

Council election, liquor plebiscite here Monday

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THIRD SECTION



Ronald Harris



Colin Smillie



Percy Barr



Kenneth Marshall

Mayor B. Best challenged by Reeve Austan Ledwith

Two experienced members of Milton Council are seeking your vote for the position of Mayor of Milton for 1970 and 1971 in next Monday's civic election. It is only the third mayoralty contest in the past decade. The present mayor is Brian Best and the challenger is Austan Ledwith, Reeve of Milton for the past four years.

BRIAN BEST

Born in England in 1928, Mr. Best was educated at the South Dorset Technical College and Bournemouth Municipal College. He qualified as an engineer in 1952. He worked for Vickers Aircraft prior to emigrating to Canada in 1954 and he lived in Weston before coming to Milton in September 1955. He was qualified as a professional engineer for Ontario in 1954.

Mr. Best worked at Avro Aircraft Co. Ltd., Malton from 1954 to 1959 and when it closed he founded Best Realty and Insurance at 310 Main St., Milton. As a realtor, he has assisted in locating various commercial and industrial firms in and around Milton in the past 10 years.

He served as a member of Milton Public School Board in 1958 and 1959. He was

secretary of the Advisory Council of Grace Anglican Church for four years. Active in the Milton Chamber of Commerce, he was president in 1963 and in 1964 chaired the Old Fashioned Days program. Mr. Best is a director of the Brampton Real Estate Board and is currently taking a university extension course.

In 1963 he was elected to Milton Council and served five years as a councillor before successfully unseating Mayor Sidney Childs in the election two years ago. As Mayor in 1968-69 he headed up the town's final campaign to complete the annexation of

surrounding lands, spearheaded the victory celebration that followed receipt of OMB approval to annex the land, and headed up a town-wide effort to accommodate the 3,000 Boy Scouts when their Jamboree at Kelso was flooded out in the summer of 1968.

Mayor and Mrs. Best and their three sons live on Appleby Lane. He owns five properties in Milton, which qualifies him to hold the position on council.



Austan Ledwith

AUSTAN LEDWITH

Mr. Ledwith, a Main St. businessman for the past 17 years, recently retired from the grocery business and is currently seeking a new position. Born in England, he moved to Canada in the early 1930's and lived with his family in Dundas before moving to Milton in 1952 to manage Ledwith's store on Main St. at James St. He was the vice-president of Ledwith's Food Markets Ltd.

He and his wife live at 321 Mary St., Milton. Mr. Ledwith was first elected to town council in 1953 as councillor. For the next two years he served as deputy-reeve and then he was

elected reeve for two successive two-year terms.

Besides his committee work on Milton Council, he is busy with county work. He is president of Halton Children's Aid Society and member of the Halton Board of Health, the Manor Committee of Management, the property and personnel committees of County Council. On Milton Council he has been chairman of the administration committee and a member of the property committee for the past two years.

He is a member of the Lorne Scots Military Band and sings in Grace Anglican Church choir.

Experienced candidates join in race for reeve, deputy seats on council

Four men experienced in municipal politics are seeking the seats of reeve and deputy-reeve of Milton on Monday's election.

Present Deputy-reeve Ron Harris stepped up to contest the reeve's seat this year, and his opponent is present Councillor Colin Smillie. In the race for the Deputy-Reeveship are present Councillor Percy Barr and Kenneth Marshall who presently serves as a councillor in the neighboring Township of Esquesing.

Here are the contenders for the seat of reeve:

RONALD HARRIS

After two years on council as deputy, Mr. Harris has decided to step up and seek the seat of reeve.

He came to Milton in 1946 from Beamsville to set up a shoe repair shop and later ran a variety store here before opening Harris Stationery 16 years ago. He sold the store to B. A. Bonin in 1966 and now, semi-retired, feels he has the time needed to devote to council and county council work.

Married, and the father of five children, he served as secretary-treasurer of Milton Chamber of Commerce for several years, chaired the Chamber's retail committee and civic affairs group for several years, and is a past president of that organization. He was one of the founders of Milton District Hospital and served on the hospital board eight years between 1953 and 1961.

He served seven years on Milton Public School Board and held various committee posts until 1967 when he was named chairman of the board.

