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Three candidates vie for Halton riding seat

Murray S. Kernighan

Milton manufacturer is New Democratic in race

All three major parties have chosen their candidates in what, judging from all available forecasts, should be one of Halton's most interesting federal elections.

Murray Kernighan, the only Milton man in the race, will return to the fold as the New Democratic Party candidate, while former Crown Attorney Peter McWilliams will carry the Progressive Conservative banner and lifetime Liberal worker Rud Whiting will try to hold the newly created Halton riding for the Liberals. Here are profiles on the three candidates.

MURRAY KERNIGHAN

For the N.D.P. standard bearer it will be a fourth entry into a Federal politics race. Mr. Kernighan represented the N.D.P. in Halton in the 1965 election and the same party (formerly known as the C.C.F.) in West York in 1945 and 1949.

He was born 58 years ago near Goderich, where his father was a farmer. He graduated from the University of Toronto in Chemical Engineering and has managed his own Chemical firm -- Beacon Chemical -- for 19 years.

Mr. Kernighan has a son teaching and taking post graduate work at Princeton, U.S.A.; a second son at the University of Toronto and a daughter in high school. His wife Muriel was a Milton Public School Board trustee for eight years.

Past chairman of the Milton Planning Board, former chairman of the Chamber of

Commerce, author of several briefs on taxation and religious subjects, Mr. Kernighan is Clerk of Session at Knox Presbyterian Church and also a Sunday School teacher.

He is also a past member of the Christian Laymen's Committee (an interdenominational committee formed to introduce the work of the church). He is a member of the Professional Engineers Association and a professional member of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

During his six years on the planning board Mr. Kernighan spent a lot of the time working with colleagues on the board drafting a revision for the zoning by-law. The 38-page book dealt with what land should be annexed, if any, and what use should be made of the annexed land.

A member of the Chamber of Commerce when the Steam-Era reunion first came to Milton, he was a member of a committee which urged a consistency in the closing of store hours throughout the province. This was intended to make the job of a travelling salesman easier and the stores more accessible to salesmen, as well as customers.

He was also fundamental in work done on the Industrial Committee that set up the Chamber's trade fair where local businesses displayed exhibits representing their individual trades.

The establishment of a price review board to investigate unjustified price increases and publicize its findings, economic

independence for Canada, and legislation to allow housing at reasonable prices are at the top of Mr. Kernighan's list of issues which should be dealt with.

He encourages the adoption of certain parts of the Carter report.

Among the many points Carter made and which the N.D.P. support are more equitable income tax, and the abolition of succession taxes from a man to his wife or vice versa.

Mr. Kernighan also advocates Carter's suggestion that individuals be granted reductions in their income tax for investments they make that are necessary for the individual's livelihood, just as businessmen and corporations are allowed now. Mr. Kernighan suggested this would include the cost of driving to work to the individual.

Carter finds support from the N.D.P. in his recommendation to have one old-age pension to cut down on the cost of book-keeping.

Carter and the N.D.P. agree life insurance companies and now mines should be charged more than they are presently being.

"Free university education should be made available to all those who qualify," he claims. Mr. Kernighan feels a university grad earns enough to raise his income tax bracket high enough that the student would more than pay the cost of his education in six or seven years.



AT THE FIRST CALL for an election N.D.P. Lewis assist candidate Murray Kernighan in signs popped up on lawns around the town and district. Workers Cliff Hayes and Dave posting a party sign. (Staff Photo)

Peter K. McWilliams

Veteran campaigner carries P. C. banner

Although this is his first crack at politics at the elected level, campaigning is nothing new for Halton's Conservative candidate for the June 25 federal election.

After 10 years as Crown Attorney in Halton, McWilliams is reputed to be somewhat of a crusader. Some of the issues which brought him headlines locally were his crusades against the Corvair, and more recently his fight to make it legal for blood samples to be taken without permission from a victim following an accident to determine the alcoholic content.

Among other issues the 41-year-old former Crown Attorney feels should be legislated are conditional discharges for youthful offenders. By putting the offender on probation for a period of years rather than convicting him would remove the stigma a bad record would carry forever. "Some young people don't realize the gravity of their actions," McWilliams said.

He joins with his opponents in listing inflation and housing as the two major issues. McWilliams claims rather than raising taxes a Conservative government would take a bigger pie, rather than sharing smaller pieces.

McWilliams said he would halt spending at the present level, rather than cutting back.

About the Carter report on taxation, he feels some of it should be carefully inflated.

He charged the present system of unemployment insurance was ridiculous. "The people are fed up with it. The majority of people pay into it for the minority to collect and abuse it. It is ridiculous for students to have to pay unemployment insurance for the summer work they do."

During an interview McWilliams quoted the late Blair Fraser as calling unemployment insurance "the biggest annual fraud."

