

# Darcy would give councils more power

Government is too remote and not people-conscious enough, Conservative leadership candidate Darcy McKeough told a group of Halton East delegates Saturday.

McKeough said more responsibility and authority should be pushed down the ladder to municipal governments. He said local government is capable of doing two or three times what it is now and can do it more efficiently than the province.

He said grants should be made available to communities and not

on a provisional basis. "If a community wants a new library they'll have to go through three or four departments at the province — and this shouldn't be," he said.

**Locals know best**

The local government knows better than the province what is needed in the community, McKeough said. He said there should be unconditional grants for this handed over and the decision left for the local government to make.

Noting the advantage would work both ways, McKeough said such a move would free members of parliament from the "nitty gritty" and allow them to deal with province-wide problems and leave local problems for local governments to deal with.

Municipalities should look at low rental homes on smaller lots and the condominium and town house approach McKeough said. He said under regional government he would want the local government to have the power to approve subdivisions without going to the province.

He praised Kitchener for efforts in providing homes on 40 foot lots. He said it wasn't necessary for all homes to be of the cheaper variety, but said each subdivision should have an area allotted for homes on 40 foot lots or some of the condominium or town house nature.

"There is a real selling job needed to convince communities of this," he said.

# Education key to prosperity

A superior education system is the key to prosperity, William Davis told Halton delegates to the Conservative leadership conference. Davis made the statement at a party in his honor Sunday at the home of Jim Snow, Halton East MP.

The minister of education told delegates education was a prerequisite to attracting industry and of greater importance than a country rich in natural resources. Education is the key to an affluent society and goes hand in hand with attracting industry.

have the proper base to bring about tax reform and would need consideration from the federal government on the matter.

**Province pays 60 per cent**

Under questioning Davis said the province will assume 60 per cent of the cost of education eventually and this will help alleviate the burden on the property owner. This wasn't possible before the county boards of education, he told delegates.

During the meeting Davis was careful not to make any promises. He claimed there were no easy solutions to be reached. He noted if you were to tackle pollution you have to check its effect on the economy and the major problems of government are interwoven.

# It's your move now says Darcy McKeough

Regional government will come to Halton and Peel "when the fine folk of Halton and Peel are ready to make up their minds," Darcy McKeough told Halton East delegates at a candidate meeting in Oakville Saturday.

Plans for regional government in Halton and Peel were aborted

more than a year ago when the municipalities involved failed to offer a consensus of opinion.

**Long wait ahead**

Plans for regional government are still on the shelves. It would appear the municipalities are waiting for McKeough to make his decisions and McKeough apparently is waiting for word

from the municipalities. At that rate, it might never be achieved.

The major bone of contention was and still is the future of Burlington. Halton wishes to remain intact but the minister has said Burlington should go with Hamilton-Wentworth in a regional setup.

Several briefs and proposals have been forwarded concerning the matter and municipal leaders had expected regional government to be a reality long before now.

**Numbers not frills**

He said the increase in cost of education was due to the increase in numbers, not frills. He said Ontario's education spending was favorable to that in the two neighboring provinces and five states.

"I have fewer questions about education spending in the north, east and west parts of the province than the south," he said, explaining that those in underdeveloped areas were concerned about attracting industries and providing jobs.

Tax reform is a concern of all candidates but not an issue. Federal help is needed before this can come about, he noted. He pointed out the provinces don't

**Defends Roberts**

Davis backed the Roberts government and their efforts towards equalization among provinces. "When we no longer carry out this goal, confederation will cease to exist," he said.

Davis appeared confident in his ability to win the provincial election but said there were four other candidates in the race and no matter who leads the party "we'll emerge united and win the election."

# All candidates at meeting

All five provincial conservative leadership candidates have spoken to and answered questions from Halton East voting delegates and alternates in recent weeks.

Robert Welch and Bert Lawrence were among the first to make appearances in Halton East. Allan Lawrence met delegates at a Tuesday morning breakfast and William Davis and

Darcy McKeough attended meetings over the weekend.

