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LIBERALS WIN TWO HALTON SEATS



A HAPPY PAIR ARE RUD AND ANNE WHITING
AFTER LAST NIGHT'S LIBERAL VICTORY IN HALTON

Rud Whiting is big winner scores plurality of 4,600

Rud Whiting is Halton riding's new Member of Parliament. Whiting, 37, an Oakville salesman and public relations officer with a Burlington quarrying firm, handily defeated Progressive Conservative candidate Peter K. McWilliams by almost 5,000 votes--the latest available returns from Halton returning officer Gordon Blake gave Whiting 16,210 votes to McWilliams' 11,555 while N.D.P. candidate Murray Kernighan trailed with 6,009, with 192 of the 205 polls heard from.

While election officials were unsure of the final totals, it appeared an estimated 70 to 80 per cent of Halton riding's eligible 47,600 voters exercised their franchise. The turnout was considered excellent for such a rainy day. Rain fell throughout most of the voting hours Tuesday.

Whiting took an early lead when the vote-counting began shortly after polls closed at 8 p.m., and never looked back. The Liberal campaigner won all but 27 polls in the riding. It was his first attempt at politics, although he has been an active behind-the-scenes worker for the past 22 years in this area. The Halton seat was "up for grabs" in yesterday's election because Dr. Harry Harley of Oakville, M.P. for the past five years, declined to run again.

Oakville Arena, for the most part of last evening, was many rooms in one. It was the headquarters for the Liberal candidate and the mecca of those who agreed with, and had worked to convince, the people of the riding when they chose Rud to represent them in Ottawa.

It was a boiler room...boiling with a constantly moving mass of Liberals, reporters, youngsters and well-wishers; and boiling with the tremendous physical heat generated by enthusiasm from the people and the heating system.

It was a political Versailles...as Progressive Conservative candidate McWilliams came over just before 9.30 p.m. to shake the hand of the man he now acknowledged as victor; and P.C. leader Bob Stanfield took to the airwaves just one hour later to concede to Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

It was a stadium for frantic activity as telephones jangled and adding machine operators, runners and board-markers raced to keep before the assembly those results of which they were so proud. Among the participants were Dr. and Mrs. Harry Harley--he marking the totals on a large blackboard at the front of the room and repeating TV bulletins on how the party fared across the nation; his wife busy in the kitchen dispensing coffee, doughnuts and soft drinks to all and sundry.

By 8.45 p.m., 55 polls (largely from the lakeshore areas) had already given Mr. Whiting an unofficial 4,328 ballots; Mr. McWilliams receiving 3,173 with New Democratic candidate Murray Kernighan scoring 1,726. The trend, definitely established by that hour, had actually been set a few minutes after eight o'clock when the first Oakville poll reported to the returning officer with a healthy lead for Whiting.

Soon, 91 polls showed a Liberal vote of 8,898; Conservative support of 6,375; and a 3,268 vote allotment to the N.D.P.

It was roughly at 9 p.m.--with Whiting holding a 3,000-vote lead--that Mr. McWilliams decided to withdraw from the race and end the suspense. He arrived at the arena at 9.25 p.m. to congratulate the winner and officially concede the obvious Whiting victory. The two shook hands and said a few words, then shook hands once more for the benefit of a group of press photographers. Asked if he planned to again enter politics at any level, Mr. McWilliams stated he felt "the people have had enough of elections for a while." He indicated his plans to include, however, a return to practice as a barrister and solicitor. He was a lawyer in Milton for several years before he became Halton's Crown Attorney in 1958. He resigned from that post to contest the election.

"I feel we should realize the government of Canada is going to be facing an economic crisis," he stated. "And if it happens that Mr. Stanfield becomes leader of the opposition I feel sure he will conduct himself competently. We cut the 10,000-vote majority of 1964 down to about one-third," he added.

