

"We're going to win"

New Democrats confident with Johnson



DISCUSSING PARTY POLICY are Don Wackley, Archie Brown, former federal NDP candidate, and Bill Johnson after Johnson's recent win at the NDP nomination meeting for the new Halton-Burlington riding. Wackley and Johnson were seeking the party's candidacy.

Confidence is brimming from the Halton-Burlington New Democrats this week after the selection of candidate Bill Johnson for the upcoming provincial election last Wednesday.

Johnson, a resident of the former township of Nassagaweya, won the party nomination in a two-man race with Milton's Don Wackley at Milton's UAW hall.

"No-one has a candidate who can match Bill," volunteered New Democratic party worker Archie Brown following the nomination. "We have the best possible candidate and we are going to win." Brown nominated Johnson.

Johnson has been actively involved in local interest groups in the past several years. As one of the more vocal members of GUARD (Group United Against Rural Dumping) Johnson succeeded in stopping several provincially proposed dumpsites in the North Halton area. Johnson has also been actively involved as an organizer of the Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association and recently succeeded in acquiring better telephone service for residents in the Campbellville (854) telephone area.

"He's worked hard," continued Brown. "He's been unpaid—and unwanted by some people—but with his knowledge and background I see no reason why he shouldn't go to Queen's Park."

Confident "I can beat Gary Dawkins, I'm confident of that," says Johnson of the recently nominated Progressive Conservative candidate.

"The people need a change," elaborated Johnson. "We've spearheaded every major reform in this province. You name it and we've twisted Queen's Park arms into moving on it."

"Mr. Dawkins, the school principal, says Ontario's school system is one of the best in the world," said Johnson. "Anyone who says that is either an idiot or has never been out of Ontario. The teachers aren't satisfied and the taxpayers are sure as hell not satisfied when they get their tax bills."

"Blame the architect of our present day education system—the Flowertown

Flop—William Davis. The Flowertown Flip has brought us an all time high in educational costs and an all time low in educational standards," claims Johnson.

Tax gobbling monster Regionalism as implemented by the Tories was doomed from its inception," continued the candidate. "The regional system, designed to streamline services, cut costs and eliminate duplication, has developed into a tax gobbling monster, and worse than that, the elected representatives serving that monster have been emasculated. They're not answerable to the taxpayer, they're answerable only to the bureaucrats at Queen's Park."

Johnson also criticized the environmental protection policies of the present provincial government and lashed out at the Tories' inability to provide low cost housing. Johnson also noted the Tories have embarked on a "Clean up campaign" to improve their present image and, as for the Liberals, "they're fence sitting as usual," comments Johnson, "waiting to steal someone else's thunder."

Like the man Speaking about Tory Candidate Dawkins, Brown stated, "I like the man, but I'm sorry to see he got mixed up with that crew," referring to the PCs.

"They can be had," analyzed defeated nomination candidate Wackley of the Tories. "We have a whole new campaign, this time we can win."

Georgetown's Albert Tocher nominated Wackley. Wackley told the newspaper he was not disappointed losing the nomination, noting, "We've got a good candidate and we're going to win."

Labor critic Guest speaker at the NDP nomination meeting was former Miltonian Dr. Ted Bounsaal, who is presently the labor critic with the provincial New Democrats. Dr. Bounsaal attended Bruce St. Public School and Martin St. High School in Milton before earning his B. Sc. and M.Sc. degrees at the University of Toronto. He acquired his Ph.D. in London, England and was a professor at the University of Windsor before entering politics.

"These are exciting times politically," Bounsaal told the nomination crowd of about 50. "For the first time in 30 years the provincial Tories are in trouble and they won't recover."

nered, added Bounsaal. Two years ago by-elections in formerly safe PC ridings, Toronto's George and Huron County saw Tory candidates beaten badly with Liberals elected and the NDP making huge gains in popularity.

"In Huron," noted Bounsaal, "the issue was regional government and the Tories lost."



DR. TED BOUNSALL, MPP for Windsor East, was guest speaker at the NDP nomination meeting held in Milton.

"I thought they'd learned their lesson," he said, recalling the PCs had once stated present regional schemes would be seen through then they would abandon regionalism.

In the Stormont riding about a year later, however, the issue was still regional government, explained Bounsaal, "and a New Democrat was elected to Queen's Park in what was considered another 'safe' Conservative riding."

