## Election platform explained

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The fact that the date for the next federal election is still a matter for speculation is not influencing Art Meunler's plans to be a federal candidate for Halton when that announcement is made.

The 52-year-old Acton resident hopes to campaign under the Progressive Conservative banner although he admits that he will run as an independent if the riding association will not endorse his candidacy.

Mr. Meunier says he has no deep commitment to the PC party. He sees a party affillation mainly as a source of Identification. He has chosen to align himself with the PCs because he was met by a Conservative delegation when he first arrived in Canada and thus the friends he has made in politics are Conservatives.

If he is elected, however, he will not allow himself to be influenced by other members of the party, he says. His commitment will be to the people he represents.

He says he wants voters to know that if the party were to give him a portfolio such as the ministry of justice or the attorney-general, he will open the doors on prisons for anyone convicted of non-violent crimes. The present system won't teach convicts anything and putting offenders on the streets would reduce the tax burden on the public, he says.

"We have been experimenting for 200 years with various systems of penology and we have failed," he says. "Now we must try something else. Correctional institutions are the only Canadian institution that have an 89 per cent fallure record."

Mr. Meunier also believes that the government needs to take another look at its immigration policy. Immigrants should be kept out now because they take jobs from Canadians he says.

"Why should we maintain foreigners in our country when they would not keep us if we were in their country?"

One of the reasons so many young people are in Canadian prisons he feels, is because they could not find work and wound up stealing to meet their needs.

The government likes to make a show of policing the world but it overlooks its own messy backyard, he says. Young people need work, and reduced taxes and a changed immigration policy would help the situation.

Mr. Meunier says he can do the same job whether he is part of the Conservative party or an independant member. He is determined to sit in the house after the next federal election, he says and he will be campaigning across the nation toward that end. Although his greatest obligation will be to the Halton riding, if he is elected, he would have an obligation to speak out on matters effecting prisons or the legal system anywhere in Canada, he says.

## 4-H results at Erin

Results of the Halton 4-H members at the 4-II Inter-club are as follows: Field Crops -Grain Corn - 1st and the Champion Exhibit, Glenn McClure and winner of the Tibb Miller Pharmacy Trophy. 3rd, Marilyn McNabb, 5th, Frank Robinson. Hay - 2nd, Bill Robinson; 3rd, Jamie Couper; 4th, Doug McPhail. First and Champion Grain sample - winner of the Simpson Sears Trophy is Tom

Dairy Calves - Senior Holstein - 5th, Ian White; 7th, Randy Peddie. In the second group Lynne Stewart, Donna Stewart, Bill Robinson, Randy Fish and Roy Fish. Senior Jersey Frank Robinson. Intermediate Holstein - 5th, Ellen Hurren. In the second group, Elizabeth Bird and Stuart McPhail. In the third group, Joseph Weeden. Junior Holstein Heifer - 2nd, John McPhail. Group of Three - 3rd, Randy Peddie, Randy Fish and Ellen Hurren. Beef Steer Classes - Angus - 2nd, Bev Wingfield- 3rd, Paul Wilkinson. Hereford - 4th, Brian Wingfield. Charolals -2nd, Richard Stanley. Other Breeds - 4th, David Stanleysecond group - Doug McPhail. Shorthorn Helfer - 1st, David Lasby. Hereford Heifer - 1st. Jamie Alexander; 2nd, Robbie Leriche, 3rd, Ruth Gillies. Angus Helfer - 3rd, Stephan Lasby. Crossbreed Heifers -2nd, David McCann. In the group of three - 4th, David Stanley, Richard Stanley and Bev Wingfield; 7th, Doug

McPhail, Paul Wilkinson and

Nancy McKinnon.



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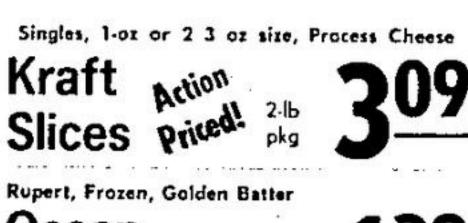
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