

# Politicians descend on citizens' dance

There is an election in the air. The fact was proved by the number of current and would-be politicians at the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group dance at Milton Memorial Arena Saturday night. Halton incumbent MP Dr. Frank Philbrook was there. So were challengers Otto Jelinek

## Election '79

### Urbanites to host polls

There will be 274 polls in Halton riding for the 1979 federal election to be held May 22. The polls generally are numbered east to west and south to north. Hence, the affluent east Oakville section is numbered one and Acton is numbered 274. There are 179 polls in urban Oakville, 142 of which are south of the QEW. Polls 143 to 179 are in the Falgarwood subdivision. Polls 180 to 184 are in rural Oakville north of Upper Middle Road.

of the Progressive Conservatives and NDP standardbearer Doug Black. Burlington Tory candidate, the incumbent from the former ward of Hamilton-Wentworth, Bill Kempling was in attendance. So were Julian Reed, Halton MPP; Milton Mayor Don Gordon and Councillors Brian Penman, Rick Day and Brad Clements. Dr. Philbrook said he had been invited prior to the announcement of the election. Because of this, he said he felt the citizens decided to invite the other candidates as well. A citizen spokesman confirmed. Each of the trio was given an opportunity to speak. All praised the efforts of the Tremaine-

Britannia Citizens' Group in its fight to protect the area from being the location of a regional dump. Mr. Jelinek spoke the longest. The former champion figure skater flourished a letter he had written to Halton chairman Jack Raftis. He outlined the hazards the proposed dump would pose to the Burlington Air Park and the aviators flying in and out of it. If he is elected, Mr. Jelinek said, "I can assure you that special and immediate consideration will be given to developing alternative ways and means in the disposal of waste and garbage in Canada." He asked the region postpone any action on Site F until after the election.



LIBERAL CANDIDATE Dr. Frank Philbrook opened his Milton campaign office in the Mall Saturday. On hand for the ribbon-cutting were office manager Stella Snow (left), campaign manager Al Wilson, Midge Philbrook, Dr. Philbrook, Halton MP Julian Reed and Councillor Terry Gibbons.

# Whoever wins Halton carries the country

When the polls close on the evening of May 22, marking the end of Canada's 31st election, Halton voters will probably have elected a Progressive Conservative candidate to represent them in Ottawa. However, that is only provided they follow the pattern their voting has taken in the three previous elections during the Trudeau years. A surface analysis of the general election results for Halton 1968, 1972 and 1974 reveals Halton voters tend to elect either a Liberal or Progressive Conservative candidate who has been untried in the riding, rather than return their incumbent MP.

As a result, Halton was represented by a Liberal after 1968, a PC after 1972 and a Liberal after 1974. In the 10 general elections dating back 33 years from 1968, a change in Halton during one election almost seemed to forecast a change in Ottawa after the next. But Pierre Trudeau's emergence as leader of the Liberal party put a stop to that.

On July 8, 1974, Dr. Frank Philbrook, a Liberal, was elected to office in his first attempt, defeating the incumbent Progressive Conservative candidate Terrence O'Connor.

Philbrook captured 23,479 votes in Halton, compared with 21,556 by O'Connor in one of the riding's closest battles in recent years. NDP candidate Archie Brown ran a distant third. It is interesting to note Philbrook and O'Connor each polled 1,833 in the advance poll.

O'Connor successfully ran for Halton MP in the election of July 1972, in his first attempt. His total topped the votes polled by the incumbent Liberal Rud Whiting by some 2,200. Carolyn Holstein of the NDP came far back in third.

O'Connor's election marked the first time Halton was represented by a Progressive Conservative at both the federal and the provincial levels. MPP Jim Snow was Minister of Government Services. Robert Stanfield, PC leader at the time, gave

O'Connor's campaign a boost when he kicked off his own southwestern Ontario campaign before an overflow crowd at the Oakville Arena. Present at the rally were notable PC personalities, Premier William Davis, Paul Hellyer, former Ontario Justice Minister Alan Lawrence and current Halton PC candidate Otto Jelinek. At the time, Jelinek represented Toronto High Park. The eight-month cam-

paigned encouraged 83 per cent of Halton's eligible voters to go to the polls. In the election of June 25, 1968, Whiting, in his first attempt was elected MP by a comfortable margin in Oakville and Halton over PC candidate Peter McWilliams and Miltonian Murray Ker-nighan of the NDP. Whiting led the Halton Liberals in 1968 after the incumbent Liberal MP, Dr. Harry Harley retired after three successive and successful cam-

paigned. At the Liberal nomination meeting, Whiting edged present-day Councillor Mac Anderson, a former mayor of Oakville, on the fourth ballot. McWilliams was making his first and only attempt to be elected Halton MP. "Prevention is the Cure" is the theme for the Canada Safety Council's traffic safety campaign for April.

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