tration will be investigating stories" aren't happening in to make sure similar "horror Halton.

200 meet candidates



George Gray

(Continuedfrom Page 1) Minority overnment is than the government we had for the seven ears before.

In the lat 20 minutes we have been able to amend and improve tenslation. We have had a hians on government decree and orders-in-council. He told sime of the advantages of being in opposition. flanna falling

This is the target riding and the "maina has begun to fall from heiven and I say let it come!"When the pork barrel

is rolled it may be tipped here! I beleve in Canada...the breakip of this country is not compensate. negotable.

Most applause

Reed got the most applause on the issue of regional government. Acton is a community whose identity has been record. . . l am prepared to pality. dismantle regional government to the extent the citizens of Acton wish. Regional recognition that the body dumped on farm land. politic begins in the community. Orce we abandon the concept of community we have lostour base. George Gray

marks, Progressive Conservative cindidate George Gray voiced his respect and ad- ing. miration for his party's Davis.

above the other provincial power. (Applause.) leaders.

spoke to high school students pointed out. who said they were pleased Reed declared when you they were happy with leader. . . facilities. Mr. Gray quoted one woman as saying the facilities millionaires row."

Industry to bring industry into Halton seven Acton doctors are going Hills which would provide to send their patients. jobs, and conserve energy because less people would have public apology to Mrs. Kelly to commute.

Mr. Gray said that by 1981, the province would be running without a deficit. He explained there was the debt because the government has been building hospitals, schools, community colleges, etc., on a rising gross national product.

The cost of OHIP, according to Mr. Gray, has taken such a sharp increase, because the federal government has promised so much money towards the cause, and then refused to give it to the proy-

Mr. Gray ended his remarks by making an appeal to the people to think about who they want to see lead the province in the years ahead.

Regional government All candidates were questioned about their stands on regional government. Gray said there are already

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reviews underway, and Halton is reviewing its own government. There are 12 regional government in Ontario and 65 per cent of the people live in the areas. They are designed not for our benefit but for our children's. There are 225,000 people in Halton now and there will be 400,000 by the

A regional can borrow for less; planning can be orderly. The tax base is spread across a whole area.

Good side Look on the good side of it, he urged. "If you look honestly you might think differently." He agreed Acton has lost its identity and said it is the same in Georgetown. Now garbage from here and Nassagwega goes to Georgelown, he hasn't heard anyone there complain. Retiew

Johnson said the NDP would favor a review of regional government. After general opposition the idea was dropped. , it came back as county reconstruction.

Reed mentioned Gray's spirited defense of regional government. If it was so wonderful, why did it not go further? People wouldn't tolerate being manhandled. Mistake

Darcy McKeough realized he made a mistake. It costs more for the kinds of service we used to get. I'm in favor of Inter-municipal co-operation on such things as garbage and planning. He referred to the group in Acton studying the system now. He'd favor a fast review and then quick action. When the people here accept the thrust they want to go in. I'm prepared to support that

thrust! (Much applause.) Farm land What about the preservation

of farm land? Reed said Ontario needs a land strategy, and when land is frozen the government must

Gray spoke of the government's green paper on agriculture which calls for the preservation of land; the decision on land use should be vested in the municipalities. Control taken away I want to go on should rest with the munici-

Johnson said the NDP is dedicated to the preservation of farm land. I have led the government is the lack of fight to stop garbage being Cutcosta

Questioned about the Libeeral policy of keeping costs within the AIB limits, Reed gave some background During his opening re- and agreed the Liberals advocate a hard financial line in the face of past deficit financ-

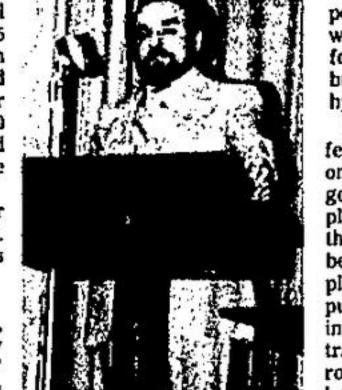
He said Ontario hydro is leader. Premier William capitalized 100 per cent above its output of electricity and Mr. Gray told the audience hydro is using "scare tactics" thathe has been watching the to support its continued misority government, and growth. With Liberal recwatching Mr. Davis for the ommendation and controls past 22 months, and he gave expansion would not be necthe Premier a lot of credit, essary; reasonable rate in-The candidate said the pre- creases could be held. The mier was by far the best rate structure should be re- beds, she has the land and is for his hard work in forming leader he had ever met, and versed; those who use the next on the list with Queen's the committee as his work as after at home, but the Prostood head and shoulders most should pay the most for

