

A resounding decision

Jim Snow and George Kerr won resounding victories in the provincial election. Such confidence is personally rewarding but it is also challenging in the extent of the responsibility it carries.

Pundits analyze results like those of last week's election looking for the magic formulas to be applied elsewhere.

The results, we suggest, simply represented the voters' desire for strong leadership, for a traditional approach to problems and for a desire not to be misled by promises.

Many will disagree with that analysis but the leadership which Bill Davis demonstrated indicated he could make tough decisions. Those decisions were not universally popular but voters saw decision rather than procrastination. This was in an economic and technological climate where change is rampant and where we are inclined to feel more comfortable in things familiar.

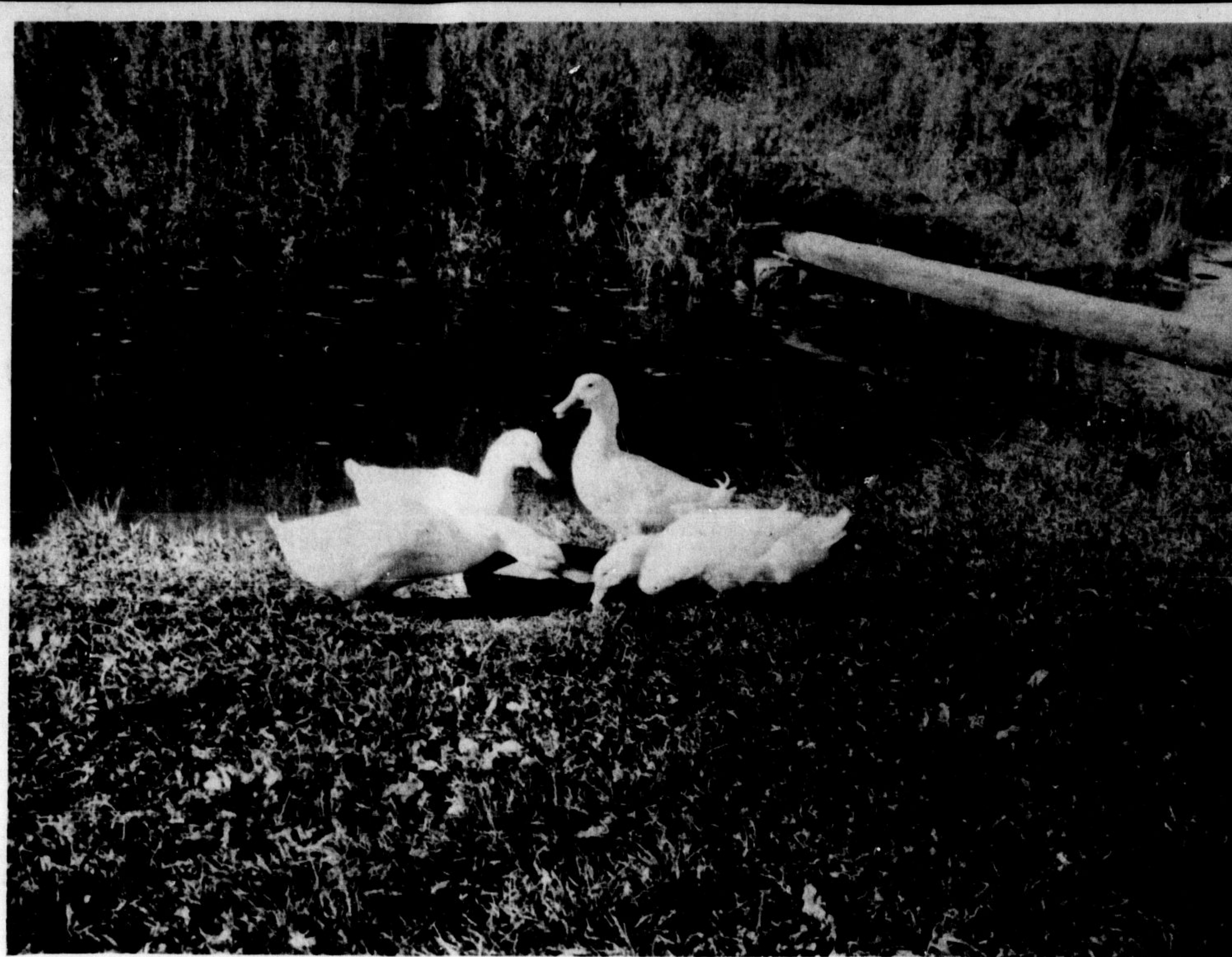
Both the Liberal and NDP leaders dotted the early days of their campaign with promises while the PC leader remained devoid of promises. Today's

