

Visits Manor, goes mainstreeting

Premier campaigns in Milton



ONTARIO PREMIER BILL DAVIS extends his hand to a resident of Halton Centennial Manor during an afternoon tea Tuesday. The premier was accompanied by his attractive wife

Kathy, left, and Gary Dawkins, Tory candidate in the new Halton-Burlington riding.

Premier Bill Davis spent two hours campaigning in Milton Tuesday afternoon. Accompanied by Tory candidate Gary Dawkins of Acton, the premier chatted with residents at Halton Centennial Manor, stopped off at Party Headquarters on Main St. to talk with party workers and spent the balance of his time mainstreeting and chatting with merchants along the street.

Davis had been in Peel municipalities earlier in the day and was slated to be at Port Credit High School later that evening.

About 100 residents waited for Davis, his wife Kathy and the travelling entourage of press people and aides.

Mobile home

Davis, his wife and some aides are travelling in a mobile home while press people follow along in a bus.

Local media people followed the Premier on his tour through the town. One aide told a reporter that the trip to Milton was prompted by reports that there were some issues people wanted to talk about.

But the premier's visit was pretty well a matter of hellos and short exchanges on the street and in stores.

Candidate Dawkins stuck close by Davis on the way through, taking advantage of the extra exposure that leaders are able to attract.

Welcomed by mayor

About 30 people, primarily party stalwarts waited for the premier's arrival outside PC headquarters. Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur, who was rumored earlier as a Liberal candidate, welcomed the premier to town. Her exchange with the premier was short but long enough for her to needle a reporter standing nearby and to tell the premier of a "running feud" she has with the local press.

Fred Dawkins, Gary's brother and campaign manager, said he anticipated a visit to Georgetown by the premier later in the campaign.

In the past both provincial and federal leaders have not visited the northern part of Halton Region but have swung through Oakville and Burlington.

But with redistribution



CAMPAIGNING Premier Bill Davis Tuesday chatted with Conservative supporters at the headquarters of Tory candidate Gary Dawkins on Main St. in Milton. Mrs. Davis stands to the right of her husband.

Three for Halton

Propose changes in ridings

An independent federal commission Tuesday proposed changes in the boundaries of all federal ridings in Ontario. This province is to have 95 seats.

Halton Region shapes up this way:

Burlington riding; includes the City of Burlington.

Halton riding; includes the Town of Oakville, the Town of Milton, plus Acton and part of the former Esquesing areas of the Town of Halton Hills. Basically, this is all of Halton Hills either south of 10 Sideroad or west of the Sixth Line.

Peel-Halton riding; includes the Georgetown and north-east Esquesing area of Halton Hills, plus the Town of Caledon (Peel Region) and the Town of Vaughan and the Township of King (York Region).

The population breakdown for the new ridings is: Burlington—86,113, Halton—82,679, and Peel-Halton—66,790.

At present, Halton Region is located in two federal ridings.

Liberal MP Dr. Frank Philbrook of Oakville represents Halton riding which includes the Town of Oakville, urban Milton, former Esquesing, Acton and Georgetown. Erin and Erin Township are in too.

Halton-Wentworth riding, represented by Tory MP Bill Kempling of Dundas, includes the City of Burlington, former Nassagaweya, and extends westward into Hamilton-Wentworth Region.

The proposed changes have been drawn up by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of Ontario. Chairman of the body is Mr. Justice Campbell Grant of the Sup-

(Continued on page 2)



Proposed changes in local federal election ridings were outlined Tuesday by the federal boundaries commission. The two present Halton ridings would be split into three.

Tops in Canada

Champion wins contest prizes

Once again named of Canada's top weekly newspapers, The Canadian Champion received three awards at the Canadian Community Newspapers Association convention in Saskatoon last week.

Judges awarded The Champion the Charles H. Nolan plaque as the best all-round paper in its circulation category (4,000 to 9,000) in the 1975 CCNA better newspapers competitions.

Milton's weekly was also awarded second prize for the best front page in its class, plus an award of merit for tying for third place in a separate editorial page competition.

Publisher Jim Dills represented the paper at the convention. Officials described this year's contest as the largest on record with 542 entries in all categories.

Fourth in sports
The Champion also did well in separate sports page and women's and feature content competitions, scoring a fourth place tie for its sports page and standing seventh in the women's features section.

Judges awarded The Champion first prize with 87 out of a possible 100 points.

Papers were scored on the front and editorial pages, news of the community on inside pages, pictures, advertising, typography, make-up, features and columns. The White Rock and Surrey Sun from B.C. was second in the class while Renfrew (Ont.) Mercury came third.

Trophies are also awarded for the papers with the most points in the front and editorial page sections. The Champion had 17 points out of 20 for its front page, earning second prize behind Midland (Ont.) Times and just edging out the third place Abbotsford, Sumas and Matsqui (B.C.) News.

Tied for third

In the editorial page division, Midland Times was first, Lunenburg (N.S.) Progress Enterprise and Wetaskiwin (Alta.) Times tied for second, with The Champion tied with the Kapuskasing (Ont.) Northern Times and Bridgewater (N.S.) Bulletin for third. The third place papers scored 17 points out of 20, second place 17½ and first prize 18, which indicates the close competition.

Regional Councillor

Len Coxe dies

Halton was shocked and saddened this week by the sudden death of a heart attack of Len Coxe, in Peel Memorial Hospital, late Monday afternoon.

