

# Erin teacher carries NDP banner

At 24 years of age, Carolyn Holstein is yet a neophyte in the male-dominated world of federal politics. But neither her sex nor her age will intimidate her during the election war she is waging on behalf of the Halton NDP in the October 30 election race.

Nominated last month when youthful candidate Steven Alcock resigned, Mrs. Holstein was the last of the three candidates to enter the election race. While the subject of women's rights is sure to find a spot close to her heart, other issues like Canadian independence and electoral reform and changes in what she suggests is unfair taxation are the key issues in her mind.

On Canadian independence, Mrs. Holstein points out the nation can't make independent political decisions when it is dominated economically by an outside influence. She claims such domination was illustrated when a Canadian based firm contracted to supply trucks for China and was overruled by the American parent company and told not to fill the order.

Noting surveys show subsistence level of living costs \$140 per month, the NDP suggested increased allowances for pensioners should be introduced soon.

"Being a woman, I've received a number of complaints from

women concerning women's rights. A school teacher applying for work in a Peel County school was accepted subject to producing her marriage licence", according to Mrs. Holstein. She points out men would never be asked to produce such a document.

**Rich win easily**  
Electoral reform should put an end to a period where the richest party has the greatest chance of getting elected, says Mrs. Holstein. She argues that elections shouldn't be decided on slick advertising promotion. "People don't hear or see as much of our party, because we don't have the money," she said.

She charges the Liberal government promised election reform in 1966 and again in 1968 but so far it has passed no legislation but simply appointed committees and a Royal Commission on the matter.

Although she concurs with NDP leader David Lewis' charges against large corporations not carrying their fair share of taxes, she feels incentive grants to firms in genuine need of help should be available.

A land bank to protect family farms from speculation and the trend towards corporate farming should be initiated, Mrs. Holstein feels.

Born and raised on a family farm in Mississauga, Mrs. Holstein quotes her father when she says land costs in excess of \$700 an acre put the proposition out of reach for a farmer who wants to make a living on it.

Suggesting the NDP policy on nationalization has been widely misinterpreted, Mrs. Holstein pointed out only those floundering or those offering essential services to the nation would be considered for nationalization.

**Minority government**  
Commenting on the make-up of the next parliament, Mrs. Holstein said she'd favor a minority rather than a majority

government, regardless of the government party stripes—so a strong opposition could be assured.

Born and raised on a century farm, the problems of the farmer are close to her heart. Mrs. Holstein attended Streetsville elementary and secondary schools and later graduated from University of Western Ontario. Ironically enough, Terry O'Connor also picked up his degree at the same institution.

Brian, Carolyn's husband is accompanying his wife on the campaign tour and acting as her campaign manager. Carolyn will work full time on the campaign from now until Oct. 30. Carolyn and Brian live in Erin Township



CAROLINE HOLSTEIN works closely with husband Brian during the campaign. Both are school teachers and have been ardent NDP followers for some time. (Photo by B. Burt)

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TERRY O'CONNOR takes an early morning call from a party worker. O'Connor is accurately labelled as a top notch organization man. (Photo by B. Burt)

## O'Connor says : MP more than Halton rep

In March of this year Halton Tories decided Terry O'Connor was the man they wanted to tackle Liberal MP Rud Whiting. Six months and about 6,000 doors later, O'Connor and his Tories are ready to head into the final weeks of the battle.

O'Connor has all the credentials of a top flight politician. He's young, intelligent, dedicated, ambitious and in short, politics form a very substantial part of his life and have ever since boyhood.

While headquarters offices are set up in four different areas, the Lakeshore Rd. office in Oakville will be the Tory control centre for the election. O'Connor has been branded as an organizer. In an interview he suggested the classification had a "plastic" type of connotation.

**Meeting people**  
Plastic or not, the PC candidate is highly organized. A large map in one room of party head-

quarters is dotted with buttons denoting the polls he has personally canvassed. He'll divide time between the various areas of the riding, spending the most time in the areas with the most people.

