

Lines weren't connected Would-be enumerators hampered by phone trouble

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Area residents who attempted to call the Elections Canada Halton Riding office Thursday in search of an enumeration job had no luck getting through because the phones hadn't been connected yet.

The Milton office's two phone numbers (905-693-0005 or 1-800-554-9918) were publicized in last Wednesday's Independent & Free Press, and Ken Frey, returning officer for the riding, said due to a misunderstanding with Bell Canada the phones, which he understood were to be hooked up last Wednesday, weren't expected to be functional until yesterday (Tuesday). Staff were to be there that day to answer the calls.

Frey said Monday it appears there won't be a great need for enumerators in the riding as the Liberals and Conservatives, the first and second place parties in the riding during the last federal election, have named several enumerators to cover the area. Frey said it's the parties "privilege and responsibility" to find the enumerators.

Some enumerators may be needed however in Georgetown and Campbellville, but Milton and the areas of Oakville and Burlington in the riding are pretty well covered

according to Frey. Area residents interested in the enumerator jobs should call the office today. Enumerators are expected to knock on doors in their designated area for about six hours each day between April 10 and 16 and are paid 62 cents per name for the first 200 they record, and 93 cents for each name beyond 200.

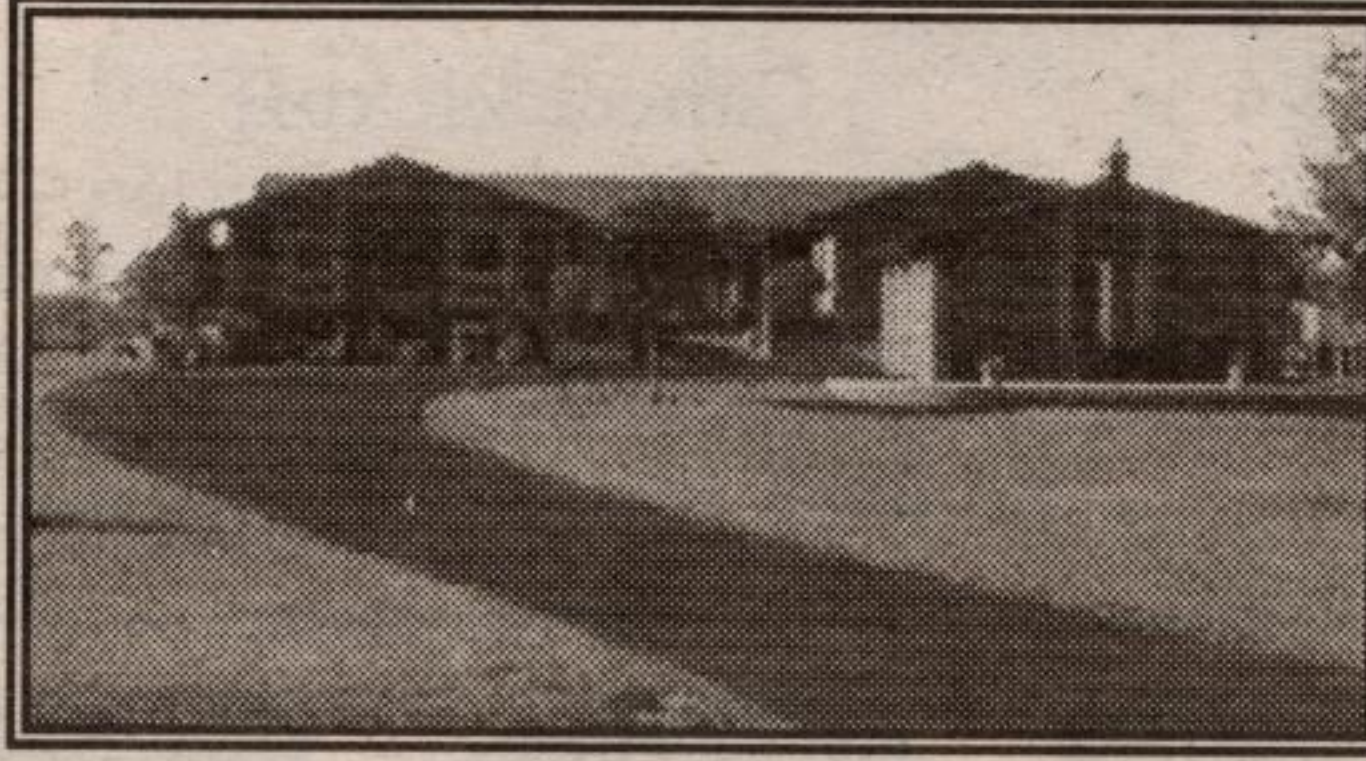
There may also be some data entry operator positions available at the riding office. Anyone interested should call by April 8. Office staff positions may also be available for the first three weeks of April and anyone interested in one of those jobs should call as soon as possible.

Frey said this enumeration is to be the last major one undertaken by Elections Canada and is to provide a master list of voters. He added anyone who has not had an enumerator come to their door by April 16 should contact the riding office. Frey said prior to the next federal election only revising agents will be hired to cover new areas that haven't been already mapped.

"A process will be in place for catching all the people who have moved," said Frey.

The riding office, located at 17 Wilson Dr. in Milton, is to be open to the public beginning today (Wednesday) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through April 16, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April 17 to April 23.

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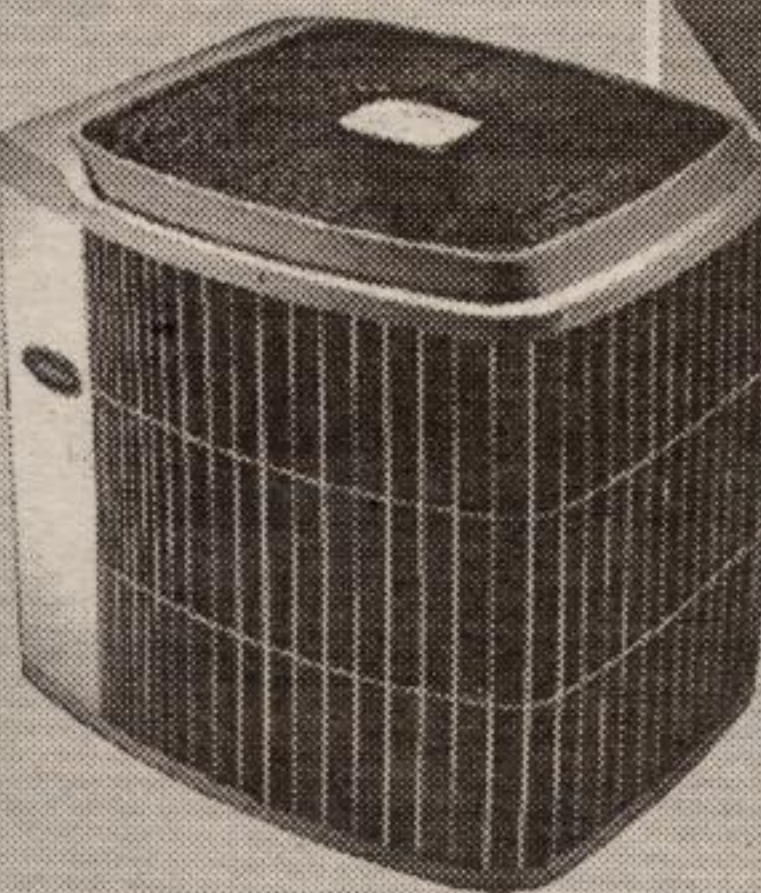
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