voter considers blatant promises attempts to buy his vote. It was not until the end of the campaign that Bill Davis made any new commitments. By that time most voters had already made up their mind on the basis of other conclusions.

The actions of the leaders played a large part in the local campaigns but the work of local candidates cannot be overlooked. They worked hard. They faced countless meetings, shook hundreds of hands and poured themselves into the task of presenting issues and challenges. We're all the better for it when democracy is so actively being exercised.

We congratulate the winners. Neither is faultless but we have never sought an answer to a question that we couldn't contact them. They know the local geography and they know the problems, and we feel certain they will represent their ridings well.

Our thanks to the losers whose efforts made the whole contest possible. At personal sacrifice they invested themselves in maintaining the effectiveness of democracy.



WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD these ducks swim aimlessly on a scenic pond near Campbellville. The ducks enjoyed feeding from a dish of grain left near the shore of the pond by a friendly neighbor. The four ducks will soon have to leave the pond when winter weather and ice set in. —(Staff Photo)

Ignore annexation

Milton Council should not take any action on requests for annexation of that area of north Oakville west of the town. To do so would be to the economic detriment of the present taxpayers.

Even if Oakville promised an uncontested annexation hearing (we'd want it in writing), it would simply be the beginning of official plan and zoning by-law revisions, service planning and public works constructions. The annexation in itself is not the final expense.

It is regrettable that Oakville legislators who now say to developers who own land there to ask Milton for annexation, did not earlier see the logic of Milton's much earlier request for annexation. That annexation request was before the O.M.B. prior to the last provincial election. Oakville stub-

bornly resisted the town's application on any land, including that area west of Milton where residents have recently indicated they still want to be part of Milton.

Had the western area been part of the annexation granted to the town, the costs of planning and service projections could have been borne as part of the total package. Instead they were isolated through Oakville's resistance and today an annexation of that area just doesn't seem practical.

There may be a day when Milton will need the acreage to the west for its further development plans, but in the meantime the costs of annexation with its parade of events that must follow would be foolish for the town to instigate.

Commenting briefly

Not all of those election signs have been removed by campaign workers. Here's hoping they disappear as quickly as they sprouted.

The Mary Street storm sewer controversy has forced council to recommend a thorough study of sewer and water mains and parking facilities in the southern area of Milton's core and although it was a round-about way the decision was made to take a survey, it will be a beneficial project for the town. Council and neighboring merchants had reached an impasse over the Mary St. sewers and the majority of councillors were prepared to drop the subject despite veiled threats the landowners made to stop or delay the Queen and Thomas Sts. reconstruction project. Now it appears the study of Mary, Commercial, Charles and Pearl Sts. will overcome the merchants' objections and allow several projects to proceed.

Don't forget, clocks go back to Standard Time at 2 a.m. this Sunday when Daylight Saving Time ends. Remember, the clocks go BACK one hour. If you move your clock the wrong

way you'll be rather early for church Sunday morning.

We continue to receive complaints, especially from Milton District Hospital patients, about the rubble that remains at the site of a burned home across Derry Rd. from the hospital. The house was levelled and so was a chimney that jutted into the air for some months after the fire. But the mess remains. Can't the owner clean it up? As one former hospital patient said the other day, "it would be better to look at a field of weeds than at that mess."

