

Predict heavy vote

Local election officials are gearing up for a heavy turnout in next Monday's municipal election.

Meanwhile, the 20 candidates seeking 11 elected positions on Milton and Halton Councils and the Halton Board of Education are at the height of pre-election campaign activity. The sign war is extensive, most of the candidates are attempting to knock on all the voters' doors, and a lively interest was shown at the first meet-the-candidates night held last Wednesday evening.

With races for every council seat except two, plus two board of education seats, returning officer clerk Campbell Thompson has lined up over 100 election workers to handle the voting at 53 local polls. A good turnout (174 votes or about one per cent) was recorded in Saturday's advance poll—held for the convenience of those who will not be able to cast ballots on Monday, Nov. 13.

Another advance poll was held in each of the three town wards on Tuesday.

Authorities urge everyone heading for the polls next Monday to do so as early in the day as possible. Voter line-ups around suppers and just before poll closing time at 8 p.m. are common but you can probably get in and out in a couple of minutes if you head for the polls earlier in the day. Polls open at 11 a.m. and remain open to 8 p.m.

The two-way race for the mayoralty again highlights the municipal elections in Milton. Incumbent Donald Gordon, who has been mayor since defeating Anne MacArthur in the race two years ago, is once again challenged by Mrs. MacArthur.

Gordon, an accountant with Ford in Oakville, is a 13-year veteran in politics, having served eight years on Oakville Council and five to date on Milton Council. Mrs. MacArthur is the former reeve of Nassagaweya and Warden of Halton and was mayor of Milton for the first three years of regional government. A retired school teacher, she operates an antique business and has 12 years of experience in the municipal field.

Milton's three seats on regional council are hotly contested again this year. The mayor is automatically a town representative to the regional level and the town elects two members (one from the rural area, one from the urban), to sit on both town and regional councils.

The present rural representative Jim Watson, a real estate agent and former school teacher, is challenged by former NDP candidate Bill Johnson, a stationary engineer. Both live in the former Nassagaweya area of Milton but are elected by voters in both rural wards—former Nassagaweya which is Ward Three and the former Oakville and North Burlington area which is known as Ward One. Watson is a 10-year veteran of Nassagaweya and Milton Councils.

An urban regional seat presently held by Jim Kerr is also being contested. Gus Goutouski is his opponent again this year. Both men are in real estate. Kerr a six-year veteran, won the race in 1976 when the same two first paired off for the seat.

An interesting race has shaped up for the four urban seats on Milton Council in Ward Two. Only two incumbents are in the race, so at least two newcomers are bound to be winners when the ballots are tabulated Monday night.

Councillor Art Melanson has retired after nine years on the



council. Councillor Emmerson McCready resigned last summer and former mayor Anne MacArthur was appointed to replace him, but she is now running for mayor, leaving the urban council seat open.

Of the five others campaigning for urban council seats, three are experienced campaigners. Teacher Blanche Hinton, Ford maintenance supervisor Gord Cartwright and teacher Don McColeman were all in the race last time around. New challengers are engineer Dave de Sylva and sales representative Terry Gibbons.

The incumbents in the Ward Two ballot battle are bank clerk Rose Harrison, a two-year veteran of council work and the council's "senior" incumbent Gordon Krantz, a fuel oil dealer, who has been on the council for 13 years.

In Ward One (former Oakville) incumbents Rick Day, a lawyer and Brain Penman, a teacher are challenged by Ford Co. office supervisor Howard Carney. Day is an eight-year veteran and Penman has been on the council for two years. Carney ran in Ward Three in the last election race.

Ward Three (former Nassagaweya) acclaimed its two representatives to the 1979-80 council. One is incumbent Brad Clements, a sales representative who lives on Derry Rd. and has been a member of council for five years. The other is a relative newcomer, Don McMillan of Moffat who joins Milton Council for the first time this year. He earlier

served on Nassagaweya Council and is a former township clerk, now working in real estate.

McMillan will replace six-year veteran Russell Powadiuk, who is resigning.

The Board of Education race is a four-man battle for two seats. Incumbent Bill Lawson of urban Ward Two is challenged by teacher Tom Hill of Childs Dr. while rural Wards One and Three incumbent Ivan Armstrong, a factory worker at Canadian Meter is being challenged by Ford office worker Neil Johnson of Drumquin. Lawson has been a trustee since 1962.

