

# Gray wins Tory nomination



HOLDING HER SIGN high during a demonstration for George Gray is Mr. Gray's daughter Cindy. She sits beside her mother Beverly and in front of the candidate's mother Mrs. Eva Gray of Burlington.

George Gray, 36 Edith St., Georgetown will carry the Tory banner in the next provincial election. He captured the nomination over George Kee, of Hornby, Wednesday night at the Progressive Conservative nomination meeting, where more than 600 Tories lined the walls and overflowed into the hall of Ernest C. Drury school auditorium.

Gray signs outnumbered Kee signs 20 to one. This was reflected in the reportedly landslide vote for Gray. The actual count was not announced.

Gray repeated his stance against the drift to socialism, and claimed a strong Conservative provincial government would stand as a bulwark against federal socialism. He attacked the lack of business-like management of the liberals, and blamed their excessive wage concessions for feeding inflation. "They have made our Canadian products non-competitive in the world market, and brought the Canadian trade deficit from 1.5 billion in 1974 to 5.5 billion in 1975."

Gray said deficits cost jobs, and pointed to the high rate of unemployment among young people. He said unemployment for the under 25 age group is 15 percent, a situation which could only be lick-

ed by restoring the confidence of business in government. "As long as business is concerned about a drift to socialism they will be reluct-



George Gray

tant to spend money for new plants and equipment."

He defined conservatism as a philosophy that recognizes the potential for greatness and the capacity for error in man. "Conservatism means nobody has the right to do nothing, unless nothing is expected in terms of a free ride from the working taxpaying Canadians."

Gray emphasized government aid should end at help-

ing those who cannot work, and senior citizens. He advocated the elimination of the right to strike in essential services.

The Tory candidate said he had suffered both business and crop losses in his lifetime but managed to come through without recourse to government handouts. He said as a farmer and businessman he could offer experience in both areas.

Mr. Gray was nominated by Mike Armstrong and seconded by Ken Murray.

Let George do it. No matter the outcome, in this case it will be let George do it, began George Kee. He said Ontario has grown and improved in the last 33 years under Progressive Conservative rule. He said industry must be steered into the community to maintain our way of life.

He said the Tory government gave education top priority, but the days of expenditure are over, and a return to the three Rs, self discipline and good behaviour are now necessary.

He said the teachers were given the right to strike, but it must not be to the detriment of youth. "We must never again jeopardize the education of our children."

He said residents must not only be safe but feel safe. He felt people who step outside the law require discipline and training, and said he would try to introduce a work program for inmates of correctional institutions "to work

their way back."

He said government spending restraints are always unpopular, but suggested the ministries could become more enterprising. He said universities could sell their expertise to industries instead of giving it away as they do now.

He said lending rates are too high. He admitted this is a federal matter but said it had an impact on everyone's budget. He claimed high interest rates merely add to inflation. He cited the reduction of sales tax on cars as a stimulating force and suggested the same should be done on homes, to create jobs.

"We want banks to help us not scalp us," he commented. Kee said the introduction of market value assessment must not be allowed to force older people on pensions out of their homes.

He said he was concerned about unemployment but pointed out government is not an employment agency.

"Who can buy a pig in a poke?" he asked. He said nominations should not be a matter of committing votes before the other candidate is seen or heard. He reminded the audience they can only get back from government what they put in.



FORMER MP Terry O'Connor, Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell and Transportation Minister James Snow on the convention platform to be introduced to PC party members during a nomination meeting Wednesday.

## Talk on teacher attitudes

Sheridan College and the Halton and Peel Boards of Education are bringing Dr. William Purkey, an internationally known educator to Halton next month.

Dr. Purkey will speak at Sheridan College on April 30 at 5 p.m. on the subject of

'Teacher Attitudes'. Admission to the talk is free.

Dr. Purkey is internationally known for his research, writing and lectures on self-concept theory and processes for humanizing education. The author of several highly

acclaimed books Dr. Purkey says "positive teacher attitudes transcend methods, skills, techniques, performances and competencies. These attitudes are characterized by a deep feeling of concern with the person in the educational process."



GARY DAWKINS relaxes while delegates cast votes for either George Kee or George Gray at the PC's nomination meeting last Wednesday.

## Supply teachers' pay cut board will save \$102,000

Despite a letter expressing strong objections from North Halton elementary principals, Halton Board of Education went ahead Thursday and cut wages for supply teachers.

Effective April 1, supply teachers at levels four, five, six and seven will receive \$15.03 a day less than they do now. Pay for supply teachers at levels one two and three will be reduced \$8.53. All supply teachers will also receive four per cent holiday pay.

Supply teachers at levels one to three will get \$30 a day while those at levels four to

seven will get \$40 a day. Supply teachers had just received a raise in the fall of 1975 bringing wages for the first three pay categories up from \$29.84 to \$38.53 and from

### UIC hike

Halton Board of Education Thursday joined with the Lambton Board of Education in objecting to increases in the unemployment insurance premiums paid by employers.

The premium increases are being blamed for many of the cost jumps the board is facing this year.

