

Liberals rally



A FEW QUIET WORDS before the arrival of party leader Robert Nixon at the Roma Social Club in preparation for the big event. Julian Reed and his wife, Deanna, were joined by a large number of Liberal supporters to meet their leader.

There were no heavy political speeches at the Reed-Nixon Pizza Party held at the Roma Social Club in Milton last Saturday, just food and a chance to meet the candidates.

Before the large crowd of Liberal supporters Mr. Nixon felt confident of a victory in Thursday's election and expressed his

feelings that Julian Reed was the right man for Halton-Burlington.

"I will represent Ontario and Julian Reed will represent you," stated Mr. Nixon.

Following his arrival by helicopter Mr. Nixon rallied the crowd before departing by bus to the next stop in his province-wide campaign for leadership.



TOGETHER WE WILL GUIDE HALTON explained Robert Nixon and Julian Reed at the pizza party held at the Roma Social Club in Milton Saturday.



ROBERT NIXON shared optimism with the crowd that he and Julian Reed would be representing the people of this area.

New town hall by 1977?

The strongest indication yet that Halton Hills may have a new town hall within two years came at Monday night's council meeting.

Councillor Ern Hyde, replying to a question about the necessity of installing air conditioning in the present council chambers located in the former township of Esquevas offices on the Seventh Line, stated, "I would hope that we would be involved in building new town facilities by 1978."

Following its regular session, council went into an in camera session to hear a report from Councillor Hyde who is heading the special building committee investigating the new municipal complex project.

His arguments that the air conditioning system was not needed in the council chambers did not go far, however, as council decided to request facilities superintendent Pat Sheehan to investigate the costs of installing air conditioning systems in both the council chambers and in the hall and office space at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Jaycees All Candidates

Candidates face new questions

Parts of the All Candidates Night last Thursday night in the Georgetown District High School took on the tone of a "Stump the Candidates Contest" as the three provincial election hopefuls for Halton-Burlington tangled with some rarely mentioned etcetera issues.

Issues like: the need for the universal product codes on all food packages; the sale of dead and diseased animals in Ontario; and the Hungry Hollow housing subdivision.

But, as the forum's chairman, Doug Fishburn, eventually pointed out, a number of questions from some of the younger members of the audience finally returned the evening to a normal state of friendly debate.

The night, sponsored by the Georgetown Jaycees, saw the three candidates come out with a fairly even saw-off by the end of the two hours of discussions.

The NDP's Bill Johnson provided perhaps the strongest attack against his two opponents. Julian Reed, the Liberal candidate, definitely fielded the most questions while PC Gary Dawkins was kept busy fielding the most accusations.

The evening, for the most part, was a genial affair with well over 600 people in attendance. The tone of the meeting was set immediately after the three candidates had made their brief introductory speeches.

A faulty microphone was giving Mr. Reed some problems until Mr. Dawkins picked it up and boomed out "Is this better?" The audience appreciated the humor in the thick of a campaign that has been hard hitting and often times very negative in tone.

The three candidates were pretty well equally unprepared for such questions as their stands on "the gross incompetence shown by provincial meat inspectors to allow diseased meats to be sold in Ontario" or "What farm products or grains do you feel are not being produced in Ontario to provide a sufficient supply in the immediate future?" The three candidates got back onto the more standard election issues such as their stands on regional government, thanks to a question by student Chris Burke dealing with the candidate's opinions of regionalism.

"Regional government is full of holes. It's stacked with layer upon layer of

bureaucracy, but it's unfortunately here to stay," commented Mr. Reed when asked by Mr. Burke if his party would abolish regional governments if the Liberals should come into power.

"We would redistribute the power of control back to the individual communities, along with the money that is being spent by the region," continued Mr. Reed.

"Planning has got to go much further than just the region. It must be done on a province-wide basis."

Replying to a statement by Mr. Reed that the province's deficit has increased since Premier Davis took over the Premier's office to the point where the provincial government's deficit financing is now costing the Ontario taxpayers \$380 million in interest charges annually, Mr. Dawkins stated, "I wouldn't mind owing a million dollars if my income was four million dollars."

