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Upsets possible in election

Political pundits from Gander to Nanaimo are calling for a photo finish to the current federal election campaign, and in a tight election, Halton Hills' two ridings are sure to play a major role in determining which party forms the next government of Canada.

Because of the federal government's latest round of redistribution, Halton Hills is now split in half with voters in Acton and the surrounding rural area voting in Halton riding while Georgetown residents and those in the surrounding area will be voting in the newly created Brampton-Georgetown riding.

The last time around, back in 1974, local voters were right in tune with the national trend turning out two Tory MPs and replacing them with Liberals Dr. Frank Philbrook (Halton) and Ross Milne, who held the Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe seat, the closest thing to his current riding.

CLEAN SWEEP?

Local voters might opt for another clean sweep, this time replacing two Liberals and returning Conservative members. Of course, it's extremely early in the campaign, but neither incumbent MP can afford for a minute to be complacent about his seat. Especially Frank Philbrook in Halton.

In a recent issue of Maclean's magazine, they list the 16 ridings in Canada most likely to see an incumbent MP in for a tough fight. Halton is one of those ridings.

Maclean's describes Philbrook as a "nondescript" MP who will be hard pressed to hold onto his seat. They say the greatest threat to Philbrook is presented by Conservative Otto Jelinek, "parachuted" into Halton after his Toronto riding was wiped out by redistribution.

They're probably right. Philbrook will have to run very hard to fend off arch-right wing Conservative Jelinek who has made something of a name for himself as High Park-Humber Valley's MP for his support of capital punishment and other conservative causes.

HIGH PROFILE

It's safe to say that the high profile Tory MP is probably better known to some Halton voters than their own, incumbent member.

Philbrook's fortunes weren't helped any by his own party leader as PM Trudeau's election call caught Philbrook out of the country attending a world health conference in Mexico. As a result, Philbrook's campaign spun its wheels for the first few days, waiting for him to return and then to take care of initial organizational work.

For what it's worth, Tory Jelinek was the first candidate to have his signs up in the riding's northern reaches of Acton. Philbrook will have to start beating Jelinek off the mark if he hopes to impress local voters enough to be re-elected.

The third candidate in Halton is New Democratic Party hopeful Doug Black. Black is familiar to voters in the southern half of the riding since he has represented the NDP in two provincial election campaigns. A lawyer, Black is an articulate candidate but he has his work cut out for him trying to defeat both an incumbent and a nationally known heavy-weight like Jelinek.

In terms of Halton Hills voters, Black will have to work hard to make himself known to voters in the north where he is a virtual newcomer.

If NDP leader Ed Broadbent continues to run a strong national campaign, Black is sure to benefit and it would not be surprising to see the gap between him and Philbrook be smaller than that between the incumbent MP and Jelinek, who appears likely to take first place.

Of course, there are still more than seven weeks left in the campaign.

BRAMPTON-GEORGETOWN

In Brampton-Georgetown, the race will be much, much tighter, too close to even think of calling at this point.

In incumbent MP Ross Milne, the Liberals have a highly respected member who even the Tories are hard pressed to criticize. Milne is one MP who knows the value of riding work. You would have trouble finding a constituent dissatisfied with the treatment they have received from Milne when they turned to him for help. Of course, Milne is still faced with the tough task of explaining the last 11 years of Trudeau rule to the voters. Just how effectively he does this and whether he bothers to try will have a large bearing on his re-election hopes.

PARTY MAN

Conservative candidate John McDermid is an entrenched party man, although he has not always stayed on the right side of Tory establishment. They were less than thrilled with his earlier bid for the local federal Tory nod, back in 1971, when he tried to beat Elwood Madill for the nomination. He lost, only to fight another day defeating Everett Biggs in a close nominating battle last year.

McDermid and his oft mentioned 1,200 campaign workers have been itching for the campaign ever since he was nominated. They burst into the election fray last week with McDermid the first candidate to conduct main street campaigning and also the first to publish literature.

It has become apparent early that the Tories respect Milne. As far back as last year's nominating meeting, Brampton Conservative (and full time Premier) Bill Davis described Milne as a good man whose biggest mistake is the party he belongs to.

ROSS' BOSS

There is a very revealing sign at McDermid's campaign headquarters. It says "A vote for Ross is a vote for his boss." They aren't going to attack Milne, it wouldn't be easy. They are going to tackle a much easier target, the Prime Minister.

