



With the exception of war and a family death, members of the Innes family have met annually for a family reunion. Here, sisters Florence Ross, left, and Jeanne Coulthard, whose father organized the first reunion in 1930, cut the 65th anniversary cake. For a story on the August 13 event and more photos, see pages 2 and 3. Photo by Ellen Douglas

Veteran Oxford politician enters Grit race

Former East-Zorra Tavistock councillor Betty Yeoman seeks Liberal nomination 1995

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Betty Yeoman believes her years of experience serving on a municipal council provide a good springboard into politics at the provincial level as she seeks nomination as the county's Liberal candidate.

"Being in politics for nine years, it gets in your blood," says the veteran of Township of East Zorra-Tavistock Council and Oxford County Council. "I'd like to help the people of Oxford County."

Yeoman, a lifelong resident of the county, says she has always been interested in politics, working

in elections as a poll clerk and returning officer and running for office herself.

She spent six years as a township councillor and three as councillor-at-large before the Nov. 14, 1994 municipal election.

"Even before the election I had a number of people say one door closes and another opens," Yeoman said. "This is the opening."

At the local council level many issues were related to Queen's Park, said Yeoman.

Honesty and the ability to understand the issues are two of her strong points, she said.

"You have to listen to the suggestions of other people, not just follow your own views. You have to make sure the issues are representative of the constituency. I will honor what the Oxford County people are saying."

Yeoman lives with her husband Ted north of Woodstock and has three married children.

"You hope the support for yourself will be there," she said. "It's healthy to have a party with so much interest."

Also entered in the Oxford race seeking the Liberal nomination are Elizabeth Calder, Maria Odumodu and Bruce Sibbick.



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