



THINK WHAT YOU WILL, but no one really got murdered at the Curling Club's Halloween Dance Saturday night. Lou Berube in pirate garb guns down his wife Alice. Her portrayal of a gymnast was one of many excellent costumes.



STRAIGHT FROM THE LAND DOWN UNDER, two Aborigines appeared at the Curling Club Dance in Milton Saturday night. In real life the Aborigines are Mr. and Mrs. George Carruthers. Mr. Carruthers won the "Best Man" Halloween costume award. (Staff Photo)

Hallowe'en dance features wide variety of costumes

Milton Curling Club ushered the new season in with a flourish Friday evening with their members in the guise of everyone from a member of the Roman empire to a pirate straight from a voyage on the seven seas.

The Halloween Dance, an annual affair at the Curling Club featured some interesting costumes. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Beeton's portrayal of Romeo and Juliette won the "Best Couple" award. The costumes are remnants of a trip they took to Rome last year.

The "Best Lady" award went to Mrs. Lois Hern who dressed as a China Doll. George Carruthers dressed as an Aborigine won the "Best Man" award while Gord Strain took the "Most Original" award. He was dressed as a Choir Boy.

Arnold Howden won the "Most Comical" award for his effort to portray an old lady.

The costumes were judged by a panel including Marie and John

MacMillan, Nancy McKenzie and Harry Riddolls. Mrs. Jean Harrison won the lucky draw.

LEAF FIRES

Leaf fires left smouldering are a fire hazard anytime, but especially on Halloween night, according to Halton Fire Prevention Bureau. That's the night hundreds of excited trick-or-treating children will be travelling on foot in your neighborhood. The sure-fire combination of darkness, masked faces and an outdoor bonfire spell trouble, the Bureau warns.



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Halton MP
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reports from Ottawa.

Now that Parliament has been in session for several weeks, my life as your Member of Parliament has settled into a more definite pattern. Many people have asked me about my activities and how I spend my days in Parliament.

In view of the interest being shown in this aspect of my work, I would like to devote this column to what might be called "A Day in the Life of a Member of Parliament."

My week begins on Monday morning when I arise at 6.30 a.m. in order to catch the airport limousine at the Queen Elizabeth Motel in Oakville at 8.00 a.m. My flight leaves Toronto International Airport at 9.20 and arrives at Ottawa at 10.30 a.m. By 11.00 I am in my office which is located in the West Block where my secretary has the mail sorted and I then dictate for a couple of hours.

In recent weeks I have had many visitors from Halton call on me in Ottawa. For example last week I had a group of nine Mexican students visit me. They were part of the Experiment in International Living and were guests of Oakville residents. The students seemed to enjoy their visit to Canada's capital. Another day I had 12 members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Oakville Legion who were in Ottawa attending a Legion Convention. Last week a group of 10 teachers from the Howard Wigglesworth Public School in Georgetown were touring Ottawa and called on me.

In addition to groups there are individuals who come to Ottawa, not to see the House of Commons, but to discuss personal business with me and I am always pleased when I am able to be of assistance. In this regard, one of the things which has amazed me most during my short period of time in Ottawa is the tremendous resources of the Federal Government. In most cases I am able to be of assistance by referring a constituent to the proper Government authority.

After lunch, I study the business of the House for that day so that at 2.30 when the House of Commons convenes I am prepared for the items to be discussed. When the House adjourns for dinner at 6.00 p.m. I return to my office to sign letters, receive messages which came in during the afternoon and read the afternoon mail. Following this a group of Members go off together to have dinner in either the Parliamentary Restaurant or the Parliamentary Cafeteria. The House sits again at 8.00 and rises at 10.00 each night except Wednesday and Friday when it rises at 6.00. After the evening session in the House I return to my office and phone home to see how my wife Anne and the children are making out, and receive any messages which have been left with Anne regarding various matters constituents have called her about. In most cases I try to call back that evening and generally speaking my day ends on Parliament Hill around 11.30 or midnight.

This is the pattern I follow on most days except when there are Committee meetings or various Caucus meetings. The National Liberal Caucus meets once a week on Wednesday morning and I think it might be interesting to discuss how the Caucus functions in a future column. In addition there are meetings of the Ontario Caucus and various other meetings as the occasion arises.

Now that I have been appointed to two Committees—Labor, Manpower and Immigration and Regional Development, part of my time during the day, and indeed on

many evenings, will be taken up in attending meetings of the Committees. In addition, of course, there will be a considerable amount of follow-up work required as a result of business discussed at these Committee meetings.

I firmly believe that a Member of Parliament should spend every day in his seat in the House of Commons while the House is in session, and that he should only miss a sitting when there are more urgent and pressing Government matters to be attended to. So far I have been in attendance every day since Parliament opened and I will continue to attend as regularly unless I believe I can be more useful elsewhere on a given occasion.

On Fridays I leave Ottawa on the 5.55 p.m. flight and arrive in Toronto at 7.05 and home in Oakville about 8.00 or 8.30. Friday evening is usually spent attending a social function with my wife Anne in the Riding or visiting constituents who wish to consult with me on various matters of concern.

On Saturday morning I spend a few hours in my office meeting people who have asked for appointments. In addition I meet with a number of people who are carrying out various research projects and generally doing some work for me in the Riding. I attempt to visit as many people in the Riding as I possibly can on a Saturday and to include some social functions so that I can take my wife along with me.

Sunday morning my family and I attend St. Aidans Church where we have been members for a number of years. I make every effort to keep the remainder of the day free to enjoy my family but I have very quickly discovered that a politician has very few free or idle moments.

I hope this little run-down of my activities gives you some idea of what your Member of Parliament does both down in Ottawa during the week and back in the Riding on the weekends.

My schedule for next weekend includes attending the Warden's Dinner in honor of Reeve Hunter of Georgetown and I have been asked to present a trophy at the Little College Bowl and the Little Grey Cup sponsored by the Oakville Kinsmen and Kinette Club. My wife Anne has been asked to help select Little Miss Grey Cup.

I would like to congratulate the County of Halton for their very fine display at the International Plowing Match. I enjoyed my visit there and talking with representatives of the County. I had the opportunity to view the film entitled "Halton County—The Man and the Boy". This film won one of the two highest awards for a promotional production presented annually by the Information Film Producers of America. This is an award of considerable merit and as the film was instigated by the Halton County Industrial Commission, they are to be sincerely commended for the advice and help they gave the producer in presenting this informative view of our County.

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