A great organization with good filing systems and good communication leaves him free to go mainstreeting and door-knocking. "You can do that for 15 or 16 hours a day."

O'Connor's schedule is planned by a committee that tries to fit him into all pockets of the riding, arranges interviews and generally plans his mornings, afternoons and evenings.

The issues in this federal election, as in most, are vague. However O'Connor feels unemployment and inflation will top the list.

**Higher in east**  
Explaining that while Halton has a reasonable rate of employment, Quebec has about 9 per

cent without jobs and the Maritimes about 14 per cent. Because Halton is a prosperous county it pays a large tax share and O'Connor claims this share could be reduced when unemployment is controlled all over Canada.

"Inflation is a real problem. People I talk to are concerned about this. They see it as a never-ending problem. Continually increasing costs of food and kids' clothing hurts. Inflation hurts especially those on fixed incomes and those who aren't members of unions that can protect them."

O'Connor sees price and wage controls as the only real solution to unemployment, even though it isn't a palatable suggestion.

"Major changes have to be made in our leaky welfare system. There should be incentives to make it better for a man to work for \$100 than have it given to him."

**Move to jobs**  
O'Connor favors a system that

would encourage men, especially young single men, to move from areas where jobs are scarce to areas where jobs exist.

"The answer to regional disparity isn't to dole out millions to firms in one area to provide jobs if other jobs are just going to dry up in another area," O'Connor said.

"Regional disparity can't be licked just by providing a job. You have to make the place a better place for a guy to live, whether that means providing transportation service, recreation or housing the plan has to be comprehensive."

When all of the other issues are talked to death the issue most apt to sway the uncommitted average voter will likely be leadership.

**Sincere image**  
Stanfield's image is that of a sincere individual and the kind of man most would welcome as a

neighbor and respect him for his intelligence. Most Conservatives would rather see Trudeau and Stanfield fight it out in a written, rather than oral campaign.

"Look at what he says, not the way he delivers" Conservatives will say of their leader. "What do you want, a movie star orator or a decisive leader?" O'Connor asks.

"We all recognize that Rud (Whiting) is a nice guy, but is that what you want?" O'Connor asks.

"The role of an MP should be three-fold and Whiting, he claims, has handled the first of the three adequately. That is taking care of the routine day to day things that have to do with constituent problems like getting a passport in three days, fixing an immigration problem or other constituency problems.

"Whiting has spent the entire four years trying to get re-elected, doing all the little things

for people to get back in. You have to do these things," O'Connor says with a shrug.

**Role of MP**  
But according to O'Connor, the role of the MP has to go further. "An MP should take a particular interest in a field, learn all there is to learn about that field, take a stand and argue it in the house, in the media and on the public platform. My interest would be justice."

"Already I've done more along that line than Rud has."

O'Connor chaired the committee on election expenses for the PC's in 1970 and claims he was well received and many of his ideas were accepted. "Rud can't point to this," he said.

The third duty of the MP should be to act as a communication link and keep his riding informed and what the issues are.

## MP Rud Whiting seeks re-election

After almost five years of working as Halton Liberal MP, Rud Whiting still finds himself rapping on doors of Halton riding residents looking for their mandate.

Whiting won the Liberal nomination last term against Oakville Mayor Mac Anderson and former Milton grocery store owner Mike Ledwith and went on to defeat PC candidate Peter

McWilliams and New Democrat Murray Kernighan.

During the past four and a half years, Whiting has served the day to day needs and queries of constituents and taken an interest on the national scale in a variety of ways. He served one year on the federal labor, manpower and immigration committee, one year on the National Resources and Public

Works Committee, two years on the regional development committee, is currently vice-chairman of the public accounts committee and a member of the committee on environmental pollution.

**Parliamentary observer**  
Whiting attended the United Nations for two weeks as parliamentary observer and arranged meetings with Biafran

and Nigerian representatives and the Canadian delegation while he was there.

