



DAS SYDNEY, centre, was ordained as minister of Acton Baptist church Friday evening. Attending the ordination ceremonies were his parents Jacob and Gloria Sydney from Nigeria, the Rev. John Dozols of Toronto and the Rev. James McGee of Windsor.

P.C. candidate

Gary Dawkins set for Sept.

Gary Dawkins of Acton, named Halton-Burlington P.C. candidate June 5, has been unofficially campaigning since then. "I am glad to see that the election has been called," he said Tuesday. "I feel that Premier Davis is right when he says that the pressing issues require a new mandate early in the fall."

The principal of the M. Z. Bennett school says he has everything ready to go when school reopens, with class lists made up already. He'll be available if the influx of new families results in the need for any reorganization at the school. His vice principal Al Zanatta has been there two years now and can look after things, Mr. Dawkins says.

He has the co-operation of the Board of Education and Tuesday afternoon made arrangements for a three-week leave of absence from the school. He expects there won't be a sitting of the House until January, so he would be back at school if he is successful in the election. Then, he predicts, a replacement would be engaged from January on.

Personal contact
"We are stressing personal contact in our campaign," he explains. "I have been out

meeting people throughout the summer and have been very encouraged by the response. I feel strongly that

members must be very accessible to their constituents. Steps must be taken to reduce bureaucracy at all three levels of government."

Lib nominations
Thurs August 18

Halton-Burlington Liberal Association has changed the date of the riding nomination convention to coincide with recent events in which Premier William Davis named Thursday, September 18 as election day.

New date for the Liberal nominating convention for the riding is Thursday, August 21 at 8 p.m. The convention will take place at the Ernest Drury School for the Deaf in Milton. Registrations begin at 7 p.m.

Liberal Association president Frank Allen said his party thought Premier Davis would have been wise enough to wait until October 18 for an election but they could not wait until the September 18 date originally set for the nominations.

To date only Julian Reid of Norval has declared as a candidate for the Liberals but there are rumors of further nominations which may not surface until the nomination.

The Progressive Conservatives elected a candidate, Gary Dawkins of Acton, in June while William A. Johnson, a Georgetown stationary engineer, was elected to carry the NDP banner on June 25.

Bill Johnson

All set and rarin' to go

"I'm all set and rarin' to go," says NDP banner bearer William A. Johnson following the announcement by Premier Bill Davis of an election September 18.

"I'll attend candidates' meetings, meet the press and other media anytime. I've nothing to hide and nothing to fear."

Johnson started his official campaign Tuesday morning by glad-handing as the first GO Train left Georgetown station but he has been busy the last few weeks campaigning on behalf of himself and the New Democratic Party -- with what he feels is much success.

Last weekend he attended a seminar at Lady Eaton College, Trent University, Peterborough, with 94 other NDP candidates. The seminar was cut short because of the strong feeling an election would be called Monday and the party wanted

all candidates back in their ridings.

Johnson, who has been dubbed "Wicked Willie" for provocative letters to editors and activism in community affairs, says he feels he is really in the ball game in the new Halton-Burlington riding. In the last election the NDP went to the electorate with scandals, corruption and knacks against the government but the results showed the people of the province did not seem to be too concerned.

"I expect the Liberals and Conservatives will continue to slander each other but I'm going to stick to issues," Johnson says, "such as giving the power back to the people, regionalism and, of course, education."

"If the Conservatives and Liberals inject other issues I'm in tune with what's happening in Halton-Burlington and can deal with them as they arise."

"It is time we got serious about what is happening in Ontario," Johnson said, noting the private sector had been asked to provide houses for the province and they had obviously failed. "That's why we have a housing crisis. Those who need houses don't qualify and those who do have to survive 40 year mortgages."

The Tories have been playing games again with their tenants' rights bills. They have no teeth. For instance, what does a West German firm care about being embarrassed in the media about charging enormous rents. The Rent Review Board again words and no teeth, Johnson said.

"It is time an election was announced and the Premier quit playing games," the NDP candidate concluded.

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Crossing guard for Queen needed

The finance committee of Halton Hills council instructed town treasurer Harry Henderson to advertise again for an Acton crossing guard since a previous advertisement flushed out only one applicant and it only for standby.

Councillor McKenzie said the guard was required for the Queen St. crossing-four lanes of Highway 7 and noted the urgency of the case because schools will be opening in three weeks. He was assured police would fill in until a suitable crossing

guard was procured. Councillor McKenzie was also concerned that the switchover from O.P.P. to Regional Police in Acton might disrupt such arrangements but was assured by colleagues the changeover was going as planned on September 1 and there would be little confusion.



BACK IN her home town again, Margaret Mackenzie last week opened her law office on Main S. She was graduated from Acadia University with her B.A. degree and from Osgoode hall law school with her LL.B. degree. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lois Mackenzie, Lake Ave.

Plan meeting

Contacted concerning the upcoming provincial elections, Chamber of Commerce president Mike Worthington says the Chamber will in all likelihood be making plans for a Meet the Candidates night in Acton.

Watson won't run

Regional Councillor Jim Watson of Milton will not run for the Ontario Liberals in the next provincial election, he told this newspaper in an interview.

Mr. Watson said he had given serious consideration to jumping from local and regional politics into the provincial political fray, but had decided against it. He said he recognized the

opportunity for the Liberals in the new Halton-Burlington riding would be good. He explained that he had contacted a number of people who had been rumored as being interested in the candidacy. Mr. Watson said he was waiting to see who was running, and once he learned Julian Reid of Norval was running, he decided not to challenge him for the nomination.

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