

That's My Line



Allan McLean Simcoe Centre MPP

Allan McLean, MPP for Simcoe East, addressed the Midland Rotary Club this week. Part of his address, his description of his life and times, ending with his nomination as the candidate for the Conservatives for Simcoe Centre in 1981, appears below.

I was born in Oro township, March 20, 1937, one in a family of seven children, five boys and two girls. There are two brothers who are farmers, two brothers who are doctors, and my two sisters are married to farmers. I am the fifth generation in Oro Township.

I attended a one room school house in Oro Township, and secondary school in Barrie. Yes, I remember working for \$2 per day, and that was for an 11 hour day too. Not like it is today.

From 1953 to 1963 I worked for Lakeview Dairy in Barrie, as a route salesman, five days a week, and drove the ice cream truck on Wednesdays and the bulk pick-up truck at farms on Sundays, for seven days a week.

In 1958 I tried to join the OPP, thinking that a job with the province would be good security for the future.

I wrote three exams and failed every one of them. It was always the spelling that failed me, and that was my best subject. About six months later I was checking in one day and Mr. Kinze, my employer, asked me if I had tried to get into the OPP. It was a surprise to me that he knew, but I said, "yes". Mr. Kinze said, "Allan you are not a man to work for someone else all your life. You have a lot of ability and should have your own business."

Being a route salesman was a great experience and education for me. Dealing with all sectors of society was a very great experience.

As a matter of fact, when I delivered to Camp Borden (which was my milk route for most of those 10

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