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## Campbell slaps Tories and NDP's

The Tories are big business orientated and the NDP party is geared, not for the little man, but for the hierarchy of the great unions, Margaret Campbell told the annual banquet of the Haldimand-Norfolk Liberal Association last Saturday night.

Mrs. Campbell, MPP Toronto-St. George, guest speaker at the banquet, told the congregated liberals "you have had 30 years in which to discuss Progressive Conservative government—I don't have to tell you much about them." Mrs. Campbell pledges the liberal government to "restore local autonomy."

Mrs. Campbell claims the "liberals are the only party which can restore the value of the individual in the governmental processes."

"We cannot afford to be complacent, however," Mrs. Campbell says. She told the group assembled at the Explorer's Inn, Jarvis, that "the polls are good, and as a result we are able to attract more and more people to the party. The Tories have dropped significantly in public acceptance."

We Liberals cannot afford to sit around and wait for this victory," Mrs. Campbell predicted the week of March 24 for our next provincial election and also voiced some of the Liberal policies.

"The Ontario Games program is based entirely upon a resolution from our

house," said Mrs. Campbell. The plan was introduced by Dick Smith, Liberal representative for Nipissing, and seconded by Mrs. Campbell.

The Ontario Games for the handicapped have been well received, but Mrs. Campbell says that "the drug problem and the difficulty of trying to understand the distinction between the physically disabled and the permanently unemployable," has created a few rough spots.

Mrs. Campbell also told the audience that "we, as Liberals, have pledged ourselves to a complete review of regional governments which are in existence." She feels they have been set up "without adequate consultation or defined goals."

"We must also look at local financing," Mrs. Campbell asserts. "Municipalities must share in the yield from income tax across the country. They must know what their income will be."

Laura Gibson, who introduced the guest speaker, said that Mrs. Campbell represents the spirit of 1975-International Women's Year. In reply, Mrs. Campbell stated "we have to be concerned with equal opportunities for everyone."

The female portion of the audience applauded loudly when Mrs. Campbell

said, "There must be no more junior partnerships in marriage. Housewives are professionals and as such should be entitled to some recognition of that position. In the event of a break-down in marriage lines, the woman should have protection for all the years she has spent."

Mrs. Campbell was given a standing ovation at the end of her speech.

Riding executives were also elected at the annual meeting.

Federally: Jack Lang, president; Don Murphy, 1st vice-president; Laura Gibson, second vice-president; Jack MacKay, third vice-president; Zelda Stadler, secretary, and John W. Krestel, treasurer.

Executives for the provincial riding are: Earl McConachie, president; Robert Bell, 1st vice-president; Gladys Pearson, second vice-president; Helen Jackson, third vice-president; Jim Gondor, secretary; and Alice Knechtel, treasurer.

The Haldimand-Norfolk Liberal Women's Association Executive is as follows: Ruth Uetz, president; Mary Misner, 1st vice-president; Jane Murray, second vice-president; Eleanor Hoover, third vice-president; Ethel Cox, secretary; and Wilda Anderson, treasurer.



Margaret Campbell, MPP Toronto-St. George, was congratulated on a fine speech by Jack Lang, president of the Federal Liberal Riding Association, (Middle) and Earl McConachie, right, president of the Provincial Liberal Riding.

## Langton dares C.U.P.E.

The Langton and Area Minor Hockey Association and the Langton Figure Skating Club, have stated that they will keep the arena going, should three of its present employees, members of the Canadian

Union of Public Employees, go on strike.

Councillor Hector Verhoeve, recreation and community services committee chairman, said that they would cross picket lines in order to keep the

arena open. He went on to say that "Charlie Douglas is just letting off steam anyway." (He was referring to Peter Douglas, head of negotiations for C.U.P.E.)

## Payroll

### cut by 11

The regional water and sewer department will lay off 11 employees' commencing Friday.

At Monday's Town of Haldimand Council meeting, Councillor Lyle Furry, said that the department is trying to cut costs in order to come up with an acceptable budget. It was suggested that one or two vehicles may also be sold to cut budget corners.

None of the employees to be laid off are former municipality workers. Councillor Furry stated that "probably two workers per municipality will be laid off indefinitely."

Councillor Robert Gordon asked council to consider one maintenance crew for the entire Haldimand-Norfolk region. "They could be stationed in Simcoe and be prepared to go anywhere in the region," he said.

A recommendation which had been deferred at the last council meeting was discussed again. Council approved a recommendation from the finance and administration committee to place a

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## Watson Dam delayed

A petition signed by 14 Tillsonburg area landowners and farmers, who sold land to the Long Point Conservation Authority for the construction of Watson Dam, has caused Norfolk council to look into the delay in construction.