Mr. Gray defied anyone to The system of voting is two-"pin down anything wrong fold - for your member, and with the province "after he for party leader, a questioner

with Ontario, and pleased with deal with government you their schools. He also spoke to deal with your member. I'm senior citizens who also said proud of Stuart Smith as my

The great debate Owner of the Acton Rest were "just like living on Home, Katherine Kelly asked Mr. Gray why he had omitted the nursing home issue The candidate explained throughout the evening. She that he has been working hard asked Mr. Gray where the

Mr. Gray firstly made a



Bill Johnson

off to a bad start.

The P.C. candidate explained that in 1975, a freeze was put on nursing home beds. Mr. Gray said he agreed with it because the provincial government was concerned the matter could become a "political thing." He said now, however, he is trying to get ing time of one "to three it, they keep it!"

He commented the George- Acton. town hospital has the land around it to accommodate an expansion and they have the hospital equipment on hand. He has been working on this project for two years now, he

"we are urgent need of nursing beds. No one will dispute this," he said.

Send them here Mrs. Kelly was not satisfied with Mr. Gray's answer and again asked where the Acton doctors are to send their pat-

could be sent to Georgetown. "Why not let Georgetown doctors send them to Acton for a change," Mrs. Kelly volunteered. She explained she freeze is off...

Mr. Gray explained again that the hospital facilities were already in Georgetown, and 100 beds could be put to

Regionalism

A question from the floor was directed towards Mr. Johnson, asking if he would support an action that would divide Halton into separate school boards so the north would not be outnumbered. Mr. Johnson said he would

support such a separation. He explained there is a lot of inequality with the region. He pointed out that major chunk of the tax dollar goes to the school board.



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GO verses hydro Mr. Grey was asked why people should vote for a party who says they have no money for rapid transit (GO) service, but can built highways and

hydro corridors. Mr. Gray explained that the federal government reneged on a promise to the Ontario government, foiling the whole plan. Mr. Gray told the crowd that the Trudeau government before the last election, pledged \$80 million towards public transit cause. The province purchased double decker train cars for the Lakeshore route, and the old cars would be brought up to the north of Halton. However, the money did not come through as promised. Now, the single deckers are sitting idle all summer and all winter while the province gets enough money to do the job themselves. Mr. Gray also mentioned the Liberal member of parliament Frank Philbrook worked hard to get the money, but in a lost cause.

Minimum wage An upset local merchant asked Mr. Johnson if he agreed to putting the small businessman out of business with the \$4 minimum wage.

Julian Reed

The Liberal incumbent said

that in the past, the govern-

ments have tended to support

better," Mr. Reed said Mr.

McKeough supports this

thought, "However, bigger

business has one Achilles'

plans to stimulate 100,000 jobs

for three years, through small

In his closing remarjs, Reed

said the last 20 months have

been the most stimulating and

exciting in his life. He has

served 1,000 individuals dir-

ectly and contacted

others. .. that's what your

M.P. is for. . . I feel comfort-

able as a Liberal. . I'm proud

In closing, Gray declared

Davis is the finest statesman

in our country today. He asked

his listeners to compare the

leaders. He told of Smith's

flipflopping and Lewis, back-

Disaster

Johnson told the audience that

in his 22 years of living in this

area, he has watched the land

become an environmental dis-

aster. He also agreed that a

minority government was

working because they had a

very strong opposition, the

Johnson mentioned nursing

homes and felt there are a lot

of people in hospitals who do

not need to be there. He said

some of them could be looked

gressive Conservatives will

not negotiate with striking

public health nurses, who can

go into the home to help them.

situation in Quebec is a

tragedy and warned the aud-

ience Canada could have

another Northern Ireland on

their hands. Because of this.

The NDP candidate said the

New Democratic Party.

In his closing remarks,

tracking (to some heckling).

to represent my party,

across Ontario.

quickly.