"The province," he said, "with the revenue it is receiving now could pay off the provincial debt in six and one-half months."

"If you compare the government's spending under Bill Davis with spending by previous administrations you'll find that the Davis government is spending less in comparison."

The thorny problem of education and "The Three R's" was brought into the debate on a question by Bill Gage in which he asked the three candidates their opinions on returning to a core curriculum.

Mr. Johnson explained that the NDP platform is based solidly on returning the control of education policies to local boards of trustees.

Mr. Dawkins explained that the major problem with the education system of today is that "we have too much of a core curriculum system already." Confusion is created in the over-abundance, he said. As to the design of the present system, he noted that it had been formulated with assistance from teachers.

To that Mr. Reed replied that "the core curriculum is not imposed by the region. It varies from school to school so that you end up with a different set of standards between schools." He called for a uniform set of standards across the province.

Moving to the fuel crisis in Ontario and the impending removal of the freeze on gas prices, Mr. Johnson stated that the only way to handle it should be through the courts.

"The Nova Scotia government did it and the NDP in Ontario would definitely take the same steps."

"That is where the gas and oil companies can be stopped and controlled," he said.

When asked if the sales tax, reduced just prior to the election announcement from seven percent to five percent, would be raised again if the PCs were returned to power, Mr. Dawkins commented "I would presume it would."

"The reason it was initiated was to stimulate the economy which it has done quite effectively." Taking a quick rap at the federal Liberals Mr. Dawkins added "It was an interim method of controlling unemployment; something the federal government wouldn't do."

Mr. Reed answered that later with his own example of government inaction, this time by the Ontario PCs. "In 1974 in the throne speech Davis promised to bring in seat belt legislation. They then spent \$65,000 on a big 'Buckle Up' campaign, which was a complete waste because they still didn't have the legislation to support the enforcement of it."

Mr. Johnson called for special mandatory seat belt legislation as well as a reduction of the speed limits on provincial highways to 55 mph. "They have buzzers on all the cars now that tell you when you haven't got your seat belt fastened. They should have a similar one to tell you every time you go over the speed limit."

When asked by John Robinson how each of them would continue to have close contact with his constituents should he be elected, they replied:

Bill Johnson: "My doors are always open. They always have been and they always will be. The phone's never off the hook."

Julian Reed: "I'll be just as accessible after the election as I have been before. I'll continue to be active in the public interest."

Gary Dawkins: "I will rely on key people in each community to provide me with the contact that's extremely important for an MPP. It must be a two-way street, perhaps through regular public meetings."

Which was exactly what the Jaycees All Candidates Night was all about.



A NIGHT OF DISCUSSION--The three hopefuls in this Thursday's provincial election (from left) PC Gary Dawkins, Liberal Julian Reed, and NDP's Bill Johnson gather up their papers following last Thursday night's All Candidates Night sponsored by the Georgetown Jaycees. With them (from right) is the moderator for the evening, Doug Fishburn of the Jaycees.

CVCA closing its parks

Summer must be almost over. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has announced the closing dates of its conservation areas.

Terra Cotta will remain open for daytime use until October 14, however its hours of operations will be limited. Monday to Friday Terra Cotta's facilities will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Saturdays, Sundays and

holidays the park will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Camping at Terra Cotta came to an end this past Monday as did day-use at Monora. Belfountain's conservation area, which is really in its glory during the autumn

months, will remain open until October 14.

The CVCA, however, notes that although the gates are locked, those who enjoy hiking in the crisp fall air are invited to walk in and enjoy the fall colors.

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To the Editor of the Herald: On behalf of the GT MotorSport Club, may I thank the Herald for their excellent coverage of our 8th Annual Grand Prix for Soap Box Derby Cars, held for the residents of Halton Hills on September 7.

Without the support of the merchants of Halton Hills, we could not provide this annual day of fun. They deserve our thanks and thanks from the residents of Halton Hills. They include:

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Our thanks to all competitors, their parents and friends, our sponsors, Halton Hills council, department of

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