Rud hosted the industrial seminar in Oakville some three ago where 160 riding businessmen heard addresses by representatives of various government departments and were advised of government services available to help businessmen.

Looking back over the past term, Whiting sees his role in helping bring Polymer Corporation to Milton as the most satisfying of all his achievements. The corporation will employ around 250.

During the election campaign an opponent has suggested Whiting spends too much time on constituent matters and not enough on the affairs of the nation.

In answer to this Whiting says, "I have stayed close to the needs and aspirations of my constituents and have tried to convey the message that the federal government was only as far away as the phone or the writing pen. I do care, and I will help."

**National scene**  
"On the national scene I have taken an interest in public accounts and how the money from the public purse is being spent. I am vice-chairman, an elected position by committee members."

Speaking about tax reform, Rud said he and the people of Halton played a role in it. He said he was able to bring Edgar Benson to the riding and held a number of discussions on the white paper and in the final draft

many of the fears Halton riding people expressed through him were deleted from Benson's White Paper.

During the economic crisis when President Nixon invoked the 10 per cent surcharge on goods going into the States, Halton's MP was in touch with numerous businessmen and arranged help for some.

**Court here**  
Whiting was also fundamental in bringing a citizenship court to Halton County, making it possible for immigrants to take

out citizenship without travelling out of the county to do it.

For Whiting this campaign is even more grueling than his first because of the added load he carries — still dealing with the problems of an MP.

Prior to going into politics Rud was very active in community activities.

**Charter president**  
Rud was the first president of the Young Liberal Association in Oakville and worked in key positions in a host of elections both federally and provincially.

He served with the Children's Aid Society as vice president, was a member of the Halton Region Conservation Authority, the United Appeal, and Junior Chamber of Commerce. Prior to going into politics in 1968 Rud worked as a public relations and sales representative for Nelson Crusbed Stone and prior to that worked as a farm implement dealer.

Rud is 42 years old, married and lives with his wife Anne and their children Jamie and Tracy, on Riverside Dr. in Oakville.



HALTON M.P. Rud Whiting sweetened up his floss offered by five year old Michelle Himeshazi. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

### O'Connor starts day with two mile run

For federal PC candidate Terry O'Connor, the campaign trail starts with a two mile run every morning.

The 32-year old lawyer and father of four girls, is well accustomed to a busy schedule. Commenting on the run, O'Connor noted "you have to be fit to stand the pace."

For five years O'Connor practiced law and then joined the staff of Allan Lawrence as executive counsel to the Minister of Justice.

O'Connor claims his term with Lawrence provided experience in working with constituent problems, speech writing and policy research.

**Business experience**  
As secretary, director and part owner of National Heritage Foundation, O'Connor has extensive business experience as well. The firm restores old forts, monuments and historic buildings. The firm has 55 full time employees. They are currently working on a

\$10,000,000 project at Old Fort William at the Lakehead.

Even with a busy schedule, O'Connor finds time to take seven to 10 days and explore the far reaches along a number of rivers in the far north with five or six friends. Until this summer he has played a lot of golf and squash.

He and his wife Carol Ann and their four daughters live in Oakville. He graduated from University of Western Ontario in 1961 and Osgoode Hall in 1966 and lectured at Osgoode Hall in 1970.

**Busy for party**  
In addition to working in every federal and provincial election since 1963, he chaired the Ontario YPC policy research council in 1969-70; chaired the transportation study section, Ottawa and cities council in 1970, the election expenses committee in 1970 and the policy committee of Allan Lawrence's leadership campaign in 1971 and was elected president of the Halton East Tories in 1972.



THE ELECTION campaign of Halton Progressive Conservative candidate Terry O'Connor received a big boost when pretty Judy Thibodeau offered the candidate a hand at the Acton Fall Fair. (Photo by D. Gibbons)