

# Enthusiastic campaign falls short for George Gray

"It's a damn shame. He really busted his ass," said a female campaign worker for George Gray, while the early results from the polls were posted at the PC candidate's Georgetown headquarters.

"Gray was the only one who wanted it so bad he could taste it."

Instead, the only taste Gray was left with on election night was that of defeat.

Gray and his supporters had run an enthusiastic well organized campaign which had been prepared from day one of the election, if not sooner, but in the end the PC candidate had lost to the Liberal incumbent Julian Reed by over 3,000 votes. In the last election Reed had only won by 463 votes.

After the first 25 polls had reported to the PC headquarters, Gray trailed by 500 votes and even the strongest Gray supporters were conceding the election.

As about 100 PC campaigners gathered at the headquarters, watching in quiet disbelief as the results came in while waiting for the PC candidate to make an appearance, Gray's daughter Cindy—dressed in Tory blue and white—sat slumped against the window of the office talking to a fellow campaigner.

"They say the world doesn't end, but I say it does," she said. "I just feel like getting into my car tomorrow and driving someplace... anywhere."

In another corner a Tory worker searched for reasons for Gray's solid defeat.

"I thought we ran a strong campaign, but the incumbent

does have a built in edge," he said. "The Liberals ran a good campaign. Reed didn't tick anyone off. If you're looking for a reason, maybe George did."

An hour after the polls closed, Gray walked into his offices amid the applause of his campaigners.

"I'm sorry I disappointed all of you," he apologized.

"You don't have to be," yelled a voice from the back.

Gray continued on congratulating his workers for their support, but at one point he stopped to console his daughter who was in tears.

"Don't cry, Cindy. Your mother thinks I won because I'm not going to be away as much," he told her.

"Maybe I did something wrong, but everything I did, I did with sincerity," he said.

During his campaign Gray had been accused of trying to take credit for the province allocating extra funds for school construction in Milton after public pressure was applied, but many of his workers felt his joint announcement of the imminent purchase of Domtar Ltd. by Scott Paper Ltd. hurt him the most.

Scott Paper Ltd. later denied it had any definite purchase plans.

"It probably hurt me fairly bad, but on the other hand I made an honest and sincere effort to get industry in this area," Gray said.

He felt the bad press from the incident hurt him but added,

"The press are after headlines to attract their business."

Doc Russell, one of Gray's two campaign managers, felt

the results of the advance voting polls which were held before the papers announced Scott Paper's denial, told the story.

In the advance polls Reed narrowly edged out Gray 455 to 434 votes but in Georgetown, Gray was ahead of Reed 178 to 172. On election day Gray showed poorly in Georgetown and was even defeated in his own home poll.

Some Gray supporters blamed Mayor Tom Hill for the Scott Paper problems, but Mayor Hill wasn't saying much about the subject.

"Go ask Scott Paper about anything you want to know about Scott Paper. Don't ask me," he said.

"We thought we ran a good campaign. Maybe we suffered from overkill," Gray reflected. "You have to remember I'm a political amateur."

A lot of people think I'm in Bill Davis' pocket," said Gray. "Well that's so far from the truth it isn't funny. The Ontario party never gave us five cents for anything."

At 10 p.m. Gray and a small entourage drifted over to

Reed's headquarters in Georgetown to congratulate him on his re-election. He surprised everyone by telling Reed to support regional government, "for the sake of our children and our children's children."

The campaign fever still with him, Gray continued urging people to support Premier Davis in the months to come and to support national unity until he was interrupted in mid-sentence by a Liberal party worker who yelled, "That's enough of a speech, George."

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NORM AITKEN delivers lunch to a polling station Thursday for Nan Reed and Sue Sale. YMCA salad buffet lunch drew 65 orders from polling stations. 165 people ate at the Y's lunches, including those at the polling stations.

## Ospringle

# Visitors, rodeo keep busy

by Doris Fines  
The theme of the Ospringle Ladies Aid June meeting was "Dominion Day." Mrs. Gordon Aitken opened the meeting with Devotions, speaking on Canada and Threats to Our Unity. Scripture reading was Psalm 144.

Mrs. Henry Pankratz was hostess to ten ladies, who answered the roll by "naming a church I visited, and where."

Mrs. Ralph Sinclair led the study, "God as the Oppressed," taken from the study book.

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Russell of Detroit, Michigan, visited a few days with Mr. Russell's sister and niece Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris.

A bicycle rodeo was held at Ospringle school on Friday, and marks were given for written tests as well as handling the bicycle. Overall winners were Gwen Hacke and Andrew Lambden of grade 6, and Peter Timmerman and Karen Jackson of grade 3. Many of the pupils participated, and Constable Kidd was very pleased with

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## Wellington-Dufferin-Peel

# Landslide victory for incumbent J. Johnson

It was an easy victory for Progressive Conservatives incumbent Jack Johnson in Thursday's provincial election in Wellington-Dufferin-Peel.

Mr. Johnson swept the board with 14,272 votes, almost 5,000 votes ahead of his closest contender Liberal David Wright, who finished with 9,631. New Democratic candidate Marion Chambers chalked up 7,225 votes.

In the October 1975 election, Mr. Johnson won the seat with 12,110 votes, only 700 ahead of Liberal candidate Ted Sibbald who had 11,398. The NDP candidate Gerry Campbell polled 6,313 votes.

Mr. Johnson's overwhelming victory in Thursday's election resulted largely at the Liberals' expense. Mr. Wright dropped 2,000 votes over 1975, while the NDP candidate Mrs. Chambers gained 900 votes over the last provincial election.

Voter turnout was down in the Dufferin Peel riding this election, with only 67 per cent of eligible voters exercising their right. This was down from 69 per cent last election.

Mr. Johnson's support was not limited to one particular section of his some 5,000 square miles riding. He said the support was evenly distributed and he even topped the polls in Erin, home base for both the Liberal and NDP candidates.

The Member of Provincial Parliament said he was glad the NDP was no longer the official opposition. He explained "they voted against us on every issue." He continued to say "while that may be the function of an opposition party, the rules are changed in a minority government situation because a lost vote means a new election." He said he expects a Liberal opposition will be easier to work with.

David Wright said he expects to run again but admitted he can "see room for self-improvements." He feels the gain in Liberal leader Stuart Smith's popularity probably helped him (Mr. Wright) gain some votes.

Mrs. Chambers said she would have been surprised if she had won. She explained she has been with the party since its inception in the 1960's and is very realistic. The former school teacher said she thought they might have done better than they actually did, however.

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