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MILNE, MINISTER VISIT PLANT

Connell Smith, operations manager of the electron device group of Varian Canada, conducted a tour of the plant facilities Monday afternoon for Brampton-Georgetown Liberal candidate Ross Milne, and Defence Minister Barney Danson. Mr. Danson

was in Brampton for the opening of a new Veteran's Affairs office, and Mr. Milne arranged for the tour, since Varian has a number of government contracts.

(Herald photo)

NDP candidate Moulton wins students' mock election

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If students at Central Peel Secondary School in Brampton had their way, NDP candidate David Moulton would be the new MP in the Brampton-Georgetown riding.

Mr. Moulton, along with PC candidate John McDermid, Liberal candidate Ross Milne and Libertarian Joe Yundt spoke to about 500 students at the high school last Wednesday at the first of many all-candidates meetings to be held across the riding during the current campaign.

MOCK ELECTION
After students heard speeches and asked questions at the four candidates a mock election was held in which Mr. Moulton polled 91 votes, Mr. McDermid tallied 39 votes, Mr. Milne took 27 votes with Mr. Yundt coming last with 12 votes.

Local voters will get their first chance to hear their federal election hopefuls at an all-candidates meeting this morning (Wednesday) at Georgetown and District High School from 10 pm until noon. While today's meeting is primarily for students, another all-candidates meeting will be held at GDHS on May 16 at 8 pm for the general public.

GAVE REVIEW
The candidates gave a preview of today's and future all-candidates gatherings at last week's Bramalea meeting.

Conservative hopeful McDermid spent a good portion of his prepared speech attacking the last 11 years of "disastrous" Trudeau government.

He said a Conservative government would renew the economic growth of the private sector and balance the budget of the public sector.

Incumbent MP Milne said energy is a major issue facing the country in his speech. He said "the Tories are dead wrong in their energy policy" for advocating the elimination of Petro-Canada while the NDP are also wrong in trying to nationalize the industry completely.

NDP hopeful Mr. Moulton said his party is very concerned about the economy and the job market and warned the students that only one in three of them will be able to find employment based on their educational training.

INDUSTRIAL POLICY
He said Canada is nothing but a high-rated Third World

country because of the federal government's lack of an industrial policy.

In other election activities last week, two candidates from the major parties made forays into the Georgetown area.

Mr. Milne canvassed in Georgetown on Saturday stopping by the Maple Avenue senior citizens' apartments during the course of his visit.

He was in Georgetown again on Monday afternoon along with Veteran's Affairs Minister Barney Danson.

Mr. Milne described the Varian plant as "incredible" the type of growth industry Canada needs.

NDP candidate Moulton was in town Friday for early morning campaigning at the Georgetown GO station followed by more canvassing in town.

PEEL GAME FARM
Conservative candidate McDermid did not campaign locally but he did attend a meeting of the Peel Game Farm members Saturday. Mr.

McDermid said Mr. Milne refused an invitation from the group which is opposed to the federal government's recently passed gun control legislation.

Mr. McDermid said the government's bill C-51 is a flawed piece of legislation although he is "not a big gun fan".

Mr. McDermid will be campaigning in Georgetown immediately before and after today's all-candidates meeting.

He will be back in the riding Tuesday morning at the North Halton Golf Club at 9:45 along with party leader Joe Clark for a coffee party.

PARTY FORMAT
Mr. McDermid said he opted for the coffee party format for the meeting so people would have a chance to personally meet his party leader and see that he would make a good Prime Minister.

NDP candidate Moulton will be an early riser this morning to meet Smith and Stone workers at the plant's gate before doing a little early morning canvassing in town.

followed by the GDHS all-candidates meeting.

Thursday morning he will be back canvassing in Georgetown before a noon-hour speech to the local Kiwanis Club at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Liberal candidate Ross Milne will be canvassing in the Georgetown area on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Bramalea engineer named as Libertarians' candidate

Joe Yundt of Bramalea, running on the "free enterprise" Libertarian Party ticket has become the fifth declared candidate in the Brampton-Georgetown riding in the current federal election.

A 39-year-old professional engineer Mr. Yundt said his party offers an alternative government system to that of Canada's three major political parties.

"Government shouldn't run our lives as they're doing now," Mr. Yundt said in a recent interview.

"We Libertarians would make some dramatic changes if we have a mandate."

REGISTERED PARTY
The Libertarian Party is a registered political party and has about 60 candidates contesting federal seats across the country.

This is Mr. Yundt's first try for political office and the first time the Toronto-based party has offered a political candidate for Georgetown voters in the federal election. A Libertarian candidate ran in the last provincial election in Brampton.

"I would be naive to think that I'll win but we've got to start somewhere," he said.

Mr. Yundt hopes to get more votes than Communist Party candidate Jim Bridgewood.

About 20 workers will help Mr. Yundt with his campaign. He said the party is seeking about 1,000 to 1,500 votes in the riding, which has about 75,000 voters.

GOOD SYSTEM
The Libertarians believe "there is too much government" in Canada. Mr. Yundt

said. A federal government, he said, should only provide a good judicial system; a national defence force; and an internal Canadian police force.

Mr. Yundt said he will not take time off his job to campaign for the election, but will do election work at night and on weekends.

Doing away with capital gains tax, cutting all government budgets by 10 per cent and increasing personal income tax exemptions from \$2,430 to \$12,000 are some Libertarian Party policies.

Election Notebook

A race of a different kind

Local Liberal candidate Ross Milne was in an election race of a different kind Sunday afternoon in Brampton. Mr. Milne took part in the Brampton Fitness run on the weekend and, although he wasn't a top finisher, he did manage to complete the five kilometer course. Of course, that shouldn't surprise anyone. Mr. Milne says that when he's not tied up with election campaigns, he manages to jog 15 to 20 miles per week.

While Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau tries to impress Canadian voters with his "tough shooter" campaign stance, Brampton-Georgetown Conservative candidate John McDermid did his best to show some local that's he's a straight-shooter in his own right. After attending a Saturday meeting of the Peel Game Farm Club — a recreational shooting club — Mr. McDermid was asked to try his hand at a little target shooting. Much to club members' surprise, and Mr. McDermid's, the aspiring MP managed to bag three of the five clay pigeons he shot at. Of course, he'd be a lot happier if he can bag the big prize on May 22.

Local Conservatives insist they are practising what they preach in their Georgetown committee room. In the interests of fiscal restraint, the local Tories have decided to charge five cents a cup for coffee being served in their local headquarters. Campaign manager John Webber told Tory faithful recently that their party believes in each member of society pulling his or her own, therefore, the nickel a cup coffee charge. NDP candidate Dave Moulton insists that his party is running such an efficient campaign they are able to afford free coffee in their committee rooms.

Election candidates quickly learn to take compliments wherever they can get them. So when a woman attending a recent fundraising dance for the Brampton-Georgetown NDP told party members she has been a New Democrat fan ever since their old leader Bob Stanfield was in charge, nobody bothered to correct her.

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