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## GEORGE KERR CAPTURES HALTON SEAT



**JUBILANT KERR SUPPORTERS** hoisted their candidate to their shoulders to celebrate his election to the Provincial Legislature last night. George Kerr, 39-year-old Burlington lawyer, was the overwhelming choice of the Halton electorate, winning by more than 6,400 votes over the Liberal candidate Owen Mullin.

### How Halton Voted

The following table shows the unofficial results of Wednesday's provincial election in Halton County, by municipal totals. The figures were provided for this newspaper at 1 a.m. today by M. E. Kerr of Oakville, Halton Returning Officer, and are as accurate as he could provide until the ballot boxes have been opened and checked on October 9.

	Kerr	Mullin	Gillies
Acton	698	611	244
Advance poll	538	150	16
Burlington	7,748	4,347	1,502
Esquesing	971	883	253
Georgetown	1,421	1,284	593
Milton	1,051	889	332
Oakville	7,199	5,037	2,150
Nassagaweya	385	307	97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,931</b>	<b>13,508</b>	<b>5,187</b>

There were an additional 262 spoiled ballots. Just 63 per cent (37,888) of the 60,000 eligible voters cast ballots.

### Tri-Town Councillors Tour Town See Sights, Exchange Opinions

Fourteen councillors and their wives from Acton and Georgetown were taken on an interesting tour of Milton, Wednesday evening of last week, when the North Halton Urban Board conducted one of its municipal exchange programs in the county town.

Accompanied by nine municipal officials from Milton, they took a bus tour around the town to see parks, industries, schools and such other highlights as the School for the Deaf, Halton Centennial Manor, Halton County Building, Fair Grounds and hospital.

After the tour, the men met in the town hall for a brief business meeting while their wives toured the Ontario School for the Deaf. Later, they met again at Milton fire hall for coffee and sandwiches.

Four local industries provided favors for the visiting dignitaries. Ontario Steel gave the ladies plastic refrigerator trays and Robin Hood Flour Mills donated cake mixes. The men received a screwdriver from P. L. Robertson Manufacturing, and a lighter from Canadian Meter Company.

**Provides Commentary**  
Milton councillor Charles Johnson provided the commentary as

the bus passed places of interest. Urban Board chairman Jim Emerson of Georgetown thanked the Milton councillors for the tour and expressed a hope that in future, department heads and works foremen from the three towns could get together to discuss mutual problems.

The tri-town tours started last month with a tour of Georgetown. One is planned in Acton next May. Board members—councillors from the three towns—feel the tours are valuable additions to their regular discussion meetings, for they help each councillor learn more about his neighbors.

During their brief business meeting, the delegates debated and compared their garbage disposal systems, and the possibilities of municipally owned and serviced land. Chairman Emerson recently gathered some information on Great Britain's municipally owned industrial and residential properties, and told the board the towns are even starting into low-rental housing projects. The matter is to be discussed further at their next meeting in October.

### White Gloves

The traditional pair of white gloves was presented Mr. Justice J. M. King on Monday by Halton Sheriff Andrew W. Frank, when there were no criminal cases on the docket for the fall sittings of Supreme Court.

The ceremony took place in the Court House at the opening of the session on Monday.

## Kerr Beats Mullin by 6,400 Votes Holds Edge in Every Municipality

Rolling up the biggest Conservative victory in many years, P.C. candidate George A. Kerr crushed all opposition when Wednesday's election swept him to the Halton riding's Queen's Park seat with a 6,400 vote plurality.

The young Burlington lawyer-councillor pulled 19,931 votes, winning handsily over his strongest competitor, Liberal candidate Owen Mullin, the Mayor of Burlington. Mullin polled 13,508 and New Democratic Party candidate William D. Gillies received 5,187.

### 64.8% Vote

During the Wednesday election, 38,888 Halton voters headed for the polls, for a 64.8 per cent turnout. There were 60,000 eligible to vote, and 262 spoiled their ballots.

The victor swept to the win with a hefty vote and led in every Halton municipality. Mullin ran close behind in Nassagaweya, Esquesing and Acton, but defeated the Conservative candidate in very few polls across the county.

It was the seventh provincial election victory in a row for the well-organized P.C. party. The same organization that kept the late Stanley L. Hall ahead in six election campaigns, was rejuvenated with more young blood for this campaign, and the move was a successful one, P.C. organizers at the Burlington headquarters said. Mr. Hall, who died last fall, held the Halton seat at Queen's Park for nearly 20 years.