On Separatism, McWilliams charged Trudeau was picking fights with Quebec "and this is hardly the way to win friends and influence people," he said.

McWilliams urges removal of building tax on materials. This he feels would reduce the expense along with lower interest rates to a point the average income workers can reach.

"Money in the Canada Pension Fund should be made available to people to buy houses. This would allow people to pay for houses and they might like to live in them, too. I'm skeptical about what good

the amount of money would do them by the time they collected it anyway," McWilliams said, referring to the rate of inflation and what the value of the dollar would be worth by then.

Born in Toronto, he is a graduate of Harvard and Osgoode Hall. Called to the bar in June of 1953, he joined the law firm of Dick and Dick in Milton in 1954, remaining as a partner in the firm until April of 1958 when he was appointed Crown Attorney for Halton.

He resigned his position as Crown Attorney a month ago to contest the Halton seat for the Conservatives. Mr. McWilliams defeated Oakville Reeve Alan Day in the bid for the nomination.

He lived in Milton from 1954 until 1967, when he moved to Oakville. He is married and has three children.

While in Milton he served on the building committee of St. Paul's United Church, and was a member of the Library board, President of the North Halton Cancer Society and Vice-President of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

He is currently president of the Halton County Law Association.



PETER K. McWILLIAMS, the P.C. candidate for Halton riding in the June 25 election, signs autographs for children attending a recent function in Oakville. Mr. McWilliams is making his first bid for a federal office, following several years in a Milton law practice and 10 years as Halton's "crusading" crown attorney. He is a resident of Oakville. (Staff Photo)

Rud Whiting

Liberals' candidate seeks post Harley gave up

Rud L. Whiting, 37, an Oakville salesman and public relations man, is the Liberal candidate in the federal riding of Halton.

Whiting earned the nomination at a Liberal convention May 14 that made local political history. With two of four candidates eliminated on the first two ballots, Whiting tied the third ballot with Oakville Mayor McLean Anderson.

A recount confirmed the tie and Whiting went on to win the nomination on the fourth ballot.

"I have two strong desires," Whiting said. "To retain Halton for the Liberal Party; and to carry on the high calibre of representation in Ottawa that the riding has had from Dr. Harry Harley during the last six years."

(Dr. Harley, first elected in 1962, announced shortly after the election writ was issued that he was stepping out of public life to re-enter the medical profession.)

Rud Whiting was born in Montreal July 30, 1930, moved to St. Lambert, Quebec, where he received his early education, and came to Oakville with his parents in 1946.

He attended Oakville-Trafalgar High School from Grade 10 through Grade 13.

He was a farm equipment dealer for International Harvester in the Oakville-Trafalgar district from 1951 to 1955 and then in Englehart, in Northern Ontario, from 1955 to 1957.

In 1957 Whiting joined the firm, National Sower Pipe, Limited, and in 1961, he joined the company for which he currently works, Nelson Crushed Stone, a division of King Paving and Materials, Limited, with head office in Oakville.

He is no stranger to politics, although this is his first attempt to win election to public office.

His father, Lester A. Whiting, who runs an advertising agency in Oakville, has been an active, working Liberal ever since Rud Whiting can remember. Among Lester Whiting's political and civic endeavors are those: former president, Halton County Liberal Association; former deputy-reeve of Oakville (1963-65); former chairman, Oakville Library Board; member of the committee responsible for getting the present Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital built.

In such a family setting, it was almost a certainty that Rud Whiting would take an interest in public affairs.

In 1946, soon after moving to Oakville, Rud joined the Liberal Association in Halton and the following year helped found and became the charter president of the first Halton County Young Liberal Association.

Except for the two years spent in Englehart, he has worked for the Liberal Party on every campaign for the last 22 years.

Whiting is a former member of the executive of the Halton County Liberal Association; he served as Dr. Harley's finance chairman in the 1962, 1963 and 1965 campaigns; and as finance chairman in the last October 17's provincial campaign.

Outside of his political activity, Whiting has been a strong community worker in Halton.

He is currently a vice-president of the Halton County Children's Aid Society; a member of the Halton Region Conservation Authority; a director of the Canadian Cancer Society -- Burlington unit -- and this year's campaign chairman; and chairman



LIBERAL CANDIDATE RUD WHITING appeared with Canada's minister of finance Edgar Benson at a press conference in Oakville last Wednesday, as Benson made a flying visit to

25 wide-spread Ontario ridings. Whiting was nominated to contest the riding for the party after M.P. Dr. Harry Harley decided to resign following the election call. (Staff Photo)

of the industrial committee of the Niagara Escarpment.

Whiting was a director of Oakville United Appeal in 1962, 1963 and 1965 and chairman of the United Appeal drive in 1964.

He's also a former member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and of the Lions Club.

"I want to continue to serve Halton as (Continued on Page B3)