Watson Dam, which is to be located on Otter Creek near Courtland, will be held up until another 120 acres can be acquired by the Authority.

Evert N. May presented the petition claiming that their problem was that needed water could not be stored due to the fact that the Authority owns the water courses.

Conservation Authority representatives were called before council Monday to answer questions concerning the long delay in construction. (Construction was to have begun in 1975.) Mr. Roy Smith, Chairman; Ken Webster, vice-chairman; Myrna Rutherford, secretary-treasurer; Dick Hunter, resources manager; Tunis Tollenaar, and Jack Gleadall, all appeared before council.

The preliminary engineering study for Watson Dam was completed in 1964, and accepted by the Authority and former Township of Middleton council in 1971. The Land Acquisition grant was approved in February 1972.

Land options began in July 1971 but ran out December 15, of the same year. August 1971 was the proposed starting date.

In December 1971 the Conservation Authorities found that extra land would be required to complete the Watson Dam project. While negotiating this additional land, some options ran out and landowners changed their minds.

When negotiations failed, expropriation was considered, and expropriation hearings began in 1974, with a preliminary hearing held last fall before an inquiry officer, C.L. MacKenzie, London.

A six-acre landowner has delayed Mr. MacKenzie's decision. The Authority now owns 260 acres and must acquire another 120 acres owned by individuals. It was suggested by Councillor Clarence Abbott that someone should "see the person holding up the decision and explain the situation in the hopes that he would sell."

To this date, \$86,410 has been spent on the Watson Dam project.

## C.F.L.P. to continue

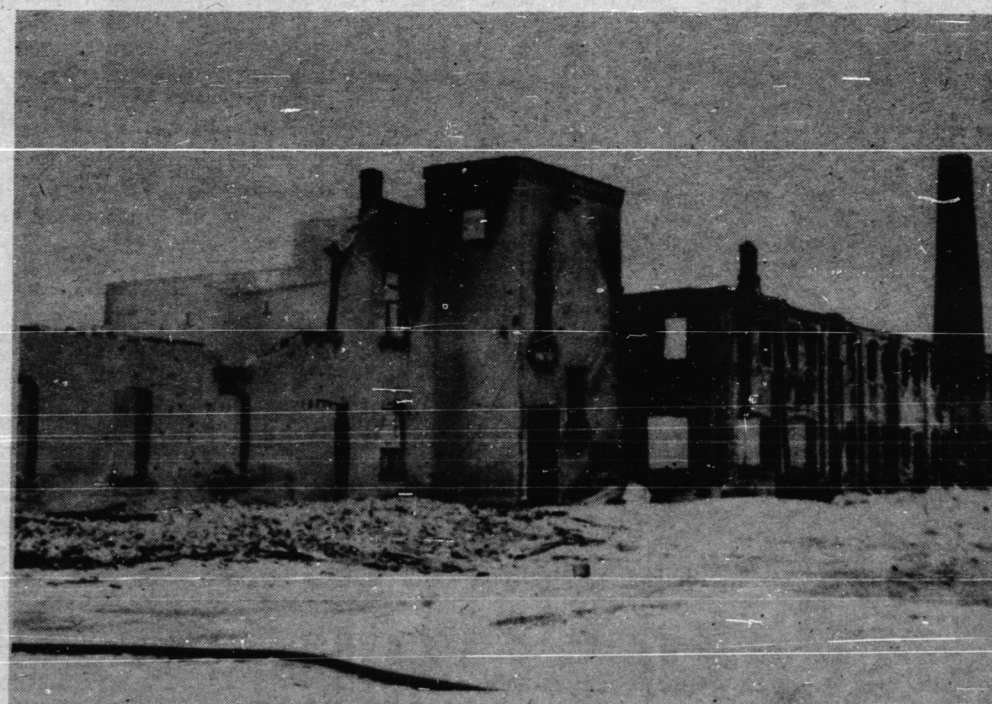
Robert Andras, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, informed Norfolk council by letter that the government is committed to continue the Canada Farm Labour Pool program even though it was established only on a pilot basis.

The government wants the program to continue until it has served for one complete year so that they may assess its effectiveness.

Mr. Andras claimed that the CFLP program has "extended Manpower services rather than duplicating them as feared". He also said that many

farmers have said they would like the program to continue for at least one more year.

The cost of operating CFLP up to the end of 1974 was \$51,700, and the program supplied the agricultural industry with 16,826 workers.



A Delhi chicken factory, owned by Checkerboard Foods Ltd. of Aurora, was destroyed on Monday at midnight.

The damage has been estimated at \$100,000 by company officials. Fire Chief Don Sutherland said the Ontario Fire Marshall's office will investigate the cause of the blaze, which is still unknown.