Milton's restaurants didn't win much favor with an Oakville family on a one-day fall outing through the beautiful countryside in North Halton. The family enjoyed the day but in a letter to the editor of an Oakville newspaper Mrs. Mary Lewis complained, "I recommend the restaurants in downtown Milton to nobody. We dropped into one place and what we got for our money was a shame.

To make matters worse the place was filled with unruly teenagers making fools of themselves."

OUR READERS WRITE:

PROUD TO VOTE AGAINST TORY CAMPAIGN

Dear Sir,
Those of us who voted for the New Democratic Party in this last provincial election should feel very proud, proud that we had the integrity and intelligence to withstand the Madison Avenue type advertising, backed by a seemingly endless budget, saturation media advertising including paid TV prime time and some

questionable newspaper ads, that constituted the Tory campaign.

William A. Johnson, R.R. 2, Rockwood.

FORCING FLUORIDE ON ALL IS DICTATORSHIP

Dear Sir,
Reading the articles for and against fluoridation the water of Milton, I would like
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Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

It seems, if we are to believe the financial experts, that Canada is in for a tough time, economically. Them damnyankees are at it again.

They are paying as much attention to our various trade missions and professional whiners as would a buffalo, charging toward a cliff, with a flea on his back screaming that he, too, would be killed if the buffalo went over the edge.

Well, as the fleas, we can't blame it on anybody but ourselves. It's been too comfortable, riding around on the back of that big, fat, juicy buffalo. Better we should have been wasps, stinging instead of sucking.

Now we know how the Esquimaux and the Indians feel about the rest of us.

Newspaper editorials are crying the blues, telling the government to do something about it, or trying to assure their readers that the U.S. is not out to "get" us.

They might as well save their type. It's too late for crying; there's no use telling the present government to do anything about anything; and the U.S. is not interested in

"getting" us; it is interested in getting itself out of the worst economic mess it has been in since the thirties.

Writers of letters-to-the-editors are offering some emotional, but largely irrational advice to anyone who will listen. Some would cut the Yanks off from all our resources. That would be like cutting off your nose to improve your appearance.

Others would seize, or seriously police, all American subsidiary companies in Canada. That would result in further unemployment as the Yanks started closing plants, many of them heavily subsidized by our own government, and started pulling in their horns.

Maybe a mouse can frighten an elephant, according to legend, but a rat can't stop a ship from sinking by threatening to jump overboard. And there's a lovely mixed analogy for you to ponder over.

To carry on with the cliches, Canadians are reaping what they have sown. For several generations, they have invited, nay, begged foreign capital to invest in this

country. They have refused to invest in their own country, preferring something "safer", like Brazilian Traction or A.T. and T.

Result? The country is crawling with British, Swedish, German and American plants, directed from abroad. I wonder how many Canadian companies you would find operating successfully in any of those countries.

Another cliché. You can't have your cake and eat it. We have all the ingredients for the cake. But rather than bake it ourselves, we send them to foreign bakers, buy it back from them, and find that it's mostly crumbs.

One more. You can't have it both ways. You can't be half capitalist, half socialist. And if you want to play around with a giant among capitalists, like the U.S., you need more protection than an Alcan jock-strap. You don't send in your high school second-string juniors to play against the pros.

Have I a solution? Of course I have. This economic lecture wasn't prepared without deep thought and deeper research.

First, let's stop running around in ever-decreasing circles, like that bird of legend. You know its fate.

Second, let's not bite the hand that feeds us. Unless that hand tries to give us a cuff on the ear. Then bite to hurt.

Third, let's pull in our belts, get off our tails, and start competing with industrialists in other countries. In short, stop producing shoddy merchandise at inflated prices. I'll take a wage freeze, will you? Thus endeth the lesson.

Tories have done. He planned to vote for the Davis administration because it was, in his words, "the least of three evils."

Thursday's election shows there were a lot more people in the same boat.

Certainly many voters in Halton East changed their minds after the 1967 election. Whether it was a reflection on Liberal candidate Bob Blake or an anti-Bob Nixon feeling, or whether the provincial Conservatives gained in stature after John Roberts quit and Bill Davis took up the reins, remains to be seen. But in 1967 in Halton East there were 9,867 votes for Snow and 9,703 for the Liberal candidate while the NDP man polled 6,359. This time Snow got 21,000, the Liberal man just under 10,000 and the NDP a shade over 7,000.

