

Johnson dejected by poor showing

Johnson may run

A dejected Bill Johnson went next door to Julian Reed's Milton headquarters to concede defeat 105 minutes after the polls closed Thursday night. He knew Halton-Burlington had decided not to send an NDP to Queen's Park by 9 p.m. election night but waited the extra 45 minutes to make sure Liberal Julian Reed was the winner.

Evidence of a second consecutive third place finish in a three man race for the seat started coming to Milton NDP headquarters as early as 8:45. From that point much of Johnson's concern was directed to whom he would have to concede.

Throughout the evening he made no bones about the fact if he couldn't win Reed would be far preferable to Conservative George Gray.

Conceding to Reed's cheerful Milton supporters, he was greeted with thunderous applause. He said both the Liberals and NDP should be congratulated on their campaigns since they "fought fair and fought square."

Shortly after 10 p.m. he hobbled into Reed's Georgetown headquarters where he was greeted warmly by the victor.

"The two of us, and just the two of us ran a fair campaign," Johnson declared. He told the jubilant Liberals that George Gray's Madison Avenue slick techniques backfired.

Johnson relaxed and watched results roll in which saw him do poorer than in 1975. While he sat with leg in a new cast, propped up on a chair, workers and co-campaign manager Greg Murtaugh nervously watched the

NDP demise. Murtaugh spent much of the evening pacing. Right up to the time polls closed Johnson was confidently predicting he would have George Kerr's job as Environment Minister when his party formed the next government.

He was optimistic about his chances of improving on his last showing especially since he had many more workers and a better organized campaign.

But, in fact, Johnson actually slipped in popularity, grabbing just 18 per cent of the vote this time around, compared to 22 per cent in 1975. He picked up 5,631 votes Thursday compared to 6,567 last time.

It became apparent it was a losing cause when the first poll from Milton showed Johnson well behind both Reed and Gray. Thirty-five minutes after the polls closed, with results dribbling in, he said, "I'll have to start doing better than this." After 10 polls he was about 250 votes out of second, "but I'm not giving up by a long shot."

By 8:47 p.m. Johnson had slipped 500 behind Gray and he admitted he would need to do very well in Georgetown, Milton and Acton to catch up. Less than 10 minutes later Johnson slipped 600 behind Gray and no surge in the urban areas was even hinted.

By 9 p.m. both Murtaugh and Johnson knew it was all over. Murtaugh said he thought Reed would win, which in his opinion was no credit to the Liberal campaign. Gray lost it so Reed won by default. Johnson disagreed saying Reed's campaign deserves more credit for the win since he "ran a fair, hard campaign. Gray

definitely blew it but Reed worked hard. I'm very happy for Julian." He said he likes Reed but thinks he is far too nice to be an MPP in opposition.

Johnson admitted that after the first 40 polls had been tabulated he "frankly" expected to be running a good second. Instead he was running a dismal third.

At this point the pair thought they were running as well as they did in 1975 and while they both were now cheering for a Reed victory they still weren't ready to give him the victory over Gray.

After 50 polls had reported, Johnson resigned himself to the obvious saying "I'm out." About this time, word from across Ontario filtered into the headquarters which was equipped with neither a radio or television that Davis would end up with another minority. "That will teach him a lesson, if he's still round after this," Johnson declared in one of his few bright moments.

Johnson said the election showed the old socialist scare is now a dead horse. Johnson got Reed to sign his new cast and jokingly mistook the MPP after Reed's name for NDP.

Reed described Johnson as one of the greatest guys and greatest campaigners he's ever known and a good friend. Spotting Reed's "little daughter Melanie, Johnson remarked, "If I keep campaigning I'll be running against you soon."

Johnson didn't capture a single poll but beat George Gray in nine.

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Bill Johnson thinks he'll be back for another "kick at the cat" if his workers and party want him. He said Thursday night after losing his second bid for the Halton-Burlington seat that he is a poor loser because the only good losers he knows are exactly that—losers. Johnson said there is a good chance he will try again if local NDP members want him to. "I'm an old soldier. You don't give up after a battle. You get ready for the next one," Johnson said.