Mr. Johnson said he did not for a story which appeared in that. He went on to say that a Toronto newspaper in which the small businessman has he was misquoted. He ex- nothing to fear from an NDP plained because of this error, government. He explained he and Mrs. Kelly had gotten that in this province, the taxpayers are paying taxes towards the large businesses. which buy machines to put people out of business. Mr. Johnson said the money from the large business will be put in the hands of the small businesses, who the NDP want to

"If a big business digs for beds north of Highway 401, oil, and doesn't find it, we all and pointed out there were 265 have to pay," Mr. Johnson beds in Milton, but with a wait- said. "However, if they do find

Employment Mr. Gray said he is trying to All the candidates were spearhead a drive to get the asked what they would do to government to lift the freeze. stimulate employment in

> Gray said an industrial committee has been formed consisting of himself, Louis Charlebois, Paul Nielsen and John Goy from Acton, two members of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and two members of Halton Hills council. Mr. Gray said the committee has an industry which is interested in locating in Acton, and a meeting was held that same day to discuss the possibility.

Johnson told the crowd that ients. Mr. Gray told Mrs. he had to be honest. If he is Kelly and the rest of the aud- elected to Queen's Park, he ience the patients are now be- will be working for all his coning sent to Guelph, but they stituients, including Burlington. He said he would work to aid the small businessman, whether, financially or morally.

Reed praised the Progresapplied for a license for 60 sive Conservative candidate Park to build as soon as the president of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, "It is my intention to keep him in that position," he said jok-

Serlous Reed sald that umemployment is a very serious problem. He pointed out that there is a 7.4 per cent rate of unemployment across the province and Darcy McKeough

Sex Ed stories alarm trustees

trustees are worried parents happening in Halton. may think the "horror" stories about sex education in separate school supporter's Ontario, recounted in the May 21 issue of The Canadian Magazine, could be taking related in the magazine keep place in Halton schools.

Thursday, Trustee Bill Priestner said the Halton Board of Education needs a report on what is going on in sex ed classes in Halton and some assurances the incidents related in the magazine article "are the exceptions."

The piece in The Canadian, a Saturday supplement to 13 large Canadian metropolitan daily newspapers, stated various examples of incidents happening in sex education classes in Canada. A teacher who asked her grade 12 female students if they had taken the birth control pill each morning, a 13-year-old boy having to give a talk on sodomy, probing and embarassing questions of a grade eight class about their parents' use of birth control undressing of a 10-year-old boy and girl in front of a class, and slides to show to classes demonstrating 17 positions for intercourse are just some of the incidents described in the article, which trustees termed "horror" stories.

Superintendent of Program Bruce Mather said he would be "appalled" if he ever found out incidents like the the thought that "bigger is ones described in the magazine story were happening in

He blasted the piece as heel," he said. "When the bal-"poor journalism" since the writer, Kathleen loon breaks, it throws a lot of Gow, hadn't documented the people out of jobs very Priestner said the adminis-Mr. Reed said his party

tration should check and be

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Bradley said he thought the board should consider a thorough investigation of sex education in schools.

"I couldn't sleep Saturday night after reading that story," he told the board. Director of Education Em Lavender said the adminis-