Since joining Milton Council two years ago he has been chairman of the works committee and a member of the planning board, plus the town's liaison with the parking authority and a delegate to Milton Industrial Committee. On

County Council he has served on agriculture, E.M.O. and planning committee; property committee; child welfare committee; regional development committee; and various sub-committees. He is a member of Halton Museum Board and successfully headed up efforts to form a museum auxiliary this year.

His interest in young people led him to sponsor a minor hockey team and offer a \$50 prize for the top Grade 10 commercial student at Milton District High School for the past nine years. Several years ago he was instrumental in organizing square dancing groups and he trained the Bell's School dancers, the Lowville dancers and a Junior Farmer set who appeared on TV and at the Royal Winter Fair.

COLIN SMILLIE

After six years of service as a

Milton Hydro commissioner, Mr. Smillie was elected as a Milton councillor two years ago. He was born in Milton and has spent all his life here. He works as a central office serviceman with the Bell Telephone Co.

He and his wife and two sons live at 199 Queen St. He served overseas with the R.C.A.F. during the war. He is a member of Grace Anglican Church and St. Clair Masonic Lodge.

In two years as a councillor, he has served as chairman of the streets and walks committee and has been a member of Milton Arena Board.

The candidates for deputy-reeve are:

PERCY BARR

A five-year council veteran, Mr. Barr was born in Frontenac County and operated his own business for 14 years in Ca lerton Place before coming to Milton

years ago to manage the Pyrofax Gas firm on the Base Line. He and his wife and three children live at 256 Heslop Rd.

He is a teacher at St. Paul's United Church Sunday school, past patron of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of St. Clair Chapter and the Milton Curling Club. For the past five years he has served on Milton Planning Board as a council representative.

He was chairman of the finance committee and a member of administration and fire, light and police committees this past two years. Mr. Barr was also a appointee to the town's industrial commission.

KENNETH MARSHALL

Born on the family farm on the Third Line, Mr. Marshall was educated in Milton public and high schools. He was attending Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph when the second war broke out and he enlisted in the Air Force where he became a fighter pilot. After the war he returned home to farm and continued farming until this year when he sold his farm.

He was a member of the Quatre Bras school section board of trustees nine years before its

Four experienced, three newcomers

Seven want six seats on council

dissolution. In 1969 he was elected to Esquesing Township Council as a councillor, for a two year term. Mr. Marshall says if he wins the deputy-reeveship in Milton he will resign from the township council.

In recent years he has been an elder at Knox Presbyterian Church in Milton and active in minor hockey as a coach, manager and executive member. He is a former member of the Milton Rotary Club. He and his family continue to live on the family farm. They have six children, four of them in public and high schools, plus one grandchild.

Just one of the candidates will be left off the list as seven contenders seek the six open seats on Milton Council in the Monday, Dec. 1 municipal election.

There are four experienced men (three of them present councillors) and three newcomers attempting to win the six seats. Incumbents in the race are Sidney Childs, Charles Fay and Gordon Krantz. Former councillor Charles Johnson is back in the race again, and first time contenders are Frank Miller, Art Melanson and William Woods. Here are thumbnail sketches on each candidate:

S. G. CHILDS

Mr. Childs was born in England but came to Canada with his parents at the age of two. He has spent all but seven years of his life in Milton. He and his wife Merne live at 135 Ontario St. N.

Educated in Milton, Mr. Childs worked 12 years at P. L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. Ltd.'s plating department, then left to attend a trade school in Toronto to take a machinist's course.

Following the course he spent two years at Westinghouse in Hamilton doing war work in aircraft guns, then operated a service station at Kelvin (near Delhi) for four years before returning to Milton. For the past 21 years he has been back at P. L. Robertson's as a machinist in the machine shop, giving him a total of 33 years at the same plant.

Mr. Childs became interested in municipal politics 18 years ago and was elected to two terms as councillor, two as deputy-reeve, two as reeve, and then eight one-year terms as mayor.

In 1965 he successfully held his seat against challenger Gerry Addison and was returned to the office for a two-year term.

He lost the position of Mayor two years ago in an election won by Brian Best. But he was re-appointed to council as a councillor earlier this year when Councillor William Ferguson resigned due to ill health.

In his capacity as Mayor he has served 10 years on Milton Public Library Board and Milton Hydro Commission, plus several years as a council appointee to the planning board and arena board.

He was also active in the Milton Centennial Committee. He is a member of the Milton Curling Club. He is a past master of St. Clair Masonic Lodge and attends Grace Anglican Church.