**Hamilton meeting**

All five appeared at an all-candidates meeting in Hamilton Tuesday night. The five will continue as many public meetings and private parties as their schedule will allow until Feb. 11 when a leader will be chosen to lead the government in the next election.

—Tell your friends about Milton Snow Festival and invite them to participate in the week's events.

—Milton District Hospital will again be celebrating national hospital day in May.

# Shuffle county committees

A small shuffle in chairs was carried out by Halton County Council during the regular January meeting last week.

Milton's Deputy Reeve Percy Barr had been named chairman of the Child Welfare committee but the group meets on Thursday evenings and he is unable to attend the meetings. So he asked for a change.

**Promote McKenzie**

A striking committee reviewed the appointments and switched him from Child Welfare to Industrial Development, where he will serve as chairman. Deputy Reeve Garnet McKenzie of Acton was elevated to the post of Child Welfare Chairman, and Burlington Deputy Reeve David Coons was added to the committee to replace Mr. Barr.

Mr. Barr's move to Industrial Development bumps Georgetown Reeve Rick Morrow out of his seat on that committee. But it was understood Mr. Morrow was being appointed to that committee by his town council.

—John M. Porter president of Sheridan College, has been re-elected vice-chairman of the Committee of Presidents of the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology for 1971.

# What's in a name?

## Detention room is problem

What's in a name? Too many connotations and a big headache for the public relations committee, members of that committee told Milton District Hospital Board's January meeting on Wednesday night.

The hospital is planning to establish a room in the hospital where persons under the influence of drugs or alcohol can be accommodated awaiting transfer to a regular ward.

**Several ideas**

Most popular idea for a name is "Detention room" but the P.R. committee wonders if "quiet room" might present a better image. They don't want their special room to be thought of as a jail. However the hospital already has a "quiet room" which is a waiting room. "Restraining room" was another suggestion.

"This should be dealt with very carefully by the press," said P.R. committee chairman Omar K. VanSickle. The committee was asked to survey area hospitals and see what they called their detention . . . er quiet . . . er special rooms, and come up with

a monicker for the place before it is opened.

**Board briefs**

In other business, the Board:

—Set Wednesday, March 17 as the date for its annual meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. in the clinical classroom. The Board will make copies of its annual report available to the public, on request.

—Expressed appreciation to the Royal Canadian Legion for a \$50 donation.

—Learned the OHSC has approved a revised budget submitted in the fall, which helps the Board's financial picture for 1970.

—Noted the public relations committee has approved a new design for stationery.

**Thank paper**

—Thanked The Champion for its co-operation on the "know your hospital better" series of publicity pictures.

—Learned a part time pharmacist has been engaged to work three days a week.

—Asked the public relations committee to continue its review

of the hospital's lengthy by-laws. Inclusion of rules governing legal abortions and other changes are proposed.

—Learned a pool of Red Cross homemakers was being formed in the North Halton area.

—Approved appointment of several town and area doctors to the dental, courtesy and active staff.

**Accreditation**

—Noted the hospital's accreditation certificate is due for renewal in the early part of this year.

—Heard a report from Dr. W. S. Legate that the medical staff is attempting to get a new general practitioner to establish a practice in Milton. Three have been approached, he said.

—Learned the dietary staff was introducing a program to feature a food from a different country one day of each month. The idea started last week with the serving of haggis on Robbie Burns Day.

—Re-appointed John W. Ostler to the board of Credit Valley School of Nursing and asked the chairman Reford Gardhouse to select a second appointee from a list of five names submitted at the meeting. Dr. C. A. Martin of Milton who has been a local delegate to the CVSN board, is retiring.