Oakville Reeve Alan Day, who had also been a nominee for the candidacy of the P.C.s in the riding, was one on the list of notables who dropped by to offer their congratulations. Others included Milton Mayor Brian Best, another Liberal nominee J. M. Ledwith, Conservative M.P.P. Jim Snow, and Oakville P.C. president Bill Bateman.

Whiting circulated around the arena floor throughout the evening, shaking proffered hands and thanking all his campaign workers and supporters. His wife Anne, who admitted she was pretty tired after several weeks of hectic campaigning, accompanied him on the rounds.

In his victory address, Whiting thanked all who had supported him through his campaign, with a special thanks to campaign manager Bob Blake. "The only day your political preference matters is election day. From here on in, I have been elected as your representative, and I intend to serve EVERYONE within the riding," he said.

Dr. Harley, in a move to show "my confidence in Rud's victory from the beginning" presented the new rep with a box of House of Commons stationery he had brought along for the occasion. Harley later said he was predicting a 4,000 vote victory for Whiting, and his prediction came true.

Questioned later by the press, the victorious candidate said he would be interested in working in a number of fields with the government, citing housing, transportation, consumer affairs and eastern agriculture.

A victory party is planned for July 5 at the Riviera Club in Norval, for all those who worked on Whiting's campaign. Several close friends gathered at the Whiting home on Riverside Drive last night to toast the newly-elected M.P.

A survey of polls across the county showed the P.C. hopeful defeated Whiting in 26 polls and tied him in one. McWilliams won 10 in Oakville, six plus a tied poll in Erin, four in Esquesing, three in Acton, two in Milton and one in Georgetown. Kernighan supporters edged McWilliams in several polls.

Advance Poll

In advance polling, which gave those unable to be in the riding yesterday an earlier chance to choose their new Halton M.P., Mr. Whiting's victory was decisively forecast.

Figures show the balloting went as follows:

Polls 1,2,3,4 (Oakville)	Whiting	McWilliams	Kernighan
Milton	440	212	56
Geo'town & Polls 29-35, Esquesing	51	18	11
Acton & rest of Esquesing	86	34	11
Erin & Erin Twp.	17	18	5
	21	4	0



SUPPORTERS CROWD AROUND HALTON-WENTWORTH RIDING M.P. JOHN MORISON AFTER HIS VICTORY TUESDAY

"Cool" Liberal John Morison edges Jim Swanborough

There was never really any doubt of victory in John Morison headquarters. The Liberal incumbent for Halton-Wentworth was in the lead as the first few returns drifted in, and held it through the entire evening to defeat Conservative Jim Swanborough and New Democrat Ted MacDonald.

"I'm not surprised," beamed Morison after the victory was confirmed. "We've had our people out all the way with a really

high level of campaigning". Unofficial results gave Morison 17,993 Swanborough 16,804, and MacDonald 8,840 with all polls in. Approximately 76 per cent of the electorate voted.

The Morison team was in full swing in Burlington Central Arena by shortly after eight. A small crowd of rain-soaked supporters hung along ropes separating them from the press tables in the centre of the floor. Campaign manager Peter Cadeau paced nervously back and forth behind a row of about a dozen workers calculating returns on adding machines and posting them on huge boards at the front.

By 8.35 returns were in from 53 of the 210 polling stations. Morison was ahead with 4,571. Swanborough had 3,802, MacDonald 2,125 and Independent Liberal Norman Braden 201.

The Liberals continued to hold their lead of close to 1,000 votes all the way. After 160 polls, that lead had increased with Morison winning 14,066, and Swanborough 12,977. By this time, the NDP candidate was out of the running with 6,873.

An aura of confidence settled on the crowd and shouts of "We've got it made" broke out in various parts of the arena. At 9.15, a beaming Mr. and Mrs. Morison arrived to shouts of "Johnny baby, how are you", and "We sure showed'em", sporting a white topcoat. Mr. Morison moved about the crowd shaking hands and congratulating his campaign workers.

