mill Street. The proposal has already been sanctioned by town council, he added.

Mr. Stachyra told the association that the board has limited its annual budget to the maximum allowable amount of \$20,000. The budget, drawing its funds from a special business assessment tax levied against the area designated for improvement, will this year also pay for Acton's Christmas bus service and the board's share of the Santa Claus Parade expenditures, he said.

Suggestions being considered for future budgets, Mr. Stachyra report included the installation of ornamental street lights and flower beds in the downtown core and an unified, overall plan for the core's beautification. The latter idea, he explained, could take the form of detailed maps and a scale model, possibly to be prepared by urban planning students from the University of Guelph or the University of Waterloo.

## Spring courses

Courses sponsored by the Brampton campus of Sheridan College in flower arranging and landscape design for homeowners will once again be offered this year by the Crookstons of Norval.

Beginning April 27, Prue Crookston will lead a 10-week course in flower arranging at her home. Limited to 15 persons, the course will cover arranging dried and fresh flowers, cultivating and conditioning garden and wild flowers and choice of containers.

Tom Crookston will lead a 10-week course beginning April 25 at the old Norval school on the topic of landscape design for homeowners. The course will cover instruction in types of soil and their qualities, garden layouts, fertilizers, fungicides, pesticides and herbicides and emphasizes flowers and shrubs.

Both courses cost \$30 each and are part of Sheridan College's spring and summer program. Registrations may be sent to any campus of the college or you may register in person.

## IODE celebrates 38th birthday

The Independent Order of Daughters of the Empire (IODE) celebrated its 38th annual meeting by inviting former regents for a dinner at

Knox Presbyterian Church, Monday.

Guests from Kitchener, Guelph, Acton and Toronto were greeted with a receiving line, signed a guest book, and socialized with old friends over front porch.

Regent Jean Dean said the IODE works in quiet ways, members run the marathon bridge, and donate the Sibel Bennett trophy to a Haltom Hills music society each year. Mrs. Bennett was a life-time member and a member of parliament.

IODE chapters across Canada are presenting Her Majesty the Queen with "Watercolors", a collection of paintings of Winifred Pechey Marsh to Canada's newest museum, "Territorial Museum at Yellowknife". A book showing a selection of work typical to Mrs. Marsh is being donated to the Georgetown Library.

About 20 members enjoyed the meal prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary at Knox church, and later watched slides a Georgetown girl, Cathi Marsden, had taken across New Zealand and Australia, and listened to a tape commentary with the films. Miss Marsden is now teaching in Calgary.

June Hess arranged to have the cake decorated with the IODE's crest of order.

In the past year, Mrs. Allan Dean, as regent has passed out four pins, creditable for 25 years of service. One member, Mrs. W. Thompson has served 38 years for the IODE.



Stephen and Adela practise for upcoming finals

## Two Acton pupils win speech contest-second time

In a rare display of enthusiasm, judges at last week's zone championships for public speaking awarded top place honors to both representatives of M.Z. Bennett public school in Acton.

As a result of their latest victory, Stephen Saxon and Adela Rodriguez, both 12-

years-old and both residents of Churchill Road South, will compete at the Eastern Ontario public speaking championships in Kitchener April 30.

A panel of three judges at Holy Rosary Parish Hall in Milton Wednesday named Stephen the best speaker among the boys and Adela the best among the girls. Competitors came from as far away as Waterdown and Orangeville.

Celia Saxon, Stephen's mother, said that judges in such contests usually avoid selecting two representatives from any single school. For the two Grade 7 pupils to both be singled out is unusual, she said.

Stephen and Adela gave addresses on the same topics they had chosen for their qualifying round at a hometown

contest sponsored by the Georgetown Optimist Club. Asked to follow the general theme "Together we will" this year, Stephen spoke on multiculturalism and considered the racist values implicit in ethnic humor. Adela chose the timely topic of separatism.

Adela and Stephen have received some coaching from Mrs. Saxon and M.Z. Bennett English teacher Gail McHugh, but according to Mrs. Saxon much of the credit belongs to the speakers themselves. Stephen has had the added assistance of his experience acting with the Georgetown Little Theatre.

If the two pupils are successful in Kitchener later this month they will vie for the All-Ontario championship, which carries with it a \$500 higher education scholarship.

## Acton Y programs still open

The YMCA-YWCA in Acton is starting its spring program this week, including a variety of programs, with a focus on every age group.

A new program being offered on Wednesday for anyone over 50 is a Yoga class. The class runs from 1:30 until 3 p.m., and so far six women have registered. An evening Yoga class for any age group will be held at the "Y" from 7:30 until 9 p.m.

Golf is offered Monday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and if women aren't too tired after playing golf they can join the Women's Volleyball game from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m.

For men who enjoy sports or want a bit of exercise and fun, join open basketball Tuesday at 7 p.m. or boxing from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Floor Hockey for different age groups is held Thursday evening. 13-14 years old play 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. for ages 15-17 they play from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and for anyone 18 or older, they play from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Members of the "Y" will watch children on Fridays for shopping mothers, in their program, "Kiddies Club" from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Soup and sandwiches will be offered from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## Censure apology

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a letter of apology for the negative reflection on your person communicated by the strong language contained in my initial letter of protest to the minister," Mr. Campbell wrote.

The Renaissance founder claimed to have no reservations about making a public apology and pointed out that he had emphasized his high regard for Dr. Meyer, in a December 1975, letter to Mr. Wells.

"Apparently it has been the judgment of the trustees that my letter did not satisfactorily communicate that apology," Mr. Campbell stated, "and for that reason the motion of censure has remained on the records."

Mr. Campbell maintained, however, that the facts surrounding Dr. Meyer's contro-

versial remarks concerning traditional religious morals remain unclear.

The Values Education Program, sponsored by the Haltom and Hamilton boards of education and organized by Dr. Meyer, he contended, "assumes the inappropriateness of the ten commandments and the sermon on the mount as the basis for teaching moral values in the schools."

"It is normal for these Judeo-Christian values to be downgraded and ridiculed by those who denigrate the educational establishment," Mr. Campbell wrote.

While reaffirming his "deepest respect" for Dr. Meyer and his "heart felt regrets" for any disrespect communicated, Mr. Campbell commented that his opposition to the values education program has become "greatly intensified."



## EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers which graced Knox Presbyterian Church for Easter services were later taken to

brighten the home of Church members living at a Haltom Hills Nursing Home. Here Hazel McMillan prepares to take the flower arrangement to the Maple Hill Lodge, Acton.



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