



GARY DAWKINS of the PC persuasion talks over the Meet the Candidates night last Thursday with organizer Mike De Jong of the Chamber of Commerce.

200 hear candidates

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rent tribunals as part of his platform. Dawkins favors review boards which will look into cases of gouging. Would change legislation but not get into complete rent control which in New York drove out developers and produced slums.

Reed took the address of the questioner to answer later.

Is housing becoming elitist?

Dawkins: people who are willing to work should be entitled to housing. The record is not too bad... we should look at ways and means of doing more.

Is it feasible to reopen smaller rural schools?

Reed: (who campaigned in vain to have Norval school remain open). At Norval we found out the quality of education does not suffer in smaller schools; the cost is neither higher nor lower. It's the policy of the Department of Education to close schools below eight rooms, he learned from Tom Wells. (Minister of Education).

Reed said further than Norval is lucky, since the children are not bussed 75 miles each way. "The heart is cut out of the community" with school closing.

Dawkins was not aware of any policy to close schools under eight rooms and asked trustee Tom Watson, who said he had not heard of it. Campbellville school is still open, Watson added.

Dawkins agreed about community identity with small schools. But the local school board makes the decision. "Perhaps these candidates should be running for mayor or school board!"

Would you speak out against your party if the majority

of your constituents felt strongly that the government was wrong?

Johnson: Unequivocally yes!!

Reed: Unequivocally yes!!

Dawkins: No doubt about it! You must represent your constituents. If your party won't allow that, it's not worthy of being a party.

Are there frivolous courses as commonly colleges?

Reed: if adults pay the full cost, it's their business.

How will the Liberals fulfill spending commitments and balance the budget?

Reed: We have to attack the deficit and then proceed in balancing the budget.

Is balancing the budget a proper economic decision?

Yes. It is a responsibility in good times, so when there is a downturn the sting can be taken out.

Dawkins: Other expenses must be considered. Economists reject a balanced budget.

Grants for first home buyers and high mortgage rates?

Dawkins: Incentives much favored. Interest rates are a major problem and are a federal matter.

Johnson: NDP is committed to 116,000 homes.

Reed: Referred to the cost of holding lots and the length of time before developers can put houses on the market.


Paul Nielsen closed off the meeting on the dot of 10, while questions were still plentiful, discussion lively and everyone still interested and good-humored.

He had cut short a couple of questioners, for making statements instead of questions and referring to strictly federal matters.

Questions were written and verbal.



JULIAN REED, Liberal hopeful, takes a name and address at Meet the Candidates night, promising further information on rent controls.

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All candidates stress "people"

At the Meet the Candidates night last Thursday, each candidate made a formal opening statement, picked in random order which turned out to be alphabetical. All three heard appreciative applause and several outbursts of clapping for favorite partisan points.

Dawkins first. Gary Dawkins began, reaffirming his faith in the

PCs although he doesn't support every measure. An effective government must be willing to make unpopular decisions. Criticism of spending must be put in proper perspective. There is an increasingly high level of services, while reducing expenditures. The Liberals are focussing on criticism. His personal emphasis is to bring government back to the people through closer contact

with the electorate and their wishes. PC government has made many significant actions. Ontario faces a critical period, and the PC management team is capable of dealing with it.

Johnson second. Bill Johnson, the NDP candidate told the audience "You're riding on the crest of a slump!" You'll be bombarded with propaganda, half-truths and lies.

Education, land use, regionalism, housing, high mortgages and interest rates, energy... you know there is something wrong. Land is going out of production. I am very concerned about people and regional regional government.

We have lost the rights that made this country great. We have lost the grass roots government.

He referred to his 854 telephone committee and GUARD "I can do the best job for you."

Reed third. Julian Reed asked the audience to imagine what it would be like to live under a system of government they couldn't control.

Then he said we are living under that kind of system now—it's called regional government.

Municipal workmen in Acton punch in at Georgetown before beginning their day's work. The Davis government is

scale and arrogant... The Liberals favor redistribution of power. We put people back into power. It is time for common sense to prevail. We can't afford the taxes... the appointees... the deficit. We can no longer afford the Davis government!

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Meet Davis noon Friday

Acton PC organizers are arranging for buses and private cars to meet Friday to carry as many supporters as possible to a noon meeting with Premier Bill Davis. The North Halton golf club is the location of the gathering for Conservatives and any who would be interested in coming along.

Campaign manager Fred Dawkins says the buses will leave the Toronto-Dominion bank corner and the high school at 11:15 a.m. He is

expecting at least 500 from the riding to attend.

Thinking back to old-time politicking, the local organizers tried to have Premier Davis' train make a whistle stop here, en route from Guelph to Georgetown Friday. However, CN officials said it couldn't be done, with schedules to be maintained.

Flyers announcing the meeting are going to every home.

Nixon comes by helicopter

Buses are being arranged to take local Liberals to a special pre-election gathering in Milton this Saturday afternoon. Organizer Bill Sykes says the buses will be leaving Acton Liberal headquarters about 4:30 to drive to the Roma Social club at Milton.

Liberal leader Bob Nixon will make a dramatic entry by helicopter at the club. There'll be pizza and corn for the expected crowd. Anyone is welcome to join

the local supporters, Mr. Sykes says.

Corn roast. Young people are asked to a corn roast Friday evening, beginning at 9 p.m. It's scheduled for the former Norval school, now Julian Reed's headquarters.

Pamphlets will be given out outside the high school here announcing the special evening. There will be entertainment, lots of corn and soft drinks, say the organizers.



BILL JOHNSON, NDP nominee, held sheaf of information as he talked with people from the audience after the meeting.

On radio Friday

The three Halton-Burlington candidates were heard Friday night on Hamilton radio station CHML, on a show moderated by Tom Cherrington. Phone calls were invited with questions for the three candidates, during the hour-

long program.

Acton listeners had difficulty getting the station on some radios.

There were seven regular public Meet the Candidates nights in the riding, as well as the radio program.

Four way stop . . .

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Halton Hills works committee decided Monday to make the intersection of Acton Boulevard and Peel Street a four way stop.


The committee made the decision Monday because of speeding and accidents which have plagued the area for

some time.

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