

# Davis, Crombie help McDermid's campaign



Ontario Premier William Davis, also the MPP for Brampton, joins former Toronto mayor and current federal MP David Crombie (right) in boosting the Conservatives' candidate in the local federal riding of Brampton-Georgetown at a St. Patrick's Day Dinner held last Wednesday in Brampton.

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David Crombie provided the philosophy and John McDermid and Premier William Davis the fireworks Wednesday as some 280 Progressive Conservatives turned out in Brampton for a \$100-a-plate fundraising dinner for McDermid, the party's Brampton-Georgetown candidate in the upcoming federal election.

Mr. Crombie, the former Toronto mayor and current Tory MP for Rosedale, mixed jokes with a lyrical description of "why this country works" during his low-key address, which was the evening's featured speech. Only near the end did he attack Prime Minister Trudeau's Liberal federal government, which he said has disregarded the elements of Canadian unity he had praised earlier in the speech.

#### TRUDEAU DICTATOR

Mr. Davis, on the other hand, turned his scheduled three-minute "remarks" into a 20-minute address much of which was taken up by a scathing on the incumbent Liberals, and McDermid called Trudeau a dictator.

Mr. Davis attacked the Liberals both on national unity and on Canada's economic problems, and blasted "The myth that only Pierre Elliott Trudeau has the capacity to deal

with the national issues". He said that when Trudeau took power in 1968, the unity problem was far less acute and there was nothing to equal Quebec Premier Rene Levesque's sovereignty association proposal, which "is all anybody's book separation".

He said the loss of 17 to 18 cents on the Canadian dollar under the Liberal government is a far worse thing than federal Conservative leader Joe Clark's much-reported misadventures on his world tour earlier this year.

#### LOSE BAGS

"I'd rather lose my bags and keep the exchange rate at something more reasonable than the Liberals have done", he told the audience.

Mr. McDermid, who will oppose incumbent Liberal Ross Milne, New Democratic David Moulton and Communist Gordon Massie in the election, took issue with Mr. Milne's statement in a recent newspaper column that leadership is the election issue.

"If leadership is the issue, I'll debate it with him, anywhere, anytime," he said. "He (Milne) has to answer for 11 years of dictatorship, the one-man show which makes for great press but lousy government. If one is looking for a back-flipping, nose-thumbing, flamboyant, charismatic lead-

er, then it's Trudeau but we've had enough of that. If you want an economical, efficient government, administered by a team leader, then Joe Clark's your man".

Mr. McDermid also defended his party's proposal to make mortgage interest payments deductible for income tax purposes. He said charges by Liberals and New Democrats that the plan is a tax break for the men are wrong because 33 per cent of all Canadian homeowners have incomes under \$10,000 and 58 per cent have incomes under \$15,000.

He also said renters already benefit from a similar tax break because apartment owners can write off mortgage interest as a business expense under current tax laws.

#### THREE REASONS

Mr. Crombie said the next few years will present Canadians with the task of "defining who we are and where we want to go." He listed three reasons why Canada works, a topic he said is little considered by Canadians, who are normally preoccupied with "how" rather than "why".

He said Canadians share a sense of the land as a whole; strong regional and local loyalties; and a number of common traditions, from wartime experiences to sports. But the

Liberals, he said, have forgotten the basic unity of Canada and the shared traditions, and have "arrogantly ignored" local and regional ties.

Mr. Crombie also said Canadians are the best in the world at dealing with a federal system, which he said is "a magic formula for us." To make it work, he said, takes tolerance, despite diversity; patience; trust and constant discussion and dialogue, which he called "the mother's milk of federalism".

Prominent political and business figures attending the dinner at Poor Wally's included Brampton Mayor Jim Archdekin; Peel Regional Chairman Lou Parsons; provincial Housing Minister Claude Bennett; Ivor McMullin, chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Commission; John Logan, president of the Brampton Board of Trade; Pete Pomeroy, mayor of Halton Hills, which includes the Georgetown portion of the riding; and numerous members of municipal councils in the area.

## Child's psychological needs must be met, parents are told

Meeting a child's psychological needs are probably the most important single factor in helping him to do well in school according to a spokesman for the Ministry of Education.

Speaking to members of Holy Cross Parents Association recently on how parents could help their youngsters do well in school Bill Moffatt said that a parent who can give his child a positive self-image and make him comfortable with himself has given his child a head start when he enters school. Most of his attitude to life, either positive or negative will be picked up from his parents, he said.

"Accept him for what he is, deal with him as he is," Mr. Moffatt advised the group. "If you can, praise the Hell out of him".