Separate school voters didn't put up any opponents to John Bradley, a Martin St. insurance manager who represents separate school supporters of Milton and Halton Hills on the Halton Board of Education. Also unopposed was Angelo Tonelli, Drury School purchasing agent, who is the local voters' representative to the Halton Separate School Board.

The only other meet-the-candidates night scheduled is on tonight (Wednesday) in Brookville Hall at 8 p.m. Nassagaweya area voters have organized the meeting to hear the candidates for mayor, school board and council in that ward.

Door-knocking appears to be the chief pre-election activity this week as election day approaches. Many of the candidates have been attempting to cover the entire town with visits to voters and distribution of campaign literature. Observers say

YOUR NAME PLEASE? Mildred Dance and Norma Wilson were working advance poll located in the rear of the town hall Saturday morning where over 100 voters cast early ballots for the municipal election.

there is more literature available in this campaign than in any previous local election, and a sign war is certainly shaping up—with several candidates literally plastering the town and rural areas with vote signs.

Complaints were lodged this week by one Drumquin area resident, over candidates putting signs on utility poles. The nails and staples are a hazard to utility workers, it was pointed out.

Interest appears to be running high in all the races, but the mayoralty race (a rematch of the 1976 election battle) appears to be garnering most of the voter interest. Mrs. MacArthur won the right to be Milton's first mayor after regional government (1974-76) by defeating incumbent Brian Best by a narrow 233 votes in the late 1973 election race. Three years later challenger Don Gordon upset her with a narrow 145-vote

lead in ballots. It was one of Milton's closest election races.

Halton Regional Police detectives have received approximately 10 calls relating to the discovery of the body of a woman found in the apple orchard of the Chudleigh farm on Highway 25.

According to Detective Ian McNally, police have received a variety of descriptions of the woman but have been unable to identify the body.

He stated the calls came from people living in Acton, Milton and Georgetown who said they spotted the woman in the immediate vicinity of these communities.

Police said they still do not have any idea where the woman came from.

The small, badly decomposed body was discovered by three Milton youngsters while hiking through the farm Oct. 29.

McNally had said earlier clothing on the body and belongings nearby indicated she was a transient or "bundle lady".

She was found wearing several sweaters. Two plastic bags were found nearby.

One contained two badly rotted Bibles and some plastic spoons. No jewellery or wallet was found.

The investigation has been hampered because the woman had no teeth.

McNally said teeth are often the only means by

which people can be identified. The remains of the Caucasian woman show her to be approximately five feet, three inches to five feet, four inches tall with greyish blonde or brown hair.

She was slightly built with narrow hips and was unlikely to have had any children unless by Caesarian section, police said.

Spokesman for police forensic laboratory in Toronto said examination of the bones indicated the woman walked with difficulty and probably suffered from arthritis.

A pair of man's glasses were found in the leaves near the corpse.

Pieces of burnt wood near the remains indicate she may have been there several days. The location is within 200 feet of Highway 25.

"What is baffling us is that there are no cooking utensils or empty cans or something to indicate she was staying here for a period of time," McNally said.

Twice the police thought they had identified the woman but on both occasions, the people had been located.

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- accept the auditor's report as presented by treasurer TOM BOWERS
- accept the membership report presented by membership chairman PETER FOWLER
- accept the proposed amendments to remove membership restrictions from the constitution

The club's executive was returned by acclamation.

Signed,
Gren Winslow,
Secretary

Champion

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- Past President, Percy W. Merry Home and School Association
- Sat as public representative on the Remedial Assistance Committee of the Halton Board of Education
- Minor Ball Co-ordinator, Hornby Minor Softball Association
- Coach, Hornby PeeWee Girls Softball Team
- Convener, Squirt Girls Division, Halton Rural Softball League
- Director, Oakville Aquatic Club

Following are some specific items that I feel need immediate attention:

- IMPROVED communication between the Board of Education and the public. What decisions are being considered and made on a weekly basis and how do they affect our children.
- IMPROVED report cards that will tell parents how their children are doing, including the results of region-wide testing.
- IMPROVED financial controls that will avoid the mistakes of the past and ensure the best value for our tax dollars. Almost \$1,000,000 was spent on an Administration building expansion. This was an outrageous waste of money when we have empty classrooms all over Halton.

I feel that as a parent with children in the school system combined with my involvement in Home and School and minor sports I can offer a TRUSTEE that understands the parent's concerns.

— A trustee who will get things done —

Make the RIGHT DECISION on Monday, November 13