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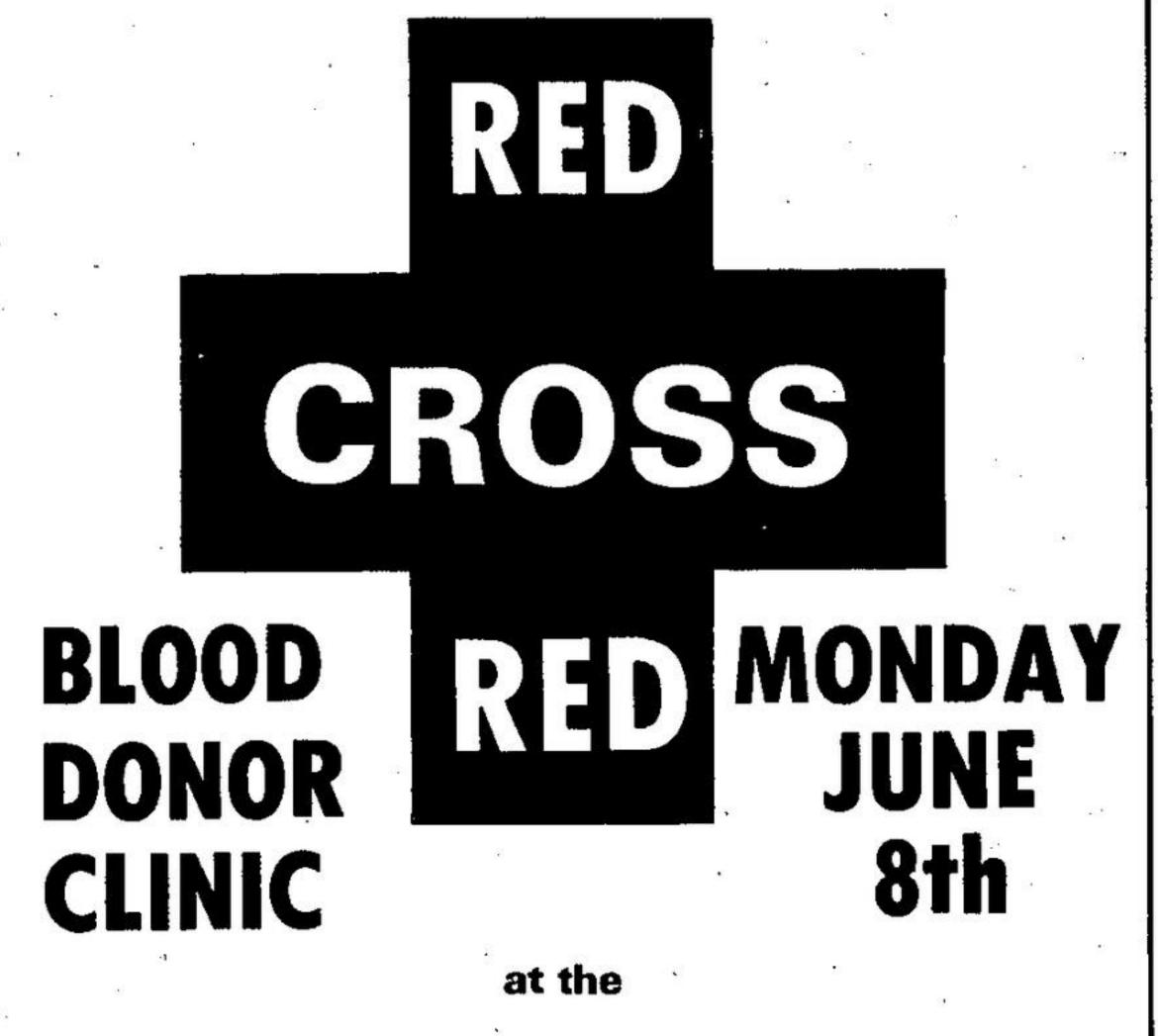
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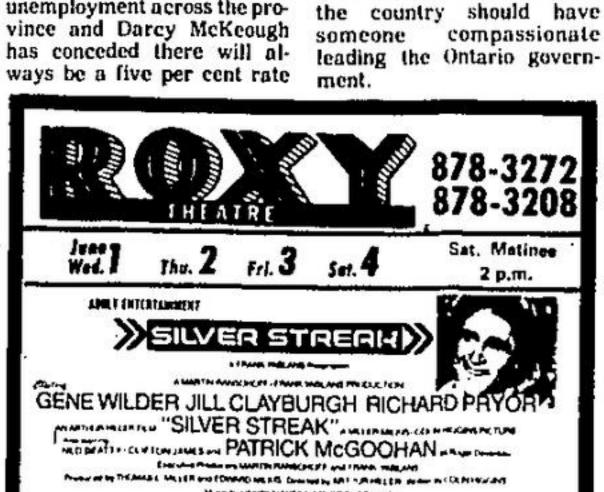


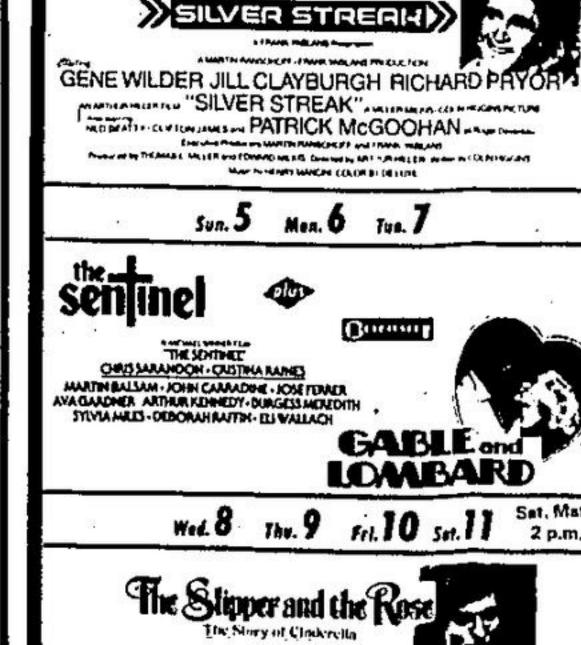
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