Mr. Coxe, 56, was well-known as a councillor for Halton Hills and also at Halton Regional council.

He first entered politics as an Esquesing councillor in 1971, and was elected deputy reeve in 1973.

With the advent of regional government, Mr. Coxe was elected as councillor for Ward 2, (formerly Esquesing township), and was acclaimed regional councillor for that ward.

Two authorities

He served on the Halton Hills works committee and was chairman in 1974. He was also a member of the public works committee at the region. In addition he served on both Credit Valley Conservation Authority and Halton Region Conservation Authority. At the time of his death he was vice-chairman of HRC.

He was a member of Hillcrest United Church, a past master of Campbell Masonic Lodge, and member of Georgetown Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Coxe just recently was licenced as a real estate salesman, with an Oakville company.

Tributes from fellow councillors and staff are numerous. Mayor Tom Hill described him as a dedicated councillor who always had the interest of the town at heart. "He worked hard at the Region for the expansion of Georgetown sewage disposal plant, and for the extension of water to Norval, and was dedicated to the position he held."

Would go to bat

At the regional level, he was respected as a driving force.



COUNCILLOR LEN COXE

Hillcrest United Church, a past master of Campbell Masonic Lodge, and member of Georgetown Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Coxe just recently was licenced as a real estate salesman, with an Oakville company.

Tributes from fellow councillors and staff are numerous. Mayor Tom Hill described him as a dedicated councillor who always had the interest of the town at heart. "He worked hard at the Region for the expansion of Georgetown sewage disposal plant, and for the extension of water to Norval, and was dedicated to the position he held."

At the regional level, he was respected as a driving force.

(Continued on page 14)

Typhoid—none here

The recent rash of typhoid fever cases in Kingston and elsewhere caused some concern during a Halton Board of Health meeting Wednesday.

Burlington Councillor Paul Preston noted there had been 29 cases reported and most of the victims had attended the Light and Life Free Methodist Camp near Kingston in July.

Preston said he understood not all the campers had registered and noted that it was possible some of them were from Halton.

But Medical Officer of Health Dr. Joseph Chamberlain said there had been no cases reported in Halton. He said authorities were searching for a carrier.

The outbreak is said to be one of the worst in North America in several years.

"Acting like ostriches"

Sykes, MacArthur stress communal wells needed

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur and Halton Hills Councillor Ernie Sykes teamed up and launched a verbal tirade against Regional Public Works staff and councillors who are opposing the use of communal wells in the region.

The mayor said regional staff and some councillors were acting like ostriches "with their heads in the sand."

"Get out and talk to John Kirk (International Water Supply)", she challenged. The mayor claimed there was an excellent supply of water in the Nassagaweya area and the only reason the

region is so concerned about the use of communal wells is because of a bad experience Burlington had a few years back when a well went dry.

Tied down

The mayor claimed that Mr. Kirk, an expert on the subject, claims there is an abundance of excellent water available in the Nassagaweya area. She argued in her most forceful fashion that the northern part of the region was being tied down because of an error and bad experience in Burlington.

Under provincial regulations the region is responsible for ensuring the continuation of a suitable water supply once it approves

communal wells.

Because of the potentially expensive position the region could find itself in, staff and elected officials from the south have been reluctant to approve any communal wells, anywhere.

Nothing specific
Acting Public Works director Jack Corbett said comments he and his department had made were of a general nature. No specific areas of the region were examined, he told the works committee.

Mayor MacArthur argued that the looped well system feeding off a communal well would provide some fire protection for the people and

Milton Council Tuesday failed in an attempt to pass a resolution demanding The Champion provide it with information concerning a July 30 article. Debate ended in a shouting match between MacArthur and Councillor Rick Day and the matter was dropped.

The resolution, formulated the preceding night at an in-

camera meeting, would have demanded that the newspaper divulge the source of the report which detailed the town's in-camera financial dealings with the Campbellville Lions Club.

The resolution was moved by Councillor Russ Powadiuk and seconded by Councillor Jim Watson, both of whom represent the Ward Three

(Nassagaweya) area. Introducing the debate on the resolution, Mayor MacArthur said the situation was "very serious."

Councillor Day then said the subject was "getting funny," and added "I think it's a little silly and I've had enough of all this."

The councillor noted that the subject had already been debated "for half an hour" at the council meeting on the preceding night.

Councillor Marjorie Powys said she was opposed to the motion.

She said a councillor's first duty is to her constituents, and said she would reveal the contents of an in-camera meeting at which something was considered which was detrimental to her constituents.

Councillor Russ Powadiuk, who proposed the resolution, said the question was "serious" and councillors must "abide by the rules" and not comment on in-camera meetings.

Councillor Ron Harris said "I didn't appreciate the way the article was written or anything," but he opposed the resolution because council was "flogging a dead horse."

"I say let it die," he added. Councillor Brad Clements said the Champion article contained a "great number of errors" and he felt it had created "a serious situation", but refused to support the resolution.

(Continued on page 2)



PRETTY JUDY RIDING gets cuddly with her pal Sarah the English sheepdog during Friday night's fun party organized by the residents of Nelson Court in Dorset Park. It was a family

event and the youngsters had as good a time as their parents. More photos, story inside.

(Champion Photo - G. Flaherty)