This was the second provincial campaign for Mullin the first for both Kerr and Gillies.

In the last provincial election in 1959, Stan Hall held the riding with one of the slimmest majorities of his six election campaigns. He led Owen Mullin, the Liberal candidate, by only 714 votes with a total of 10,348. C.C.F. hopeful Jack Henry trailed with 3,994.

The 1959 vote showed Hall victorious in Burlington, Nelson, Oakville, Esquesing, Trafalgar and Nassagaweya. Mullin led in Acton, Georgetown, Milton and Bronte.

"It was a great personal victory for George Kerr," said Andy Frame of Burlington, one of his supporting publicity men. Mr. Frame said that although his supporters had worked hard, the candidate had thrown himself into the campaign and his num-

erous personal appearances, his warm personality, and his affiliation with the "Robarts team" drew the votes that sent him to victory.

Kerr was one of 76 P.C.'s elected Wednesday, as Premier John Robarts was returned to office with a greater strength than in the last session.

From the moment first voting returns were posted shortly after 8 p.m. Wednesday evening, the outcome looked obvious. Early polls reporting to Returning Officer M. E. Kerr of Oakville and to the two large party headquarters in Burlington, showed Kerr taking a definite and decisive lead.

Before 8.15 p.m. Kerr held a healthy lead in the first 10 of the county's 293 polls; by 8.30 the lead was growing steadily and by 9 p.m. the pattern was firmly set for the eventual result. Kerr held a three-to-two lead over Mullin and Gillies was trailing far behind, an hour after polls closed.

When half the county's polls had reported by 8.45 p.m., Kerr held at 9,600 to 6,200 lead. About that time, Liberal candidate Mullin arrived at the party's main headquarters in Burlington arena, accompanied by Federal Liberal member Dr. Harry Harley and their wives, and they were greeted with the bad news.

At 9.30 p.m., Mullin appeared at the Brant St. headquarters of the Tories, to admit defeat and congratulate Kerr amidst the cheers of hundreds of onlookers. Both candidates looked worn and

haggard as they posed for photographs.

"I am certain George will make a fine representative for Halton County," the loser announced as they shook hands.

"I feel wonderful, just wonderful," said the winner, beaming the broad grin that has become known across Halton over the past several months. He credited his victory to several things—the security of the present Conservative government, a general satisfaction with Conservative rule, and the willing and volunteer work of his many capable assistants in Halton.

"This old meat market is really jumping tonight," he grinned as he surveyed the cramped rented store—women posting returns from scrutineers, others taking in results on a battery of telephones, some serving coffee and sandwiches, a group clustered around the candidate, another cluster with eyes glued to a portable TV set in the corner. And amongst it all, a battery of reporters and photographers were anxiously elbowing their way through the maze of bodies to catch a word or a picture.

After 10 p.m., the winner led a victory celebration to Milton, where north end supporters had gathered to welcome him. Allowing about 250 handshakes and a brief speech of thanks, he joined in a car cavalcade around the town before heading back to Burlington, where 500 gathered for a reception at the Brant Inn. The toasts lasted long into the night.

### Decorate Graves, Cenotaph In Legion's Annual Service

A timely and thought-provoking message on the words "Freedom" and "Peace" was delivered at Evergreen Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, when members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Milton Firefighters and Milton Girls' Pipe Band marched in the Legion's annual Decoration Day parade.

Rev. Kenneth Griffiths of Lowville and Zimmerman United Churches was guest speaker, and chose those two words for his theme.

### Work at Freedom

"Freedom does not become a static thing," he said. "Once you have won it, it must be worked at day by day and year by year. And peace is an impossible thing until men's thoughts change. Peace can only come into the world when peace has come into men's hearts," he said.

Parade Marshal Frank Shannon and the Girls' Band led the

70 marchers as they walked from the Legion Hall on Charles St. to the Victoria Park cenotaph. There, Legion president Lorne Evans read the roll of honor and he and L.A. president Mrs. Jean Hasselfeldt placed wreaths on the cenotaph. Bugler U. J. Waters played Last Post and Reveille while the flag was solemnly lowered to half mast, and branch padre Rev. D. A. Powell closed the service with memorial prayers.

