

**Ottawa Report**

**Contribution of Private M.P.'s**

By Sandy Best, M.P.



People frequently ask me whether private Members of Parliament can achieve much, or indeed obtain much satisfaction from their work at Ottawa. It must be difficult, people point out, in the case of members of a party forming the Government, particularly with a substantial majority.

While it is hard to generalize on such a wide topic as this, I usually reply that it is entirely possible for a member of Parliament to make definite and substantial contributions and to gain much satisfaction from his or her work. Of course some do not. In every party there may be those who find it difficult to adjust to a routine different from their profession or occupation before they were elected, and of course it depends greatly upon the individual. It is entirely possible to make a distinct contribution in the form of changes in existing legislation, new legislation achieved, or perhaps in the more subtle areas of public opinion and knowledge.

I can think of a number of instances where members have achieved beneficial results. All, of course, have to deal with many hundreds of social and industrial problems. Nevertheless many work as well in certain larger fields of area or national interest. Frank McGee from York-Scarborough has helped focus attention on the issue of capital punishment. His private bills brought before House of Commons have evoked heated debates and wide spread public interest. There are few subjects on which I have received more letters than that of capital punishment, during the period that the House examined this issue. All this plays a most important part in expressing to the Government public opinion and on informing people of the very issue in which their Government may make legislative changes.

Lloyd Crouse from Nova Scotia's Queen's-Lunenburg constituency has long advocated a Coast Guard service. Speaking and organizing over a long period of time, his efforts were crowned with success as the Minister of Transport brought about a realignment of Government vessels, specifically for this purpose. And new vessels are being built to bolster our Coast Guard.

From Saskatchewan, we have grown to accept Reynold Rapp's detailed knowledge of rapeseed growing and marketing. This interesting plant, now grown on three quarters of a million acres in the West is one which can further diversify our prairie

wheat economy. The important oil obtained from the seed is used for a variety of edible and industrial purposes. Reynold Rapp is working towards more equitable freight rates, which could encourage farmers to grow more of this excellent, non-surplus product.

Heber Smith from Simcoe North in Ontario, has worked hard to retain some measure of ship building in Canada. Ship building yards at the town of Collingwood, in his riding, are an important factor of employment in that area. Recent orders for more than 12 million dollars worth of vessels to be built at Collingwood have proven his success in this project. While foreign competition, due particularly to low labour rates, can sometimes make for less costly products, in some cases at least, the tax and employment benefits certainly warrant the making of such vessels in Canada.

There are many other examples. A Member of Parliament, as an individual can make significant contributions in the fields of his choice.

**NEWS FROM**

**Milton Public Schools**

This week a meeting was held for principals of Halton area No. 4 and Wentworth area No. 2 in the Bowman Public school. The subject was creative English in the classroom and the speaker was Howard Adams, the visual education director from Hamilton. A question box discussion was also held during the meeting.

On Wednesday the grade 7 and 8 teachers will meet with Mr. McNeil and Mr. Hunter and high school science and math teachers at the Martia Street High school for a general discussion.

The following Wednesday, the public school teachers will meet again for an in-service program. The topic of discussion will be health and first aid in the public schools.

**Lecture on Art**  
Another in-service meeting will follow a week later with Acton on the topic of art. C. M. Gray, Art Superintendent for elementary schools in Guelph, will be the speaker.

The International Reading Association Halton Council will meet on February 20 at 8 p.m. in the Glenwood Public School in Burlington. The topic will be The Use of the Reader.

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**First Ontario Festival**

**Halton Music Festival Prepares for 30th Anniversary Year**

This spring the 30th Music Festival for Halton County will take place and letters have gone out to School Boards, Home and School Associations, Women's Institutes, I.O.D.E. chapters and Service clubs throughout the County asking for funds to make this anniversary Festival a success.