Although the Morison crew was still back at 165 polls, word drifted through on radio mikes that final results were in. Of the 215 polls (there were five additional split polls) Morison held 17,993, Swanborough 16,804, and MacDonald 8,840.

Wild applause echoed through the arena and the press swarmed in for comment. Morison never lost his cool. In between radio interviews he signed autographs for young supporters.

When asked what he considered the leading factor in his victory Morison stated, "I like to think my campaign team was the secret." "And how do you feel now?" piped a reporter. "Cool man, cool," returned Morison. "Relax, it's the only way."

Conservative headquarters in a small room on the corner of James and Brant Streets, was in sharp contrast to Central Arena. Mr. Swanborough was not there at the time, and although the room was jammed with supporters, the mood was one of disappointment.

By 10 o'clock the Conservatives had cleaned up camp, while the crowd at Central Arena impatiently waited for final results to come through from the Liberal outposts. At 10.20 Mr. Swanborough arrived to concede the election. He was greeted with a hearty of applause, and the two candidates somewhat reluctantly shook hands across the press table.

In a speech to the press, Mr. Swanborough said, "I don't consider myself a loser. I only campaigned for 45 days and my opponent has five years of experience behind him."

"I'm sure Mr. Morison has learned a lot through this campaign due to the criticism he received for his poor attendance record in Parliament and he will be a better MP for it."

Mr. Morison's attendance record was a key point in the Swanborough platform throughout the campaign.

"It sounds like he's still campaigning," shouted a Morison worker. "Sour grapes all the way" piped another.

At that point a Morison supporter stepped in to shake Swanborough's hand. "It was a pleasure working against you," she said. "There's one in every crowd," returned Mr. Swanborough as he made his way towards the exit.

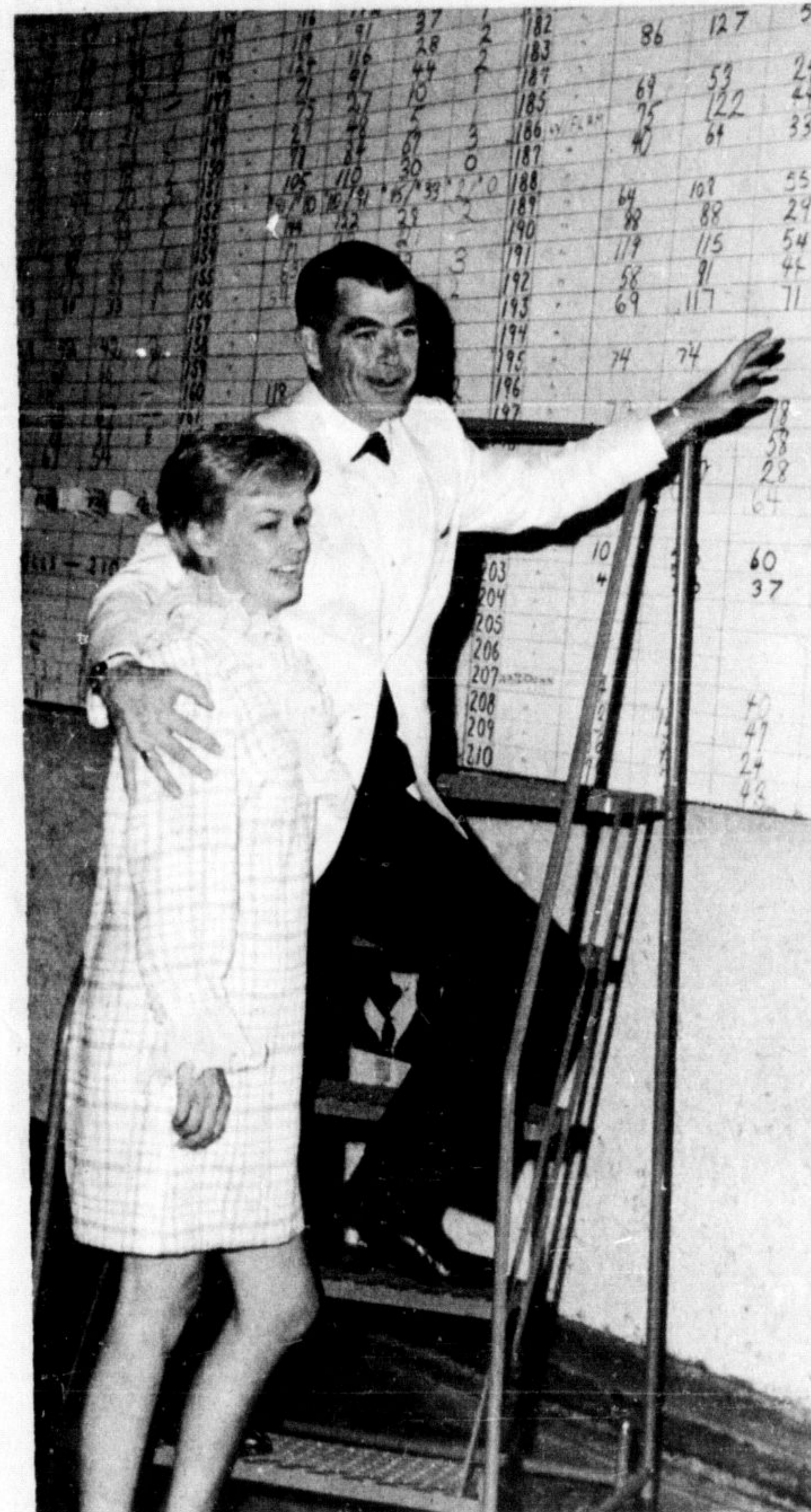
In summing up Mr. Morison's victory, campaign manager Peter Cadeau said he felt the Liberals picked up their strongest support in the area east of Brant street in the 30 to 50 thousand dollar house range. "The middle core went Tory," he said. "But we made them fight for every vote." He felt his crew had done surprisingly well in Dundas despite "procrastinations against us".