\$40.62 to \$55.03 for the other four categories.

The board expects to save \$102,000 between April and next December by cutting supply teachers' pay.

North Halton principals warned a reduction in pay might mean good supply teachers won't be available and were concerned about principals and vice-principals having to teach.

Trustee Tony Goodyear said the letter was arrogant and unacceptable.

He criticized principals for equating pay with the quality of teaching offered by supply staff and thought the prin-

North Halton principals could always be counted upon to make their thoughts known and suggested the principals may have been under the impression the use of supply teachers will be cut back.

Trustee Richard Goodin said it would be wonderful for the principals and vice-principals to spend some time teaching.

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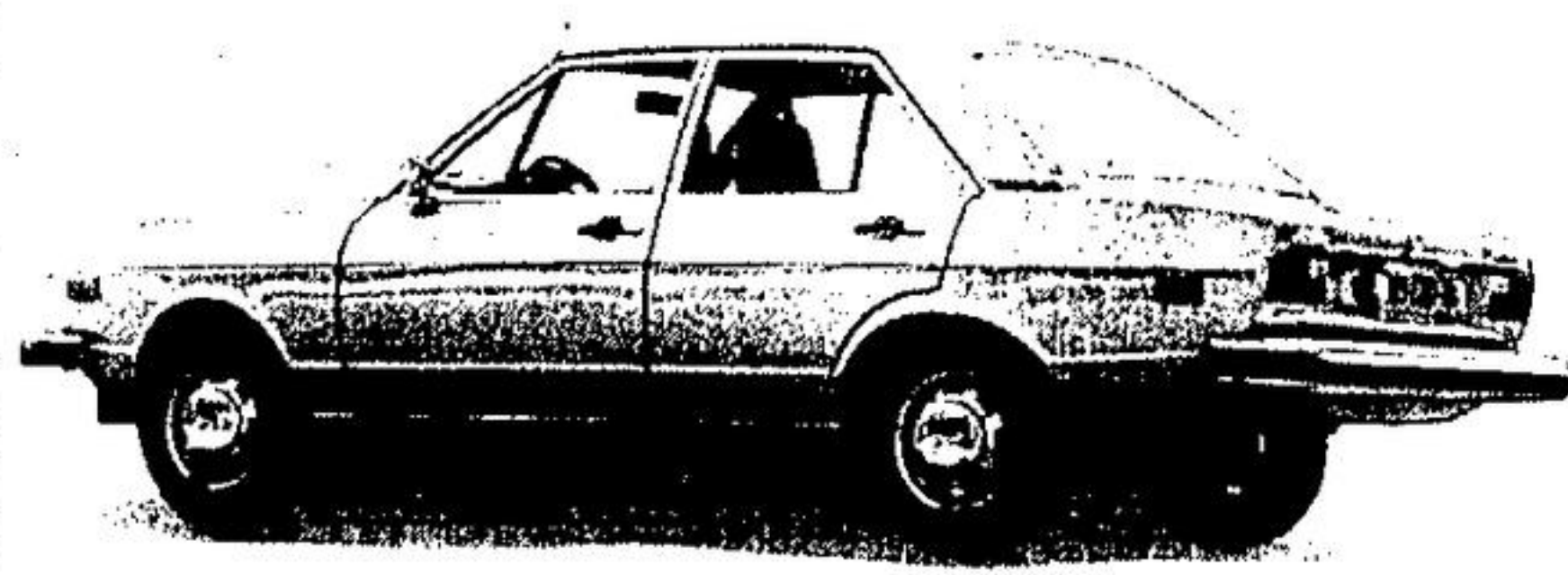
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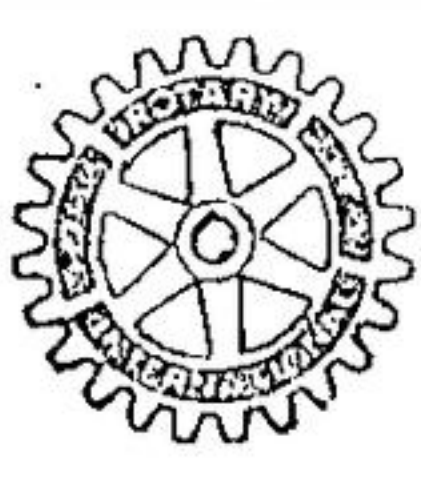
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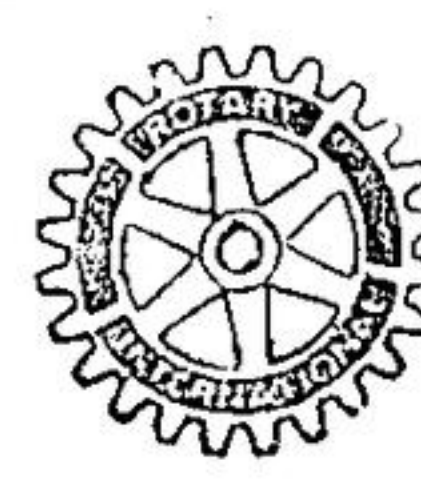
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