The history of the Music Festival in Halton is a very interesting facet of the development of the County. Halton was the first county in Ontario to hold a com-

petitive festival. This was in 1928 in Milton, largely due to the efforts of the late J. M. Denyes, Public School Inspector, and Mrs. Vera Russell, Supervisor of Music in a number of Halton schools, and now Master of Music, Toronto Teachers' College. At this festival, 18 rooms took part and the total expenses were \$33.65! Incidentally, those who remember Mrs. Russell will be interested to know she has just had a book published—a professional library book entitled "Teaching Music in

Canadian Schools". To meet expenses, an entry fee was charged but, as interest grew, trophies and medals were donated by school boards, Home and School Associations, I.O.D.E. chapters and individuals. It is interesting to note that in 1941-2 war savings stamps were given in place of medals. The war also forced a lapse of four years, 1943-4-5, because of transportation problems due to gas rationing and the shortage of teachers. In 1947, when the festivals were

resumed, entry fees were dropped and school boards were asked to make cash donations instead. In 1940, EVERY school in Halton participated in the Festival. In 1955, with almost 10,000 children in the county, elimination festivals were necessary with the winners meeting in Milton for the finals. In 1958, over 6,300 children participated, 500 more than the previous year—but in 1959 the figure was almost 7,800! Last year, the Festival cost \$1,110.82.

The tremendous growth in school population in the South of the county has necessitated rapid changes. Last year four separate festivals were held instead of preliminary classes and one final. The growing urbanization of the North of the county is making itself felt also, and the Rural festival seems to be on its way out. For several years, the townships of Esqueness and Nassagaweya have each had an all-day preliminary session with one day of finals but this year, since two new consolidated schools were opened last fall, the Rural festival has shrunk to one day of finals. The towns of Georgetown and Burlington have withdrawn from the festival due to the large numbers of children in their schools.

The organization of the Association has undergone changes to keep up with the population increase in the county as well. Until 1959 an executive drawn from the whole of the County with committees in each area was responsible for the planning. At that time, a complete executive was elected for each of the three Divisions—South Halton, North Halton Urban and North Halton Rural—co-ordinated by a Central Secretary-Treasurer working with the Inspectors, and all funds are dispensed from this office. The program schedule for 1961



HALTON MUSIC FESTIVAL has always been renowned for the encouragement it gives the youthful singers, from both rural and urban schools. Scenes like the one above have been portrayed ever since the first festival was held in 1928. Here Milton's J. M. Denyes school accepts the first place trophy for triple duets during last year's festival finals in Acton. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the festival.

**THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar**

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Thursday, Feb. 2, 1961, 8 p.m.—Pre-Communion Preparatory Service. "Danger! Do Not Enter Unless You Mean Business!"  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1961**  
9:45 a.m.—The Thinkers.  
10:00 a.m.—Senior Church School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Second Exodus". Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery.  
11:00 a.m.—Junior Church School.  
8:00 p.m.—Young People's Christian Youth Week Fireside for those 18 and up, conducted by the West Toronto Presbyterian Young People's Society.

Monday, February 6, 8 p.m.—"Get Together Group". Hostess, Mrs. Doug Lane, Sarah St.

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Mrs. Geo. Morton, TR 8-9716.  
Pastor: Mr. Clayton Coles

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1961**  
10:00 a.m.—Bible School. Classes for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Monday — 6:30, Pioneer Girls; 8 p.m., Y.P.A.  
Wednesday — 8 p.m., Mid-week prayer and Bible study.

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1961**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School classes for all.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
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3:00 p.m.—Sunday School.  
7:00 p.m.—Gospel Service. Alex Sherriffs and Ronald Dart.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible reading.  
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What man has done — "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way." What God has done—"And the Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53, 6.)  
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**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
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Minister, Rev. J. Lorne Graham, B.A., B.D., C.D.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1961**  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all boys and girls nine years of age and older.  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery School in church house.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Installation of Elders-elect and Stewards-elect. Sermon subject, "The Policy of the United Church of Canada."  
11:00 a.m.—Boys and girls four years of age to eight will assemble in The Sanctuary and proceed to Sunday School at the second hymn.  
St. Paul's Evening Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Gordon MacNab, 102 King St., Tuesday, February 7 at 8:15 p.m. Please remember shower of jams and jellies for "Neighborhood Workers" of Toronto.  
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Sexagesima  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion, Sermon and Sunday School. Installation Evening W. A. officers.  
2:00 p.m.—Nassagaweya: Evening Prayer, Sermon and Sunday School.

**BOSTON AND OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**  
Minister: Rev. B. A. Nevin, B.A.  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1961**  
10:00 a.m.—Omagh: Worship Service.  
11:15 a.m.—Omagh: Sunday School.  
10:15 a.m.—Boston: Sunday School.  
11:30 a.m.—Boston: Worship Service.

