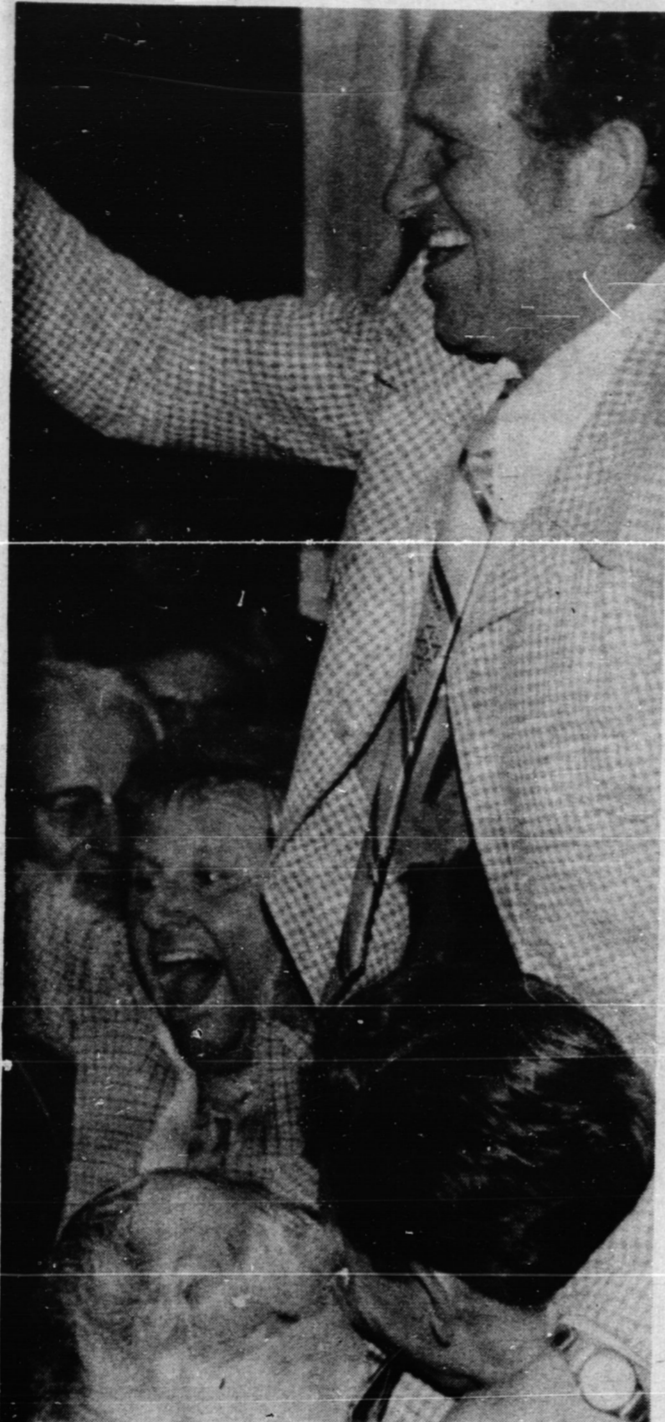


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Miller's wishers lift him high upon their shoulders following upset victory over Jimmy Allan in provincial election.

Gord Miller wins in local riding

Defeats James Allan

BY BARRY YZERMAN

A tremendous roar could be heard throughout Simcoe last Thursday night, and when passers by discovered that it was coming from the campaign headquarters of Gordon Miller most of the people ventured in and joined the festivities.

The party began when Miller won his first poll of the night and ended early the next morning in the Summer Gardens at Port Dover.

The chants picked up power when it was realized that Miller had won in the town of Dunnville, James Allan's home riding, and most of his supporters became positive that the man they backed, was to replace Allan in Toronto as a member of Parliament.

Norm Walpole the N.D.P. candidate arrived at about nine o'clock to give his congratulations to the party chairman and various organizers that were gathered in the smoke filled room.

It now became a waiting game from this point on with Miller holding an eighteen hundred vote lead and a few of the polls left to be heard from. Everyone was waiting for Gordon Miller himself to arrive, including James Allan who did not enter the building until Miller arrived to give his congratulations.

At 10:15 p.m. he arrived amid applause that seemed to shake the building as if it were being pulled apart at the rafters. Everyone was trying to get close enough to congratulate Mr. Miller, and get a view of Mr. Allan giving his congratulations to the politician from Jarvis.

During his victory speech tears appeared in his eyes as he thanked all his supporters and said that he would indeed be proud to serve this riding during his term of office.

Of his opponent he said, "I believe Jim Allan is a tremendous politician and I

admire him very much." He went on to say that he knew from the beginning that he was going to win because he had a very strong feeling of victory. He said he had received good reports from all the people that he came in contact with. That very morning one of his sons who he claimed were his strongest supporters said simply, "I'm proud of you" and he knew that victory was a sure thing.

Further in his speech he said that the Liberal party in Haldimand-Norfolk has overcome a lot since the last election particularly gaining nine thousand votes. He was disappointed that Robert Nixon was not the new Premier of Ontario because he felt that Nixon was a tremendous person and could have done a lot for Ontario.

He then pledged himself to the people of Haldimand-Norfolk saying that he will do

his best for the riding and "Represent all the people and do a job for the people."

The scene then switched to Port Dover and the Summer Gardens where the party was already in full swing before Mr. Miller and his entourage arrived from Simcoe. He forced his way through the throng of well wishers to the stage where he made another thank you speech to the people who had been waiting.

The party lasted until the wee hours of Friday and Mr. Miller never did arrive at the reception that was held for him in the Town of Dunnville.

A final total of the voting gave him a clear victory gathering 14,161 votes compared to incumbent Allan's 12,260 and new Democratic candidate, Norm Walpole received 4,967 of the votes.

Mr. Miller has left for Calgary to try and rest up a little from the campaign schedule he has followed.

Walpole pleased with N.D.P. showing

BY RICHARD HOUGHTON

Although the N.D.P. candidate for Haldimand-Norfolk in the provincial election Norm Walpole has found himself back at the job of teaching school after a hard fought campaign, he says he is pleased with the showing of the N.D.P. on a provincial basis.

"This election showed that the people in Ontario for the first time were not sure who the alternative to the Conservative government was," he said.

Mr. Walpole commented that he didn't think that the anti-Davis sentiment was so strong among the people of Ontario. He was pleasantly surprised that the N.D.P.'s increased their share of the popular vote by ten per cent.

"Under the new minority government one would think that the role of the Liberals being in third place would be to make a balance of power with the Conservatives while the N.D.P. form the opposition, but after such a vicious campaign you can't be sure if this will happen," said Mr. Walpole.

"I have also heard it said that Premier Davis may try to provoke an election before the Liberals have time to choose a new leader," he said.

"However I think the people are now looking for some responsible government, and would look very seriously at a government that took this kind of action."

"I think the role of the N.D.P. in this new government will be to be sharply critical of legislation, and to vote against it where it doesn't measure up," he said.

As for predicting the length of the life of the new government, Mr. Walpole said that this was impossible.

"After a campaign like we just saw, it will not be easy to predict how the liberals will vote, so that the government could be defeated at any time."

"I think that there is also a strong possibility for new leadership in the Conservative party," said Mr. Walpole.



Mr. Bert Fallis of Jarvis receives an award for 50 years service to the Eastern Star from Mrs. W. Brooks last Monday night in Hagersville.