Another by-election in Ottawa's Carleton East riding produced similar results. In a good Tory riding a strong anti-Davis feeling was evident, a Liberal was elected and the NDP made a gain of close to 4,000 votes.

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Lack of response "Davis and the Tories have managed to attract every interest group that has approached the provincial government," says Bounsaal. "And all they got was a lack of response."

"The Tories are desperately looking for a way to improve their image," commented the labor critic.

"The Tories are slipping but the Liberals tried to hand the election right back to them with the national budget last Monday night," related Bounsaal. "The Ontario Liberals are shaken at the federal Liberals' No policy

"The Liberals met in Windsor recently for a policy conference," added Bounsaal. "They decided to set no policy," he joked.

The outlook is bright for the Halton-Burlington New Democrats, indicates Bounsaal. "There is no incumbent in this riding, there is an anti-Tory feeling and

there is the no-policy Liberal party. "Don't wait until tomorrow," concluded Bounsaal, "go out and knock on some doors tonight."

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Former Acton couple feted on Sunday

A well-known, former Acton couple was feted at an anniversary open house Sunday which drew crowds of friends and relatives to the Brookville hall from 2 to 4 p.m. in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings of Eden Mills were entertained by their children and daughters-in-law on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Married in 1935 at the Port Perry United Church parsonage, Ed and Edith (Wells) Jennings lived in Toronto for five years before moving to Acton in 1937. When first coming to Acton, Mr. Jennings operated a service station and garage on Main St. He and his family lived in the apartment above the business until it was later converted into a bowling alley with the garage becoming the location of the I.G.A. store.

The Jennings sold the alleys in 1954 and moved to 110 Mill St. W. In 1959 the industrious couple moved again to operate a grocery store they had purchased at Haltonville, one mile below Brookville. Retiring in 1964, the Jennings sold the store to their son Ted and moved to Eden Mills where they have since become active members in the community.

Children Acton residents Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have four children, two girls Ena (Mrs. Jim Gibson), Edna (Mrs. Mitchell Kennedy) and two sons Ted and Jim. Both daughters and son Jim and their families live in Acton. Ted lives in Haltonville with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings have 12 grandchildren.

Of the 150 guests who attended the Sunday open house, most were neighbors and friends. Only one of those visiting was in the original wedding party. Mrs. Eva Magee is a niece from Toronto who attended the 1935 wedding as a guest. Brookville hall was beautifully decorated with the

artistry of the feted couple's granddaughters. Red and white streamers and rosettes were strung about the hall, adding to the gaiety of the occasion. A specially-decorated anniversary cake graced the table which was also adorned with flowers. The couple received numerous cards and presents. Guests attended from Sarnia, Toronto, Belleville, Port Perry, Hamilton, Brampton, Milton, Guelph, Acton and Eden Mills.

Although the Sunday event was no surprise to the popular couple, a prior one, held on the evening of Thursday, June 26, was unexpected. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings were invited by their son Ted and his wife Dorothy to a dinner at the 1904 Dining House in Rockwood. They expected that just the one couple would be present. On arrival, they were pleasantly confronted by their whole family, including grandchildren and two friends. A group of 24 was there to give them a hearty welcome.



Golden wedding was celebrated Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jennings of Eden Mills; formerly of Haltonville and also former residents of Acton. They were also honored at a surprise anniversary party by members of their family. (Photo by Jim Jennings)

Peter Marks head of Human Services

Peter Marks of Acton was chosen chairman of the Halton Region Human Services Council during a recent meeting in Milton.

Dorothy Craig was elected vice-chairperson. Peggy

Palmer heads up the Research and Planning committee with members Peter Barrow, Len Bow, Dr. Gordon Askwith, Carolyn Dutka, George Heym, Mel Toews and Gail Varah.

An Ad Hoc committee for a steering committee for a district health council includes George Heym (chairman), Dr. Joe Chamberlain, Milton Orris and Joy Parsons.

Accidents in town

A parked Chrysler owned by Thomas L. Main, Acton received estimated damage of \$200 after being struck by a car driven by Terrace Myers in a Kingham Rd. parking lot.

Damage was estimated at \$360 following an accident on Crescent St. Cars driven by David James Hunter Acton and William Harold Manto; Rockwood were damaged. The Hunter car received an estimated \$250 damage while the Manto car received an estimated \$100 damage. The lawn at 102 Crescent St. was damaged to the extent of an estimated \$10.

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