



JUNIOR GRADES at M.Z. Bennett school put on a circus for students, staff and parents last Thursday. A human chain was a big hit with the spectators.

## M.Z.B. circus success

M.Z. Bennett public school primary grades held an outdoor circus last Thursday for the benefit of fellow students, staff and parents.

There was a bicycle display with children showing their skills at manoeuvring their two-wheelers.

Gymnasts were next doing various movements. Some did cartwheels, others made human pyramids while still others played an artistic game of leapfrog.

As at all circuses, the M.Z. Bennett event had clowns—dozens of them. Some in regular clown outfits, some in old clothes, some in one piece pajama sets. Big brother's shoes came in handy for many of the youngsters, and mother's make-up carefully and skilfully applied. Props such as hula hoops, balls, wagons etc. were used to create more havoc as the clowns had their moment.

Mighty lions and bears shared centre ring next, and amused the audience with song and dance.



GRADE TWO teacher Linda Richardson (centre) was incognito at M.Z. Bennett school's circus last Thursday. Kenny McKenzie (right) and Pauline Stuckey were also painted up like clowns for "the big event."

Young and old alike enjoyed the circus. Teacher Dave Boycott videotaped the entire event so the children will have a chance to see themselves "in the act".



GRADE TWO clowns clown around at the M.Z. Bennett school circus last Thursday. They were complete with costumes and make-up.



SHIRLEY Scott and wee friend Bonnie-Lou Morgan enjoyed the circus at M.Z. Bennett school last Thursday. Bright sunny skies made the day even more enjoyable.

## AnnaBelle the donkey lives through new book

Animal lovers and those who like human interest stories will enjoy the first book by Jennifer Barr, which appeared on book shelves this week. Mrs. Barr's by-line has appeared frequently in this newspaper with feature stories and she writes a weekly column with The Acton Free Press.

Her first book is called, "And the Lord Rode a Donkey." It follows in chronological order the purchase of a baby donkey and its impact on the Barr family until it died tragically in February, 1975. The book as Mrs. Barr writes, "is a tribute to a loving 'dumb' animal who brought joy to many and made a very special place in my heart."

Appropriately the well printed book carries an excerpt from G. K. Chesterton's magnificent poem about the donkey's once fierce, sweet hour.

"Fools! For I also had my hour; One far fierce hour and Sweet; There was a shout about my ears,

And palms before my feet." The book is embellished by drawings also done by Mrs.

Barr, and a few photographs of AnnaBelle with the Barr family.

On one occasion AnnaBelle appeared on TV—at the studio—where, much to the confusion and laughter of the crew Nature called just as the cameras zoomed in on her.

"My dainty donkey was horrified and did her best to leave—quickly. The janitor was summoned (Don't clean it up yourself, it's a union shop)—and air freshener supplied."

The show's host told Mrs. Barr, "I wanted something natural—but not that natural."

The book is replete with many and humorous and touching episodes. One woman who read the first copies, commented, "If you love animals you can't help liking this book. I practically cried when I came to the donkey's death."

First impressions of the typography and easy-to-read format? "It's warm and

readable," said another, "and I would recommend it for older children and adults as well."

Jennifer Barr has been an avid animal lover all her life, horses taking priority since she received her first colt at 17. She has been a school teacher and ran her own boarding stable and small riding school. She now free lances contributing rural articles to several newspapers and magazines.

The author is still involved raising donkeys and chickens in Erin township, a few miles above Halton Hills. The Barr family, husband Mack, Jennifer, children Patrick and Erica, are surrounded by horses, donkeys, ponies, cocks, cattle and even some guinea pigs.

"And the Lord Rode a Donkey" is a first book, but three more are in the works from her facile pen.

The book is available at this newspaper or at local book stores.



## Jennifer Barr's first book on donkey warm, readable

ON JUNE 9 VOTE 'THE WRIGHT WAY'

# DAVID WRIGHT, LIBERAL

WELLINGTON-DUFFERIN-PEEL



### About David Wright

David Wright, the Liberal candidate in Wellington-Dufferin-Peel, is a 41-year-old self-employed businessman who first entered the public limelight four years ago when he formed and led the Erin and Erin Township Concerned Citizens' Association to oppose the opening of two major gravel pits near Erin Village.

The same motivation led him to seek the nomination as Liberal candidate in this provincial election. More and more, he said, big business and big government are arbitrarily imposing their wishes over and against the wishes of the individuals, the so-called ordinary citizens of Ontario.

David Wright is a former employee of Bell Canada where he was also union chairman of a district involving 400 salesmen in Ontario and Quebec. Ten years ago he left Bell to form his own consultant company in telecommunications.

David Wright is immediate past chairman of the Erin United Church board of directors and a past president of Erin Minor Softball and the Erin Square Dancing Club.

He and his wife Pamela and their three children live at R.R. 1, Erin. When you go to the polls on June 9, vote for a man who, in keeping with the Liberal Party in Ontario, will speak out for the rights of the individual. Cast your vote for David Wright.

## Here's what David Wright says about the issues in this election:

### •Unemployment

"The Liberal Party has promised to create 100,000 new jobs by offering incentives to small businessmen over a three-year period. These are not government jobs; they are jobs in the private sector which, once established, tend to be permanent jobs. They are productive jobs, not only enriching the employees and the economy and producing income tax but also alleviating the drain on unemployment insurance payments."

### •Agriculture

"The Conservatives and NDPers have made an issue of the rural land market, basically saying we must freeze farmland to save it from being gobbled up by developers. We in the Liberal Party say "Save the farmers and you'll save the farmland." If farming is made profitable for the farmer, he'll not only hang onto his farm and farm it, but his sons and daughters will want to continue farming when he retires. I plead with you not to elect a government that puts land and grand designs ahead of people's rights."

### •Government Spending

"Once again we see a double standard. The Anti-Inflation Board completely supported by the province of Ontario, has set limits on how much each of us can earn. Generally, we have been limited to an eight per cent increase in our incomes. But not the government. Witness Hydro rates up 30 per cent; tuition fees to be increased 35 per cent; O.H.I.P. premiums up 45 per cent. A Liberal government would hold government spending to the limits set for all of us—individuals and government departments and agencies."

### •Regional Government

"This is no old horse. The Conservatives are committed to introducing more regional government. The restraint shown in the past year is due only to the fact that they did not have a majority in the legislature. So much for local autonomy! And taxes! Did you know that since 1970, taxes of home owners put under regional government have gone up 105 per cent while in non-regionalized areas (except Toronto) they have gone up 41 per cent. And what have the people in the new regions got to show for their increased taxes except a new level of government to deal with and several posh new regional municipal buildings."

### •Ability to Govern

No doily has granted the Conservative Party eternal rights to leadership talent to govern Ontario. Look around. The Liberal Party, both in its sitting members and its new candidates, has superbly qualified, proven men and women quite able to manage the ministries of this province. Not only that, but they are committed to a philosophy that puts people ahead of systems and government machinery."

### •The Election in Wellington-Dufferin-Peel

Last election, 60 per cent of the voters in this riding voted against the government of Bill Davis. The Conservatives got 12,100 votes; the Liberals 11,398 (a difference of only 712 votes); and the NDPers 6,313; it's up to you. Do you want to vote in protest or do you want to change the government? I sincerely ask for your vote at the polls June 9. Elect a Liberal government and let's sweep the cobwebs out of Queen's Park and get on with building an Ontario that is "for the people."

# DAVID WRIGHT, Liberal

WELLINGTON-DUFFERIN-PEEL

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