#### FAMILY UNIT

How well a child is accepted in the family unit significantly

influences how he sees himself, Mr. Moffatt said, and thus parents would do well to smile when they see their youngsters, hug them often and verbalize the fact that they missed them when they are absent for a time.

"Don't assume your child knows what you're thinking,"

he said. "He needs to be told you love him and you like having him around".

He also advised parents to admit that they have made a mistake or apologize for unreasonable irritability when necessary since children need the same courtesies as adults in these areas.

"Talk to your kids, not at them," he said. "Don't peek over the paper once in a while as they talk to you. Put the paper down and listen to them".

Mr. Moffatt advised parents to check out any handicapping conditions that might be impeding their child's progress if they find he is having a problem. Rather than assuming that he isn't paying attention or he isn't trying hard enough have his hearing and vision checked and any other physical conditions which might be creating problems of which he is unaware and yet he is unable to control. At the same time parents should be sure their children get sufficient sleep, proper diet and medication when necessary so that they are in good physical health.

**REMIND CHILDREN**

He suggested that parents remind their children, especially when they are young, of any supplies they were expected to bring to school for the day's activities. It saves the child embarrassment and as he matures the parent can stop reminding him and let him be responsible for his own requirements.

Mr. Moffatt suggested that parents should discuss goals with their children when it seems necessary. Sometimes 80 per cent is a very good achievement and the child

should be praised for the mark. (Other times he should be encouraged to reach for higher marks. It will all depend on the child and his capabilities.

He stressed the need for co-operation between parents and teachers so that if a problem arises the parent doesn't always automatically take the child's side. Even if the parent does feel the teacher is at fault he advised the group to keep this aspect quiet since the child is invariably the loser if it comes to a battle between the home and the school.

#### SOUNDING OFF

Go to the school and see what can be done to resolve the problem instead of sounding off in front of the child, he said.

Asked how to go about teaching a child at home when the school is reluctant to give homework, Mr. Moffatt spoke against the idea, saying it wasn't right to turn home into "a little red school house".

"Don't forget he's already spent nearly eight hours at school doing something he doesn't like," he pointed out. "Where does he get a break?"

"I'm very much against parents taking it on themselves to teach a kid at home," he added. "It always turns into a hassle of some sort that winds up alienating the kid. If the kid comes to you and asks you to help him, that's different and I'm all for it. But don't impose it".

If the parent is asked to help with something he doesn't know how to do Mr. Moffatt suggested that the parent go to the teacher for guidance since most teachers would be quite ready for to help in such circumstances.

## Government will pay cost increase to Halton police

The Ministry of Correctional Services has agreed to reimburse the Halton Regional Police Force for the additional expenses incurred in transporting prisoners to detention centres in Toronto and Hamilton as a result of the closing of the Milton Jail.

In a report to the Halton Regional Police Commission, Chief Ken Skerrett said that as a result of a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Correctional Services, he was able to inform the commission that in future, as many as possible of Halton prisoners would be transported to one detention centre, specifically, the Hamilton Detention Centre, in order to reduce transportation costs to the Halton force.

#### REIMBURSE FORCE

In addition, the ministry has

agreed to reimburse the force for the additional costs experienced due to the additional miles travelled to Hamilton and Metro West Detention Centres, at the rate of \$1.50 per mile.

Commission chairman Harry Barrett said the decision will solve the problems of the additional mileage involved in transporting prisoners, and also the amount of time involved in taking them to two different detention centres. With the reduced expenditures involved the force will also be able to afford an additional van for prisoner transport, he said.

Chief Skerrett said the force is in the process now of collecting the money owed the force for prisoner transport since the Milton Jail was closed last summer.

## Region plans to drop severance appeal

Regional planning board changed its mind last week and recommended that regional council drop an appeal against a decision by Land Division Committee (LDC) granting a 100-acre severance to A.G. May for the purpose of building a second home on his farm for farm help.

Councillor Russ Miller told members of the committee that Mr. May wanted the severance in order to build a home for his grand nephew who plans to help him on the farm. He pointed out that the farm on the Tenth Line just south of 5 Sideroad has never had a severance off it and even with the lot separated it will still be larger than 100 acres in size.

Mrs. Walker appeared on behalf of Mr. May to say that although the lot appears large in the eyes of regional planning

staff there is a reason for this. Since part of it is wet the plans are to incorporate a farm pond on the lot and drain the wet area into it.

#### FARM OPERATION

Mrs. Walker said that she is Mr. May's niece and housekeeper. Her uncle is almost 70 and needs help in order to

continue the farm operation. Mrs. Walker's son has agreed to provide that help on a full time basis if he can have his own home. He is presently helping out on weekends but won't come to the farm full time until he knows he can have a permanent arrangement, she said.

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