BILL JOHNSON spent election night with his foot propped up on a chair at NDP headquarters. He injured the ankle during the final week of the campaign and was hobbling about on crutches with the ankle and foot in a cast.

Sunshine Club enjoys trip to Pioneer Village

by Robina Peacock

The bus trip to Black Creek Village was a great success as it was such a lovely day and everyone looking forward to a very happy day. The bus was outside the town hall to pick up all the members from Rockwood after they had cast their votes and then on to Acton to get 10 more members and then in lovely sunshine we set off for Toronto.

The bus arrived at the village just at noon and so everyone found a nice spot in the sunshine or under a tree to eat their lunch before touring the Pioneer Village.

It is hard to realize that you are in Toronto because as you pass the toll gate you immediately enter a farm settlement typical of communities in southern Ontario prior to Confederation. The Stong farm buildings were constructed between 1816 and 1832 by a Pennsylvania German settler and these five log farm buildings are still

standing on their original sites.

I think everyone found something of interest as there was the mill, the printing shop, gunsmith, weaving and so many interesting things with the sounds of all the animals to go with a farm community.

By 3:30 everyone made their way to the bus which took us downtown and stopped at the C.N. Tower and those who wanted to go off and took a trip to the top and as it was such a clear day the view was excellent.

The highlight of the day was supper at Old Ed's. This place is truly magnificent with Tiffany lamps of every variety and stained glass windows. It is hard to concentrate on food in such lovely surroundings!

On the way back home everyone enjoyed the music of Vic Smith and his accordion with Bert Davidson and Henry Leachman on their

harmonicas and everyone joining them with a good song.

Just as we came into Acton Mrs. Black said how much she enjoyed the day and a special thank you to the musicians and to the driver who was so careful and helpful.

A birthday greeting was sung to Victor Smith as it was his birthday the next day.

The bus got back into Rockwood just about 8 p.m. and everyone said what a happy day they had had.

The next meeting is the last for the summer so don't forget to come out June 23 at 2 p.m. at the town hall as the final plans for the Pioneer Day will have to be finalised.

Diphtheria case

Because a child at Oaklands Regional Centre has been confirmed as a carrier of diphtheria, the special Olympic games for the retarded which were scheduled to begin Thursday, have been postponed for an indefinite period of time.

The Halton Board of Health ordered the postponement of the games after one of three children at Oaklands on Bond St. in Oakville who were being monitored as possible carriers of diphtheria, showed up positive in a test June 8.

The three children were discovered to be carriers of the disease in March when a teaching assistant for the Halton Board of Education at Oaklands was diagnosed as having a mild case of diphtheria.

The youngsters have been tested frequently since then, and until last Wednesday, the results had been negative.

Mr. D.H.W. Bath, executive administrator at Oaklands, said the little girl has been kept in isolation and under medical treatment ever since.

Eden Mills

Guides given badges by Sec. John Roberts

Christina Bell, Paula Hayward, Sherry Kirton, Anne Masson, Rachelle Tarrant and Kathy Van Rhijn were presented with their citizen badges by none other than Mr. John Roberts, the secretary of state for Canada! What an honour. We can never repeat a ceremony like that for guides who take their citizen badge in the future.

Sylvia Schekle and Sarah Hayward were unfortunately absent from the ceremony because they were in Ottawa on a school trip.

As a grande finale to the formal guiding year of course, camping takes precedence during the summer months) captain was persuaded to let the guides sponsor a disco dance. This was open to all kids up to the age of 16.

Tracy Clifford arranged the

hire of superb audio equipment, partly at his own expense, and acted as disc jockey for the evening with assistance from Aaron Chesbrough. It all turned out to be a fantastic success and over 100 kids came to Eden Mills from Everton, Rockwood and Guelph to gyrate on the dance floor in the community hall.

The chaperones, Ana Maria Bell, Ann Chesworth, Beryl Blaakman, Pat Godding, Remy Heard, Irene Hayward, Joan Webb and Helga Schekle, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, although at times they remarked that the noise was deafening. Girl Guide organisers were Tammy Clifford, Carol Harpam, Elizabeth Moore and Sylvia Schekle.

All week long children in the village have been asking when we can have another dance!

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