Watch for as vicious and aggressive criticism of the PM by the Brampton-Georgetown Conservatives as will be found anywhere in the country. If they hope to win the election, they will have to beat Trudeau and forget about Milne.

The New Democratic Party's candidate in Brampton-Georgetown is David Moulton. Although Moulton did a fair amount of pre-election call campaigning, his campaign will not get in high gear until the end of this week when he begins his leave of absence from his full time job. Moulton's not worried about his late start saying the campaign won't really heat up until after Easter anyway.

Moulton is a newcomer to federal politics and the youngest of the three candidates. If nothing else, he deserves credit for his guts in taking on the tough Brampton Tory machine and an established, popular MP like Milne.

A personable candidate, Moulton is likely to impress more than a few of the voters he meets with his easy going, good natured approach to politics.

Certainly, the local NDP are stronger than many may have thought since they are able to afford two committee rooms—one in Georgetown and one in Brampton. If the formidable weight of the Brampton and District Labor Council comes in behind Moulton, and it appears they will, his chances will be greatly improved.

Although it would take a major upset for Moulton to topple the two frontrunners in the riding, he could finish strongly and lay a solid base for future campaigns.

Whatever the outcome, local voters can rest assured that every party—especially the Liberals and Conservatives—will be fighting hard in the area's two ridings. They all need every seat they can get, the election will be that close. The Liberals and Conservatives will be fighting especially hard in Brampton-Georgetown because they both think they can win.

Prime Minister Trudeau will be in the riding tomorrow at noon. I wouldn't be surprised to see him back again closer to election day to rally those badly needed votes. The same goes for Joe Clark.



McDONALD'S BIKE WINNER

Tracey Hamilton, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hamilton of R.R.5, Georgetown won a bicycle in a draw sponsored by McDonald's. All youngsters attending a birthday party at McDonald's during February and

March were eligible to enter the draw. Tracey received her prize recently from McDonald's assistant manager Dave Cropper (left) and Alex Donaldson from North Halton Sports. (Herald photo)

Letters to the editor

Red Cross nears target

To the editor of The Herald:

On behalf of the Georgetown and District Red Cross Branch I would like to extend congratulations and thanks to all who were concerned with the Red Cross Campaign-for-Funds last month.

Special thanks to the rural and Acton organizers and canvassers, who helped make this year's house-to-house campaign more successful.

To those who gave, warmest thanks! You may be assured that what you gave will go to help with the many services, offered in this area, including emergency disaster preparedness and response courses and training, and with national and international disaster and other emergency aid.

At this moment in Georgetown and district we have received approximately

\$13,000.00 (target \$16,500.00). Moneys are still to come in from various industries, business and professional and some residential donors. Further contributions to Post Office Box 106, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 4T1, would ensure, that we reach our objective.

John Wickens, Chairman Campaign Com. Geo. and District Branch The Canadian Red Cross Soc.

Better movie ratings needed

To the editor of The Herald:

Our long awaited theatres present a new problem for parents. The ratings on movies give no clear idea about the kind of material the viewer will be exposed to. Some movies, rated as Adult Entertainment, are suitable for 8 to 10 year olds. Other such as Saturday Night Fever, should NEVER have been removed from the Restricted list. While most sixteen year olds will be able to handle the references to contraceptives, the story line where young people are lining up to have a turn at sex in the back seat of a car, and a suicide, this is not a movie for younger children. Parents who have not seen this movie will be lulled, by the popularity of the music from Saturday Night Fever, into believing that this is a kids show. IT IS NOT.

Fortunately we saw this movie, while it was rated as Restricted. Our decision about whether our kids should see it, is an easy one. Each time the movies change, however, we will be faced with a new decision.

Parents cannot hope to preview all the movies that come to town. Perhaps The Herald could provide that kind of service to its readers. Not a critique on the artistic merits of a movie, although that could be included, but some indication of the story line (is it likely to cause nightmares?), the "Language" the amount of

violence if any, and a rating on the adult movies, e.g. suitable for over 12 or suitable for 8 and over. I'm sure that I am not the only parent forced to make these decisions on incomplete

information. How about it? I would really value a column rating the movies.

Yours truly,
Barbara Halsall
Georgetown, Ont.



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Society's thanks

To the editor of The Herald:

This letter is to express our sincere THANK YOU for the complete coverage that your newspaper gave to the Canadian Cancer Society. This comprehensive coverage has brought inquiries from possible volunteers and has given our campaign just the right send-off.

Thank you again for your fine article.

Sincerely,
Claudette Smith,
Campaign Chairman
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