# Calling all kids

## Mutt show open to all

Calling all kids, and calling all mutts. Your day of glory has come. In conjunction with Milton Snow Festival winter carnival, Milton Chamber of Commerce is holding a Kids' Mutt Show with all kinds of zany prizes for the youngsters and their dogs. It will be held at the small new parkette opposite the town hall on Main St. at 4.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 as part of the Chamber's contribution to Snow Festival week.

the whole idea is to put a bunch of ordinary kids and a bunch of ordinary dogs on display for half an hour of fun and prizes.

—Sheridan College is holding a winter carnival Feb. 8 to 13 and a special feature will be an evening at Glen Eden Ski Club, Kelso, on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The night includes races, games and a torchlight parade.

**Several prizes**

Chamber officials were still sorting out last-minute details at press time but it is known there will be prizes for children exhibiting the largest, smallest, cutest, ugliest, hairiest, loudest and weirdest mutts in the show. There might even be other prizes, depending on the entries.

There's no admission charge and the general public is welcome to come and watch the mutts and youngsters compete for the prizes. Entries will only be accepted from children aged 12 and under but they do not necessarily have to own the dog to display it in the mutt show. There won't be any prizes for the top pedigreed dogs entered—

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# Darcy

## Sweeten pot for Canadians

Canadian nationalism is a surging force in the county today. Conservative candidate for the leadership of the party and premier of Ontario Darcy McKeough told Halton East delegates and alternates at a breakfast in his honor Saturday.

McKeough said this feeling wasn't concentrated just in Southern Ontario but in the far northern reaches of the province as well. McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs, claimed credit for being the first candidate to

mention nationalism and favor it. He took the opportunity to knock the federal government's move to form the Canadian Development Corporation. "We don't need more controls. The CDC is just another bureaucratic monster, not an answer," he said.

**Canadian investment**

He claimed nationalism of industry is the socialist answer to everything. He advocated pro-Canadian measures and said the tax system should be used to stimulate Canadian investment.

If Canadians are to control their own economy by even 50 per cent in the coming years they'll have to increase their investments greatly, he told the delegates.

McKeough said he wouldn't support moves to discourage foreign investment but rather moves to encourage Canadian investment.

McKeough supported the Roberts government's actions in funneling Ontario funds to Quebec and the Maritimes. He pointed out that under Roberts, Ontario has kicked in 43 per cent of Canada's money in the fight against regional economic disparity. He said he would continue this.

# Snow takes on strange shapes for snow sculpturing contest

Mountains of snow will be taking on strange shapes this week as snow sculptors carve out their favorite character or scene with an eye on 50 silver dollars in The Champion's snow sculpturing contest.

Entries received at The Champion office so far indicates the sculpting will be impressive. Judges have been obtained and they'll be eyeing the snow figures with an eye on such things as

proportion, detail, impact and imagination.

Anyone can enter the contest — families, groups, individuals. The sculpture must be visible from the street and anywhere in Milton. First prize is 15 1971 silver dollars and there are 13 more prizes too.

The entry form appears in this week's Champion and details of the contest are spelled out in an advertisement.

**Roberts' greatest move**

Both he and William Davis, a rival for the premiership, told Halton delegates Roberts' greatest contribution would be towards national unity. McKeough declared himself a citizen of Ontario but a citizen of Canada first.

In answer to a question McKeough said it is not realistic to expect a shift away from education spending priorities in the next 20 years. He pointed out the province would take a greater share of the spending and in this way help take the burden off real property.

During his two and a half hour session with the delegates McKeough expressed opinions and answered questions on issues and problems dealing with everything from regional government to the problems involving Ontario's court system to logging at Quetico Park in Northern Ontario.

**Big blunder**

Quetico was the subject of a major controversy recently. Of the 1,700 square miles approximately one per cent is opened for logging. The decision to allow logging brought protests from naturalists.

McKeough said it was an enormous blunder to establish the whole parcel as wilderness in the first place. He said the one per cent being logged provides 1,000 jobs and he didn't know where the jobs would be replaced. He noted the area is large enough to accommodate naturalists, recreation areas and logging interests too.

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