

Local Liberals split on new leader

by H. Coles
Ontario Liberals decided Sunday they preferred the image of Dr. Stuart Smith, psychiatrist and Hamilton West MPP and resident of Halton, to succeed Bob Nixon as leader of the party.

For Halton-Burlington Liberals who attended the leadership convention, it was a loss. Most of them backed Peterson over the suave Smith and it was a cliff-hanging result—with only 45 votes separating winner from loser.

But the real winner at the convention had to be the Ontario Liberal party, in the doldrums since they blew the election last fall to the Progressive Conservatives and NDP, snatching "defeat from victory" as pundits declared.

It was a rejuvenated party which attended the leadership convention with a strong "grass roots" voice and hundreds of uncommitted voters swinging the tide.

A team of newshounds from this newspaper attended the convention to pick up the local color and talk to delegates from this riding, and make their own personal preferences from the slate of six candidates who spoke to

enthusiastic cheering delegates.

Political pundits who earlier declared it would be a two man horse race between Smith and Peterson had not figured on another central figure on the stage—Albert Roy—a contender who left the form charts behind and had delegates delighted with a speech Saturday that was obviously spoken from the heart. Noting his French background and the bias it might engender, Roy's outspoken "My friends, I am a Canadian" exploded in the midst of the convention like an emotional bomb.

His speech kept him in the running but the pressures from a well-run Peterson campaign and the self-assurance and urbane manners of Dr. Smith were too much for the dark horse but it almost assured him of a cabinet post should the Liberals ever take over power at Queen's Park.

Halton-Burlington Liberals who attended as delegates included Nancy Dunlop, Bob Bonnette, Grant Casely, Alice Walker, Isabel Harmer, Edith Hilfman, George Henderson and Laurie Reed also included president Frank Allan and MPP Julian Reed.

Federal representatives were Elizabeth Robson, Laurie Harris, Peter Walker and "Slim" Streak. Alternates were also there to back the delegates.

We met some of them on the 35th floor of the hotel to discuss their favorites and they noted there was a strong feeling for Dave Peterson whom Julian Reed was backing. But, they noted, each delegate was free to make up his or her own mind.

Mr. Reed said he backed Peterson because he has a talent for gathering people and putting his faith in them, which in turn gives them confidence. He also has similar thoughts with the candidate on the influence of Ontario Hydro on the province and had replaced Peterson on the Hydro Select Committee.

His thoughts on Peterson were echoed by delegate Grant Casely of Georgetown who thought other members of the delegation would be persuaded to see it their way.

Peterson's views on serious weaknesses in the regional government system also struck home with Halton delegates with Julian Reed observing they felt all functions could be performed

more efficiently and economically at the local level.

Bob Bonnette of Acton, however, admitted he liked Smith because he was fluent, logical and sophisticated but he had reservations because there was no doubt the doctor resembled Pierre Trudeau both in mannerisms and in the cut of his hair. He also wondered whether he might not have some of an academic's arrogance as was being whispered in the halls. If the halls had ears they would also have heard that Peterson was being compared to a Liberal Bill Davis, which a Grit convention was not likely to be ecstatic about, either.

But there was no doubt Pierre Trudeau took his lumps at this convention both among delegates and, in speeches where "free enterprise" was frequently espoused. Smith had to erase his Trudeau pattern, said the pundits if he hoped to win.

After Saturday's 15 minute speeches to the delegates the Halton-Burlington delegates decided to have a caucus and iron out their differences since the vote was taking place the next day. When the caucus met it showed some delegates had changed their



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minds. Three now declared they would vote for Albert Roy, impressed by his bearing and oratory. Four still stood four square for Dave Peterson and his organizational ability, while one declared for Dr. Smith.

Halton Hills living is outlined in special book water warning

Halton Hills is described as a "blend of urban and rural with light industry and dairy farming," in the new Halton Chamber of Commerce book.

What started out as a dream two years ago for Acton Chamber member Betty Eastwood, is now hot off the presses in the form of a publicity book for the municipalities.

Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville and Burlington have all their vital statistics included.

Halton Hills Treasurer Raymond King will attend an anti-inflation seminar for municipal personnel in Toronto, February 17. Council's finance and personnel committee Monday night recommended that he attend the seminar. Cost to the town is \$50.

Acton building permits for December include one for \$500 for the addition of a fireplace to a single family dwelling, and for \$1,100 for an above-ground swimming pool and fence.

in the book, such as climate, location, schools, churches, recreation and social events, facilities and accommodations.

Disillusioned
It is published by an American firm and printed in Winnipeg.

A former Halton Region Chamber committee member Bert Hinton was disillusioned by the book and felt a better job could have been done at the local level, including more local information.

"It would have been better if it had been done at the local level," he said. "On the basis of this edition, Halton Hills could have produced a brochure or a small book in our own area that could serve our purpose very well."

Mr. Hinton explained that the purpose of the book is to give firms looking for a place to establish an opportunity to see what is available. As an example he cited a Toronto company wanting to build an outlet, but not knowing where to go. Officials could look over the book and decide if the area was suitable.

Halton Hills has been issued 500 books, Mr. Hinton said, with Acton and Georgetown Chambers of Commerce deciding where to distribute them.

Halton Hills engineer Robert Austin says the town is worried about the large numbers of children they are seeing playing in the water under bridges, culverts and large ditches.

He warns children to stay away from all running water while the snow is melting because they could easily be swept away and possibly drown.

Austin noted works staff have seen many children playing in the water the last few days both in the urban areas and rural area.

ONTARIO FACTS
Ontario's total land area is 344,092 sq. miles, fresh water area 68,490 sq. miles, total Ontario size 412,582 sq. miles, second only to Province of Quebec in size. Highest point in Ontario is Ogidaki, 2,183 feet, 36 miles northeast of Sault Ste. Marie.

RAW MATERIALS
Ontario produces 42.60 per cent of the nation's metal, 88.35 per cent of the uranium, 84.1 per cent of the cobalt, 78.24 per cent of the nickel, 46.27 per cent of the gold.



JULIAN REED chats with local Liberals at the leadership convention in Toronto Saturday. Voting was Sunday with Stuart Smith elected to succeed Bob Nixon.

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- For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including December 31, 1975. **LANDLORDS** wishing to charge more than eight per cent over the rent charged during the last full month prior to August 1, 1975, for the above period, must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 1976.
- If the **LANDLORD** and **TENANT** do not agree on a rent increase above the eight per cent guideline, and do not apply to have the rent for that period reviewed, the **TENANT** is entitled to a rebate of any rent paid in excess of eight per cent by February 29, 1976.
- The maximum rent **LANDLORDS** may charge tenants after January 1, 1976 for all tenancy agreements which became effective on or after July 30, 1975 is eight per cent more than the rent charged during the last full month prior to August 1, 1975. A landlord collecting more than this contravenes the rent review legislation and may, on summary conviction, be fined up to \$2,000.

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For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after January 1, 1976, **TENANTS** wishing to dispute any increase must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 1976, or 60 days after receiving a notice of increase, whichever comes last.

RENT REVIEW FORMS

- Until the rent review offices are in operation, **TENANTS** and **LANDLORDS** may obtain forms from offices of the Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Natural Resources (northern affairs branch offices only), Ministry of Revenue assessment offices, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and Ontario Housing Corporation branch offices in Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Cambridge, Hamilton and London. Check your telephone directory for the local address.
- Mail the **COMPLETED** forms to Rent Review at the postal box designated for the municipality in which your accommodation is located.

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