The election was a disappointment for the New Democrats in Halton-Wentworth. They made their best showing in south-west Burlington but trailed far behind the Liberals and Conservatives in a majority of polls. MacDonald did not make an appearance at the Morison headquarters.

Conservative strength appeared to lie mainly in south-west Burlington but the P.C.'s managed to win by a substantial number of votes in only a few of the polling stations. The Liberals took approximately 17 of the 27 polls.

In south-west Burlington the Liberals won approximately four-fifths of the polls and in south-east Burlington they picked up about three-quarters of the polls. Nassagaweya was fairly evenly split between Liberals and Conservatives. In Waterdown, the Liberals only picked up one poll and lost substantially to the Conservatives in two out of the four polls in the area.

By 10.45 it was all over at Central Arena. Most of the Morison troupe had left, many for the victory party at the MP's home in Dundas.



JOHN'S A WINNER AND THE CHARTS SHOW IT. HERE THE WINNER AND HIS WIFE CHECK INCOMING ELECTION RESULTS

How Milton Voted

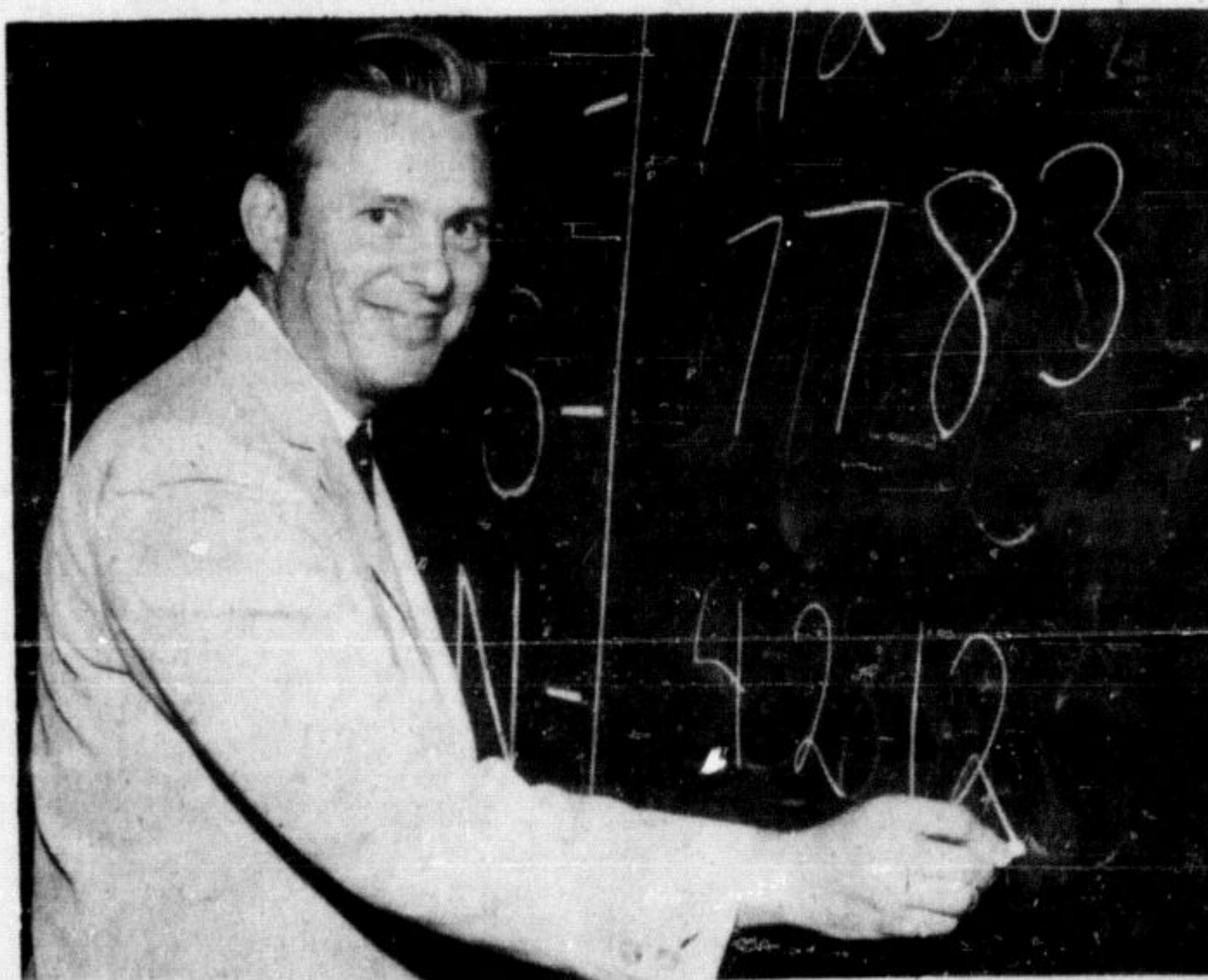
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62	132	83	36
63	60	36	20
64	70	45	30
65	50	43	12
66	96	38	35
67	57	32	23
68	87	41	31
69	77	54	47
70	47	37	40
71	97	32	48
72	86	59	62
73	82	67	26
74	82	62	27
75	71	79	50
76	86	61	40
77	40	65	34

An estimated 75 per cent of Milton's eligible 3,726 voters went to the polls to exercise their franchise in the June 25 federal election.

Milton voters gave the Liberal candidate Rud Whiting a 1,329 total to P.C. Peter McWilliams' 864 and N.D.P. candidate Murray Kernighan's 602. Here is a poll by poll tally of the vote:



THE LOSER, P.C. CANDIDATE PETER MCWILLIAMS, OFFERS HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNER RUD WHITING, LIBERAL



FORMER HALTON M.P. HARRY HARLEY WAS PUT TO WORK TALLYING VOTES AT THE LIBERAL HEADQUARTERS