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Milton, Ontario  
Rector: Rev. D. A. Powell  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1961**  
Sexagesima Sunday  
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
7:00 p.m.—Evenson and Sermon.

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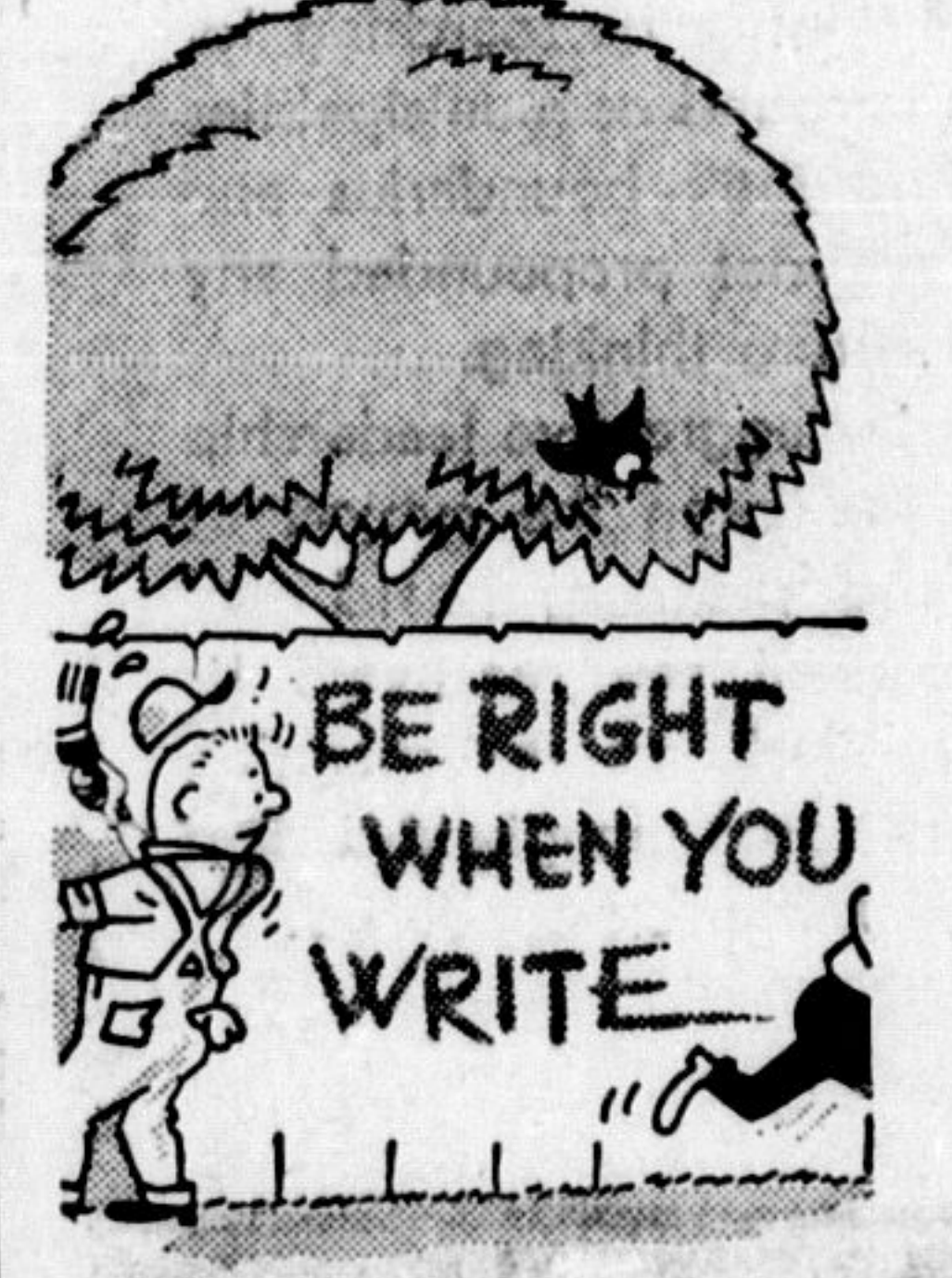
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by Eileen Martin (Mrs. D. E.), Secretary-Treasurer, Halton Music Festival Assoc.