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Jean King is retiring from the sub-post office at the IDA Young's Pharmacy. She received a royal send-off from her fellow workers, friends and customers at a reception held Saturday at the Oddfellows Hall in downtown Georgetown. There were speeches and presentations and words of praise for her loyal service. Here, MPP Walt Elliot presents a plaque from Premier David Peterson congratulating Jean for her years of service. (Herald photo)

Candidate yet to be named

Halton-Peel NDP holds meeting

By DONNA KELL
Herald Special

The New Democrat Party held their founding meeting Monday night, forming a committee to campaign for the upcoming election.

"We will be in the initial stages of planning after tonight. This association may be transformed into a campaign committee tomorrow," said Don Brown, acting chairman and new Membership Organizer for the NDP Federal Riding Association.

The members are largely from Georgetown, but there are representatives from Acton, Caledon, Bolton and Stewarttown.

"I know how difficult it is to elect a New Democrat in this part of Ontario, but count on constituency out. Not one," said Fort Francis MPP Howard Hampton.

Mr. Hampton's riding is Rainy River, several hours from the Manitoba border. He spoke at length of the NDP's success in Manitoba and northern Ontario, expressing hope for a similar trend in southern Ontario.

"I represent the wave of the future. This federal election coming up, we are likely to break all the rules," said Mr. Hampton.

The Federal Riding Association for the NDP has over 150 members. Its newly-acclaimed association president is Allen Brown of Georgetown. The vice president is Acton's Kurt Hoeborg, the secretary, Jean Lemay from Stewarttown, Alex Quaglia is the new treasurer, Don Brown is membership organizer and Muriel Cramer is publicity officer. The six members-at-large are Arnie De-Vaan from Acton, Stewarttown's Brendee Wilson, Luci Quaglia, John Nicholls and Scott Reed, all of Georgetown, and Joe Grogan, a Humber College teacher from Bolton.

Election committees for the NDP have a major role, said Howard Hampton. "This election campaign may decide the future character of this country, and our community."

Free trade and American intervention in Canada were among the issues brought to light at the NDP meeting. T-shirts with the huddled, smiling faces of Ronald Reagan and Brian Mulroney were displayed, bearing the caption, Canada Does Not Belong to These Men.

"The kind of Canada we have built and the kind of Canada we stand for, is on the bargaining table ready to be carved up," said Mr. Hampton.

Mr. Hampton described the capitalist environment prompted by the States, as the "survival of the meanest", which free trade has brought to Canada.

"Privatization, franchising - these

are the buzzwords of a survival of the meanest society. Mr. Mulroney is developing a free market, absolutely unfettered.

"This is not a cosy chat with your neighbor for coffee, this free trade agreement," said Mr. Hampton.

The NDP also attacked the Liberal party, particularly John Turner. "Mr. Turner knows in his soul of souls that he is a Bay Street capitalist," said Mr. Hampton.

Some of the meeting was directed not at slamming the opposition, but at praising the leadership of party leader Ed Broadbent. Howard Hampton said the NDP are low profile, but should learn to "brag" more about their successes.

Among the members and guests at the association meeting was president of the Canadian Paperworkers Union, Jerry Woods. Mr. Woods was in town to speak at a union conference in Toronto.

An NDP candidate for the Halton-Peel riding has not yet been announced.

"We're under some pressure to have a nomination meeting before the summer," said Don Brown, membership organizer.

Mr. Brown added that a Georgetown man of 'high profile' has been approached to run for the Halton-Peel seat, but has not been confirmed for the position.

Toastmasters tops

The Halton Hills Toastmasters recently held a contest in speaking and listening skills.

The Glen Williams chapter picked up two awards. Dan Hector finished third in the Evaluations, and past president Moira O'Hara placed first in both the International and Canada Day speech categories.

Mrs. O'Hara will proceed to the Division and then the District competition.

The winner of the Canada Day Speech Contest will represent the Toastmasters in Ottawa July 1 for Canada Day, speaking on Parlia-

ment Hill. The Toastmasters in Halton Hills meet Mondays at Glen Williams Town Hall, Main Street.

Women teachers meet

The April meeting of the Ontario Association of Superannuated Women Teachers will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at Mayfield United Church.

Social hour 11 a.m. Luncheon at 12 noon.

Ken Davis from Canadian World Development will show slides on Haiti.

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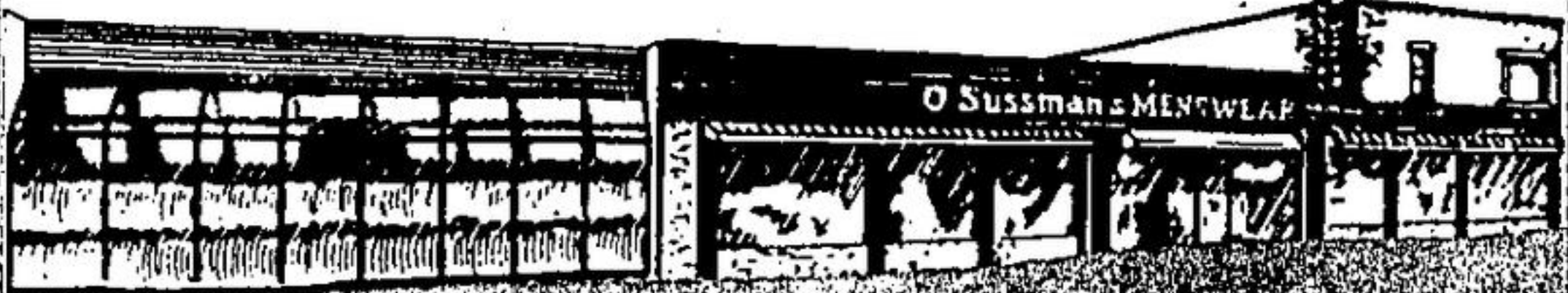
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