

Jimmy Allan Nominated for seventh term in office

Receives boisterous support

by Richard Houghton



James N. Allan and his wife Lillian receive a bouquet of roses after he was nominated as the PC candidate in Haldimand-Norfolk.

James Noble Allan, received an overwhelming vote of confidence from the Haldimand-Norfolk Progressive Conservative Association last Thursday night when he was again nominated to run as the PC candidate in this riding.

Although 800 people turned out for the nomination meeting in Hagersville, Mr. Allan who is 80 years old was unopposed for the nomination. He will contest his seventh term at this riding's provincial representative. Mr. Allan has served in Queen's Park for 24 years.

Mr. Allan who was obviously deeply moved by the large turnout, and the boisterous support he received, said, "It is difficult to express one's feelings at a time like this. I'm sure this is the largest turnout we have ever had at a nomination meeting here."

Mr. Allan was nominated by regional councillor Lyle Furry of Hagersville, who said Mr. Allan's image is still fresh, in bright and shiny. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Elsie Murphy of Port Dover.

"We need to send someone to Queen's Park who knows what it is like to walk on the dirt," she said. "Someone who knows our area is growing and who wants to hold

onto something of what we had."

Mrs. Murphy said she seconded the nomination of Mr. Allan principally because he makes me feel young.

In his address, Mr. Allan said that he has enjoyed all his years in public office, and he claimed that the 32 years of Tory rule in Ontario had been good to the Haldimand-Norfolk riding. As an example he cited the Recreational Centre in Simcoe as the largest grant that a rec. centre or arena has ever received.

"I don't look on my weekends as rest periods," said Mr. Allan. "People call me up on weekends, and apologize for it, but I look on the weekends as a chance to meet the people of my constituency. That is the only chance they have to really talk to me."

"We are told that we have been in office for 32 years and that it is time for a change," said Mr. Allan. "But even my good friend Bob Nixon believes in long period of service because the Nixon's have held Brant riding for 56 years."

Mr. Allan said that he thought that regional government would probably be a key issue of the election in this area, because of the rapid change we are experiencing.

"Regional government was justified here," said Mr.

Allan, "I think we will see this thing work itself out in the future."

"I don't think there is any area in Ontario where there is as full employment as we have right here in this area."

"I am anxious to campaign as hard as I ever have before, and I believe that if we do this, on election night we will celebrate a victory as we have many times in the past."

Guest speaker at Mr. Allan's nomination meeting was Robert Welch, minister of culture and recreation.

"I often hear people say they don't vote for the party, but for the man," said Mr. Welch.

"In a way, I have a lot of respect for this kind of person. He or she is not blind to the realities of the representative system... the fact that each local MPP must first and foremost understand the needs of his local Constituents and endeavour to fulfill those needs through his involvement in Queen's Park," he said.

"This is the kind of support that Jim Allan has always enjoyed here in Haldimand-Norfolk. Jim knows how important it is to work hard for the people he represents and the individual men and women in this community have always been able to trust him to take their views back to Queen's Park," said Mr. Welch.

Boy injured in sand slide

Three boys were injured in a sand slide on Monday at Sand Hills Park, near Houghton Centre.

Robert Humphrey, 14, and his brother John Humphrey, 11, were wading in the shallow water under a wash-out of sand with a friend

Terry Gordon Laidlaw, 17, of R. R. 2 Norville.

The outcrop of mud and sand fell on top of the boys burying them for about five minutes.

One of the boys, John Humphrey was taken to Tillsonburg General Hospital but was later transferred to

Victoria Hospital in London.

It is suspected that he is suffering from brain damage due to being deprived of oxygen while he was buried in the sand.

The incident was investigated by Constable S.D. Crane, of the Norfolk O.P.P. detachment.



Mayor Jerome VanDeSlyke presents the certificates of completion of a course in roadbuilding to Barry Hall, left,

and Stanley Stitzer, right. The course consisted of 20 classes at the University of Guelph.

LPRCA parks well used

The parks of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority have been well used this year according to Board Chairman Roy Smith.

Mr. Smith said that he was pleased with the successes they have had this year, at a board meeting held last week at the authority headquarters at the Hay Creek Park.

The authority hopes to have a break even year, for the first time since 1972.

Tom Haskett, an authority member said that a record number of people are using the facilities this summer.

"We'll see how we finish up at the end of the season," Mr. Haskett said.

The revenue from the Conservation areas, exceeded \$110,000 but expenses are also much higher this year said Mr. Haskett.

Expenses this year are over \$78,000. Last year the authority had a deficit of \$23,000.

At this meeting the

authority also moved another step closer to forming its own charitable foundation.

Members appointed a two man committee instructing it to prepare the necessary documents and papers for review by the full authority at its next meeting. The committee members are Grant Smith and Tunis Tollenaar.

Resources manager Richard Hunter said the next step would be to turn over the committee's findings to the authority's solicitor so he could apply on its behalf for a charter.

"The main reason for wanting to form such a foundation is so we would be able to obtain more outside money to carry on our projects," he said.

Also at the authority board meeting, last week they authorized the chairman and vice-chairman to appoint a two-man land acquisition committee.