



Halton Liberal candidate Bill Perras, second from right, is assisted in putting up campaign signs at the opening Monday afternoon of one of five Acton area Liberal command posts by Lila Luelo, Kay Lawson and Arlie White. This Command post is at the home of Bob Samsling, 54 Storey Drive.

Perras says

Tories have poor record

According to rookie Liberal candidate for Halton, Bill Perras, the key issue of the federal election is the track record of the Progressive Conservative government, or rather the Tories' lack of a strong track record as a seven month government.

He pointed to the string of broken Tory promises, the bad budget, economic woes, energy problems and lack of strong leadership to carry Canada into the '80s as topics he will attack the government on in the campaign during an interview Monday as he opened command posts in Acton.

Perras says the only thing the Conservatives didn't promise voters last spring during that campaign was all the bad news that was contained in the December budget which resulted in the fall of the government.

The man who is filling former Halton MP Dr. Frank Philbrook's shoes as Liberal candidate called the 18 cent a gallon excise tax regressive. "The big problem with it

is that those who can least afford it will be paying the most," Perras declared. He continued there is no question Canada has energy problems, but the way to solve them isn't with an increased excise tax.

The excise tax was supposed to shock Canadians into conservation Perras reported Finance Minister John Crosbie says, but Perras suggested the only people it would shock would be the "people who can't afford it."

As for increasing oil prices, Perras says he agrees with Liberal leader Pierre Trudeau that a Canadian price needs to be established and that it should be below the inflated OPEC price which the Tories consider to be world price.

Every Canadian wants to see the deficit reduced Perras says but it shouldn't be done at a time when the country is encountering severe economic problems. He supports Trudeau's plan not to increase the deficit and to only finance new

programs through either revenue redistribution or from increased corporate taxes.

The Liberals under Trudeau won't put more money in people's pockets but they won't take any more out through increased taxes, Perras promised.

He noted his leader is often accused of arrogance, but says the height of arrogance has been the behavior of Prime Minister Joe Clark and his Tories.

According to Perras, Clark has already said if he wins with another minority government he will again rule as if he

had a majority. The Liberal candidate wondered how Clark could call Trudeau arrogant when the Tories intend to bring back the same budget which caused the election in the first place, if they are elected February 18.

He believes the Liberals have a leader who is one of the greatest prime ministers in Canada's history, an international statesman who put Canada on the map in the '70s, is capable of making tough decisions and sticking by them and a man who speaks for all of Canada and won't divert federal powers to the provinces.

Need buildings...

(Continued from page 1) really any industrial land available in Georgetown so the town must get some more.

"There are a substantial number of industries looking and they want zoned industrial land and zoned industrial land with buildings on it. We have a shortage of both," Pomeroy declared.

The mayor hopes an industrial commission is set up in Halton Hills with two sub-commissions one for Acton and one for Georgetown. "The industrialists in Acton should get together on their promotion," Pomeroy said, and continued that the town could help financially.

He hopes to see council approve a budget of \$4,000 to \$5,000 for use by the entire industrial commission. "We will encourage an Acton Commission made up of citizens and I want to keep the politicians out of it. If we (politicians) got a call from an industry, we could refer it to the commission."

Phone bills up 50 cents

Halton Hills council applying to Ottawa for a 50 cent a month increase in Acton residential phone rates as an opening to once again complain about the

amalgamated municipality being split in two different phone books. Bell informed the town it has asked the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for permission to up the Acton residential service rate from \$6.65 a month to \$7.15. Bell explained the reason for the rate hike is there has been a five per cent increase in the number of phones with the 853 exchange.

Instead of protesting the rate increase itself councillors backed a motion from Councillor Ross Knechtel that the town advise the CRTC that the town is opposed to any hike in Acton phone rates as long as Bell insists on two phone books for Halton Hills.

Councillors have long hoped to see Acton put in the Peel-Halton directory, which includes Georgetown, Milton, Oakville, Brampton, Erin and Mississauga. They don't like Halton Hills being split into two books. Acton is in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and Guelph phone book.

In its earliest days Limehouse was known as the "Hoek."

On the Leavell

With Helen



The Acton Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in town fathers considering a loitering in public places by-law. Chamber Secretary Janet Fleming recently received word that a by-law has now been drawn up by Halton Hills from Deputy Clerk Delmar French. This new law will enable the Halton Regional Police Force to "satisfactorily regulate the safety and use of streets and public places."

"The Passing of that by-law can certainly be considered a feather in the cap of all involved."

A familiar face around the Free Press, library and Fairy Lake, Esther Taylor recently noticed some very interesting happenings over by the water.

"Did the wild critters know something this fall not revealed to humans?" she wrote to us the other day. "How else to account for the winter presence of Canada Geese, sometimes as many as 200 on old Fairy Lake? About 30 Canadas are permanent winter residents here along with the ducks, swans, three Charlies (big hybrid ducks), Gandy, (domesticated gander) and Hoky and Granky, white and brown domesticated ducks. Winter so far, a few bleak days excepted, has been made to order for Acton waterfowl."

One of the best feelings in the world is when you help someone who can't help themselves, and right now, the hard-working, dedicated volunteers of the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society should be feeling on top of the world.

Mrs. H. Kuechler, R.R. 4, Acton, a volunteer, recently received a letter from the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, thanking her group for the Christmas baskets of goodies they sent to patients last month.

The sending of the baskets is an annual tradition, which gives a bit of seasonal cheer to patients suffering from the disease.

"The marvellous donation we received of homemade cookies, shortbread, Christmas cake, banana bread plus diabetic cookies were so much appreciated," wrote Helen Howes, Director of Volunteers. "I cannot begin to tell you just how grateful we are for your continued interest in our work."

That, ladies and gentlemen involved, should make you very proud of your contribution to society.

1980 licences

Few stickers sold

It would appear Acton motorists didn't resolve at the outset of 1980 to get their vehicle licence renewal stickers early.

Bud Keitner, Motor Vehicle Licence Office agent, said sales of 1980 stickers have been slow since they went on sale December 1.

"They haven't picked up in 1980 either. They aren't moving at all," he declared. The office at the corner of Mill St. West and Victoria St. is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. It is also open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

same, except the office will be open the last Monday of next month, February 25, the usual week-day hours. The deadline for purchasing licence renewal stickers is February 29.

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