There were 12,000 extra votes in the 1971 election over the 26,000 cast in 1967. Snow gained exactly 12,000 more votes last Thursday than we did four years ago. Not all those "new voters" could have voted for the Tory candidate so a lot must have switched from Liberal or NDP to Conservative in the past four years.

Philosobits

Whatever you fear, you attract to yourself.

Always be gentle with yourself and others. Most of all be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be. Strive to be happy.

Greet each morning thankful to be alive, To hear the voice of God in the wind; To see the beauty of a wild flower; To watch a sunrise or a sunset. To feel a baby's hand and realize the wonderment of its birth;

To know in your heart that only God could keep this world so organized that seasons come and go without help from man;

To love Jesus Christ for giving His life that we might have ours. This is my philosophy for living.

Edith sharpe.

Pages of the Past

From Champion Files

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Oct. 26, 1951

More than 400 enjoyed the second Hobby Show provided by more than 100 exhibitors under the guidance of the John Milton Chapter IOJE, held in the town hall on Thursday afternoon and evening of last week.

About 600 representatives of 31 Sunday schools attended the first Halton Presbytery Sunday School Rally in St. Paul's United Church Milton on Sunday.

Council, on petition of eight grocers and butchers, passed a by-law to regulate the hours of closing at their regular meeting on Tuesday. The by-law takes effect Nov. 1 and regulates the closing on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to 6.30 p.m. except the evening before a holiday. Wednesday closing is to be 12.30 p.m. except for two weeks before Christmas and then all days except Saturday will be 8 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society was held in the Society office Milton on the evening of Oct. 16 with a good attendance.

Trafalgar Township Council, last week, authorized the treasurer to pay \$1,222 to T. E. Hewson for the international chassis and cab to be used by the Milton Area Fire Board.

Angus Langille of Oakville was nominated CCF candidate at the nomination meeting of the Halton CCF Association in Milton Town Hall on Monday. Archie Service contested the nomination.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, October 27, 1921.

A concert will be given by the Community Club, in aid of I.O.D.E. hospital fund, on Wednesday evening.

The school children of Milton and vicinity will meet the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Premier of Canada, Saturday afternoon in Victoria Park in front of the Court House.

Burglars broke into the Hepburn Garage on Main Street on Monday night. Forcing their way through a back door, they ransacked the office and stole about \$150 worth of tools.

The annual meeting of the Halton County Children's Aid Society will be held on Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd, at 8 p.m. in the Gordon Home.

There was a good turnout last Thursday at the town hall for the lecture by Rev. (Captain) W. C. Ruddiford, Chaplain of Brant Military Hospital. His subject was "The Orange Order and Its Principles".

W. Slacer, of East Aurora, N.Y., visited his Halton friends last week and was a welcome caller at The Champion Office.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, October 26, 1871.

At the Morrison show on Friday a man named Archibald Findlay was knocked down by a horse, and the wagon passed over his face, cutting it dreadfully and severing part of his nose from his face.

On Friday evening Mr. Joseph Brothers, of the Milton agricultural works, and Mr. Robert Hawthorne, of the Milton carriage works, entertained their employees to an oyster supper at the Commercial Hotel.

The Reformers of North Bruce invited Mr. Thomas Moss, Q.C., to become their candidate for the House of Commons, but the gentleman has seen fit to decline.

The ratepayers of Brampton have voted, by a large majority, \$20,000 in aid of the Credit Valley Railway.

The fall exhibition of the Township of Nelson Agricultural Association was held at Nelson Village on Friday.

A shooting match was held at Drumquin between Mr. James White, Jr., and Mr. William Hood, over which there was much excitement as both parties are considered crack shots. Out of 21 shots at 400, 500, and 600 yards with Snider-Enfield rifles, the score was as follows: Hood, 48; White, 41.

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