CHARLES FAY

A native of Milton, Mr. Fay has lived here all his life. He is a

master plumber and a part owner of S. A. Fay and Sons, where he has worked for the past 27 years.

Married with three children, he attends St. Paul's United Church as is a member of St. Clair Masonic Lodge. He joined council six years ago and after a stint as property chairman of council, spent the past four years as chairman of the water committee. The Fays live at 81 Mary St.

He was chairman of the Milton Area Fire Committee for the past two years.

CHARLES JOHNSON

One of the veterans of town council, Mr. Johnson served 14 years as a councillor until he was unseated two years ago in an 11-man race for the six council seats. He also served part of one year as deputy-reeve.

He served seven years on the Milton Arena Board and for eight years he chaired council's fire-light-police committee.

His hobbies are hunting and fishing. Born in Milton, he has operated a garage business for over 40 years. He, his wife and two children live at 385 Woodward St.

GORDON KRANTZ

Mr. Krantz has spent his lifetime in Milton and district. Born at Milton Heights, he was educated in this area and for the past 16 years has lived in Milton. He is married, has two children, and lives at 163 Main St.

For the past four years he has worked as a Milton councillor, also as a council appointee to the planning board and the parks board of management. He is chairman of council's fire-light-police committee and the welfare-parks-public relations committee.

He operates his own fuel and gasoline business. For 10 years he has served on Milton Fire Department. He is a past president of the Milton Fastball League and a member of the Legion, Grace Anglican Church,

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ONLY ACCLAMATIONS in Milton's municipal nominations this year went to incumbent Milton Hydro Commissioners Charles Thomson and William Rowney. They are shown signing their papers of candidacy with deputy clerk Audrey Brush and clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie.—(Staff Photo)

Vital information on Monday election

The ballots are printed and counted, the election booths are ready to be set up, a staff of over 20 deputy returning officers and poll clerks is rolling up sleeves, and Milton's 1969 municipal election is just about to get under way.

For the information of voters, the following will be of assistance.

Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1.

North Ward is divided into three substations, all of which vote at the Martin St. School. Deputy returning officers are Mrs. Isobel Marsh, Mrs. Norah Armstrong and Mrs. Mary Tufford. Mrs. Betty Delacourt, Mrs. Vera Delacourt, Mrs. Mary Brownridge are acting as poll clerks.

South Ward also has three divisions, and booths are being set up at Milton District High School (a change from their former location at the Agricultural Hall on Robert St.). DRO's are Kenneth McDougall, Mrs. Doris Smillie and Mrs. May Booth. Poll clerks are Mrs. Mildred Dance, Miss Eva Chisholm and Mrs. Hilda Rigo.

East Ward has just one division, with Mrs. Bessie Cullion as DRO and Mrs. Gladys Byerman poll clerk. All East

Ward voters will vote at the United Steelworkers Union Hall on Pine St.

In addition, at each polling station a separate staff of clerks will handle the ballots for the liquor vote. About 4,000 can receive ballots on the liquor vote, 3,400 of them on the municipal election. Staffers for the liquor plebiscite are Mrs. Vera Timbers and Mrs. G. G. Hamilton in the North Ward, Alex Watson and Mrs. Patricia Gunn in the South Ward, and Mrs. Irene Tonelli and Mrs. Marg Kellin in the East Ward.

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie is chief electoral officer for Monday's election and plebiscite. Officials predict voting will be at its heaviest around suppertime to closing time and suggest you vote earlier in the day if possible, to avoid lineups. There is no advance poll to be held.

For the municipal election's four ballots, only property owners and tenants of property assessed at \$400 or more can vote. Roomers who rent a room in a private home are not eligible. The liquor questions are open to any resident 21 or over who has lived in Milton two months or longer.

Liquor questions

Two questions on liquor will face voters who head to the polling booths in next Monday's municipal election. They are:

"Are you in favor of the sale of liquor under a dining lounge licence for consumption with meals on licenced premises?"

"Are you in favor of the sale of liquor under a lounge licence for consumption on licenced premises?"

An estimated 4,000 local voters aged 21 or over are eligible to cast ballots. The ballots will be handled at each of the three polling subdivisions in town, by separate clerks from those handling the ballots for council offices. A simple "yes" or "no" answer is all that is required. Each question needs a 60% vote in favor to be carried.

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Charles Fay



Charles Johnson



Gordon Krantz



Frank Miller



Art Melanson



William Woods