

# Travels countryside promoting Flora as next PC leader

Life for Terry O'Connor is a whirlwind. O'Connor, a former Halton MP, former Halton riding PC Association president, former assistant to Provincial PC Cabinet Minister Allan Lawrence and presently a practicing lawyer, has just finished a cross country tour of Canada.

The purpose of the mission was to promote the chances of colleague Flora MacDonald winning the federal Progressive Conservative leadership race in February.

For the second time in recent years O'Connor has set up house in the nation's capital. Last time it was as an MP — this time as a campaign manager.

O'Connor stole a few hours from a grueling schedule to attend the Halton and Halton East riding meeting Thursday night.

Two months now He's been actively working on the campaign for two months and has been at it full time for about six weeks.

O'Connor's home visits amount to about one or two days every two weeks. Even then, those visits are more likely than not to be a continuous session of political phone calls.

O'Connor and MacDonald swept across the country, hitting every major city in about three weeks.

O'Connor discussed the campaign and the tour with this reporter prior to the meeting on Thursday. "We are out to attract media attention and build a delegate organization, and have at least one delegate in each riding ready to promote Flora," he ex-

plained. "But does she really have a chance of winning?" we asked.

"With Loughheed (Alberta Peter Loughheed) definitely out of the race, we have a good chance. We have the best organization; that's generally conceded," O'Connor replied.

Grass roots O'Connor and his colleagues are out to develop a grass roots appeal for their candidate. "We're going along with the traditional teas and gatherings with delegates. But we're going beyond that and trying to get to people who won't be delegates and the public at large. If we persuade them, it will filter back to the delegates," he explained.

"We're trying to convey the feeling that she is well known and that she is a winner. The choice will be made for whoever can be perceived by delegates as the one out of the mob who can beat Trudeau."

According to O'Connor, the federal caucus hasn't indicated any strong measure of support for any of the array of hopefuls who have put their names forward.

"There has been little committed support but I'm sure there will be a shakedown, now that Loughheed is out."

Loughheed supported Loughheed is reported to have had strong support in Ontario. A number of prominent Tories had tried to draft the Alberta premier into the race.

One of the other more popular candidates, Claude Wagner of Quebec, recently



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received what could be a major setback.

A trust fund set up by a group of supporters for Wagner attracted national publicity recently. Apparently Wagner draws interest off a fund, set up to augment his salary as an MP. Wagner has admitted to the existence of the fund but claims the fund was set up after the 1972 election. Investigations by national newspapers have questioned when the fund was set up.

O'Connor was questioned on what impact the publicity would have on Wagner's chances to lead the party. "I think it will have a real impact, unless he discusses the dates and openly discusses the whole matter—even turning over the papers for the trust fund."

Bad for all "Until he does, there will be continuing suspicion. It's bad for the party, it's bad for Quebec. He can only get rid of that when he comes clean and talks about the whole thing. I hope he does."

Wagner's case bears some resemblance to that of Norm Cafik. Cafik, a federal MP, threw his hat into the race for the Ontario Liberal leadership a couple of years ago.

The day before the voting was to take place, a Toronto newspaper reported how a group of individuals had contributed to a fund to cover some business debts Cafik had encountered.

While there was no definite accusation of wrongdoing, the news ran through the Royal York Hotel where the conference was held. Some people credited the revelation of the financial arrangement as quashing Cafik's chance at the leadership.

After last week's column on weaning foals, I had a call from a lady who has a pregnant mare (planned pregnancy) and wants to know what to feed her.

At this time of year most mares are roughly half way through gestation and will need some increase in their concentrate. Hopefully, any expectant mare has had good quality pasture, clean high nutrition hay and oats or mixed feed all along.

She needs more protein for foal building from now on, so along with her legume and timothy hay give her more oats mixed with a protein supplement or commercial horse feed. Your vet and feed dealer can advise you for your mare - all mares have different requirements.

## Let's talk about horses by Jennifer Barr



Make sure she has lots of exercise, free access to a good mineral-salt supplement and plenty of fresh water. Don't baby her, pregnancy is a natural state - for horses.

Little hint: now the snow is starting to fall - and stay - get your riding paddocks cleaned up for winter riding. We have jumps and obstacles in ours, just like most people, and

jump elements, poles, and barrels are usually lying around in various combinations. However, with the cold and snow, all these bits and pieces get frozen in and if there are extra poles on the ground under the snow a horse can come an awful cropper on them.

I usually make four or five permanent winter jumps using as much paraphernalia

as I can and pile the rest of the equipment in a little used corner or along a fence.

Reminder: The Santa Claus Parade is coming up close - this Saturday December 13 at 1:30 p.m. Great enthusiasm has been shown but there's still room for one more. Horses and riders are always welcome. Saddle up your beast and bring him to the parade. If you can't ride, lead a pony, put on a funny hat and join in.

Anyone interested please call Donna Coates 853-2952. That particular Saturday is a big day for our daughter. She is in the Georgetown Little Theatre's Christmas production and Saturday will be the fourth and fifth performances. I have to get a (by them) very tired little girl

## No skating carnival in sight this year

It looks like there will be no skating carnival for the Georgetown Figure Skating Club this year.

Halton Hills administration committee agreed with a

recreation department suggestion that the requested dates of April 9, 10 and 11 in the old arena would mean cancellations for other regularly scheduled programs. Facility Superintendent Pat Sheehan had offered to extend the ice maintenance at the old arena until the end of April to accommodate the carnival, but the Skating Club executive decided it was financially impossible for them to go beyond April 15. The administration committee agreed

down the 15 miles to Georgetown in time for the matinee, get a cub to his outfit so he can march in the parade, trailer a load of horses the three-and-a-half miles back to Acton, dress up like an idiot and drag my reluctant donkey through town.

If I can do it, so can you!

## Church Services

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Sunday, Dec. 14, 1975

11:00 a.m.—Church School for Beginners, Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 8. Presentation and dedication of white gifts.  
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The Rev. A. Walter Forsbury, B.A., M. Div.  
124 Tredy Avenue  
Phone 853-2386

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1975

White Gift Sunday  
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School. Sermon Subject: "The Mission of Christ"  
7:30 p.m.—Candlelight Service, Carol singing.

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80 Mill Street East,  
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Pastor: Rev. Das Sydney B.Sc., M. Div.  
Pastor's Phone—853-1835

Saturday, Dec. 13, 1975

6:30 p.m.—Christmas Supper followed by program.

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1975

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening fellowship and Bible Study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John DeBlauw.

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Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor  
853-2715

Friday, Dec. 12, 1975

7:30 p.m.—Sunday School Concert. A special invitation to parents. All are welcome.

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1975

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangelistic Service. Guest speaker—Evangelist Evelyn Gleser, of Alexandria, Minnesota.

Tuesday

8:00 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.

Thursday

7:00 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors Service: Showing coloured film, "The New Christmas Carol"

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8:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class

Thursday, Dec. 11

7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist  
8:00 p.m.—Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 14th, 1975

9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m.—Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery

7:00 p.m.—Church School Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec. 16

4:15 p.m.—Confirmation class

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874-3824

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Sunday, Dec. 14, 1975

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7:30 p.m.—C.G.I.T. Vesper Service

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177 Maple Ave.,  
Georgetown  
(A Fellowship Baptist Church)

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1975

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship

Thought—Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.

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