### Decorate Graves

The parade then marched to Evergreen Cemetery, where A. V. Skinner read the roll of honor while comrades decorated the veterans' graves with tiny flags. The service is held each year in tribute to those of Milton and district who died in the two great wars, and those veterans who have since passed away. As in other years, the crowd of spectators was greatly outnumbered by those in the parade.

## Agriculture and Crafts on Parade County's Biggest Fair Opens Here

### American Eagles? "Sure are Big Hawks"

The Omagh district had some unexpected visitors this week. Lloyd Ferguson of Georgetown reported. Travelling in this area on Monday, Mr. Ferguson saw eight American Eagles and estimated that they each had a wing spread of from seven to eight feet.

A local resident informed Mr. Ferguson that the eagles are peculiar in this district now, but that he believed some used to live in the area years ago.

At first Mr. Ferguson didn't recognize what type of birds they were and remarked to himself, "they grow their hawks big around here."

The directors of Halton Agricultural Society this week lifted the curtain for a peak at their 110th edition of Milton's annual fall fair . . . and what they saw looked excellent!

Friday and Saturday of this weekend, a crowd of over 10,000 is expected to pass through the gates to wander through the grounds of Halton's largest agricultural fair. Friday is the day set aside for placing entries in the hundreds of fair competitions, while on Saturday, the fair unfolds in all its colorful glory for a full day of classes, crowds, midway and merriment.

### Line Up Big Fair

President J. L. Chisholm and secretary-treasurer Mrs. G. E. Readhead have been working hard—as have all the numerous directors and other officers—for several months lining up an-

other big fair. They predict a roaring success—if the weather stays nice.

(Last year's fair was a washout when heavy rains Friday and Saturday cancelled the majority of fair events until the Monday.)

The fair has many features, with a promise of something to interest every age group. The main hall on Robert St. will house women's crafts, women's institute displays, cooking and baking, and children's work. Number two hall will contain commercial exhibits and the Scout Hall is set aside for 4-H clubs, Junior Farmers and Junior Institutes work.

### Varied Displays

Poultry will occupy (and probably overflow) the next building. Under the 2,000-seat grandstand will be the fruit and vegetables, arts and crafts, and flower shows.

There will also be full course meals served there in the restaurant.

Cattle and livestock judging and exhibiting takes place within the race track at the north end of the grounds, while horses, sheep and swine will be in the area in front of and south of the grandstand, within the race track. New cars and farm equipment also go on display in front of the grandstand.

The midway and food booths will line the roadway between the main entrance, with plenty of rides and amusements promised in All-Canadian Shows' 30 truck-loads of midway fun. Harness racing will take place Saturday afternoon on the dirt track, with \$700 in prize money offered some of the top trotters in the district. The halls and midway will be

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## 14 Grade 13 Diplomas Results are Improvement

Meeting recently members of the Milton District High School Board learned that 14 Grade XIII students had obtained their diploma out of a possible 19. Principal R. C. Hunter explained 76.7 per cent of the papers written were passed, and the results this year showed a marked improvement over the previous year.

Attendance at the schools this year totals 573. This is made up of 194 in grade nine, 148 in grade 10, 110 in grade 11, 82 in grade 12, and 39 grade 13.

During the meeting the Board

also approval \$175 for additional football equipment; a noon and night bus service between the Martin St. school and the Williams Ave. School for the interchange of students; payment of August accounts totalling \$11,393.69; and membership in the Ontario and American Associations of Business Officials.

The Board was advised student parking privileges had been introduced at the school, requiring students driving to school to register with the principal's office.



**MILTON'S BIGGEST KERR BOOSTER** worked untold hours during the campaign, in a successful effort to send a Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton to Queen's Park. Shown celebrating with his Milton boosters are left to right, A. E. Millson, Mrs. F. David Thompson, Mr. Kerr, Mrs. Bud Nichols, Mrs. E. Scisizzi and Milton P.C. president Bob Reed.



**HALTON'S NEW REPRESENTATIVE** George Kerr is shown here with a gleeful mob of his supporters at his campaign headquarters in Burlington, following his decisive victory in last night's provincial election. Early returns indicated a victory for the P.C. candidate and Liberal candidate Owen Mullin conceded the election about 9.30 p.m., only an hour and one half after the polls closed.



**GLAD THAT IT'S ALL OVER**, the successful P.C. candidate in Halton, George Kerr gets a big smile from his attractive wife Merrydith, as they prepare to go on a noisy cavalcade through Milton's streets following this clean-sweep victory.